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Gratitude and Grace

I have been listening recently to 'Bright Shining: how grace changes everything' by Julia Baird. It is a book about seeking grace and dignity in our shared humanity and connection with each other, being kind when kindness is a challenge, forgiving the unforgivable and loving the unlovable. Surely the idea of Grace is one of the most profound lessons we also learn from the Gospel. I've seen the attributes of Grace described in an acrostic poem. I don't know the author, but share it here as food for thought:

G is for generosity, the will to do something more for others.

R is for respect, the dignity of life and work.

A is for action, the mechanism of change.

C is for compassion and concern for others.

E is energy, the spirit that catalyses us.

As we reach the end of Term 2, I feel immense gratitude for the moments of grace that we have experienced in our College and community so far this year. I see grace in day-to-day interactions, in the kindness and generosity of students and staff, to each other and to strangers, the commitment to social action arising from compassion and concern for others and the energy (albeit waning now in Week 10) that sustains us in our mission, nurtured by the Spirit and our faith.

Of all weeks for me to have been thinking with gratitude about grace, on Wednesday we welcomed Bruce Morecombe OAM, and Denise Morecombe OAM to our Benedict campus. Their son, Daniel, was abducted

and murdered on 7 December 2003 and they were not able to lay him to rest until nine years later. Driven by their terrible loss, Bruce and Denise established the Daniel Morecombe Foundation in memory of their son, and to actively promote awareness of child safety. What an example of grace at work. Their presentation was interesting and engaging, and their message so important. The safety and wellbeing of our children is one of the most significant responsibilities we have in our community.

Enjoy a well-earned break. Take time to rest. I hope that over the next two weeks you consciously seek out moments of grace. When we attune ourselves to searching for them, we find them in abundance.

Dr Sandra Hewson, Principal



Our Benedict Captains Braxton, Archie, Madison and Anna with guests Bruce and Denise Morcombe.

Faith and Mission



Our Year 12s on Retreat at Port Hughes.

Year 12 Retreat

The three-day Year 12 Retreat for our 2024 cohort is concluding today. The venue of Port Hughes has been a fitting place to end their retreat experiences at St Mark's. Students are taking away with them the main message of 'Honouring our past. Embracing our future.' For many of them this experience was a final opportunity to experience some of the core elements of our Catholic Identity whilst being a student at St Mark's College.

The many laughs, smiles, tears and friendships that have been nourished will be lasting memories for our graduating class. We are grateful for the enthusiasm, reverence and engagement of our Year 12 students with this experience.



Year 12 Cross of Reconciliation.

Waste Education – Caring for Creation

Tying in with Catholic social teachings about caring for our common home, our College staff, Year 7 students and Years 8-12 Student Leaders participated in waste management and recycling education sessions. Run by KESAB Environmental Services Officer, Sarah Bruns and funded by the Port Pirie Regional Council, these informative and engaging sessions reminded us about where our waste goes and how to use our home bin systems correctly. The most important message was that "there is no away" and that we should stop and think about everything that we throw into landfill bins – once it's in the ground it's there to stay.

As part of our Faith Formation, staff were invited to reflect on our role as stewards of creation. From the stories of Genesis through to the messages from Pope Francis in Laudato Si and Laudato Deum we are reminded of the interconnectedness of humans and the natural world and to make a commitment to these values in and for future generations.

MGL (Missionaries of God's Love) Sisters

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, Sisters and Brothers from the Missionaries of God's Love visited us at both Campuses, along with some of their

fellow companions joining with them on their journey around our Diocese. They were engaging our students in the message of Jesus and connecting with the students' learning in our Religious Education program.

The MGL Team are present in our parish this weekend with youth-oriented liturgies and activities. Please take note of the details published in previous newsletters of the Youth Mass this Sunday evening. We would love to see plenty of Year 7-12 students there.

Ms Brodie Nugent, Mr Isaac Ellis, Ms Fiona Clarke and Mrs Megan Congdon, Catholic Identity Team



Year 7 students Eva, Lily and Jordy are pictured with the KESAB "Mini Bin Game" gifted by the Port Pirie Regional Council.

THE WITNESS:

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SOUTHERN CROSS:

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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 1: 22/7 - 26/7		Week 2: 29/7 - 2/8	
Mon	Student Free Day Staff Professional Learning Day	Mon	Little Lions, Session 1 <i>Welcome to our Little Lions and their families!</i> School Tour and Meeting Buddies
	Boarders Return		
Tues	Term 3 Commences <i>Welcome to our mid-year Receptions and their families!</i>	Tues	Fr Dennis Handley Cup
	Welcome Coffee Benedict Library, 8.45am - 9.30am		Celebration of Success Assembly Good Sam Hall, 12.20pm
Wed		Wed	Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews Bosco Centre, 3.40 - 6.30pm
Thur		Thur	Celebration of Success Assembly St Mark's Sports Centre, 10.50am
Fri	Grandfriends Day, Benedict Campus Student surnames starting with: A-L: 9.00 - 10.00am M-Z: 2.00 - 3.00pm	Fri	Little Lions, Session 1 <i>Welcome to our Little Lions and their families!</i> School Tour and Meeting Buddies

Benedict Campus:

Warm Welcome

Next term we will welcome 21 Mid-Year Reception Students into Reception White. We welcome Mrs Kayla Hastings and Mrs Nikki Edwards back to our staff from parenting leave as the teachers for the class.

