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Our Sportspeople of the Year are Sloan, Jess, Charlie, Jack, Bailey and Leana (absent)

Celebrating Success

This week we held a wonderful R-12 Celebration of Success assembly to finally congratulate Scarlett Tod, DUX of the class of 2021, and her peers who were rewarded for their hard work and commitment to learning with ATARs over 90. Whilst our plans to congratulate Scarlett and the Class of 2021 in Term 1 were impacted due to COVID regulations, in many ways the timing could not have been better as our current Year 12s complete their final assessment tasks and prepare for examinations and the completion of their formal schooling. Scarlett spoke of her time at St Mark's with great pride and a sense of gratitude to her family, friends and teachers who encouraged and supported her to achieve success and pursue her dream, which she is now doing, studying Medicine in Adelaide.

We also had the pleasure of welcoming old scholar Dr Dale Allison, from the class of 1993 as our guest speaker. Dr Allison, who has a thriving career in radiology, also spoke with fondness of his time at St Mark's College and the opportunities that he experienced. I am sure that Dr Allison, and Scarlett, inspired students with a belief that all things are possible with hard work and a positive attitude, and the observation that we can often learn more from defeat and how we respond to it, than we learn from success.

Our assembly was also a celebration of sporting participation, dedication, and achievement. Congratulations and

thank you to all students who have worn St Mark's colours with pride, and who have been wonderful ambassadors for the College, competing with great spirit and sportsmanship. Success is rarely achieved alone in whatever area of passion and commitment, and our assembly was an opportunity to acknowledge the role of parents, teachers, and coaches in encouraging students to pursue their passions and talents and achieve success, sometimes at an elite level.

One of the great delights of being an R-12 school is that younger students can be inspired by excellent role models and see what can be achieved through hard work, belief, and determination.

In this final newsletter for Term 3, I take the opportunity to farewell staff leaving St Mark's College. We say farewell to Gayle Dunning who will be retiring at the conclusion of her long service leave next term, and to Peter Richens who has been a member of our Finance Team for 13 years. Their contribution to St Mark's has been significant and we wish them well in the future. Thank you and farewell to Deb McArthur who is returning to WA to enjoy time with her family, and to Shane Arbon, who is returning to St Joseph's School in Gladstone following a semester with us as Leader of Religious Education and Catholic Identity in Katie Pole's absence. Finally, we wish Jess Byerlee and Elke Adams all the best as they begin

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Mrs Gibson, Georgia, Chloe, Grace, Dr Allison, Scarlett, Trixie, Lia, Eve and Dr Hewson

maternity leave this week. Next term, Katie Pole will take up her position as Deputy Principal at Bosco campus. My thanks to Sarah Freer who has done a wonderful job as Acting Deputy over the last term and a half. Sarah will remain at Bosco next term as Year 7 Coordinator and supporting Katie whilst we advertise for a new Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission (APRIM).

Have a wonderful term break. Let's hope the sun comes out for us all!

Dr Sandra Hewson, **Principal**

Faith and Mission



Year 11 Retreat

Last Wednesday the Year 11 Retreat and hike was held at Mambray Creek. The theme of the Retreat was 'Leadership' and many discussions centred on this theme, looking at the characteristics and traits of the role models, mentors and leaders we collectively respect and admire in the world around us.

It was a fantastic day and we were fortunate to escape the rain, although the hiking track that Mr Munday guided us on eventually led us to a running creek bed. Whilst some students improvised and found support in willing peers who offered some piggy backs across the stream, the majority of us found that there was no way over, only through. Despite the wet feet, there remained a warm sense of unity and comradery amongst the group and there were many positive conversations that took place.

In the afternoon, the students had the opportunity to nominate the students that they believe will make excellent School Captains in 2023. The votes have been collated and the following students have been elected as candidates:

- Amity Lane, Sophie Tattoli and Holly Gulin

- Connor Gorey, Blake Hanley and Thomas McNamara

These students will write their election speeches during the holidays and present to the staff and then their Year 11 Cohort, during week one of next term. Although there can only be two successful candidates, it is a wonderful achievement to be nominated in the top six, as their peers obviously recognise the leadership quality and potential that each of them possess. I wish them all the best of luck.

