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Year 3 students performed a liturgical dance during the Gospel Procession at the Chrism Mass which is celebrated in collaboration with the Diocesan Assembly

Centenary Celebrations

On 30 March 1923, a group of Salesian missionaries arrived in Fremantle, Western Australia intending to work in the field of education with indigenous people in the Kimberley region. Whilst this did not work out as planned, the Salesians stayed in Australia and moved to Melbourne to support Italian migrants and provide education to the poor and marginalised. These were the humble beginnings from which Salesian education has grown, and this year marks the centenary of their arrival in Australia.

During the Easter holidays our College Captains, Amity Lane and Connor Gorey, will travel to Melbourne with Mrs Katie Pole to commemorate the centenary of the arrival of the Salesians in Australia, and join with student leaders from around Australia. They will meet with Fr Fernandez Artime Angel, who was appointed Rector Major of the Salesian Congregation in 2014, becoming the 10th successor of Don Bosco. We wish them all the best in this wonderful opportunity to reconnect with the Student Leaders they met last year when St Mark's College hosted the Student Leaders' Conference. Next term, we look forward to celebrating the centenary in our community.

Diocesan Assembly

St Mark's College Leadership Team joined with leaders and parishioners from across the Diocese of Port Pirie for the Diocesan Assembly last week. The theme of the Assembly was Finding God in Everyday Life. People sometimes ask me why I am Principal in a Catholic school, and the answer is simple. I absolutely believe in the mission

and ministry of Catholic education; of witnessing Gospel values in daily life and having an open heart that welcomes and is inclusive, as Jesus modelled these values daily during his life. I believe that Catholic schools are called to be 'church' to our students and families, and to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community. The Assembly, and the presentations by Fr Elio Capra SDB, were a wonderful reminder that we are the face of the Gospel and of God and as such, whilst we often manage challenging situations and support students in the development of personal responsibility, we do so in a spirit of forgiveness and hope, believing absolutely that every person is valued and loved. It is easy to be the face of God when everything is going brilliantly; it is harder, but more important to be the face of God, and see God reflected in each person we meet, when things are not going so well.

Farewell

As this is the final newsletter for this term, I take the opportunity to farewell Ms Ellen Tefanis and Mr Joe Murdock. I thank them for their contribution to St Mark's College and wish them well in their future endeavours in Adelaide. From this weekend I will be on Long Service Leave until the beginning of Week 3 next term, visiting my family in the UK. Whilst I am greatly looking forward to this, St Mark's College will not be far from my heart and mind, but the College is in the good hands of Mrs Katie Pole and the leadership and staff.

Have a wonderful Easter break, joyful in the truth of the resurrection of Jesus.

Go well!

Dr Sandra Hewson, Principal

Faith and Mission



Celebrating Palm Sunday during the Easter Re-Enactment, pictured are Mariah, Xzavier, Marcus, Emily and Jayce

Family Mass

Our first Family Mass for the year was held at Crystal Brook on Palm Sunday. The end of Daylight Savings helped with the earlier start, and it was wonderful to see some of our staff and families there. This mass marked the beginning of Holy Week and included the Blessing of Palms and reading of the Passion of Jesus.

I know how challenging mass can be with little ones; sometimes we feel like our kids wriggling or nonstop questions might be interrupting the prayers of others, let alone our own! I also know that having children at mass brings so much life to the celebration. The joy that spreads through the church is truly beautiful. Thank you again to those who attended.

Our next family mass is Saturday 13 May,

6pm at the Cathedral. We will Celebrate Mother's Day and this mass time offers a great excuse to take Mum out for dinner! We hope to see you there.

Easter Re Enactment

On Tuesday our Year 5 students shared a remarkable Easter Re-Enactment with our community. The audience was in awe and even the young receptions sat absorbed in the fantastic acting, dancing, singing and reverence shown by the students involved. The performance was very moving and was a beautiful reminder of the meaning of Easter.

Thank you to the class teachers, Mrs Karen Murphy, Mr Niall Ashby, Mr Lawson Munzberg, Mrs Kayla Hastings and Ms Simone Atkinson for their tremendous

efforts. And Congratulations to all of the Year 5 students.

Vinnies School Sleepout

On the 4 May (Week 1, next term) the Year 11 students are participating in the Vinnies School Sleepout. Students are busy raising funds and spreading awareness about this issue that impacts more than 7,400 people, including 1,345 children under the age of 12 and 81 senior South Australians above the age of 75 each year in South Australia.

