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Noelle, Ava, Isabelle, Olivia and Poppy bring forward the Gospel during the Feast Day Mass

In writing this week, I'd like to extend my thanks to Katie Pole and Sarah Freer for their leadership in recent weeks that allowed me to visit my family in the UK. They provided me with a very precious opportunity to spend time with my family who I have not seen for over four years. I'm now happy to be back among my St Mark's family!

It was lovely on Wednesday to celebrate the Feast Day of Mary, Help of Christians. It's the first time for a while we have been able to celebrate this special day. Whole school gatherings are an opportunity to reflect on how we are individually and collectively demonstrating our values: Faith, Respect, Resilience, Compassion and Service. This week's celebration was a reminder of why we are different as a Catholic school. Observing the Feast Day of Mary, Help of Christians, is an expression of our faith and the Gospel values that guide our thoughts, words, and actions. Mary is a symbol of service, obedience, humility, and unconditional love which is no doubt why she became the inspiration for Don Bosco. The afternoon's buddy activities were great fun and it was so good to see the positive, friendly interactions between students of all ages.

Students have each received a special pin to mark the centenary of Salesian ministry in Australia. The first group of Salesian missionaries arrived in Western Australia in March 1923. In 1958 the Province of Mary Help of Christians was established. This province encompasses Australia, Samoa, Fiji and New Zealand and there are 107 priests and brothers

working in 15 different centres.

Worldwide, the Salesians have more than 400,000 people in 30 different organisations aligned to Don Bosco, all committed to service of the young. Service to others is a foundational belief and a goal that we work hard to achieve.

Last week was Catholic education week, and we opened our doors on Open Night to showcase our learning. Thank you to all of you who joined us that afternoon, donated cakes or gave time to demonstrate activities or lead tours. I extend my thanks to Rotary for their very welcome BBQ as the evening became chilly. I received very positive feedback from current and future families about how polite and well-informed our students are, which is always lovely to hear.

This week our Annual General Meeting provided an opportunity to reflect on the College's achievements in 2022. I extend my thanks to Moira Coffey, who has retired as Chair of the Board, and to Natalie Ferme and Pia Keain who completed terms of service. Moving forward, we welcome Shahzad David as an elected member of the Board, and I thank Daniel Lauder who is taking on the role of Chair, and Megan O'Shaughnessy who is Deputy Chair and Chair of the Finance Committee. Sarah Freer has joined the Board as the Staff Representative. I am confident that with new and continuing members, the governance of the College is in good hands.

Dr Sandra Hewson, Principal

Faith and Mission



Rhys, Luke, Kingston, Flynn and Rocco enjoying a sausage at the Feast Day celebrations

Catholic Education Week

Last week we celebrated all of the things we love about our catholic school in Catholic Education Week! At Benedict we had Karaoke in the Quad and each morning at Bosco students joined in a competition over the loud speaker. These moments of joy brought lots of smiles to the faces of our staff and students and made us remember that our school is a place of joy and love.

Catholic Education week also provided an opportunity for our College to join with all of the schools in our Diocese in planting a tree to remind us to care for our common home, as Pope Francis urges us in Laudato Si', and to pause for simultaneous prayer with every other students in our school community and those in our Diocese.

On Friday 19 May the students from Benedict celebrated a special mass at the Cathedral before sharing lunch in Memorial Park. We were lucky enough to have sheep and a shepherd join us in the Cathedral!

The Cathedral Mass and simultaneous prayer experiences reminded us that we at school are a community of faith and surrounded by a much larger community who we are in solidarity with and all

working towards the world that God desires.

Year 7 Retreat

On Thursday 18 May the Year 7 Students spent the day off campus reflecting on and learning about the Holy Spirit, Servant Leadership and Heroes and Mentors. The Year 7 teachers led the day and the students enjoyed their time.

Our Lady Help of Christians Feast Day

The feast of Our Lady Help of Christians was celebrated on Wednesday 24 May with a whole school Mass, sausage sizzle and afternoon of activities. Mary holds a special place in our hearts and has been the focus of our prayers, particularly this month of May.

Confirmation

This weekend our Confirmation Candidates will receive the Holy Spirit in the ceremony on Sunday morning and we keep them in our prayers. Some students in Year 4 have begun their commitment masses for their First Holy Communion and the parishioners have been welcoming them at mass each week.