International Luncheon

On Sunday 25 September, the Annual International Luncheon was held in the Good Samaritan Hall at Benedict. The day coincided with Migrant and Refugee Sunday and was a wonderful celebration of cultural food, music and dance. John O'Dea shared stories of his Irish heritage and sang songs that originated from Ireland. Whilst Suzy, May Ann and Hermenia performed a traditional Filipino dance. Shahzad David also sang a song and performed a dance with his wife, Isabella.

Shahzad was also the guest speaker for the luncheon. He spoke of his decision to leave his homeland in Pakistan with

his fiancé (now wife) Isabella. They first landed in Sydney, with Isabella's siblings, for World Youth Day in 2008. During their fortnight long stay in Sydney, they met Fr Paul Crotty and members of the Port Pirie Diocese. Following the Catholic Seminar, they moved to South Australia, living briefly in Burra before coming to Port Pirie. David and Isabella originally lived in O'Reilly House in Gertrude Street.

David expressed his gratitude to the St Mark's Parish for their support in providing accommodation and food. David also paid tribute to the support of the Church community, especially Sr Anne Higgins, Fr Jim Monaghan and Fr Paul Crotty 'for their precious help and effort.' Shazad and Isabella are now proud citizens of Australia and love their new life in Port Pirie, with their three children, Sherwin, Shoalin and Sherdin. David finished by thanking Parish Priest Fr Jimmy Pantin and Bishop Karol Kulczycki SDS for enabling his family to partake in church activities.

Today, we continue to recognise the multiculturalism of our Nation and school community. There is so much to recognise and celebrate in a multicultural society. There is so much that can be taught and learnt from a multicultural society.

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Faith and Mission



Year 11 students enjoying their Retreat

This prayer I have included below illustrates the barriers that may still exist for migrants and refugees, but more importantly demonstrates the thoughts and actions that can eliminate such barriers and extinguish any fear.

Lord Jesus,

Today you call us to welcome the members of God's family who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence, and war. Like your disciples, we too are filled with fear and doubt and even suspicion. We build barriers in our hearts and in our minds.

Lord Jesus, help us by your grace,

- To banish fear from our hearts, that we may embrace each of your children as our own brother and sister;
- To welcome migrants and refugees with joy and generosity, while responding to their many needs;
- To realize that you call all people to your holy mountain to learn the ways of peace and justice;
- To share of our abundance as you spread a banquet before us;
- To give witness to your love for all people, as we celebrate the many gifts they bring.

We praise you and give you thanks for the family you have called together from so many people.

We see in this human family a reflection of the Holy Trinity in whom we make our prayer: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Mr Shane Arbon, **Acting Catholic Identity Leader**



Filipino dancers May Ann, Suzy and Hermania



The David family, Isabella, Shoalin, Sherwin, Sherdin and Shazad

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Key Dates and Campus Information



Our College Calendar is continuously being updated on our website: www.stmarkspirie.catholic.edu.au/news/calendar.
Click to find the most accurate event information.

Week 1: 17/10 - 21/10			Week 2: 24/10 - 28/10			
Sun	Salesian House End of Year Liturgy 7.00pm, Bosco Chapel		Sun			
Mon	Term 3 Commences		Mon	Parents and Friends 7.00pm, Bosco Conference Room		
Tues			Tues	R-12 Class of 2022 Farewell Mass 9.30am,Bosco Oval		
Wed	Principal's Tour, Benedict 9.30am - 10.30am	Year 11 Outdoor Education Camp	Wed			
Thur	Principal's Tour, Bosco 5.00pm - 6.00pm		Thur			
Fri	Little Lions, Session 8		Fri	Year 12s Final Day	Year 6 Aquatics	Ag Shearing Course
				Little Lions Session 9 and Class Photo		
Sat	Old Scholars' Reunion 3.30pm - 7.00pm, Bosco Campus		Sat			

Benedict Campus:

Term 3 has been a hectic, yet, very productive term and I'm thrilled with the way the students continue to work hard and embrace the opportunities that come their way. They've made some really positive choices with their learning and behaviour. Thank you families for your continued support with these areas and for also trying to lessen the interruptions to class, we've already noticed a difference!

Last Friday we held our annual Benedict Sports Day. It was a beautiful day (minus the last ten minutes) enhanced by the outstanding sportsmanship of the students. I'd particularly like to thank the PE Faculty Mrs Jo Wilsdon and Mr Niall Ashby and their helpers, for their outstanding organisation of Sports Day and thorough preparation of the students. There was a wonderful sense of community as Bosco, Gallagher, McNally and Polding tried their best under the supportive eyes of many family and friends. An extra special thank you to the parent stewards, many who have served for numerous years, and P+F President, Mrs Kate McBride and the hardworking P+F Committee for adding to the atmosphere with their enticing food stall.

