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Celebrating Harmony Day at Bosco Campus

Acceptance, Recognition, and Celebration

Harmony Week

This week is Harmony Week. Harmony Day is celebrated on 21 March each year. It was an initiative introduced by the government to acknowledge and celebrate cultural diversity. Harmony Week highlights inclusion, respect and promoting a sense of belonging for all who live in Australia. It is good to have events that bring such important issues to the forefront of attention, and our student leaders have embraced the opportunity to raise awareness in our school and celebrate our cultural diversity. At St Mark's we are blessed to have Aboriginal students and students from Malaysia, South Africa, Italy, New Zealand, India, the Philippines, the Russian Federation, Iran, Pakistan, Vietnam, Bulgaria, and Saudi Arabia, and I know I am not alone in my British heritage!

Coming as we do from such diverse backgrounds and cultures, we all have something to contribute to society and to our community in a positive way, from our music to food and the variety of festivals and celebrations that we enjoy. Since its inception in 1999, people have been encouraged to wear something that is orange in Harmony Week. Orange is a bright and cheerful colour that signifies communication and relates to freedoms of ideas. It encourages self-respect and respect for others.

I hope the sentiments expressed this week in schools the length and breadth

of Australia extend beyond tokenistic expressions of diversity, and instead bring genuine acceptance, recognition, and celebration of the wonderfully rich tapestry of cultures, beliefs, languages, and practices that we have in Australia and here at St Mark's College.

Mobile Phones in School

The Department of Education in South Australia is implementing a ban on mobile phones in schools to support safe and productive learning environments. The use of phones in schools distracts students from learning, exposes them to cyber bullying and harmful content that is blocked on school devices, and discourages quality time with friends and physical activity. St Mark's College has had a similar policy in place for years – phones are not to be used during the day. They should be switched off and away. Keeping phones in pockets buzzing away constantly whilst in silent mode is a distraction, and students find it understandably difficult not to check and respond to messages that come through during the day. Please assist us in helping our students focus on their learning by not sending them messages or calling during the day. In emergency, please contact the Student Office and a message will be passed on. We will be collecting students' phones if necessary in support of effective learning and wellbeing.

Dr Sandra Hewson, Principal

Faith and Mission

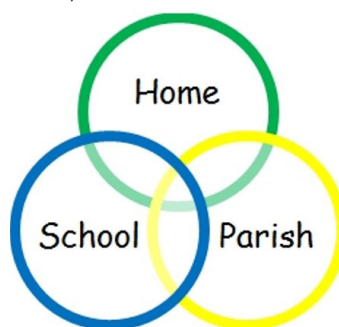


Sacramental Preparation

Preparations have begun to celebrate the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation this year. On Tuesday 14 March parents of candidates gathered at St Mark's Cathedral to learn about the Sacramental Program. Those in attendance heard from teachers about the learning that will happen at school and ways to support this at home. They

heard from myself and Father Jimmy about the commitment required from families and the joy and importance that can be felt in the preparation, celebration and continuing faith of our young people. They heard about the ways our Parish will also support our candidates throughout this time. It is a team commitment.

Parents also received the necessary forms, which included important dates and instructions at the meeting. If you were unable to attend the meeting but would like to consider your child for one of these sacraments, please contact the school office.



Becoming a Catholic

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or learning about the Catholic faith?

The Catholic Church's mission is to offer people of all ages and backgrounds the opportunity to deepen their understanding and relationship with Jesus Christ. This is offered here at School for staff and students in many different ways. There is another step for parents or staff who would like to know more. Becoming Catholic involves a journey of faith, accompanied by the support of a parish community. This process is called Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or RCIA. During the RCIA process you meet with others to share, reflect, pray and learn more about the Catholic faith. There are ceremonies or 'rites' at each stage to signify the steps along the way.

