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Delaney showing the Learning Wall in her classroom to Dr Lyn Sharratt.

St Mark's College is making its mark!

Last week we were excited to welcome Dr Lyn Sharratt to the College.

Dr Sharratt is an education practitioner and researcher based in Canada, who works internationally to inspire and support school and system improvement. Dr Sharratt has been engaged by Catholic Education South Australia as a 'critical friend' to support the work of system improvement. Our Quality Performance Team has been participating in professional learning with Lyn over the last 18 months and her recent books 'Clarity - What Matters Most in Learning, Teaching and Leading' and 'Putting Faces on the Data - What Great Leaders and Teachers Do' (written in conjunction with Michael Fullan) are informing the work we are undertaking across the College to enhance learning outcomes.

It was a privilege and an honour to host Dr Sharratt's visit to St Mark's on her trip to Australia, and a testament to the strategies that teachers are implementing to explicitly scaffold learning for students and to promote independent learning using the classroom environment and peers as additional learning resources. During her visit, Dr Sharratt engaged with students and asked them five questions about their learning:

- What are you learning? Why?
- How are you doing?
- How do you know?
- How can you improve?
- Where do you go for help?

Along with Dr Sharratt, we welcomed leaders from the Catholic Education Office including the Director of the Diocese of Port Pirie, Mrs Nichii Mardon, and leaders from Catholic schools in the region. All our visitors were impressed with the way that both students and staff are embracing high impact practices and implementing them in the classroom and learning environments. The following day at a conference in Adelaide for all principals and leaders in Catholic Education South Australia, Dr Sharratt highlighted the work we are doing, which was incredibly affirming. I am very proud of the commitment we are making collectively to improving learning outcomes for students and creating a culture where expectations are high, support is provided, and learning is valued. This is exciting and rewarding work!

Enjoy the term break.

Dr Sandra Hewson, Principal

Faith and Mission



Jackson, Tom and Jack with the new crosses which will be displayed across the College.

Year 11 Retreat

Last week our Year 11 students spent the day contemplating their upcoming responsibilities as next year's Leaders of our school. The day was spent hearing from Dr Hewson, our current College Captains and a previous College Captain Ms Bennier, a wonderful walk through Napperby Gorge, followed by a shared picnic lunch. The day concluded with a liturgy inspired by Jesus as our leader and an opportunity to nominate each other for leadership positions next year. We had a splendid day and the staff felt very honoured to be supporting these students as they transition into their final year at school.

Season of Creation

This month we have been celebrating the Season of Creation in different ways, through morning prayer, in decorating our classroom with plants and flowers, learning about Laudato Si and caring for our common home. This year's theme is Let justice and peace flow. The season of creation ends on the 4th of October which is also the feast day of St Francis of Assisi, a saint whose great love of God's creation and commitment to peace make him a source of inspiration for our community.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

New Crosses

We are blessed to be able to hang some new pressed glass crosses in our classrooms and buildings this year. These crosses were made in Western Australia at the school that Bishop Karol previously worked at. I worked with the talented creator Lynn Vroombout (www.fusedglasslynn.com) to select shades of our school colours. Fr Jimmy will bless our new crosses and they will be hung over the coming weeks.

Mrs Annie Olsen, **APRIM**



Eliza, Zara, Codi, Mya and Taya hiking Napperby Gorge at Year 11 Retreat.



The season of creation- Reception White grew bean stalks, pictured are Dominic and Mayah.



The season of creation-Reception Yellow created beautiful flowers.

SOUTHERN CROSS:

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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 1: 16/10 - 20/10		Week 2: 23/10 - 27/10	
Mon	Term 4 Commences for all students Summer Uniform, for information visit: www.smc.catholic.edu.au/enrolment/uniform Year 12 Trial Exams Little Lions - Session 8	Mon	Little Lions - Session 9 Class Photo Day
Tues	Mini Mark's Playgroup - Messy Play 9.00am - 10.30am	Tues	R-12 Class of 2023 Farewell Mass 9.40am, Bosco Campus
Wed	Principal's Tour - Benedict Campus 9.30am - 10.30am	Wed	
Thur	Principal's Tour - Bosco Campus 5.00pm - 6.00pm Little Lions - Session 8	Thur	Little Lions - Session 9 Class Photo Day
Fri	Little Lions - Session 8	Fri	Little Lions - Session 9 Class Photo Day Year 12 Final Day
Sun	Salesian House End of Year Liturgy 7.00pm	Sat	Old Scholars' Reunion for Classes of 1983, 1993, 2003 and 2013 Arrival from 3.30pm

