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Year 3 students opened Mission Day with a special Liturgy at Benedict

Thanksgiving, Celebration and Farewell

It is that time of year when, rather than slowing down as one might hope in the run up to Christmas, things in school seem to speed up and become even busier! Students at Benedict enjoyed a wonderful Mission Day last Friday, raising funds for a worthy cause whilst collaborating on a range of stalls and activities and having fun. So much learning takes place outside of normal curriculum. In the Living Learning Leading Framework that shapes our work as a Catholic school, students have opportunities to develop key capabilities that will help them become active, thriving young people. These capabilities and dispositions include being moral, compassionate and ecologically aware, spiritually aware and inspired by faith, self-aware, collaborative and socially adept, and literate, numerate and effective communicators. In the preparation for, and participation in Mission Day, so many of these capabilities were in evidence, and I congratulate all our primary students and their teachers on a very successful and enjoyable event.

On Monday evening this week, staff and boarding students gathered for a lovely Christmas meal together before our Year 11s finish. With the cooler weather we have been having, Christmas dinner reminded me of Christmases past with my family in the UK, roast turkey and trimmings followed by Christmas pudding! With the Christmas tree and fairy lights up in the boarding house, it felt very festive, and I'm sure our visitors will enjoy the environment when we are joined by students from around Australia for the Salesian Schools Captains Conference over the coming weekend.

Our College Board met on Tuesday evening for the final meeting of this year. Stewart Caldwell from Russell and Yelland architects provided us with an update on the development of a new Master Plan and plans for a new boarding house which will go to a design stage early next year. We also shared a detailed summary of the 2023 budget which was commended by the Board, and I thank Jo Court, Business Manager for the extensive work that was undertaken in preparation of the budget. I am immensely grateful for the time, energy and support that Board members have given this year to ensure good governance of the College. Early next year we will be requesting nominations for new Board members, so please give some thought to becoming involved if you have the time and skills to contribute to the College.

Whilst staffing is not quite complete for 2023, I'm delighted to announce that Ms Annie Olsen has been appointed to the position of APRIM from next year. The Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission is a critical leadership role in the College, and Annie will help set and guide our work in this area. Congratulations Annie!

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In the next and final newsletter for the year, we will say farewell to staff who are leaving the College, but here I would like to acknowledge and celebrate the work of Deb Slade who is retiring on 2 December. Many of you will have spoken with Deb over the years, in her capacity as Enrolments Registrar. Deb has been a wonderful support to me this year as my Executive Administrator, and I think I am the sixth principal that Deb has supported in her long career at St Mark's College. We wish Deb all the best for her retirement, which she is starting with a trip to India for a wedding.

Deb is not the only long serving member of staff retiring this year and staff gathered on Thursday evening this week



We fondly farewelled long-standing staff who will retire at the end of the year, Mrs Congdon, Mr Scavarelli, Mrs Dunning, Mr Jordan, Mrs Slade and Mr Ford

for a special BBQ to celebrate the long service and retirements of Graham Ford, Gayle Dunning, Jim Scavarelli, Margaret Congdon, and Jack Jordan. Their collective service to St Mark's College has been extraordinary, and we wish them every blessing as they enjoy sleep-ins and family time not governed by bells!

Dr Sandra Hewson, Principal



MISSION DAY > Hunter and Parker guess the jelly beans in the jar



MISSION DAY > Pats for Francesco



MISSION DAY > Chloe, Sienna and Shae



MISSION DAY > Waterballoon fun



MISSION DAY > Spencer and Nash throwing sponges at Lincoln



MISSION DAY > Alyssa, Rahdy and Sierra guess the number of balloons in the ute

Faith and Mission





Our Year 3 students made their First Reconciliation this week

Reconciliation

Congratulations to the Year 3 children who made their First Reconciliation this week: Sophie, Jett, Rocco, Poppy, Sherdin, Bailey, Lily, Tabitha, Will, Millie, Daelan, Brodie, Olivia, Alcuin, Max, Noelle, Indiana, Hudson, Jag, Eli, George, Jace, Oliver, James, Fletcher, Harper and Jayah.