"We are trying to raise money for homeless people this winter, so they can stay safe and warm. We are also raising awareness to spread the message, so everyone understands what is going on in our local community" - Taliyah, Year 11

If you would like to donate, visit:

vinnies-sa.grassrootz.com/st-mark-s-college-port-pirie-sleepout-for-vinnies-2023

Ramadan

This week marks the Holy month of Ramadan the month where Muslims fast from dawn to dusk. We admire the dedication and sacrifice of our community members taking part and we wish them, Ramadan Mubarak or Have a blessed Ramadan.

Mrs Annie Olsen, **APRIM**

Holy Week In Our Parish

Tuesday, 4 April at 6.30pm: Second Rite of Reconciliation (Confessions) in St Mark's Cathedral

Holy Thursday, 6 April:

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

- 7.30pm Crystal Brook
- 7.30pm St Mark's Cathedral

Good Friday, 7 April:

11.00am Stations of the Cross at Memorial Park

2.30pm Stations of the Cross at Crystal Brook (outside the Church)

3.00pm The Passion of the Lord at Crystal Brook and St Mark's Cathedral

Holy Saturday, 8 April:

11am Blessing of Easter Baskets (Polish tradition) (sweets, cakes and food for Easter)

7.30pm Easter Vigil in St Mark's Cathedral

Easter Sunday, 9 April: PARISH MASS TIMES

8.30am Holy Trinity Church, Crystal Brook

10.00am St Martin's Church Redhill

10.30am St Mark's Cathedral

5.00pm St Anthony's Church Solomontown

(Please keep these details in a prominent place!)



Jesus (Max) dies on the cross during the Easter Re-Enactment



Mercedes celebrating the resurrection during the Easter Re-Enactment

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 11: 10/4 - 14/4		Week 1: 1/5 - 5/5		Week 2: 8/5 - 12/5	
Mon	Easter Monday Student Free Day	Mon	Staff Professional Learning Day Student Free Day Boarders Return	Mon	
Tues	Mini Mark's Playgroup Little Lions Classroom, 9.00am - 10.30am	Tues	Term 2 Commences	Tues	Mini Mark's Playgroup Little Lions Classroom, 9.00am - 10.30am Year 11 RAP Presentation
Wed		Wed		Wed	
Thur	Winter Carnival Football and Netball	Thur	Year 11 Vinnies School Sleepout	Thur	
Fri	Final Day of Term 1 Dismissal- 12.30pm Year 7 - 12, Term 1 Reports	Fri	Little Lions Session 8 SAPSASA Swimming	Fri	Year 10s at Career Expo Little Lions Session 9 and Class Photo Day Reminder: Final Day for Summer Uniform

Benedict Campus:

DIBELS

This year at St Mark's College we have changed our collection of literacy data from students. DIBELS stands for a Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills. DIBELS is a set of procedures and measures for assessing the obtainment of literacy skills.

These short one minute check ins with students allow teachers to regularly detect risk and monitor the development of early literacy and reading skills from Reception to Year 6.

These checks include assessing the acquisition of phonemic awareness, alphabetic principle, accuracy, fluency, and comprehension.

From this set of data teachers then use the following scale to plot students:

- Blue range – negligible risk, in need of core support. Highly likely to be achieving at grade level.
- Green range – minimal risk, or in need of core support. 80% chance to be achieving at grade level.
- Yellow range – some risk, in need of strategic support. 80% chance of being below grade level.
- Red range – at risk or in need of intensive support. 80% chance to be achieving well below grade level.

Teachers then plan strategies to help students acquire these skills through classroom learning activities as well as identifying students who require some further intensive intervention.

Absentee Process

At Benedict we ask that you call the front office on 8633 8802 to inform us if your child is going to be away. We will then pass this message onto your child's classroom teacher.

It is a legal obligation that we report on students' attendance to the Department of Education. We monitor student's attendance frequently and we will be engaging with families if the attendance starts to drop below 80%.

Key Dates and Campus Information



If you are having trouble getting your child to school, I encourage you to speak with your child's class teacher. If the issues are still occurring I encourage you to get in touch with our Leader of Wellbeing and Pastoral Care, Mrs Pia Keain. We also have access to a Wellbeing Officer Ms Danae Holyman who is able to assist families and students in working in partnership with the school.

Mrs Sarah Freer, Deputy Principal, Benedict Campus

Bosco Campus:

Parent Teacher Interviews

All year levels have now had the opportunity to meet and review student progress. Throughout the term students who have a Personalised Plan for Learning will have heard from teachers adjustments that are in place for these students. Should families wish to have a copy of the plan an Operoo has been activated where you can request that a copy be sent to you.

Winter Uniform

A reminder to students and parents that we transition to the College Winter uniform in Week 3 of next term. The final day of Summer uniform is Friday 12 May. Please use the holiday period to check that the winter uniform fits and that you are meeting the requirements as outlined in the Uniform Guidelines. Images of each item and how they should be worn can be found in the guidelines: www.smc.catholic.edu.au/about/general-information and scroll to College Uniform.