As we look to Term 4 we know another very busy 9 weeks awaits us. May I draw your attention to the following key dates:

- Tuesday 25 October R-12 Farewell to Class of 2022 Mass (Receptions present candles to Yr 12s)
9.30am, Bosco Campus Oval
- Thursday 27 October 6 Blue Aquatics Excursion
- Friday 28 October 6 Red Aquatics Excursion
- Friday 18 November Benedict Mission Day
- Wednesday 23 November First Reconciliation Liturgy (Year 3s), 7.00pm, Cathedral
- Wednesday 9 November 2023 Reception Parent Information Night, 5:30pm
- Thursday 1 December 2023 Reception Orientation Day 1, 8:45am - 12.00pm
- Friday 2 December Sem 2 Little Lions' Presentation Assembly, 11.45am, GSH
- Wednesday 6 December 2023 Reception Orientation Day 2, 8:45am-2.00pm
- Monday 5 December 2022 Year 6 into Year 7 Orientation Full Day, Bosco Campus
- Friday 9 December Year 6 Completion of Primary School Liturgy (and end of 2022 school year liturgy)
10.30am, Good Sam Hall
(Year 5 families please note – at this Liturgy the Yr 6s will hand over the responsibility of senior leadership of Benedict Campus to the Year 5s)

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Key Dates and Campus Information



Staff have begun the extremely considered process of working out class placements for 2023. If you have a request based on educational outcomes, please collect a form from the Benedict Office to complete. Please note: requests for specific teachers will not be considered. These are due by Friday, Week 1, Term 4.

Wishing you all a fortnight of good health and sunshine!

Ms Melissa Gadaleta,

Deputy Principal, Benedict Campus

Bosco Campus:

Congratulations

It is always wonderful to see our students participating within the community. In the last few weeks, several students were involved in sporting grand finals and presentation as well as the Youth Theatre Performance of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory".

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory was directed by one of our very talented Drama Teachers, Miss Ebony Bennier. The students were in an environment where their skills and abilities shone through in a different light. It was excellent to see so many students represent the College through the Arts. A special congratulations goes to:

- Charlotte Miller and Jonas Blight who won the Charlie Award,
- Jenaya Pisani who won the Challenge Accepted Award
- Morgan Cullen who won the Team Spirit Award
- Keeley Greateorex who won the Quiet Achiever Award

A huge congratulations to the cast and crew on a wonderful performance!

Year 12 students... the end is in close proximity!

This is a very busy time of the year, particularly for our Year 12 students as they prepare for their final school assessments and external assessments. Keeping in mind most of the hard work has been done for the year, this final push towards the end is a chance to consolidate grades and prepare for exams. As the stress may begin to intensify, it is important as parents and caregivers that you support your child's wellbeing as much as their academic pursuits. Ensure that your Year 12 student maintains a good balance between study, relaxation and work.

Planning to Lead in 2023

Year 11 students ventured off-campus last week to discover their leadership potential. The day had an outdoor focus and students were challenged to reflect on the qualities within as well as identify those seen in their peers. Students were given the opportunity to nominate candidates for the 2023 College Captain positions. Nominees will now prepare speeches and will address the student and staff body during Week 1 of Term 4. Following the appointment of College Captains, the process of House and Sport Captain nominations begins.

Thank you

My time as Acting Deputy Principal comes to an end at the conclusion of the term. I have enjoyed my time immersing myself in life at Bosco Campus. I have re-engaged with students who I taught at Benedict and made new connections with other students. I thank the teaching staff, students, and their families for their warm embrace into life at the high school. I look forward to welcoming Mrs Katie Pole into the role as Deputy Principal at Bosco Campus and will continue my time at Bosco until the end of the year in a different capacity.