We also welcome Miss Olivia Carslake who will assist the teachers in an Educational Support Officer role. Olivia is a fourth-year teaching student who will join our staff and support the students in Reception White alongside the teachers.

Safe Travels

On Friday we will be sending Mrs Margaret Fantinel off with some extra prayers and well wishes as she embarks on a term of Long Service Leave. I thank her for her continued support throughout this year and wish her all the best for a relaxed Term 3.

We welcome Mrs Ashton Puddy and Mrs Bevelee Reidy to our administration team who will be replacing Margaret while she is on leave. Please make them feel welcome next term.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday.

Mrs Sarah Freer,

Deputy Principal, Benedict Campus



Welcome to Miss Carslake, our new ESO at Benedict.



Welcome to Mrs Puddy in Benedict Administration.



Welcome to Mrs Reidy in Benedict Administration.

Key Dates and Campus Information



Bosco Campus:

Semester Change

Parents/caregivers will be able to access Semester 1 reports on SEQTA from today. Please take this opportunity to celebrate your child's successes and achievements for the year so far. Students will have the opportunity to reflect on their progress and plan actions for their learning moving forward when they return to school next term. Parents/caregivers are encouraged to connect with subject teacher(s) if you have any questions and will also have an opportunity to further discuss learning during parent/teacher/student learning meetings set for Week 2 (Year 12s) and Week 6 for Years 7-11 in Term 3.

Robogirls

The University of Adelaide Robogirls joined us yesterday to run robotics workshops aimed to inspire young people, and particularly girls, to consider a career in STEM. As part of the workshops, there was a presentation on engineering, the history of women in STEM and an introduction to programming. Our Year 7 and 8 girls engaged enthusiastically in the sessions.

Year 12 Retreat

It was an afternoon well spent joining our Year 12s on Retreat Wednesday. They engaged in activities to honour their past and consider the type of future they would like to create for themselves. I thank the team of teachers who facilitated this important experience for them and our parish priests who are supporting the program.

Holiday Study

Staff have once again made themselves available to Year 12 students who wish to complete their holiday work onsite in the Bosco Centre. Dates and times have been communicated via Operoo.

Staffing

Today we wish Mrs Liz Clarke all the best for her maternity leave as she, Sean and Evie prepare to welcome Baby Clarke. Returning from leave to the Ag, Maths and Science departments are Mrs Elke Adams and Mrs Molly Combe (or Molly Head when she started her leave). This week we have welcomed Mrs Anna Moulder and Miss Jada Hill to our ESO classroom team and are excited for the experience and qualifications they bring with them to support our student learning. We will also welcome Mrs Sheri Nicholls to the Bosco teaching team at the start of Term 3. She will be working in the English, HASS and Drama departments. Sheri is a certified Advanced Skills teacher and we look forward to her joining our community.

As we end Term 2 I would like to thank the students for embracing our focuses of keeping our environment clean, respectful listening and relating and creating good learning habits.

Wishing everyone a lovely term break and I look forward to seeing you back at school in Term 3.

Mrs Katie Pole, Deputy Principal, Bosco Campus



Welcome to Mrs Moulder, one of our new ESO's at Bosco.



Welcome to Miss Hill, one of our new ESO's at Bosco.

Benedict Campus



Our class have been learning about prefixes. Prefixes are letters that are put onto the front of a base word that makes a new meaning and word. We have been lucky enough to make our own board games that teach others about the prefixes, in particular the 'not' prefix word family. We have been learning about the prefixes in-, non-, un-, il-, dis-, im- and ir-. We are looking forward to playing our games with our families in the holidays. - Marlo and Denver.



SRC leaders Isaiah, Chloe, Alyssa, Ella and Khobi present the donations for the Winter Appeal to Delia Guy from Vinnies SA.



AFLW > Our Benedict students had a ball engaging in football tactics with Adelaide Crows AFLW stars Caitlin, Brooke, Zoe, and Rachelle.



NAIDOC WEEK > A team of year 5 and 6 volunteers, organised by Xzavier created canvas and rock artworks. Xzavier taught the students some painting techniques and created many of the designs himself in his lunch breaks. The artworks were sold at lunchtime and \$148.90 was raised for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

Congratulations
to our Deputy Principal
award winners from
Term 2, 2024:
For a good work ethic

6R	Saesha
6B	Vy
5/6G	Tessa
5R	Millie
5B	Isabelle
4R	Ryan
4B	Ceci
3R	Mia
3B	Elsy
2R	Ascha
2B	McKenzie
2G	Noah
1G	Lily
1R	Ocea
1B	Larni
RG	Ivy
RR	Erin
RB	Darcy
RY	Alivia

Benedict Campus



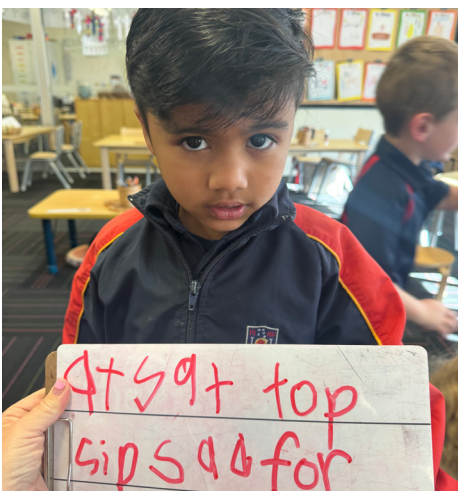
EXCURSION > Year 3 students had loads of fun on excursion to Port Germein and Mambray Creek.



