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Year 6 students who were recognised for Academic Excellence at the Celebration of Success Assembly with Dr Hewson

Learning at St Mark's College is alive and well! This term we welcomed our newest students to the St Mark's family as 33 young people joined Ms Porcelli and Mrs Porta in Reception. This is the largest group of mid-year Reception students we have enrolled and I believe is testament to the wonderful Little Lions program, excellent teaching, and outstanding learning facilities at our Benedict campus. Students have thoroughly enjoyed their first couple of weeks and are already settled and engaging enthusiastically in their play-based learning. We have also welcomed our largest group of Little Lions, adding a third session to meet the demand and ensure that students have a safe and nurturing experience as they transition into school.

This week we held assemblies at Benedict and Bosco to celebrate students' success in their learning during Semester 1. An impressive number of students received Academic Excellence certificates for achieving 5 A grades or more, and significant effort was recognised in the Diamond Endeavour Awards.

During Semester 1, students had 100 days at school and in that 100 days there were countless opportunities to learn new knowledge and skills and to demonstrate this learning in a range of ways. Regular attendance at school is so important and there is evidently a correlation between excellent attendance and achievement, as there is with consistent effort and achievement. If students complete their schooling to the end of Year 12, they spend approximately 2535 days at school. Consistently attending for 95% or more of this time is a major factor in achieving learning goals and establishing good

habits that will stand students in good stead in all areas of their lives.

Success takes many forms, and whilst this week we celebrated the academic success of many students, I acknowledge that learning does not come easily to everyone. It takes consistent effort, adjustment to accommodate learning needs, a positive attitude, and sometimes sacrificing time students would prefer to give to other activities.

Not all of us will achieve A grades in everything we learn, but what is important is the progress we make from day to day. When we put in effort daily, and rise above a sadly natural instinct to hide our talents, we can overcome challenges and develop our skills little by little until we suddenly have a breakthrough and realise we 'get' something that we haven't understood before. That 'aha' moment in teaching is priceless and what motivates most educators I know! It is effort that keeps us focused and every small success helps to build motivation and confidence, and shape who we are.

Personal endeavour, which means demonstrating consistent commitment to improvement, will stand students in good stead for everything they set out to achieve. For every one of us, me included, I know there is more to achieve. What this means will be different for every person but as we congratulate students on their academic achievement this week, I encourage all students to push forward every day, embrace the struggle and challenge and work towards progress one small step at a time.

I wish everyone all the best for their learning in Semester 2.

Dr Sandra Hewson, Principal

Faith and Mission



Our Year 4s making bread rolls using yeast at Year 4 Retreat recently

The Salesians of Don Bosco celebrate 100 years of their presence in Australia in 2023 and at St Mark's we have, and will continue to celebrate this milestone throughout the year. A centenary like this one is a great opportunity to reflect, in 1956 the Salesians of Don Bosco arrived and established a boy's secondary college, Salesian College and over the past 67 years the college has continued to live out the Salesian Charism as it evolved into the school it is today. Many changes have been made, but what has stayed the same is the spirit of Saint Don Bosco. Each day the staff prepare lessons and interact with students and each other knowing, 'education is largely a matter of the heart' that leads young people to "know that they are loved".

The Salesian school community of today is challenged to be:

- A home that welcomes
- A parish that evangelises
- A school that prepares for life
- A playground where friends meet and enjoy themselves

And each year the Rector Major of the Salesians of Don Bosco shares a Strenna, or theme, with the Salesian community: a message for us to learn, act on and in doing so live more like Jesus and Don Bosco taught us.

This year we are invited to be as yeast in today's human family. The lay dimension in the family of Don Bosco. This Strenna stems from the Parable of the Yeast (Luke 13:20-21). The image of yeast is used to represent the Kingdom of God by showing that a little bit can go a long way and the Kingdom of God can be found in the smallest of organisms. It is surprising how a small quantity of flour doubles

or triples in size once a small amount of yeast is added. There is something very special about yeast and its ability to "positively" influence the mix, as well as produce delicious foods like pizza and cinnamon scrolls. Yeast is the only living ingredient and because it is alive it can influence and transform the whole batch of dough.

At school this year our hope is that we can positively influence and transform our students, supporting them to nurture their strengths and develop their areas of growth; to make decisions based on their values and to see what impact they can have on those around them.