Advent begins after Christ the King

The Church Year ended last weekend with the Feast of Christ the King where we acknowledge and name Jesus as our King. Jesus Kinship was promised from the story of Creation and fulfilled in his death and resurrection. In life we admire people who give themselves for others. We are not called only to admire Jesus; we are called to do as he did. In a sense this is New Years Eve in the Church.

The Christian story begins again with the season of Advent. It is a call to wait and prepare for the season of love, joy, peace and hope with the coming of Jesus into the world as a babe.

Waiting is not an easy thing to master in our fast-paced society. Too often we get swept up in this distracted world that is driven by deadlines and instant information. Given some of the technologies most of us utilise and the ways we have been shaped by them, it's easy to come to expect instant gratification and to turn our backs on the bigger picture, the long view.

During Advent we are called to connect with waiting and anticipation of the coming of Jesus. Advent traditions such as lighting the Advent wreath, candle by candle, or leaving the manger cradle empty until Christmas Eve—present profound opportunities to revisit the full meaning of Christian anticipation. It takes courage to wait in joyful hope, and it requires that we prepare ourselves for the coming Christ.

You are all invited to join in the waiting and anticipation of Advent as we share a Parish School Family Mass on Sunday 4 December at 10:30am.

Mrs Katie Pole, APRIM

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Olivia shares a moment with Fr Jimmy



Bailey lights a candle following his Reconciliation

PARISH CELEBRATION:

Bishop-Emeritus Gregory O'Kelly SJ will celebrate his 50th Sacerdotal Anniversary on Friday 9 December.

The Holy Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 18 December, 10:30am at Saint Mark's Cathedral, followed by lunch and presentations at the Port Clubrooms from 12:00pm.

In honour of this milestone anniversary and with gratitude for his priestly ministry, we invite you to join us in this celebration. Let us keep Bishop Gregory in our thoughts and prayers.

Key Dates and Campus Information



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

Week 7: 28/11 - 2/12			Week 8: 5/12 - 9/12			
Mon		Salesian Captains	Mon	Orientation Day for 2023 New Students, Year 1 - 12 8.40am - 3.15pm, Benedict and Bosco Campuses		
Tues	Bosco Presentation Night 7.00pm, St Mark's Sports Centre (SMSC)	Conference	Tues	T1, 2023 Reception Orientation Day 2 8.45am - 2.00pm		
Wed			Wed	First Reconciliation Liturgy 7.00pm, St Mark's Cathedral	Year 10	Year 7 Camp
Thur	T1, 2023 Reception Orientation Day 1 8.45am - 12.00pm	on Orientation Day 1		Year 10 Final Day	Exams	
Fri	Little Lions Session 14		Fri	Year 6 End of Year Farewell Liturgy 10.30am		
	Little Lions Presentation Assembly 11.45am, Good Samaritan Hall					
	2023 Year 7 Building Connections Afternoon 12.00pm - 3.15pm, Benedict Campus			Year 7, 8 and 9 Mass 12.00pm, St Mark's Cathedral		
	Year 12 Graduation					

Benedict Campus:

Week 5 and Week 6 have been extra busy weeks at Benedict!

Week 6 was Physical Education week at Benedict where our Sports Coordinator, Mrs Jo Wilsdon and our R-2 Coordinator, Mr Niall Ashby, programmed a week of lunchtime activities. We began the week with a torrential downpour so Just Dance in the Good Samaritan Hall was a winner! The students enjoyed their week of PE clothes and activities, and we are very grateful for the staff and student helpers who supported this initiative.

Mission Gala Day concluded Week 5. It was a day to raise funds and awareness for the life-changing work of Catholic Missions. Classes from Reception to Year 6 came up with some very imaginative fundraising ideas that really put the 'fun' back into fundraising. Benedict Campus raised \$3,215.15 for Catholic Missions. A huge 'thank you' to family and friends for your generosity and support! An extra special thank you to Mrs Pia Keain for her organisation of the Liturgy, Mrs Sarah Freer for her organisation of the day and to our school staff for their generous contribution and facilitation of the students' ideas, especially Mrs Margaret Fantinel who counted over \$3,000.00 worth of coins!