Benedict Campus:

As Term 3 comes to an end it is a time to reflect on all the wonderful opportunities that our Benedict students have had this term. Students have participated in many school events, gone on excursions, and have had valuable learning experiences in their classrooms. Students have had a very busy and fun filled term with things such as Book Week, the Little Lions Transition Program, our Term 3 Reception students started, many liturgies, R U OK Day activities and of course Sports Day. I would like to congratulate the students on their efforts and their willingness to participate.

I would like to acknowledge our newest members of the Benedict Campus. Reception Yellow and Reception White (who I have been lucky enough to teach) have completed their first ever term of school which is a huge achievement. Another acknowledgment must go to our oldest members of the Benedict Campus, our Year 6 students who have completed their last ever Term 3 of their primary schooling. One more term and they are off to Bosco!

As my time here at St Mark's College comes to an end I reflect on our Diocesan theme of 'Called to Community'. This theme asks each of us to reflect on our purpose, as a Catholic school community, to continue Christ's mission and ministry in our world today. We are also invited to reflect on how we can individually contribute to our school community so that it continues to flourish as a place of inclusion, safety, and learning, a community underpinned and bound together by love. When I think about this theme, I can truly say that St Mark's College is a place of inclusion and a community bound together by love. You have shown this through the supportive environment you provide to each other and the hospitality you show others. You have all welcomed me with open arms and trusted me to care for each and every one of you. It has been a privilege to work here these past 3 weeks, and I have thoroughly enjoyed my time. I will be sad to go but I cannot wait for the next time I get to come and visit.

I hope all the students have a restful holiday creating lots of fun memories with their families. I know your teachers will look forward to seeing you next term for some more learning and fun activities. Have a safe holiday break, please be reminded that Term 4 resumes on Monday 16 October.

Ms Nicole Russell, Acting Deputy Principal, Benedict Campus

Key Dates and Campus Information



Bosco Campus:

Congratulations to our students on their efforts throughout Term 3. On Friday you will receive an Interim Report for the Semester giving you indicators of progress and current achievement level in Semester 2. For our senior students, while there is a pause in classroom lessons it is very important that they do not lose momentum with their studies in the lead up to final exams and submissions. Year 12 students and families, please take note of the Trial exam schedule and expectations communicated for Week 1.

2024 Student Leaders

The Year 11 students went on their annual Retreat last week considering the concepts of Servant Leadership and looking for the leadership qualities they see in each other. From here they are discerning nominations and preparations for formal school leadership positions in Year 12. I wish them well in this discernment and look forward to working through the next part of the process with them at the start of next term.

Social Interactions

Last week I tuned into the Catholic Schools Parents session on Helping children and teenagers respond to friendship difficulties and bullying session. This was offered via Zoom from St Mary's in Adelaide.

My key takeaways from the session were:

- No relationship or friendship is entirely perfect.
- Young people have their 'L plates' on when it comes to friendships. They operate first from emotion and then from thinking.
- Young people can be socially clumsy. When you combine that with a wide range of developmental levels and needs - things do go wrong in the school setting (and other settings).
- Students say mean and unthoughtful things through impulsive actions. They quite often don't intend to harm others.
- The most helpful thing we can do is listen non-judgementally then focus on progress not perfection. They will be about the age of 25 when they are fully socially competent.
- Face to face conversations are really important for restoring and building relationships. Online platforms and social media create another layer of complexity and impulse.

Things we need our young people to understand are:

- Messages and online communication must be supportive or neutral in regards to other people.
- You don't have to like everyone but you do need to be kind or at the very least neutral.
- As adults our role is to keep calm, not defend, dismiss or justify poor behaviour, look to improve and repair situations.

If you want to view the seminar the link is available on Youtube: <https://youtu.be/MrAfssj47-c>.

In Term 4 you can engage with *A window into the adolescent brain* presented by Mark Le Messurier (25 October 2023 6:00pm - 8:00pm) visit: <https://cspsa.catholic.edu.au/newsroom/events> for more information.

