



## Important Dates

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**SAPSASA AFL Girls**

Monday 21 October 2024

**R-12 Class of 2024**

**Farewell Mass**

Tuesday 22 October 2024

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## Upcoming Events

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**Principals Tour -  
Primary Campus**

Date: Wednesday 16  
October - Monday 16  
October

Time: 9:30am

Venue: St Mark's College,  
Benedict Campus - Port  
Pirie

**Principals Tour -  
Secondary Campus**

Date: Thursday 17 October

Venue: St Mark's College,  
Bosco Campus - Port Pirie

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## Principal's Update T3, W10



This week staff had the pleasure of listening to speeches presented by our nominees for College Captain. Following a retreat that focused on leadership qualities and what it means to be a servant leader, eight Year 11 students accepted nominations by their peers and had the courage to prepare and share their vision for student leadership in 2025.

I congratulate all the students who prepared speeches and presented so articulately and confidently about the values they have learned at St Mark's and how these are important to be effective, approachable and reliable leaders. Each year the task of voting for student leaders seems to become harder. I congratulate our new 2025 College Captains Eva Christensen-Lauder and Jake Anderson and Vice-Captains Zoe Reid and Wil Brown. I am confident that our Year 12s next year will work hard and inspire others with their pride in the College and their commitment to being great role models for all.

During the term break, the College Executive Team will be participating in a Salesian Pilgrimage to Europe to walk in the footsteps of St Don Bosco and be immersed in the charism that is a foundation of our work. I look forward to sharing news of this amazing experience, which is being supported by Catholic Education SA, next term.

As this term draws to a close, I thank you all for your ongoing support, sometimes through challenging situations. I wish the Year 12s all the best as they attend holiday workshops, complete assignments and start their revision in readiness for the final weeks of schooling next term and their exams.

Finally, this week, I'm delighted to make a significant staffing announcement.

Mr Isaac Ellis has been appointed as Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission (APRIM) commencing 20 January 2025. This appointment has been approved by Bishop Karol Kulczycki and the Director of Catholic Education in the Diocese of Port Pirie, Mrs Nichii Mardon.

Isaac brings to this role a deep personal faith and strong connections with the Cathedral Parish Port Pirie, in addition to his experience as a teacher and, in 2024, his experience as Leader of Catholic Identity and Mission at our Bosco campus.

Isaac is excited to take up this role and committed to working with students, teachers and families to enhance our Catholic identity, liturgical practices and faith formation experiences for all.

I congratulate Isaac and wish him all the best as he exercises religious leadership in this significant role at the College next year.

*Dr Sandra Hewson, Principal*

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## Faith and Mission, T3, W10

### Blessing of the Fleet

The Blessing of the Fleet is a festival that happens every year with the Feast of Our Lady of Martyrs and the local Italian community. It

seeks to give a blessing, under the protection of the Virgin Mary, on the boats that fish in our local area.

This festival was accompanied by this year's debutantes and their partners, who were presented at the Annual Debutante Ball. These, mainly Year 11 students, prepared for this presentation with many weeks of practice and dedication.

In the lead-up to this festival was the Triduum of the Feast Day. The Triduum took the form of three evenings of devotions and Masses honouring the good works of the community in the past year. Along with the debutantes and their partners, some of our sacramental students also participated in some of these Masses. The High Mass and Benediction surrounding the activity at the wharf demonstrated the devotion of the community to the example of Mary, who followed Jesus and is a model Christian.

Many thanks go to everyone involved in preparing and carrying out this vibrant festival on our community's calendar, which has now celebrated its 95th Anniversary – an amazing achievement!

### **Socktober**

It's Socktober time!â€

Socktober is a Catholic Mission campaign centred around the world game of soccer. It is run every October to bring people together and support children in need worldwide.â€

A group of dedicated Year 7 students are organising a soccer tournament and other activities to raise money for shelter, meals and education for kids at the Caring Centre in Mongolia.

[Click here to donate](#) - your generous donation will help them to help others:

### **Fred's Van Cooking**

The social justice action of the Year 10s continues with another class meeting after school this week to prepare meals for Fred's Van which takes place on Sunday nights.

This is the third cooking session that the Year 10s have been involved with, and there is one class left to cook in the first few weeks of Term 4.