Wednesday night saw 27 of our Year 3 students make their First Reconciliation. It was so heart-warming to see the genuine importance these nine year olds placed on their First Reconciliation.

Within a meaningful liturgy created by Mrs Katie Pole and led by Fr Jimmy, the atmosphere was supportively set for what can often be a very intimidating experience. The students were so well supported and encouraged by their families, especially, as they waited for their time with one of the gracious priests of the Diocese. The Fathers were so incredibly welcoming as they gently guided each student through their First Reconciliation. The beaming smiles of the students as they prayed their penance and lit their candles clearly reflected such a positive experience was had where their little minds felt so relieved as their burdens were absolved.

We often ponder just what children so young could possibly ask forgiveness for at such an innocent stage of their life but witnessing last night, one could only see just how important it is from an early age to acknowledge when your decisions have hurt others and to discuss how you can make amends. To know you always have the love of God also offers great comfort especially in times of difficulty.

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A really special thank you to the Year 3 teachers; Miss Stacey Hier, Mrs Louise Malchow and Miss Brodie Nugent for their thorough and thoughtful preparation of the students, and for being present to support and celebrate what we all hope to be, the first of many Reconciliations. Also, thank you to our highly accomplished photographers, Mrs Felicity Sard and Mrs Sarah Freer for capturing some precious moments.

Ms Melissa Gadaleta, Deputy Principal, Benedict Campus

Bosco Campus:

Happy Holidays Year 11s

This week is was time to farewell our Year 11 students. For some it is goodbye and rest up in preparation for the final year of schooling. Others are moving into their future pathways of employment and training. Mr Munday prepared a meaningful liturgy and celebration of the year that was for our Year 11 students this morning.

Arts Celebrations

Last week we had the opportunity to celebrate the Arts learning and achievement with the Bosco Prize followed by a concert prepared and presented by some of our Senior Music students. They were supported by Ms Ann Russack and Ms Fiona Clarke in putting their performances together. Congratulations to our 2022 Arts Captain Charlotte Miller for her drive and determination to promote and celebrate Arts through the year.

New Senior Leadership Team

Our 2023 formal leadership team is complete with the appointment of our House, Sports Salesian House and Creative Arts Captain. I was impressed with the number of students putting themselves up for consideration for formal leadership positions for 2023. I am confident we will have a strong group of Year 12 students who will promote and develop student agency and activity as a collective group of senior students.

Please join with me in congratulating our newly appointed leaders. We wish them all the very best in their important roles next year:

- College Captains: Amity and Connor
- College Vice Captains: Sophie and Tom
- Creative Arts Captain: Ayeisha
- Salesian House Captain: Tayah Jones
- Sports Captains: Alexa and Harper

Year 10 Exams

Our Year 11 and 12 students have completed their examinations. Year 10s now begin the important preparation for their final exams. These will take place in Week 8 on December 7 and 8. Students will be examined in four core subjects: English, Mathematics, History and Science. The Exam Timetable, along with an Examination Protocols have been communicated to students and families. The exams will take place in the BGC. Students will finish for the year on that Thursday December 8 with a celebration liturgy and BBQ.

Mrs Katie Pole, Deputy Principal, Bosco Campus

College:

Leaving Students

College families are reminded that any students who will not be continuing at the College in 2023 need to complete an Exit Form. These forms can be accessed at either the Main Administration Office or Benedict Student Office.