If you or someone you know would like to know more about becoming Catholic, please contact myself- aolsen@smc.catholic.edu.au or the RCIA parish organiser, Michael Preece- michael.preece@pp.catholic.org.au

Mrs Annie Olsen, **APRIM**

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES IN OUR PARISH

Palm Sunday, 2 April:

Normal Parish Mass Times

Reconciliation, Tuesday 4 April, 6.30pm:

St Mark's Cathedral

Holy Thursday, 6 April:

St Mark's Cathedral and Crystal Brook, 7.30pm

Good Friday, 7 April:

Stations of the Cross, Memorial Park, 11.00am

Stations of the Cross, Crystal Brook, 2.30pm

St Mark's Cathedral and Crystal Brook, 3.00pm

Holy Saturday, 8 April:

Blessing of Easter Baskets, 11.00am

Easter Vigil, St Mark's Cathedral, 7.30pm

Easter Sunday, 9 April:

Crystal Brook, 8.30am Redhill, 10.00am

Cathedral, 10.30am St Anthony's, 5.00pm

PRAYER FOR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

If a child lives with criticism,
he learns to condemn

If a child lives with hostility,
she learns to fight.

If a child lives with fear,
he learns to be apprehensive.

If a child lives with jealousy,
she learns to feel guilt.

If a child lives with tolerance,
he learns to be patient.

If a child lives with encouragement,
she learns to be confident.

If a child lives with praise,
he learns to be appreciative.

If a child lives with acceptance,
she learns to love.

If a child lives in a faith-filled environment,
he learns how to be full of faith.

If a child lives with adults who pray,
she learns how to pray.

If a child lives in a home full of
forgiveness, he learns how to forgive.

If a child lives with parents who know
Christ, she learns that Jesus is a friend.

If a child grows up celebrating, he
learns that the Mass is important.

If a child grows up with friends of
Jesus, she learns that she too is called
to be His Friend.

Loving God,

Help us to teach our children that You
love us totally and unconditionally.

Help us to encourage our children to
grow in faith and love and to learn
from our example as we seek to follow
your Son Jesus every day.

Give us the courage to pray with our
children and to share our faith with them.

Amen.

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 9: 27/3 - 31/3		Week 10: 3/4 - 7/4				
Mon	NAPLAN	Mon		SAPSASA Softball	Parent Teacher Interviews, Yr 7 - 10	Parent Teacher Interviews, R - Yr 6 Good Samaritan Hall, 3.40pm - 8.00pm
Tues	Mini Mark's Playgroup Little Lions Classroom, 9.00am - 10.30am	Tues	Mini Mark's Playgroup Little Lions Classroom, 9.00am - 10.30am		St Mark's Sports Centre, 3.40pm - 8.00pm	
	Diocesan Assembly					
Wed	Diocesan Assembly and Chrism Mass	Wed				
	McNally Farm Ag Sponsors BBQ					
Thur	Gymnastics- Reception and Year 1	Thur	Gymnastics- Reception and Year 1			
Fri	Little Lions Session 7	Fri	Good Friday Public Holiday			
Sun	College Family Mass Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Crystal Brook, 8.30am					

Benedict Campus:

Mornings at Benedict

Mornings are very busy at Benedict. I would like to remind families that students and families are to wait in the Quad area (by the library) until 8.25am before heading around to classrooms. We have noticed some students are entering into the different areas of the school before 8.25am and we have no active supervision before then. I thank you for your assistance.

Learning Assistance Partnership Program (LAPP)

Would you like to volunteer your time? The Learning Assistance Partnership Program (LAPP) continues to support students through two integral areas; homework support and targeted tutoring (extension and support).

Volunteers can assist with: reading, writing, maths, spelling, sight words, comprehension of texts, fine motor skills, JP phonics/sounds, long term projects and times tables. The program is designed for those children who require extra 1:1 support in the area of homework, basic literacy and numeracy skills and confidence boosting. Committing to an hour a week can greatly support our students' learning and wellbeing.

If you would like to be part of this great initiative to support our students please contact Mrs Nicky Welch, phone: 8633 8802 or email: nwelch@smc.catholic.edu.au

Parent Teacher Interviews

Just a reminder that the bookings for Parent Teacher Interviews open on Tuesday 28 March at 7.00pm.

If you would like to book an appointment to see one of your child's specialist teachers please contact Margaret Fantinel on 8633 8802 from Wednesday 29 March at 9.00am.

Mrs Sarah Freer, Deputy Principal, Benedict Campus

Key Dates and Campus Information



Bosco Campus:

Parent Teacher Interviews

This week we had Learning Conversations for our Year 11 and 12 students. They are an opportunity for you to meet and get to know your child's teacher. It is also an opportunity to share information about your child's progress, interests and needs. They also help the teacher understand more about your child. Through this conversation it allows the parent, student and teacher to have a common understanding of progress, learning goals and gain new insights. It was pleasing to see that a majority of students were able to come along with their parents.