Salesian Centenary

As we move into holidays I look forward to travelling to Melbourne with our College Captains for the Youth Festival with the Salesian family. The Rector Major will be here for the centenary celebrations. We look forward to coming back to have our own local celebrations here at school in Term 2.

Lockers

A reminder that all lockers need to be empty when students go on holidays next week. Student will set up their new lock with Home Group Teachers on the first day of Term 2. It will be an expectation of all students that they store mobile phones in these more secure lockers during the school day. We will send details of this to you in readiness for the start of the term. 80% of the conflict students are bringing into the school are connected to phone use. We seek your support with the processes we are putting in place to protect our students.

Reports

Progress Reports will be activated for students on SEQTA at the end of the term. Please review the strengths and challenges identified within them with your child and reach out to the relevant teacher if you need to follow up.

Staffing

As we conclude next week we farewell Ms Ellen Tefanis who is pursuing new directions in Adelaide and thank her for her time at St Mark's College. We also say farewell to Mr Joe Murdock who has concluded as Director of Boarding. Next term we will welcome:

- Mr Runar Bjaaland as full time English and HaSS teacher
- Ms Makayla Elwood as Boarding House supervisor (permanent part time)

We also congratulate Mrs Kate Elmendorp on gaining a permanent teaching position and Miss Isabella Arbon on being appointed permanent part-time in the Boarding House.

Wishing you Easter blessings and a restful holiday.

Mrs Katie Pole, Deputy Principal, Bosco Campus

Key Dates and Campus Information



College:

College Board Nominations

Our College Board is an advisory body supporting the Principal in the effective governance of St Mark's on behalf of the Bishop of the Diocese of Port Pirie.

Members of the Board have a delegated responsibility from the Bishop for the overall well-being of St Mark's College. The Board ensures we operate within the policies and guidelines of the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools, promotes educational excellence, exercises financial stewardship, ensures compliance with legal obligations and fosters harmonious and positive collaboration within the school community.

Three Board members are concluding their service to the Board at the AGM in May and I sincerely thank Moira Coffey, Martin Hayes and Natalie Ferme for their support and contribution to the Board. This means we are seeking nominations from members of College community to join the Board. Potential members of the College Board should:

- Possess an enthusiasm for and willingness to promote the mission of Catholic schools;
- Bring to the Board their gifts and skills
- Desire to give service to their school community;
- Have an ability to work cooperatively and constructively with all Members of the Board;
- Be prepared to undertake formation;
- Uphold confidentiality in Board matters and not pursue individual agendas;
- Have sufficient time for Board duties;
- Have a current police check clearance.

I welcome a conversation with you if you are interested, and encourage you to nominate for the College Board.

Nominations, stating your name, experience and why you would like to join the Board, should be submitted to Lisa Manners, lmanners@smc.catholic.edu.au Board Secretary, by Friday 7 April.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Dr Sandra Hewson, Principal



The College Board AGM
will be held on
Tuesday 23 May, 7.00pm
in the Bosco Library.

All welcome!

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



Benedict Campus



EASTER RE-ENACTMENT > Our Year 5 classes performed the Easter Story for our Benedict community



PERFORMING ARTS > "We are learning to improvise. We are doing very well because we can make a successful play and our improvising skills are improving. We can improve by learning dialogue more and we can go to the teacher for help."
- Hayden, Miller and Archie



INDIGENOUS STUDIES > Year 5 and 6 students worked with Aboriginal artist Judy Crosby to make jewellery with pieces from nature, pictured is Curtis with Judy



SCIENCE > Lucy, Izak and Emilia with the results of Reception Blue's biological science experiment- growing plants in different conditions.



LITTLE LIONS > Our Little Lions made bunny ears with their Buddies, pictured are Kai and Ivy



MINI MARK'S > George choosing a book as part of the Paint Playgroups REAd program



NUMERACY > Year 1 students Charlee and Mackenzie practicing their numeracy skills with a range of fun classroom games



INDIGENOUS STUDIES > Year 4 Blue have been learning about different elements of Indigenous life, pictured is Luka with is model of an Indigenous shelter

Bosco Campus



CHRISM MASS > College leaders attended the Chrism Mass this week, pictured are Fr Jimmy Pantin, Dr Sandra Hewson, Corey, Amity, Bishop Greg O'Kelly SJ, Bishop Karol Kulczycki SDS, Tom, Sophie and Mrs Annie Olsen



MATHS > Year 11 Essential Mathematics students put their learned skills in rates and ratios to the test in the Home Ec Kitchen making delicious cookies. Pictured is Emmerson and Mia.