At the beginning of the year staff members engaged in some learning around this message which they shared with the students in Week 1. Staff also received a packet of yeast as a reminder of the positive power of transformation they can be on our school community. This resulted in some delicious pizzas and baked goods! Some students have had the opportunity to watch the yeast bloom and see the transformation and the Year 4 students made bread rolls to enjoy for afternoon tea while they were on retreat after celebrating a liturgy about the Strenna.

I encourage you to continue you to share this message at home. You might like to make something with yeast together as a family and watch the transformation. A great focaccia recipe using yeast can be found here: <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/focaccia>

Mrs Annie Olsen, **APRIM**

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THE WITNESS:

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As the *Yeast* in
today's human family

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 3: 7/8 - 11/8		Week 4: 14/8 - 18/8	
Mon	Little Lions Session 2	Mon	Little Lions Session 3
Tues	Mini Mark's Playgroup 9.00am - 10.30am	Tues	Mini Mark's Playgroup 9.00am - 10.30am Feast of the Assumption R-12 Mass St Mark's Sports Centre, 12.20pm
Wed	T3 Receptions Rest Day 2	Wed	T3 Receptions Rest Day 3
Thur	Little Lions Session 3	Thur	Little Lions Session 4
	School of Rock the Musical Northern Festival Centre, 7.30pm		
Fri	Little Lions Session 3	Fri	Kadina Show Ag Learning Day
	School of Rock the Musical Northern Festival Centre, 11.00am and 7.30pm		Little Lions Session 4

SAPSASA
Soccer

Benedict Campus:

Welcome back to Term 3. There are many events during this term.

Please ensure you check Operoo frequently to stay updated with the various performances, excursions, and college events. I would like to take this opportunity to ask you to ensure your details in Operoo are correct and accurate to ensure we are contacting the correct phone numbers, have the most up to date medical information, etc.

Book Week Parade

Monday 21 August will be our Book Week Parade. Parents, caregivers and siblings are welcome to join us in the Good Samaritan Hall at 9.00am for the parade. Please ensure you stay behind the cones to allow our students room to join in this event.

I am looking forward to seeing the various costumes. Please ensure that students wear closed in shoes and that their clothing/costume is appropriate for our school community of Reception to Year 6 students.

Blanket Drive

Service is one of our five school values. At Benedict our staff are committed to giving back to the community. A group of staff members volunteer at Fred's Van once a month. They prepare a hot meal for members in the Port Pirie Community who are vulnerable and serve it to them on a Sunday night. While at Fred's Van last month members of the community who engage this service were talking about how cold it is this winter. As a staff we have decided to run a voluntary blanket drive for Vinnies. If this is something your family would like to participate in, please drop your donation of blankets or money into the front office by Friday 25 August.

Safety of students

Please ensure that if you enter the College between the hours of 9.00am and 3.00pm you ensure that the gate is closed behind you. We need to ensure that our facilities are safe for all students, and keeping the gate closed is one of the most important aspects.

Mrs Sarah Freer, Deputy Principal, Benedict Campus

Key Dates and Campus Information



Bosco Campus:

Welcome Back

Holidays already seem like a distant memory as we have returned into the swing of Term 3. I was delighted to acknowledge a substantial number of students at our academic excellence and endeavour assembly this week. For students who were not quite at the mark but ever so close to be recognised at these assemblies, the message was clear: set clear goals, seek the help you need, and remember what our purpose is here at St Mark's. We are here to learn and to be prepared for the future, and there are enormous supports to make sure this happens.

I am excited to see all the things that will be achieved throughout this term – including, maybe, a few grand final wins for our sporting teams!

Activating Identities and Futures (AIF)

The results of the Stage 2 AIF (Previously Research Project) were released in Week 1 and I am pleased to share the achievements of our Year 11 and 12 students. Firstly, every student successfully completed the course achieving a 'C' grade or better. Furthermore, an impressive 25% of our students achieved in the 'A' band for this compulsory Stage 2 subject. These results reflect our students' deep commitment to learning and the sound support provided by teachers and support staff.

Uniform

As we came back from break students were reminded that they need to be in correct uniform every day.

Students in Year 8-10 can only wear PE on the designated PE days. This information is available on their SEQTA Timetable. Year 11 students can wear PE Uniform on their Gym day (Thursday). The use of PE uniform outside this time will be communicated directly to families via teachers.