STEM > STEM Extension students were part of the CESA Kids in Space initiative. The project allowed students to address real world problems, with a space focus, using design thinking methodology. The students used the 3D design software Maker's Empire to create a design to help solve a



SCIENCE > Sophie and her Year 3 classmates grew Hairy Heads to see how plants grow.



LITERACY > Reception student Siddharth practicing his writing.



HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

ideas from our CentraCare Counsellors at Benedict:

Are you struggling to entertain your children at home?

Holidays can be challenging to find activities that keep your children entertained at home. One of my favourite activities as a child was setting up a den. I have found a list of 101 to with your children.

<https://www.mykidstime.com/things-to-do/101-things-to-do-with-kids-that-will-cost-nothing-but-time/>

Bosco Campus



BUDDIES > Year 12s and their Reception Buddies celebrated end of term with a Dance Party in the Good Sam Hall. Pictured is Lilly and her buddy Ashriel.



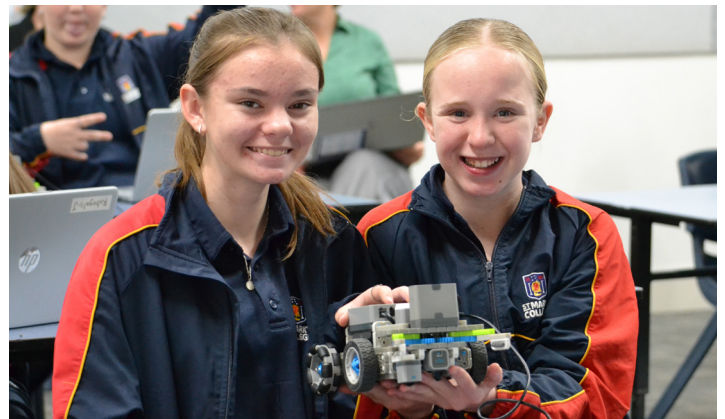
WORK EXPERIENCE > Year 10 students completed work experience this week. Bailey and Mitchell worked on the Boarding House as part of their experience with Barry Ramsay Construction, they are pictured with Dwayne.



CHILD STUDIES > Year 12 students planned and implement a STEM practical for a Year 1 student. The students worked together to make a hypothesis, conduct the experiment and record findings! Pictured is Sophie and Amelia who made parachutes.



ENGLISH > Year 10 students enjoyed sharing their self-written childrens books with the Year 2s. Pictured is Rhys, who shared his book 'The Dragon' with Haze and Cooper.



STEM > Anastasia and Lylah, along with students from Year 5-8 were involved in interactive workshops with the University of Adelaide's Robogirls, who inspire young people, and particularly girls, to consider a career in STEM.



YEAR 9 > Year 9 students were excited to engage in an exclusive Q+A with Adelaide Crows AFLW stars Caitlin, Brooke, Zoe, and Rachelle.



DRAMA > Year 9 students have been developing their skills in creating short films. They have started experimenting with camera shots and angles before moving into moving footage.

Visual Arts - Bosco Campus



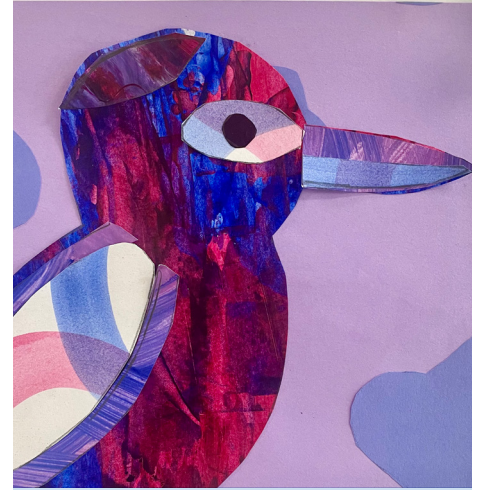
Visual Arts pieces from our Year 7,8 and 9 students



Year 9 Lino Print Portraits.



Year 8 Steampunk.



Year 7 Collage.



Year 8 Oil Pastels.



Year 9 Ceramics.



Year 8 Watercolour.



Year 8 Steampunk.



Year 8 Watercolour.



Year 8 Oil Pastels.

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Pets will be supervised in the pet section all day.

For more information contact:
 Nat Hodgson 0474 502 241, or

Katie Hallett-Patterson 0417 080 683



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