In Week 10, we will meet with the families of Year 7-10 students. We ask that you come along with your child so that all have a voice in the conversation. Some things to consider in preparing for the session:

- Before the conversation reflect on what you already know and any questions or concerns you might need to discuss. There may also be things happening at home that would be worth sharing with your child's teacher.
- The conversation is an opportunity for teachers, parents and the student to discuss strengths and challenges, attitudes to learning and school and the child's commitment to school expectations.

We look forward to dialoguing with you around the learning and development of your child. Bookings for Year 7-10 open on 28 March 28 at 7.00pm.

Student Leadership

Our student leaders have been active across the Campus already. They have elected to join different focus groups based on the goals the Year 12s set back at the start of term. The celebration of Harmony Day was a reflection of their initiatives and action. I look forward to supporting them in their initiatives as the year progresses.

Mrs Katie Pole, Deputy Principal, Bosco Campus

Accessing Identities and Futures(AIF)

Saint Mark's is part of the Pilot program for Accessing Identities and Futures (AIF) which has taken the place of Research Project in Years 11 and 12. The purpose of the Activating Identities and Futures is for students to take greater ownership and agency over their learning as they select relevant strategies to explore, conceptualize, create and/or plan to progress an area of personal interest towards a learning output.

Students explore ideas related to an area of personal interest through a process of self-directed inquiry. They identify relevant knowledge, skills and capabilities developed throughout their education they could draw on in this new context and select relevant strategies to progress the learning to a resolution.

The focus of the exploration aims to develop capabilities and support students in their chosen pathways. Students make purposeful connections with others to develop new perspective, seek authentic feedback and inform decisions about relevant strategies to progress their learning. They appraise the effectiveness of strategies, perspectives and feedback in supporting them to develop their knowledge, skills and/or capabilities to achieve a resolution that has value and impact to themselves and/or others and/or the broader community.

Students have been using self-agency and their metacognitive skills to explore their learning intentions in their topics of interest. This includes employing different strategies to gain credible information.

Ms Kirby Symons, AIF Teacher, Bosco Campus



AIF > Mrs Symons' Stage 2 Activating Identities and Futures classes participated in networking sessions. The students participated in a number of 'speed round' conversations, where they shared their strategies, successes and challenges, and gave feedback to each other to further progress in their learning.

Benedict Campus



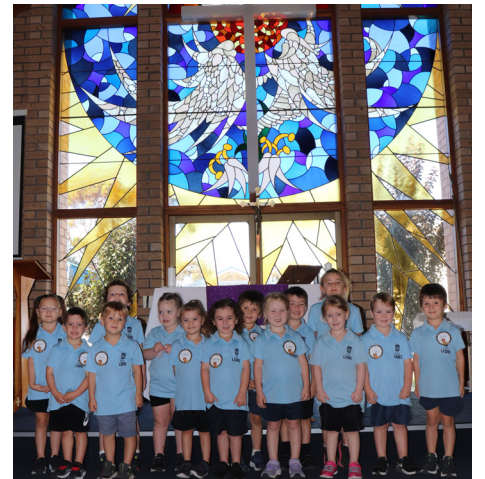
HARMONY DAY > In a sea of orange, Benedict Campus celebrated Harmony Day



ART > Year 5 classes joined together and students worked in groups to create unique ways of displaying the message 'Year 5', pictured is Archie, Lexie and Vy



SCIENCE > In Reception Blue students have been learning to identify what a plant needs to survive. They have planted seeds under different conditions and will measure the growth of the plants.



LITTLE LIONS > Our Little Lions visited the Benedict Chapel last week



GYMNASTICS > Reception and Year 1 students have been learning Gymnastics as part of PE, pictured is Ella, Jay, Lily and Scarlett



MINI MARK'S > Chantelle, Isabel, Nate and Michelle celebrating National Playgroup Week at Mini Mark' on Tuesday

Bosco Campus



CRUTCHING > Agriculture students completed a two-day Crutching and Wool Handling Course at McNally Farm under the guidance of Shearer Woolhandler Training



TEXTILES > Year 10 Textiles students took a step back in time when they visited the Port Pirie Regional Art Gallery for the Tina Hooft: A Country Womens Wardrobe II exhibition