- Polding House Captains: Kiera and Morgan
- Gallagher House Captains: Khaelen and Aslin
- McNally House Captains: Marcus and Holly
- Bosco House Captains: Blake and Amity

Benedict Campus





MUSIC, DANCE + DRAMA > Our Year 2s enjoyed shaking their maracas (and shakers) just like the 'Alpaca's with Maracas'



REMEMBRANCE DAY > Mariana, Taneisha, Eva and Peyton brought forward a wreath, crucifix, candle and poppies at the Benedict Remembrance Day Liturgy



LITTLE LIONS > Enjoying some play time in the new sandpit



RUGBY CARNIVAL > Year 5 and 6 students competed against other local schools at the recent rugby carnival



EXCURSION > Year 1 Blue visiting the Wallaroo Heritage and Nautical Museum on their excursion



PE WEEK > The SRC organised a range of fun lunchtime activities encouraging movement during PE Week

Bosco Campus





YEAR 8 CAMP > Ziplining, mountain biking and rock climbing were all part of the adventure as our Year 8s challenged themselves on camp at Woodhouse Activity Centre. Pictured are Adyson, Poppy, Madison, Laura and Ariel



RITE JOURNEY > Year 9s catered a morning tea for Benedict staff to fundraise for their Share the Dignity drive



YEAR 9 CAMP > Year 9 students tried a range of aquatic activities, such as sailing, kayaking, kneeboarding, windsurfing and skiing on camp at Lake Bonney



TOUR OF HONOUR > Year 9 and 10 students were inspired by special guests and Australians of the Year, Mark Le Messurier, Dr Trudy Lin, Monique Bareham and Taryn Brumfitt



MUSIC > Senior Music students Jenaya, Ayeisha, Morgan, Charlotte and Keeley entertained friends and family with a range of solo performances



FOOD TECHNOLOGY > Kealee and Henry creating their own signature muffins

COMMUNTY NEWS



Senior Prize winner Ayeisha with her parents Tarina and Scott

The Bosco Prize

The Bosco Prize, which celebrates the creative talents of our secondary students, saw a number of students recognised with the following awards:

- Senior Prize Ayeisha, Y11
 - Senior Prize Runner Up Ian, Y12
- Junior Prize Lucy, Y8
- Junior Prize Runner Up Arquene (Quinn), Y9
- Photography Prize Jessica, Y10
- Y7 Encouragement Award Cohen
- People's Choice Award- Meteha, Y11

College Notices

Shearing Course - Thank you!

Ag students have been learning to shear and undertaking associated shed duties, with Dave Reichelt from SWI Training Group. Thanks again to Andrew and Donna Longmire for providing sheep for the course. Special thanks to the Port Pirie Industry Training Hub (a Federal Government initiative) for providing funding for the training. *Mr Joel Head*, **Agriculture and Trade Skills Manager**

College Sports and Co-Curricular Group Photos - 20% discount

Images can <u>only</u> be purchased online by visiting <u>www.advancedlife.com.au</u> entering the code: RE8 JJD 5N9 and clicking on "Group Photos". Please note the discount will be automatically applied at checkout and is valid until 6/12/2022. Photos will be delivered to your school approximately six weeks after order period has closed.

Community Notices



Uni Hub Open Day

Uni Hub Spencer Gulf's Port Pirie University Centre will be open to the public on November 30, from 9am to 5pm. The Open Day is a great opportunity for schools, students and parents to see the Uni Hub's recently upgraded facilities and find out more about how local people can study at university without having to leave the region. Uni Hub staff will be available to answer any questions about local career and study options. For more information about local university study, contact coordinator Rhys Millington on 8656 9952.



Music Lessons for 2023

There are currently some vacancies for guitar and piano lessons at Benedict Campus during school hours, on Fridays in 2023. For bookings, contact Grant Hanlon: 0414 320 840 grant.hanlonpp@bigpond.com



Weekly Specials

BENEDICT CAMPUS

	Recess:		Lunch:						
Week 7 Mon	Pizza Muffins	\$2.00	Chicken Burger with Bacon and Cheese + Fruit Box	\$6.00 \$8.00					
Tues	Egg and Bacon Rolls	\$2.00	Schnitzel and Gravy Rolls + Fruit Box	\$5.00 \$7.00					
Wed	ООКООК	\$2.50	Pizza + Fruit Box	\$5.00 \$7.00					
Thurs	Rat Bait	\$2.00	Squash Dog + Fruit Box	\$5.00 \$7.00					
Fri	3 x Mini Sausage Rolls + Fruit Box	\$3.00 \$5.00	Honey Chicken and Fried Rice + Fruit Box	\$5.00 \$7.00					
Week 8 Mon	Rat Bait	\$2.00	Squash Dog + Fruit Box	\$5.00 \$7.00					
Tues	Ham and Cheese Triangles	\$2.00	Small Chicken Wrap + Fruit Box	\$3.00 \$5.00					
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WEEK 1

Closed Monday 26 December → Monday 2 January



Monday **19 December** In-House

Christmas Dress Ups



Come dressed up in your favourite Christmas top or costume while we relax as we watch Christmas movies.