Mrs Sarah Freer,

Acting Deputy Principal, Benedict Campus

Benedict Campus



TEAM COLOURS DAY > Our Receptions were excited to support their sporting teams on Team Colours Day



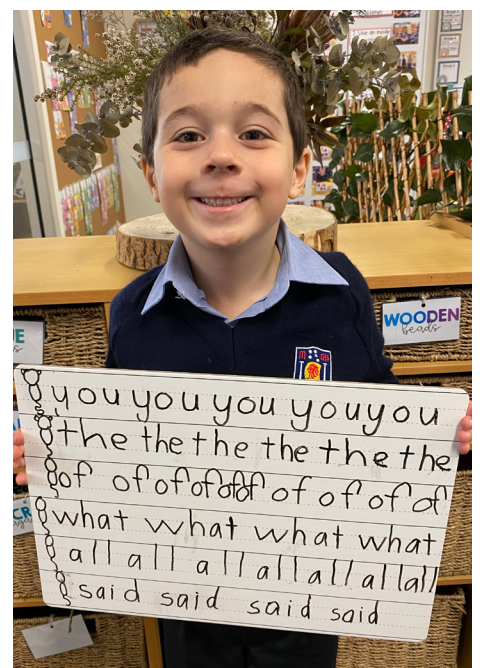
LITTLE LIONS > Our Little Lions made their own colourful crown in memory of Queen Elizabeth



SAPSASA > Congratulations to our students who competed in the SAPSASA Athletics recently

Congratulations to our award winners

	Star Salesian	Star Samaritan
6R	Jye	Ashton
6B	Ceana	Poppy
5R	Logan	Cooper
5B	Mae	Parker
4R	Hayden	Vy
4B	Della	Sierra
3R	Marlo	Sherdin
3B	Mia	Brodie
3G	Jag	Olivia
2R	Hunter	Aria
2B	Elisa	Jade
1R	Layla Jack	
1B	Nate	Ollie
RR	Kobe	Bryson
RB	Joseph	Isaac
RGr	Clarry	Alessandra
RGo	Finn	Lara



LITERACY > Connor and his classmates in Reception Gold have been practicing their handwriting

Benedict Campus



BENEDICT SPORTS DAY

Final Scoreboard:

McNally	473
Polding	337
Gallagher	329
Bosco	270

Team Spirit Award Winners:

Connor	Bosco
Harry T	Gallagher
Riley	McNally
Harry S	Polding

Long Distance Champion Awards:

Zara (Bosco)	Year 5 Girls
Jack (Polding)	Year 5 Boys
Sloan (McNally)	Year 6 Girls
Riley (McNally)	Year 6 Boys

Sprint Champion Awards:

Matiesha (Gallagher)	Year 5 Girls
Jack (Polding)	Year 5 Boys
Sloan (McNally)	Year 6 Girls
Harry (Polding)	Year 6 Boys



Team Spirit Award winners, Harry S, Harry T, Connor and Riley



McNally Captains Caprie and Liam with the winners shield



James takes off in his sprint



Charlotte and Finlay lead the Arch Relay



Della, Emily, Madeline and Amelia



Year 3 Captains finish the baton relay



Year 1s participating in the JP events, Dante, Dillon, Delaney and Harry



Emersyn and Martha at the finish line



Lexie weaves through her team

Bosco Campus



COMMUNITY > Our Year 12 leaders with the Christmas Shoeboxes donated to Operation Christmas Child



TEXTILES > Year 7 students created their own unique and colourful tote bag



GENERAL ENGINEERING > Completed major projects by Adam (top) and Ryan (bottom)



DRAMA > Drama students visited the Festival Theatre for the performance of 'Sunshine Super Girl', the Evonne Goolagong story



MODERN HISTORY > Year 10s in Mr Antell's class visited the RSL Museum recently, they are pictured with Jeff and David from the RSL



AGRICULTURE > Charli, Hilary and Lucy made a small salad plate from the produce that was grown at McNally Farm

College Sports



The winter season of sports is now finished. I would like to acknowledge the work of the Winter Sports Coordinators in administrating great seasons of Football, Hockey, Netball and Soccer.

The 2022/23 season of Tennis will commence in Term 4. My deep thanks to Kylan Reddaway for stepping in to coordinate St Mark's Tennis. Communication will be out soon regarding teams and season details, keep your eye on Operoo.

Mrs Katie Pole, Sports Council

College Sports Assembly

We acknowledged our sporting stars at the College Sports Assembly this week. Congratulations to our:

- College Sportspersons of the Year
Charlie and Leana
- Senior Sportspersons
Jack and Jess
- Junior Sportspersons
Bailey and Sloan

During the Assembly we acknowledged those who had represented at State and National level in their chosen sport. We also recognised those who have shown a deep commitment to representing St Mark's College in the community playing 3 weekend sports.