HARMONY DAY > Year 12 students had a friendly competition of Speedball during lunch on Harmony Day



UNI HUB > Uni Hub Spencer Gulf and Workforce Australia chatted with senior students about life after school and the study and work opportunities available in our region



FOOD > The Year 10 Technology class raised \$215.00 from their Bake Sale for Project Compassion



RITE JOURNEY > Year 9 students are grateful for the handiwork of Mrs Michelle Goode who helped to create a yarning mat which the students use to share and listen to stories each week

Salesian House



Our 2023 Boarders: Isabella, Dani, Bridie, Emily, Tayah, Alex, Nicholas, Chloe, Codi, Stephen, Sophie, Oscar, Jed, Mackenzie, Cash, Max, Alan, Cooper and Luke

The Boarding House has an encouraging buzz about it this term. Our new students have found their feet and are enjoying all that Boarding life has to offer, while positively adjusting to living with 19 other students. High levels of interaction amongst students is reassuring. Boarders are making the most of local-leave opportunities after school, while enjoying a range of activities organised and run by Mrs Jane Dickeson. Students have been; bowling, cooking, completing in-house activities while also making use of the gymnasium here on campus. Bella (Boarding House

Supervisor) has brought healthy competition into the house with an AFL tipping competition, starting last week. Day-light savings couldn't come fast enough with many Boarders running/walking after prep or early in the mornings. A number of Boarders are also taking full advantage of training with local sports teams, for the upcoming winter sports season which is not too far away. Mr Robert (Sir) Cronin is a regular in the House, joining boarders for dinner and providing additional academic support- thank you Sir.

I was fortunate to attend a two day conference at Bond University, organised by ABSA (Australian Boarding Schools Association). Presentations and discussions focused on duty of care, wellbeing and best-practice boarding operations. Invaluable time spent talking and working with other Directors and Head of Boarding, providing clearer future direction for Salesian House. Discussions and plans for the new Boarding House continue to take shape with draft plans in action.

Mr Joe Murdock,
Director of Boarding





SWIMMING >

Congratulations to our students who represented the College at the Nyrstar Primary School Shield Relay and JB Shackell Cup event: Tyler, Harry, Max, Ruby, Matiesha, Delilah, Koby, Riley, William, and Brayden.

A special congratulations to:

- St Mark's Relay Team- second for Matiesha, Tyler and Max (photo)
- Ruby- first in the U16 Girls 200m
- Matiesha- second in the U16 Girls 200m
- Brayden- second in the U16 Boys 400m

College Notices

College Scholarships

St Mark's College annually offers a range of scholarships for new and current students. This includes scholarships for boarding, indigenous, academic, VET and agriculture.

For information and to download an Application Pack, visit:

www.smc.catholic.edu.au/enrolment/scholarships



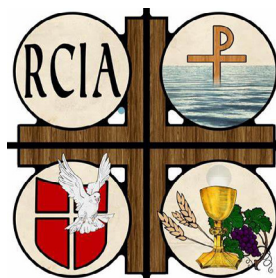
Save the Date: OPEN NIGHT

Wednesday 17 May,
4.00 - 6.30pm

This event is for
current families at the College and
new families considering St Mark's.

More details to follow.

Community Notices



Joining the Catholic Church

If you are interested in finding out more about the Catholic

Church and maybe even becoming a member of the St Mark's Parish in Port Pirie, you might like to participate in some sessions that lead towards the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). For more information please contact Michael Preece:

0428 881 423

michael.preece@pp.catholic.org.au

Saturday
10am - 10pm
Sunday
10am - 4pm

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Weekly Specials

BENEDICT CAMPUS

	Recess:		Lunch: (Drink = Fruit Box)	
Week 9				
Mon	Small Sausage Roll	\$2.00	Squash Dog + Drink	\$5.00 \$7.00
Tues	Puff Doggies	\$2.00	Taco + Drink	\$3.00 \$5.00
Wed	OOK OOK	\$2.50	Pizza + Drink	\$5.00 \$7.00
Thurs	Pizza Muffin	\$2.00	Spaghetti Bolognese + Drink	\$5.00 \$7.00
Fri	3 x Mini Sausage Rolls + Drink	\$3.00 \$5.00	Chicken Cordon Bleu + Drink	\$6.20 \$8.00
Week 10				
Mon	Small Sausage Roll	\$2.00	Schnitzel and Gravy Roll + Drink	\$5.50 \$7.00
Tues	Ham and Cheese Triangles	\$2.00	Small Chicken Wrap + Drink	\$3.00 \$5.00
Wed	OOK OOK	\$2.50	Steak and Onion Sandwiches + Drink	\$5.50 \$7.00
Thurs	Pizza Muffin	\$2.00	Beef and Black Bean with Fried Rice + Drink	\$5.00 \$7.00
Fri	Good Friday			