Mrs Annie Olsen, **APRIM**



Year 9s planted a gum tree on behalf of all of the students in our College during Catholic Education Week



Students shared why they love their Catholic School during Catholic Education Week



Eva learning to genuflect at the Catholic Education Week Cathedral Mass

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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 5: 29/5 - 2/6			Week 6: 5/6 - 9/6		
Mon	Salesian House Parents' Council TEAMS Meeting	Year 10 Camp	Mon	Principal's Tour- Bosco Campus Main Administration, 5.00 - 6.00pm	
Tues	Mini Mark's Playgroup Little Lions Classroom, 9.00am - 10.30am		Tues	Mini Mark's Playgroup Little Lions Classroom, 9.00am - 10.30am	
Wed	T3 Receptions Orientation Meeting Good Sam Hall, 5.30pm		Wed	Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews Bosco Centre, 3.40 - 6.00pm	
Thur			Thur	Principal's Tour- Benedict Campus Benedict Office, 9.30 - 10.30am SAPSASA Cross Country	
Fri	Little Lions Session 12		Fri	Staff Retreat Student Free Day + Public Holiday Monday 12/6	

Benedict Campus:

Lost Property

As students grow into independent individuals, we often experience an overwhelming accumulation of personal belongings. At Benedict we have a lost property basket located in the front office. Students are aware of this, and items are often placed in here throughout the day when students find them unaccompanied around the school. Sometimes these items are placed in there without consultation and a student may have walked away from it for a moment. We have such great helpers here at Benedict.

If you are missing an item of clothing, a water bottle, food containers, etc. I encourage you to begin your search for the missing item at the classroom. If the class teacher is unable to help you, I urge you come and visit our friendly office staff that can help you to locate the basket.

As many know the items in the baskets appear to have names on these. Many families buy second hand items of clothing which is great for promoting sustainability, however, this provides a challenge in return these items to the correct person. Could I please encourage you to cover the old name and replace it with your child's name clearly on the item?

Uniform Changes

At the beginning of Week 3 we marked the change of uniform from Summer to Winter. Each child has been given picture guidelines of what the uniform for Term 2 and 3 is. If you are missing a copy of these, please feel free to pop in and pick one up from the front office.

Students are required to have their long sleeve shirt tucked into their long pants or skirt. The girls are required to wear navy socks or stockings with their pants or skirts, not the blue ones from the summer uniform. Jumpers and ties are optional.

Leading up to school photos in Week 7 I thank you for working with us to ensure students know the uniform expectations.

Mrs Sarah Freer, Deputy Principal, Benedict Campus

LAPP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



ST MARK'S COLLEGE

- Would you like to be involved with the Learning Assistance Partnership Program (LAPP) at Benedict?
- Would you like to work one to one with a student to help make their school life more rewarding and positive?

Information Session

Date: Monday Week 5, 29th of May

Where: Benedict Library

Time: 3.30pm

For more information email:

sgrapentin@smc.catholic.edu.au

Key Dates and Campus Information



Bosco Campus:

There continues to be a number of activities across the Campus to promote learning and development in a range of areas. You will get a sense of this in our photo gallery.

National Sorry Day

Today we celebrated National Sorry Day which takes us into National Reconciliation Week. This week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The theme for 2023 is Be a Voice for Generations. Over the next week Ms Ebony Bennier has organised a number of activities to engage with this team. Today we were pleased to have Scott Darlow in our community sharing his message of FLUTE – Forgiveness, Love, Understanding, Tolerance and Empathy. Over the next week classes will consider what Reconciliation means to them as part of the WRAP program.

Careers Week

National Careers Week was celebrated last week. The aim is to celebrate careers, career development, career development services, and career development practitioners.

Careers is a real focus for our Senior students at Bosco currently. We have hosted visits from the various universities, and our Year 10s as part of their first year of SACE have attended the Careers and Employment Expo in Adelaide as they prepare for Work Experience at the end of the term.

Families are encouraged to be speaking their children around what they may be interested in and how they can best prepare for the next step in their life journey. Students and their caregivers are always welcome to also make contact with College staff in regards to Future Pathways. Mr Ben Goode is happy to support students and families with materials and resources as you discern the way forward post school.

Cars and Safety

With the arrival of cold and sometimes wet weather over the Winter months I urge families and our senior students to be mindful of our safety rules when driving in and near the College. Can I remind you of three important safety requirements:

- Ensure you follow the signage on the roads surrounding the College including Drage St with is marked with a yellow line for no parking to enable the traffic to flow at those busy times
- Ensure you are parking in a safe space on the roadside or in the Student Carpark only if you come onto Campus. Other driveways and carparks are not for student or family use as buses and College vehicles need to move in and out of these areas without restriction
- As students obtain their 'P' plates and get the opportunity to drive to school please be reminded they must collect and return a Permission to Drive Form. These can be collected from the Bosco Office. For work, health and safety reasons students are not permitted to drive to school unless this is done.