Recording of previous topics which include *Anxiety and worry in children* and *Get off that Computer now!* are available here: <https://cspsa.catholic.edu.au/resources/let-s-talk-about>

Mrs Katie Pole, Deputy Principal, Bosco Campus

Benedict Campus



CONGRATULATIONS > Ivy received a Merit Award and medal for the art piece she entered in the Adelaide Show. Ivy entered a board game with characters and instructions she had created during class. Well done Ivy!



EXCURSION > Year 4 students enjoying lunch on a chilly day at Mintaro Maze.



MINI MARK'S > What a wonderful term of Mini Mark's Playgroup! Thank you to our families for coming along, see you next term!



DESIGN + TECHNOLOGY > Year 5 students watched a video about a 10-year-old boy who started an arcade made out of cardboard. Students used this as inspiration to design and create their own cardboard games.



EXCURSION > Year 4 students in exploring the crypt at Sevenhill.



RECEPTION > Alivia, Isabella and Kai making birds nests.

Sports Day



BENEDICT SPORTS DAY

Final Scoreboard:

McNally	419
Polding	412
Gallagher	341
Bosco	308

Team Spirit Award Winners:

Lauren	Bosco
Parker	Gallagher
Jordy	McNally
Xyler	Polding

Long Distance Champion Awards:

Madison	Year 5 Girls
Braxton	Year 5 Boys
Lauren	Year 6 Girls
Jack	Year 6 Boys

Sprint Champion Awards:

Ella	Year 5 Girls
Xzavier	Year 5 Boys
Matiesha	Year 6 Girls
Chayse	Year 6 Boys



McNally won 2023 Sports Day!



Team Spirit Award winners, Xyler, Jordy, Parker and Lauren.



Ocea takes off in her sprint.



Mae throws in Scotch Handball.



Jacob races with the baton.



Kaison races to fill his cup with water.



Luke races in the Weaving Race.

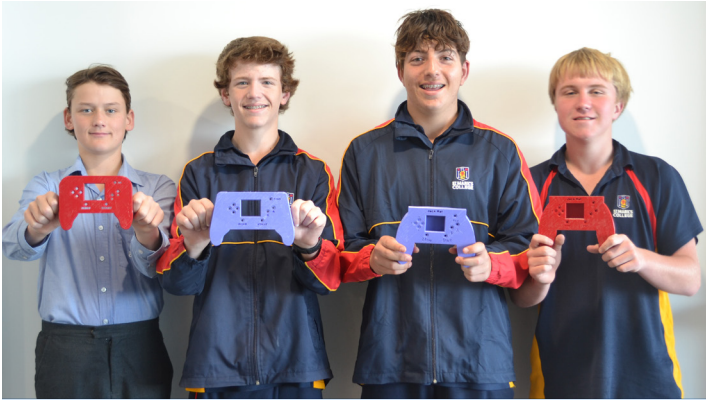


McNally pass the baton in Star Relay.



Dillon and Delta take off.

Bosco Campus



STEM > Year 9 students have designed unique cases for hand-held game consoles as part of their learning in 3D modelling. As part of this project, students have removed the battery packs and replaced them with rechargeable batteries and will later design coding to create their own game!



ITALIAN > Over the last few weeks, the Year 8s took part in an excursion to the Molfetessi Fishing Boat Museum. Thanks to Dino Gadaleta and other members of the Italian community for volunteering their time.



TEXTILES > Congratulations to our Year 7 - 10 Textiles students who were awarded a place (first, second or third) for their creative pieces at the Adelaide Show



RETREAT > Cohen, Jude and their classmates in 10M had a cook-up for Fred's Van after school recently.



Science Success on a National Stage

In the Term 2 school holidays, I was invited to present a workshop at the National Science Teacher's Conference (held in Adelaide this year).

I presented the learning that our Year 7s did last year, 'Barbies, Balconies and Bungees', a Physics unit about Balanced and Unbalanced forces. Year 7s created a rope from rubber bands which helped bungee a Barbie doll from the balcony of the STEM Centre.

Twenty-five people at the conference came along and tested out rubber band bungee cords and walked through the learning involved in the unit.

As a result of this workshop, a school in New South Wales has reached out asking assistance from myself and the College to help them redevelop their Science program, and upskill their lab technicians. Other schools in Catholic Education South Australia have also benefitted from working together to improve their Year 7 learning outcomes in Science too.

Ms Karina Darling, Science Teacher

College Sport



Sports Assembly



College Sports Council Award winners

Our Annual College Sports Assembly was held on Tuesday.