My thanks to the players, parents, coaches and Sports Council who made the seasons such a success.

Mrs Katie Pole, Sports Council



Students who competed in 3 sports for the College



Students who competed in a sport at a State and National level

College Netball

2023 was a very successful season for St Mark's Celtics. We had 18 teams competing on the weekends and another 22 Net Set Go development players.

Congratulations to our:

- Grand Finalists- U11 Red, G Grade Blue and E Grade
- Premiers- U12, U13 Blue, F Grade Red, D Grade, B Grade and A Reserve
- Grandfinal MVPs- Elise, Eve, Finley, Ruby, Jess and Amity
- Association Award Winners- Sloan, Charlie, Taylah, Luisa, Jess, Amity, Sarah and Ivy
- A Grade Team of the Year – Emma and Ivy

Thank you to our fantastic coaches. Your efforts are so greatly appreciated. It was great to see some of our secondary students stepping up to take on coaching this year. Thank you to everyone who helped out during the season in anyway, I hope to see you all back courtside in 2023.

Mrs Katie Pole, Netball Coordinator



U9s congratulating one another after the game

College Sports



Sam, Ryan and Jack were awarded Life Membership for St Mark's College football

College Football

In the blink of an eye another exciting season of St Mark's Junior Football has now concluded. Congratulations to all players from Auskick, Under 9s, Under 11s and Under 13s for their excellent sportsmanship and endeavour.

We would like to acknowledge the following players for their achievements throughout the season:

- Under 11 Team of the Year:
Jace, Xzavier, Braxton, Jack, Lucas, Jayce, Gilbert, Thomas, Jack, Noah, Cooper and James
- Under 11 Trophy winners:
 - Best and Fairest (tied) – Jack and Thomas

College Soccer

A very big congratulations to everyone involved in the 2022 St Mark's Soccer community. It has been a year of great success and growth for our players. From all the way down at our youngest levels, all the way to our senior groups.

We would like to acknowledge the winners of the finals in several grades:

- Primary: St Mark's Victory (Winners) – St Mark's Falcons (Runners-Up)
- Junior High: St Mark's United (Winners) – St Mark's Falcons (Runners-Up)
- Senior High: St Mark's Falcons (Winners)

We would also like to acknowledge the support of all the volunteers who took on roles helping to coach week in week out, who made it possible to give our students the ability to play the game we love. Finally, thank you to the parents who came out to watch and support. We will celebrate the success of this year, and look forward to the next in 2023. Go St Mark's!

Mr Kristofer Sjoström and Mr Matt Sullivan, Soccer Coordinators

- Runner Up Best and Fairest – Braxton
- Most Consistent – James
- Best Team Man – Noah
- Most Improved – Jack
- Coaches Trophy – Jace
- Under 13 Team of The Year:
Cody, Connor, Ashton and Bailey
- Under 13 Trophy winners:
 - Best and Fairest – Bailey
 - Runner Up Best and Fairest – Noah
 - Best Team Man – Ashton
 - Most Improved – Jack
 - Coaches Trophy – Liam
 - Best Club Man – Kurt
- Life Membership: Ryan, Jack and Sam

A massive thank you to our coaches and volunteers for their generous contributions throughout the season, a lot of time and effort is required to ensure the season is a success. Thank you to our families for their ongoing support of Junior Football. It will be great to see all current and even some new players next year in 2023.

Mr Todd Arbon, Football Coordinator

College Hockey

St Mark's Hockey was well represented across three grades this season. I extend a massive thank you and congratulations to all players, coaches, and helpers. All players are commended for their effort and sportsmanship across the 2022 season.

We would like to acknowledge the:

- U10s St Mark's team coached by Taylene Wood
- U14s St Mark's/Panthers Premiers coached by Grace Tattoli
- U18s Saints Premiers coached by Danica Manfield

We would like to congratulate our Association award winners:

- U18s Highest Goal Scorer – Alyssa
- U18s Sportsmanship Award – Amity
- U18 Girls Team of the Year – Alyssa, Amity and Kelsey
- U14 Sportsmanship Award – Lincoln
- U14s Most Improved – Lincoln
- U14s Grand Final MVP – Lincoln

Thank you to all involved for your commitment throughout the season.

Keep an eye out for registrations early in Term 1 2023.

Mr Corey Davey, Hockey Coordinator



Our U10s ready to take to the field

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