Mrs Katie Pole, Deputy Principal, Bosco Campus

Benedict Campus



EXCURSIONS > 2B enjoyed their excursion walking through Wirrabara Forest and playing at Laura Playground

Congratulations

Congratulations to all of our students who were recognised with 'COMPASSION' College Value awards last week.



MINI MARK'S > Our Playgroup families enjoyed a visit and a story read by local Police Officers Ashlee and Rich



NUMERACY > Caleb and his classmates in 1B have been learning about measurement and capacity



LITERACY > 5B AND 5G engaged in a number of spelling games recently



HEALTH > Year 5 students had a visit from the local MFS to learn more about 'good' and 'bad' fires, pictured are Khobi (top) spraying water and Layla (bottom) trying on the fireman's outfit

Bosco Campus



TECHNOLOGY > Across the College students have been using Virtual Reality glasses as part of their learning



BOARDING > Our Boarders celebrated National Boarding Week with dinner out and a game of putt-putt at Par-tee HQ



RECONCILIATION > Year 12 students raised money to purchase native plants for the Indigenous Garden. The Year 12s and Indigenous students collaborated together to plant these in preparation for Reconciliation Week.



SCIENCE > Year 8 students learnt more about the heart in a dissection experiment



BUDDIES > Year 12s visited their Reception Buddies at Benedict recently, pictured are Jay and Alan



CAREERS > In celebration of National Careers Week, secondary students participated in a number of initiatives:

- **University of Adelaide:** Dr Clara gave a presentation to interested Year 10 – 12s on what the university has to offer, while Phoebe taught the Year 9s about chemical elements in our everyday items in the STEM Building.
- **Career Expo:** Year 10s visited the Careers Expo in Adelaide on Friday 12 May and gained information on career areas of interest.
- **Uni Hub:** Year 10 - 12s visited the UniHub to hear from, and make connections with, local industry leaders in engineering, trades and the health sector.

Mr Ben Goode, VET and Careers Coordinator

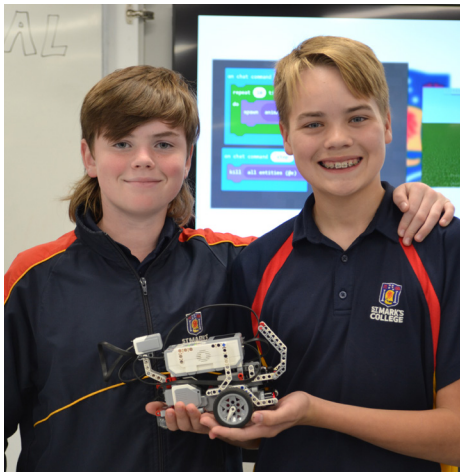
College Events



FEAST DAY > Our Year 12s and their Reception Buddies enjoyed busting some moves in the Sports Centre



OPEN NIGHT > Estella and Blazenka share a story in the Reading Hub



OPEN NIGHT > Leo and Lincoln visiting the Robotics display in the Science and STEM Centre



FEAST DAY > Sarah competes in the sack race



OPEN NIGHT > Minette and Ruby performed in the Music Centre



FEAST DAY > Mayah and Jake play Pop-Up Tag



OPEN NIGHT > Benedict Captains Eliza and Jack, along with Vice-Captains Hannah and Harry assisted with Campus Tours

College Sport



KNOCK OUT HOCKEY > Our Year 7-9 hockey team competed in knock out, absent from the photo were Lily, Tanzey, Shae and Ariel



KNOCK OUT HOCKEY > Our Year 10-12 hockey team competed in knock out competitions recently and finished second on the day



FOOTBALL > The football season is underway, pictured are our U13s team



FOOTBALL > Asher punches the ball away in the U13s match



CONGRATULATIONS >

A number of students have recently excelled in individual pursuits:

- **Riley, Zachary and Owen** represented SA in U14s at the Australian Junior Basketball Country Cup
- **Harper** represented SA in the U18s State Softball Team who beat Victoria in the Grand Final of the National Championships
- **SAPSASA** several of our primary students participated in SAPSASA Football this week

If you would like to share news about your child, email the College at: info@smc.catholic.edu.au

College Notices



Benedict Fundraiser

During Reconciliation Week the SRC will be selling handmade items and books to raise money for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation:

