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Our College production, the School of Rock, entertained audiences last week

Musical Magic

Wow! What an amazing performance by the cast and crew of School of Rock! I hope you had an opportunity to see the show which was the result of many months of hard work by students and staff. The energy was electric, and everyone should feel incredibly proud of the quality of the production. Huge congratulations to all the students involved, parents who helped, and of course to the amazing staff who have devoted many hours to bring this musical to life, in particular Ebony Bennier, Fiona Clark, Isaac Ellis, Michelle Goode, Megan Congdon, Melissa Gadaleta, and Catherine Caspers. I also thank our graduating Arts Captain from last year, Charlotte Miller for her work on choreography. School of Rock will certainly go down in our history as a fantastic show.

Salesian Connection

Last weekend, five members of our College Leadership Team attended the Salesian Schools Conference in Melbourne. The theme of the conference was Honouring our Past, Shaping our Future, which is very relevant as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Salesians in Australian education. Presentations from schools around Australia and Samoa focused on how the Salesian Charter is brought to life in our communities. In keeping with the spirit of St John Bosco, whereby 'education is largely a matter of the heart' that leads young people to 'know that they are loved', we are challenged at St Mark's to be:

A Home that Welcomes by:

- Being committed to the care and support of young people, especially the poor and marginalised
- Cultivating relationships based on genuine affection, openness and acceptance of others
- Fostering an atmosphere of joy and hope, based on the 'Good News' of Jesus Christ
- Encouraging an attitude of optimism and a conviction that life is fundamentally worthwhile

A Parish that Evangelises by:

- Addressing the spiritual yearnings of young people and adults
- Having a strong and vibrant Religious Education and liturgical programme
- Prioritising the faith development and formation of staff
- Providing students with significant experiences of faith in action

A School that Prepares for Life by:

- Encouraging a passion for life-long learning and a quest for excellence
- Developing a sense of meaning and purpose, which expresses itself in a spirit of service and giving
- Proclaiming the challenge of community building, commitment to others and responsible decision-making
- Cultivating resilience, resourcefulness and adaptability as important skills for life

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From the Principal



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A Playground where Friends Meet and Enjoy Themselves by:

- Being present to each other in an active, engaging and constructive manner, in fidelity to the Salesian Preventive System
- Building a positive and inclusive relationship with each other
- Having a rich experience of interaction and sharing, especially between students and staff
- Creating occasions for celebration and festivity.

What a fantastic, timeless and relevant educational vision to guide our work into the future.

Dr Sandra Hewson, Principal

Faith and Mission



Fr Paul blesses the R-3 students before Communion

On Tuesday 15 August our whole college, including our brand new mid-year Receptions joined together for a celebration of the Eucharist to honour the Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. Before Mass it was heart warming to see our Year 12s come and say a quick hello to their Reception buddies, welcoming them and fostering their relationships. Our Mass was celebrated by Deacon Gary and Fr Paul Quirk (in Fr Jimmy's absence) and we thank them for their effort.

Our Semester 1 Benedict SRC leaders helped with jobs like readings and offertory and their reverence and courage was inspiring!

On this feast day we celebrate Mary and we are inspired to live like her and always help those in need. Mary is like our mother and we know we can always pray to her.

Mrs Annie Olsen, APRIM



Jess and Amity say hello to their buddies



Archer receiving a blessing

SOUTHERN CROSS:

Click [here for the latest edition.](#)

THE WITNESS:

Click [here for the latest edition.](#)

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: 21/8 - 25/8					Week 6: 28/8 - 1/9			
Mon	Little Lions Session 4	Year 8 Camp and Retreat		Book Week, English Week and Catholic Schools Open Week	Mon	Little Lions Session 5		
	Benedict Book Week Parade Good Samaritan Hall from 9.00am							
	Bosco Campus Principal Tour 5.00pm - 6.00pm					Salesian House Parents' Council Teams Meeting, 7.00pm		
Tues	Mini Mark's Playgroup 9.00am - 10.30am				Tues	Mini Mark's Playgroup 9.00am - 10.30am		Don Bosco Relic
	Semester 2 SRC Liturgy and Badge Presentation Good Samaritan Hall, 12.20pm							
	Benedict Parent / Teacher Interviews (Optional) Good Samaritan Hall, 3.30pm - 6.00pm							
	College Board Meeting Bosco Conference Room, 7.00pm							
Wed	T3 Receptions Rest Day 3				Wed	T3 Receptions Rest Day 4		
	Benedict Campus Principal Tour 5.00pm - 6.00pm							
	2024 Year 11 and 12 Career Counselling 2.00pm - 6.00pm							
Thur	Little Lions Session 5	Thur	Little Lions Session 5					
	2024 Year 11 and 12 Career Counselling 2.00pm - 6.00pm		Year 10 Retreat					
Fri	Little Lions Session 5	Fri	Little Lions Session 5					
	Year 5 and 6 Interschool Summer Carnival		Year 5 Excursion					

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Benedict Campus:

Hats

As the weather is beginning to warm up and the UV is becoming greater it is important that our students are practicing being sun smart. One of the best ways our students can do this is by having and using their school hat. Please ensure your child has a clearly labelled school hat available for use during the whole year, not just in the summer months.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Next week we are offering optional Parent Teacher Interviews on Tuesday 22nd August from 3.30pm to 6.00pm. This opportunity is for you to touch base with your child/ren's teacher if you haven't had the opportunity already this term. Bookings opened on Wednesday 16 August and close on Monday 21 August. Please refer to the Operoo for instructions on how to book in for an interview.