Outcomes: 3, 4, 5





Tuesday 20 December In-House

Christmas Baking



Come make yummy Gingerbread cookies, face cookies, teacups and shortbread cookies. A day spent making yummy Christmas treats.

Outcomes: 4, 5

Book your session via the Xplor Home App

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Wednesday **21 December** In-House

Christmas Card Making



Use your creative skills to make a card for the folks at St Joseph's retirement

Outcomes: 1, 4, 5

Thursday **15 December** Encursion

Hip Hop Bounce Dance Party



Who's ready to head over to the gym to be taught some dances by our local dance school 'Hip Hop Bounce'?

Start: 10:00am Finish: 12:00pm

Outcomes: 2, 4

Thursday 22 December

Encursion

St Josephs House-**Retirement Home**



Visit St Joseph's retirement home to hand out the Christmas cards that we made and sing carols.

Depart: 10:00am Return: 11:00am Transport: Private Bus Outcomes: 2, 3, 5



\$11.80-32.50

\$13.50-35.50

Friday **16 December** In-House

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Wheels Day



Bring along your skateboard, push bike or scooter. The majority of the day will be spent outside on our wheels so remember sun safety and helmets.

Outcomes: 1, 4

Friday 23 December In-House

Christmas **Ornament Making**



Let's get creative and make ornaments for our Christmas Trees. We can paint our own baubles and create our own clay ornaments.

Outcomes: 1, 3, 4

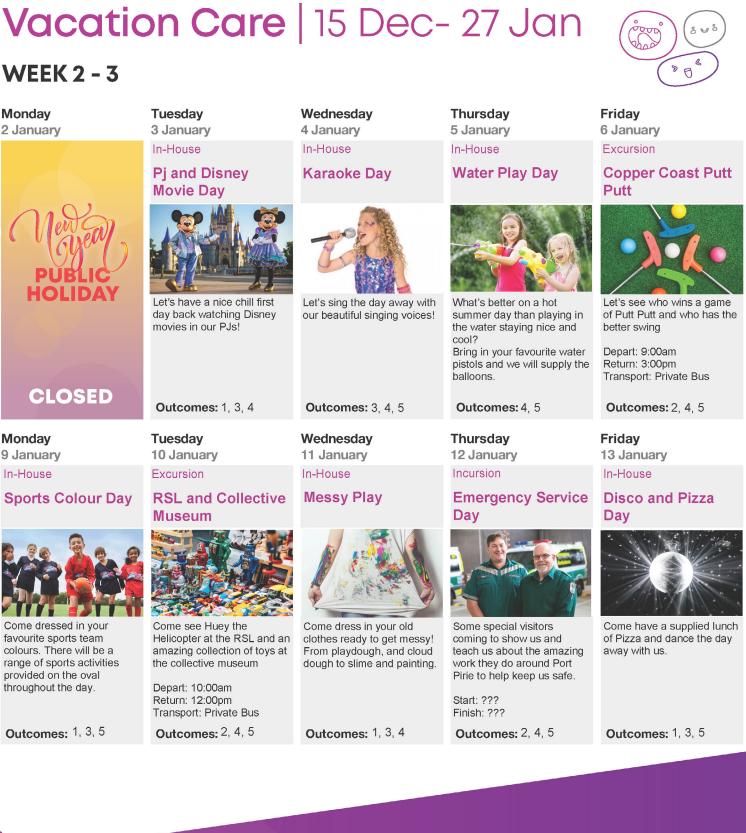


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