Please support us with ensuring that your child is in the correct uniform. If students present to school in the wrong uniform, parents / caregivers will be contacted in the morning and asked to bring in the correct uniform.

We thank you for your support in this matter.

Mrs Katie Pole, Deputy Principal, Bosco Campus

Year 10 Amazing Race

During Week 1 all the Year 10s participated in an Amazing Race across the College to begin their learning in Geography.



Interpreting clues



Shooting for goals



Winners are grinners!

Benedict Campus



Welcome to our 2023 Mid-Year Reception students



RECEPTION YELLOW > Toby, Kai, River, Alivia and Rowan



RECEPTION WHITE > Fallon, Evelyn and Ava



RECEPTION YELLOW > Samarveer, Erin and Connor



RECEPTION WHITE > Maya, Avery, Leo, Andie and Henry



RECEPTION WHITE > Frazer, Fletcher, Reagan and Emilia



RECEPTION WHITE > Dominic, Jake, Lenny and Hali



RECEPTION YELLOW > Darcy, Baylee, Isabella, Ivy and Jack



RECEPTION YELLOW >
Cooper

We look forward to welcoming Kosta later this term!

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Welcome to our Semester 2 Little Lions



Callan



Willow



Tommie



Ashriel



Ireland



Lola



Clementine



Ivy



Louie



Harry



Saide



Isaac



Jameson



Hunter



Riley



Charlie



Margot



Callie



Percy



Bill



Kooper



Alexander



Georgia



Evelyn



Siddharth



Morrie



Isla



Eve



Cleo



Dane



Harper



Heidi



Remy



Max



Archie



Nancy



Jorja



Imogen



Addison



Bohdi



Veronica

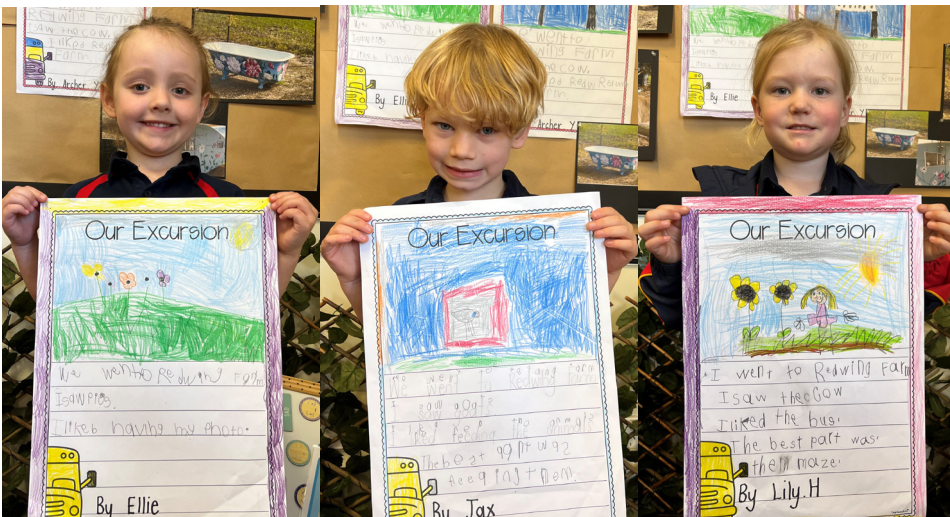
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SUCCESS > Our Year 5s who were recognised for Academic Excellence at the Celebration of Success



SUCCESS > Our Year 3s and 4s who were recognised for Academic Excellence at the Celebration of Success



RECEPTION > Ellie, Jax and Lily share their memories from their excursion to Redwing Farm

Congratulations
to our Deputy Principal
award winners:
For a good work ethic

6R	Lauren
6B	Eva
5G	Archie
5R	Braxton
5B	Eddie
4G	George
4R	Denver
4B	Indiana McA
3R	Lincoln
3B	Indiana K
2R	Amahli
2B	Estella
1G	Clarry
1R	Elsie
1B	Isabel
RG	Willow
RR	Jay
RB	Lucy

Congratulations to all students who were recognised with 'COMPASSION' College Value awards last term.



ACHIEVEMENT > Over the holidays Henry attended the SA Junior Heifer Expo. He attended many education sessions and came second in both his animal judging and his handler judging classes!