Beaded Bracelets- \$4.00

Key Rings - \$3.00

Pre-loved Books – 50c

2024 Enrolments

If you know someone interested in studying at St Mark's College next year, encourage them to come for a Campus Tour:

Benedict: Thursday 8 June, 9.30am

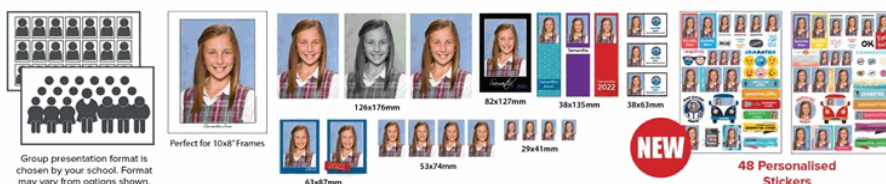
Monday 26 June, 5.00pm

Bosco: Monday 5 June, 5.00pm

Wednesday 28 June, 9.30am

Register here: www.stmarkspirie.catholic.edu.au/enrolment

school photographs are coming up soon



Please note: Traditional, Composite or High-Resolution Virtual Group format is chosen by your school. Sibling photos, if available, can also be ordered online and must be ordered prior to your photo day. A late fee will apply for photos purchased after ordering has closed.

how to order

order online

Online payment options include Visa, Mastercard and PayPal.

STEP 1

Go to www.advancedlife.com.au on your computer, phone or tablet.

STEP 2

Enter your school code:

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in the 'order and download' box. This will take you to your school's secure online ordering site.



STEP 3

Click on 'Order Photos' and complete your details and procedures. During this process you can place orders for additional children at your school and sibling photos, if available.

cash/envelope ordering

Your school prefers orders to be placed online. However, if you are unable to order online, please complete your order using the order envelope provided.

STEP 1

Complete a separate order envelope for each individual child's package/s ordered. If ordering for more than one child, payment should be enclosed in the envelope of the eldest child and this should be indicated on the envelope of the other child/children (the envelope that does not have cash enclosed).

STEP 2

Enclose exact cash payment in one envelope for the package/s you are ordering. Payment for more than one child should be in the eldest child's envelope and marked at the bottom of the envelope in the space provided.

STEP 3

Return your completed envelope/s, with correct cash payment, to our photographers on the day.

Please note: You must enclose exact correct payment, as change is not available. Credit card payments can only be made online and we no longer accept cheques. There is a separate envelope for sibling photo orders, should your school choose to offer sibling photos.

School photographs will be returned approximately 6 weeks after the day of photography.

Please note this delivery timeframe is dependant on proofing and additional photography days at your school.

IMPORTANT - "not for publication" students

If you have instructed your school that your child's image is "not for publication" (sometimes called "do not publish" or "not for media release" instructions), the school will ensure that your child is not presented to our photographers on photo day and school photographs will not be available for purchase. If you wish to change your instruction, then you must notify your school, so they change their records and identify your child as able to be photographed for school photography purposes. All students presented to our photographers by your school on photo day will be photographed, their images will appear in school photography packages with their fellow students and these packages will be available to purchase by all families.

Contact us: www.advancedlife.com.au/contact

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school photography & print specialists

Weekly Specials

BENEDICT CAMPUS

	Recess:		Lunch: (Drink = Fruit Box)	
Week 5				
Mon	Small Sausage Roll	\$2.00	Squash Dog + Drink	\$5.00 \$7.00
Tues	Egg and Bacon Pastry Roll	\$2.00	Chicken Carbonara + Drink	\$5.00 \$7.00
Wed	OOK OOK	\$2.50	Pitta Bread Pizza + Drink	\$5.00 \$7.00
Thurs	Pizza Muffins	\$2.00	Taco + Drink	\$2.50 \$4.50
Fri	3 mini Sausage Rolls + Drink	\$3.00 \$5.00	Chicken Cordon Bleu Burgers + Drink	\$6.20 \$8.00
Week 6				
Mon	Rat Bait	\$2.00	Snitzel and Gravy Rolls + Drink	\$5.50 \$7.00
Tues	Ham and Cheese Triangles	\$2.00	Beef Lasagne + Drink	\$5.00 \$7.00
Wed	OOK OOK	\$2.50	Sweet and Sour Pork with Rice + Drink	\$5.00 \$7.00
Thurs	Pizza Muffins	\$2.00	Squash Dog + Drink	\$5.00 \$7.00
Fri	3 mini Sausage Rolls + Drink	\$3.00 \$5.00	Burrito Bowl or Wrap + Drink	\$6.00 \$8.00

BOSCO CAMPUS

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