Please note that Reception White and Reception Yellow families will have an opportunity to meet with their child/ren's teacher next term, not on Tuesday 22nd August.

Sport Day's Volunteers

On Friday 22 September Benedict will host our annual Sports Day. I am looking for volunteers to help run a sausage sizzle and cake stall. I am hoping to get enough people so we can share the shifts to enable you to watch your child in their events, but also help out at the stall. Please register your interest at info@smc.catholic.edu.au or contact 8633 8802 by Friday 18 August.

Mrs Sarah Freer, Deputy Principal, Benedict Campus

Bosco Campus:

Learner Capabilities and Profiles

Our Year 10 students are currently undertaking a course as part of PLP to develop their learner capabilities through a creating a learner profile. Kris Sjostrom, Ann Russack, Ben Goode and Ebony Bennier are piloting this subject for SACE. The idea of the course is to showcase a holistic view of student achievement that extends beyond a focus on grades and academic content. It continues to be important for students to develop deep discipline knowledge; however, in an increasingly complex and uncertain future, the identification, value, and development of the capabilities of learners is critical.

Throughout the week students have embarked on initiatives to generate money for different causes. I was impressed by the creativity and effort that the students have gone to even if I did end up a little wet from some sponge throwing on Wednesday!

Senior Subject Selections

Thank you to those families who joined us for the SACE Information Evening last week. Year 10 and 11 students begin the process of preparing for 2024 next week. Subject selection information and Career Counselling will begin. Details and dates have been communicated by Ann Russack to parents via Operoo. We look forward to supporting students as they plan for their future endeavours.

Student Behaviour

At St Mark's College we are committed to working with families to maintain high standards of behaviour that contribute to a safe and respectful learning environment.

Bullying, harassment and physical contact are not acceptable and impact on learning and wellbeing. Our policies and processes, together with the curriculum learning, make expectations clear and we appreciate parents' support in upholding high expectations for the benefit of the whole community.

Mrs Katie Pole, Deputy Principal, Bosco Campus

Benedict Campus



LITTLE LIONS > Our Little Lions and their Year 5 Buddies visited McNally Farm



MINI MARK'S > Our Mini Mark's families visited McNally Farm during playgroup this week



SCIENCE > 1Red made their own catapults and used them to launch pom-poms exploring the topic of force



PE > Our Year 2s have been practicing and mastering their gymnastics balancing skills in PE



SCIENCE WEEK > Our Year 6 'mad scientists' presented a range of experiments at lunchtime in the Quad, pictured are Jack, Lauren, Harper, Noah and Jace



SCIENCE > 1Blue were excited to make exploding volcanoes during Science Week

Bosco Campus



INTEGRATED LEARNING > Year 10 students created their own business idea, raising money for charity through the \$20 Boss project



AGRICULTURE > Thanks to local winemaker Emanuel Skorpos for sharing his knowledge about the wine industry and conducting an in depth vine pruning demonstration for our Year 10 students



SCIENCE > Year 11 Biology students Nicole and Meg performing a lung dissection



CONGRATULATIONS > Congratulations to Sophie for being the St Mark's College recipient of the RSL Bursary for 2023. Sophie is pictured with Gary Fradd from the Port Pirie RSL.



KNOCKOUT > Our Year 7 and 8 boys put in a great effort, finishing with a win and a loss at this weeks Knockout Football Competition



TEXTILES > Our Textiles students entered work that attracted 13 awards and 4 trophies at the Crystal Brook Show over the weekend. Well done to all of our students who entered their work in the Show! Congratulations to our students whose work was awarded Matilda, Davyn, Jackson, Makayla, Aliza, Alyssa, Lincoln, Kaden, Caprie, Sienna, Lili, Kodi and Ashley.

College Sport



Winter sports wrap up!

As winter sports start to head into finals we wish our competing teams all the best in their games ahead!

Hockey

Well done to our U10s St Mark's College hockey team who play their final game this week. A breakup celebration will be held in a couple of weeks.

Our U14s players who combined with Park Royal Panthers Hockey Club will play in finals next week, they are currently sitting in second place.

Netball

Net Set Go finished last week with the girls celebrating the completion of the program being presented with a certificate and bag of goodies.

Our two U9s teams will play their final game on Saturday, a medal presentation will be held at 10.30am.