FUNDRAISING > Mr Matt Munday, Miss Ebony Bennier, Mr John Gibson and Mr Caleb Brown copped a drenching in the sponge throw, raising money for the Year 11 Vinnies School Sleepout



AGRICULTURE > Sponsors of our McNally Farm were thanked at the annual BBQ. Students Alex and Max spoke about their passion for Agriculture and the learning they gain at school.



PERFORMING ARTS > Year 7s dressed up and took to the stage for their first performance 'Happily Ever Laughter'



OUTDOOR EDUCATION > Year 11 students took to the tracks at Melrose for mountain-biking this term

College Sport

Tennis- 2022 / 2023 Season

St Mark's has had a wonderful season of tennis over the summer. I am thankful to all of the players, coaches and families who help to make the season so enjoyable.

On Saturday 25 March we had three junior teams in the Grand Finals. St Mark's Red defeated St Marks Blue in the C Grade final, and St Mark's Red were runner-up in the A Grade Grand Final. Congratulations to our C Grade players who won their Grand Final: Harry, Archer, Taneisha, Ashton and Macy

We congratulate some of our stars who were recognised with Association Awards:

- Minette won most consistent junior player playing in the senior competition
- Archie won C Grade most consistent player
- James won the Madigan Trophy for his consistency, skill, sportsmanship and court de-meanour in the junior competition

We look forward to welcoming new and old players back next season!



Minette, Archie and James



Harry, Archer, Taneisha, Ashton and Macy

College Notices



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.



**University of
South Australia**

UniSA Presentation at St Mark's College

Wednesday 3 May (Week 1, Term 2) for:

- Year 12 Session: Lesson 1 and 2
- Parent Information Session: 7pm

The presentation will include:

- UniSA course information
- Entry requirements
- Important dates
- Pathways and back-up plans
- The SATAC application process
- Support services
- Scholarships and accommodation

No bookings required for this presentation.

Canteen Specials

BENEDICT CAMPUS

	Recess:		Lunch: (Drink = Fruit Box)	
Week 11	Small Sausage Roll	\$2.00	Chicken Tender Wrap	\$5.00
Tues			+ Drink	\$7.00
Wed	OOK OOK	\$2.50	Pizza	\$5.00
			+ Drink	\$7.00
Thurs	Pizza Muffins	\$2.00	BLT	\$5.50
			+ Drink	\$7.00

BOSCO CAMPUS

	Recess:		Lunch: (Drink = Zero Can)	
Week 11	Small Sausage Roll	\$2.00	Chicken Tender Wrap	\$5.00
Tues			+ Drink	\$7.00
Wed	OOK OOK	\$2.50	Pizza	\$5.00
			+ Drink	\$7.00
Thurs	Pizza Muffins	\$2.00	BLT	\$5.50
			+ Drink	\$7.00
Fri	3 x Mini Sausage Rolls	\$3.00		
	+ Drink	\$5.00		

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 or michael.preece@pp.catholic.org.au

University of Adelaide Information Night at Uni Hub

Uni Hub Spencer Gulf will be hosting an information night for the University of Adelaide in Port Pirie on Wednesday 17 May, 6.00 - 7.00pm. You can register your attendance via this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/port-pirie-uofa-information-night-tickets-600949495117>

Uni Hub Spencer Gulf staff will also be on hand to answer any questions about its services.



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APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS

Keep your kids active while learning new skills and making new friends these school holidays!

Hockey SA Clinic designed for all skill levels, focusing on development and school holiday fun, with sessions for ages 9-12 and 13-15 years. All sessions held at MATE Stadium.

Play mini matches with your friends while staying active and healthy, but most importantly having fun!

On conclusion of the session, all participants will be provided a meal and the opportunity to acquire feedback from the coaches.

9 - 12 YEARS

FRIDAY 21 APRIL
 8:00am - 12:00pm
 (Morning session)
 @ MATE Stadium

FRIDAY 21 APRIL
 1:00pm - 5:00pm
 (Afternoon session)
 @ MATE Stadium

13 - 15 YEARS

WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL
 8:00am - 12:00pm
 (Morning session)
 @ MATE Stadium

WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL
 1:00pm - 5:00pm
 (Afternoon session)
 @ MATE Stadium

You're invited to the

Pt Pirie SUPA Party

FOR ALL PRIMARY AGED KIDS (and it's FREE!)

18-20 April 9:00am-12:30pm

games
Bible stories
activities
morning tea

Mid North Christian College

Register here

An event by Hope Partnership and SUA

For more information, contact: Lenny 0414545204 Mark 0421 227 764

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