We had the opportunity to recognise those students who excelled and showed great endeavour in different sporting arenas.

Our guest for the day was Mr Daniel Buberis who is director and founder of Project 6 Foundation. He shared a powerful message about the value of sport and how it has helped him find connection, purpose and his own identity.

Students' donations for wearing Team Colours today will support the foundations work with giving opportunities in sport to remote and disadvantaged communities.

Congratulations to our individual award winners recognised this year:

- Junior Sports Council Winners – Macy and Jack
- Senior Sports Council Winners – Isabella and Beau
- College Sports People of the Year – Leana, Harper and Lucas

Congratulations to our State and National Team selection or competition winners:

Owen, Codi, Riley, Darcy, Alyssa, Harper, Liam, Thomas, Mohammed, Bridie, Charlie, Nikaya, Shyla, Pandora, Della, Sloanl, Amarli, Lilly, Mayah, Meteha, Mia, Lucas, Leana and Saesha.

Congratulations to our students who play 3 or 4 Sports for St Mark's teams:

Archie, Curtis, Fletcher, Fraser, Harrison, Jett, Luca, Miller, Patrick, Riley, Ronan, Max and Ashton.



State and National Team selection or competition winners



State and National Team selection or competition winners



Students who represent St Mark's in 3 or 4 sports



Junior Sports Council Award winners



Senior Sports Council Award winners

College Sport



Soccer Premiers and Cup Final Winners



Primary Premiers.



Primary Cup Final winners.



Junior High Premiers.



Junior High Cup Final winners.



Senior High Premiers and Cup Final winners.



Eli takes the ball down the field.



Ascha chases the ball.



Rylan stops the ball.



Jace shoots for goal.

Community Notices



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BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF PORT PIRIE

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THE ORDINATION OF *Galileo C. Mascardo IV* TO THE SACRED ORDER OF DEACONS



SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER 2023, AT 10:30AM
ST MARK'S CATHEDRAL
107 GERTRUDE STREET, PORT PIRIE SA 5540

FOLLOWED BY LUNCH
GOOD SAMARITAN HALL
ST MARK'S COLLEGE (Benedict Campus)
WANDEARAH RD, PORT PIRIE

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MENTAL HEALTH MONTH
OCTOBER 2023
HAVE THE CONVERSATION

Help us celebrate Mental Health Month!

**FLINDERS VIEW PARK
MAIN STREET
PORT PIRIE**

**Wednesday 11 October 2023
10.00am to 2.00pm**

Please join us for a jam-packed day with free sausage sizzle, entertainment, activities and information on local mental health and wellbeing services.

LIVE MUSIC • BBQ • STALLS
BRING A PICNIC RUG AND MAKE A DAY OF IT!

OUR COMMUNITY EVENT



LEARN • PRACTICE • PLAY

First Aid for KIDS
Monday 9th October

Reception - Year 2 9am - 11am
Years 3 & 4 12pm - 2pm
Years 5, 6 & 7 3pm - 5pm

Recognising when to call 000 • Making Fake wounds • Wound management • Managing head injuries • and much more!!

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KIDS Light Party
Tue. 31st October
At Baptist Church
(44 Hannan Street)
6pm - 8pm
CRAFT - GAMES - STORY - HOTDOG & TREATS



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JESUS LIGHTS MY PATH
JESUS LIGHTS MY WAY

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**Catholic
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SOUTH AUSTRALIA



Catholic School Parents SA is pleased to present:

A window into the adolescent brain

presented by Mark Le Messurier

Wednesday October 25 2023
6pm - 8pm (in person or online)

This Parent Engagement Evening is hosted by Catholic School Parents SA.

The ages between 11 to 20 years are loosely considered adolescence. It is a critical time for human development and is best-known as a period of change – physically, emotionally, sexually and neurologically. Yet, adolescent behaviour can be a puzzle to many – parents included.

So, what is a parent to do...? Firstly, understand what's really happening within your teenager during this vulnerable time. Change gears and shift your parenting to embrace this new dimension.

Mark will also present some fast, practical and helpful ideas for you to work with.

Mark Le Messurier is a teacher, counsellor, author and public speaker. He works in private practice as a mentor to children and adolescents, and as a coach to parents.

Register via the [CESA Registration Centre](#) or go to the [Events page](#) on the CSPSA Website.

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