Best wishes to our Netball Teams competing in the finals: A Reserve, B Grade, C Grade, D Grade, F Grade Red, F Grade Blue, G Grade Red, G Grade Blue, U13, U12 Red, U12 Blue, U11 Div 1 Red, U11 Div 1 Blue, U11 Div 2 Red and U11 Div 2 Blue.

Football

Our football season continues with our Auskick, U9 and U11 teams playing until the end of the month.

Best wishes to the U13 SMC Football Team competing in the Grand Final on Sunday 27 August.

An update on soccer will be included in the next newsletter.

Mrs Katie Pole, Sports Council



FOOTBALL > Beau takes possession of the ball



NETBALL > Lucy aims for goal



HOCKEY > Our U10s hockey team Spencer, Cameron, Alexander, Delaney, Annabelle, Bastian, Archer and Astrid



FOOTBALL > Darby chases the ball while Jett supports

College

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



Port Pirie Youth Theatre Presents
THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL

Friday 1 September
11.00am and 7.30pm

Saturday 2 September
7.30pm

Northern Festival Centre,
Port Pirie
book online or
phone 8633 8500



Regional Development Australia
Yorke and Mid North
Workforce Australia
Yorke and Mid North

**DISABILITY JOBS WORKSHOP
PORT PIRIE**


INFORMAL SHARING OF INFORMATION
BETWEEN POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS AND
JOBSEEKERS.

Sausage Sizzle provided

**WEDNESDAY
23RD AUGUST
2023**

12:00PM - 2:00PM
**ST GEORGE HELLENIC CENTRE,
72 FLORENCE ST, PORT PIRIE
SA 5540**

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SHINE SA
For Parents/Carers

**Talking about Puberty, Periods
and Sexual Health Education**
Workshop for Parents/Carers – Port Pirie Region

Run by experts in relationships and sexual health education, this workshop is about how to talk to children and young people about puberty and sexual health.

This workshop is designed for parents and carers of children in Years 3-7 but is open to anyone who is interested.

Key themes:


- Strategies for talking about puberty, periods and sexuality
- Exploring activities that promote conversation and learning about sexual health topics
- Supporting resources and networks
- Q&A - What children want to know and how to respond.

Topics of discussion will include puberty, periods, wet dreams, appropriate language and the influence of online engagement.

COST: FREE
WHEN: Monday 28 August 2023
WHERE: John Pirie Secondary School Gymnasium
TIME: 6:00pm - 7:30pm
REGISTRATION: www.bit.ly/parent-carer-workshop

Enquiries
Jill Spurling:
email jill.spurling@shinesa.org.au
Registrations close two days prior to the workshop.

Supported by the Port Pirie Regional Council and Commissioner for Children and Young People - Period Poverty Grant





FREE Parent Workshop
Understanding reading difficulties - Why some children struggle and how to help

- Develop an understanding of reading difficulties, including dyslexia
- Develop a practical understanding of the associated characteristics and difficulties
- Explore ways to support your child

This 2 hour workshop is a great first step to gaining a better understanding of reading difficulties and practical strategies that can help your child.

Monday 11 of September, 6:00pm-8:00pm

Mid North Education Centre

BOOK ONLINE at:
speldsa.org.au/regional-parent-workshops

Thank you to the Department for Education for supporting this initiative.



**LEADERSHIP
COMPETITION OPEN
NOW!**

**CLOSES
8TH SEPT**

WHAT DO I WIN?

Every year is tailored to our winners - but previous participants have had private meetings with the Prime Minister and other politicians, been trained by TEDx Speakers, and completed media training to appear on TV!

HOW DO I ENTER?

Entrants must be women or non-binary, in Grades 10-12 in 2023. You must be from a rural or remote area - check our website for more details!

Respond to the question:
"Strong communities, stronger future. How do diverse young leaders strengthen rural communities?"

with a 450-600 word written response, a 3-4 minute video, or a creative art piece and accompanying artist's statement!

QUESTIONS? LEADERSHIPCOMPETITION@COUNTRYTOCANTERRA.COM.AU

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	Cottage Pie + Drink	\$6.00 \$8.00
Wed	OOK OOK	\$2.50	Pitta Bread Pizza + Drink	\$5.00 \$7.00
Thurs	Pizza Muffins	\$2.00	Marinated Chicken and Fried Rice + Drink	\$5.00 \$7.00
Fri	3 x Mini Sausage Rolls + Drink	\$3.00 \$5.00	Spicy Beef Burgers + Drink	\$6.20 \$8.00
Week 6				
Mon	Rat Bait	\$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	Squash Dog + Drink	\$5.00 \$7.00
Thurs	Pizza Muffins	\$2.00	Steak and Onion Sandwiches + Drink	\$5.50 \$7.00
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BOSCO CAMPUS

	Recess:		Lunch: (Drink = 375ml Zero Can)	
Week 5				
Mon	Small Sausage Roll	\$2.00	Squash Dog + Drink	\$5.00 \$7.00
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