Email info@smc.catholic.edu.au to share your child's out of school achievements!

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Celebration of Success - Academic Excellence



YEAR 7 > Students recognised for Academic Excellence at the Celebration of Success



YEAR 8 > Students recognised for Academic Excellence at the Celebration of Success



YEAR 9 > Students recognised for Academic Excellence at the Celebration of Success



YEAR 10 > Students recognised for Academic Excellence at the Celebration of Success



YEAR 11 > Students recognised for Academic Excellence at the Celebration of Success



YEAR 12 > Students recognised for Academic Excellence at the Celebration of Success

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Celebration of Success - Outstanding Effort



YEAR 7 > Students recognised for Outstanding Effort at the Celebration of Success



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YEAR 10 > Students recognised for Outstanding Effort at the Celebration of Success

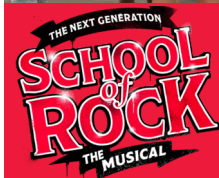


YEAR 11 > Students recognised for Outstanding Effort at the Celebration of Success



YEAR 12 > Students recognised for Outstanding Effort at the Celebration of Success

College



SCHOOL OF ROCK IS ON STAGE NEXT WEEK!

Get your tickets for shows on Thursday 10 August 7.30pm, Friday 11 August 11.00am or 7.30pm.

Tickets available from the Northern Festival Centre:
northern.countryarts.org.au/event/3191:18225/

2022 Yearbook Orders

Orders are now being taken for College Yearbooks for 2022 Little Lions and extra copies. R-12 Families at \$26 per copy.

PLEASE NOTE: All families will automatically receive one copy

Community Notices

Flinders University - Allied Health Information Sessions - UniHub

Flinders University will be available to talk about the new allied health program and answer any questions from Year 12 students who are interested in the following qualifications offered at Uni Hub in 2024:

- Bachelor of Allied Health Sciences – Physiotherapy
- Bachelor of Allied Health Sciences – Occupational Therapy
- Bachelor of Allied Health Sciences – Speech Pathology

being delivered at the Uni Hub Port Pirie centre from February 2024.

Date: Friday 18th August 2023

Time: 12.00pm

RSVP: Email to confirm your attendance by Friday 11 August to:

samantha.amato@unihubsg.org

Open Day Travel Subsidies if interested in Health

Are you in Year 10, 11 or 12 and planning to apply for a medicine or health degree?

Rural Doctors Workforce Agency have a travel subsidy which means that families and carers can support their Year 10, 11 and 12 students to get to Adelaide on the weekend of the Uni Open days.

The travel subsidy provides money to offset the cost of travel. This support is for students who have a genuine interest in a health career, and need to learn more about the degrees available to them.

Please speak to Mr Ben Goode to apply:
bgoode@smc.catholic.edu.au

Want to study Aviation while at school?

Visit the Mid North Christian College Aviation Studies Open Day on Friday 18 August, 11.00am-1.00pm.

Weekly Specials

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	Recess:		Lunch: (Drink = Fruit Box)	
Week 3				
Mon	Small Sausage Roll	\$2.00	Squash Dog + Drink	\$5.00 \$7.00
Tues	Egg and Bacon Pastry Roll	\$2.00	Lamb or Chicken Yiros + Drink	\$6.00 \$8.00
Wed	OOK OOK	\$2.50	Pitta Bread Pizza + Drink	\$5.00 \$7.00
Thurs	Pizza Muffins	\$2.00	Beef and Black Bean with Fried Rice + Drink	\$5.00 \$7.00
Fri	3 x Mini Sausage Rolls + Drink	\$3.00 \$5.00	Chicken Cordon Bleu Burger + Drink	\$6.20 \$8.00
Week 4				
Mon	Rat Bait	\$2.00	Schnitzel and Gravy Roll + Drink	\$5.50 \$7.00
Tues	Pizza Triangles	\$2.00	Small Chicken Wrap + Fruit Box	\$3.00 \$5.00
Wed	OOK OOK	\$2.50	Spaghetti Bolognese + Drink	\$5.00 \$7.00
Thurs	Pizza Muffins	\$2.00	Hot Dog + Drink	\$4.80 \$6.80
Fri	3 x Mini Sausage Rolls + Drink	\$3.00 \$5.00	Steak and Onion Sandwich + Drink	\$5.50 \$7.00

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