BOSCO CAMPUS

	Recess:		Lunch: (Drink = 375ml Zero Can)	
Week 7				
Mon	Small Sausage Roll	\$2.00	Squash Dog + Drink	\$5.00 \$7.00
Tues	Puff Doggies	\$2.00	Tacos with Salad + Drink	\$5.50 \$7.00
Wed	OOK OOK	\$2.50	Pizza + Drink	\$5.00 \$7.00
Thurs	Pizza Muffin	\$2.00	Spaghetti Bolognese + Drink	\$6.00 \$8.00
Fri	3 x Mini Sausage Rolls + Drink	\$3.00 \$5.00	Chicken Cordon Bleu + Drink	\$6.20 \$8.00
Week 8				
Mon	Small Sausage Roll	\$2.00	Schnitzel and Gravy Roll + Drink	\$5.50 \$7.00
Tues	Ham and Cheese Triangles	\$2.00	Chicken Wrap + Drink	\$6.00 \$8.00
Wed	OOK OOK	\$2.50	Steak and Onion Sandwiches + Drink	\$5.50 \$7.00
Thurs	Pizza Muffin	\$2.00	Beef and Black Bean with Fried Rice + Drink	\$6.00 \$8.00
Fri	Good Friday			

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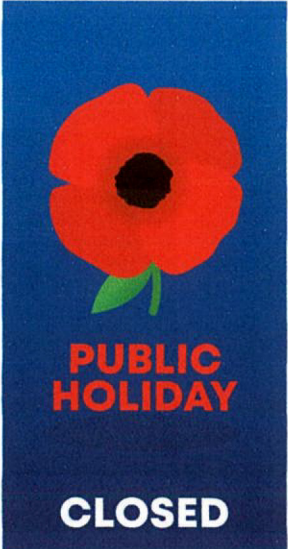




OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Vacation Care | 17 - 28 April

WEEK 1

Monday 17 April	Tuesday 18 April	Wednesday 19 April	Thursday 20 April	Friday 21 April
In-House PJ and movie day	Excursion Bowman Park	In-House Colour Run	In-House Minute to Win It	In-House Wheels day
				
Come dressed in your comfy pj's ready to relax. Enjoy some popcorn and watch some movies. Popcorn will be served on site. Outcomes: 1, 3	Travel to Bowman Park, enjoy the nature playground, go for a hike, and have a picnic lunch. Picnic lunch will be provided. Depart: 9:00am Return: 2:00pm Transport: Private bus Outcomes: 2, 3, 4	Come dressed in all white ready to get colourful. This will be a fun-filled day of exercise and lots of colour. Outcomes: 1, 3, 4, 5	Who's in it to win it? You get 60 seconds to complete the challenges; can you complete the goal before the clock runs down? Outcomes: 1, 4, 5	Bring along your skateboard, push bike or scooter. We will be spending most of the day outside on our wheels so remember sun safety and helmets. Outcomes: 1, 4

WEEK 2

Monday 24 April	Tuesday 25 April	Wednesday 26 April	Thursday 27 April	Friday 28 April
In-House ANZAC Day		Excursion Little Beans Play Cafe	In-House Tie-dye and fabric painting	In-House Chill day
				
Explore the importance of ANZAC Day. Bake some ANZAC biscuits, make some poppies and take part in other activities. Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5		Come have a play on the equipment and enjoy a milkshake or drink of similar value - to be provided on the day. Depart: 9:00am Return: 11:00am Transport: Private bus Outcomes: 2, 4	Bring in a piece of white clothing ready to make some colourful tie-dye designs. Outcomes: 4, 5	It's the last day of the holidays so let's chill out; watch some movies, do some painting, and have a relaxing day at OSHC. We will enjoy some cupcakes as well. Outcomes: 1, 3

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