A big thank you to the Year 10s who have participated in this initiative so far. A special thank you to Ms Fiona Clarke, who has been instrumental in organising, resourcing and facilitating these cooking sessions this term.

### **Operation Christmas Child**

As we come to the conclusion of our time packing shoeboxes filled with items to support the Samaritan's Purse Australia and New Zealand 2024 drive, we would like to thank families across the College who donated money and gifts to this cause. These boxes will bring light and hope to children who experience suffering and hardship in this world. May these acts of compassion and mercy make a difference in the lives of others, especially at Christmas time.

### **The Witness**

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

### **Southern Cross**

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

*Ms Brodie Nugent, Mr Isaac Ellis, Ms Fiona Clarke and Mrs Megan Congdon, **St Mark's College Catholic Identity Team***





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## Benedict Campus Reminders, T3, W10

**Key Dates:** Term 4, Week 1 and 2

- **First Day of Term 4**  
Monday 14 October, full summer uniform including hats to be worn (unless designated PE Days)
- **Little Lions Session 8**  
Monday 14 October, 8.30 – 11.30am
- **Mini Mark's Playgroup – Messy Play**  
â€¢Tuesday 15 October, 9.00am – 10.30am
- **Principal's Tour, Benedict Campus**  
Wednesday 16 October, 9.30 – 10.30am
- **Little Lions Session 8**  
Friday 18 October, 8.30 – 11.30am
- **Little Lions Session 9 + Class Photo Day**  
Monday 21 October, 8.30 – 11.30am
- **R-12 Class of 2024 Farewell Mass**  
Tuesday 22 October, 9.15am, St Mark's Sports Centre
- **Day for Daniel and Walk-A-Thon**  
Friday 25 October
- **â€¢Little Lions Session 9 + Class Photo Day**  
Friday 25 October, 8.30 – 11.30am

### Apology

I would like to extend an apology for the untimely communication students were given about wearing hair spray on Sports Day.

Clear and timely communication of decisions that impact families is crucial, and I regret that we have fallen short of your expectations.

I am sorry for any pressure this put on you and your family last week but hope it did not impact too much on your enjoyment of an otherwise successful Sports Day.



## **Keeping Our School Community Healthy**

As we navigate through the rest of the school year together, the health and well-being of our students, staff, and families remain our top priority. With the changing seasons and the increase in common illnesses, we want to remind everyone of the importance of keeping children home when they are sick.

### **Why It's Important:**

When children come to school while unwell, they risk spreading illnesses to their classmates and teachers. This can lead to more widespread absences and disrupt the learning environment for everyone. By keeping your child home when they are sick, you help protect the entire school community.

### **Signs Your Child Should Stay Home:**

Please keep your child at home if they exhibit any of the following symptoms:

- Fever (38°C or higher)
- Persistent coughing or sneezing
- Sore throat, runny or stuffy nose
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Fatigue or body aches

### **If Your Child Is Sick:**

**Notify the School:** Inform the school of your child's absence and the reason for it.

**Seek Medical Advice:** Consult with your healthcare provider to determine the best course of action.

**Rest and Recover:** Ensure your child gets plenty of rest and fluids to recover quickly.

**Returning to School:** Children should only return to school when they are symptom-free for at least 24 hours without the aid of medication. This helps ensure they are fully recovered and reduces the risk of spreading illness to others.

We understand that keeping your child home can be inconvenient, but it is a crucial step in maintaining a healthy school environment. Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to the well-being of our school community.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Benedict Administration Office on 8633 8802.

*Mrs Sarah Freer, **Deputy Principal, Benedict Campus***

# What's been happening at Benedict Campus?

There's been plenty happening at Benedict Campus during Week 9 and 10...



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## Benedict Sports Day



Last Friday over 400 students competed in a range of fun events at Benedict Sports Day. From the turf to the events track, students gave their best efforts for their house team!

Congratulations to Polding who were winners on the day, with Year 6 captains Hayden and Sarah collecting the Bishop Karol Kulczycki shield.

Final scores on the day were as follows:



1. Polding- 434
2. McNally- 397
3. Gallagher- 321
4. Bosco- 307

House teams were also awarded the:

- Fatima Incentive Shield- Bosco
- Good Samaritan Team Shield- Polding
- Salesian Running Shield- McNally

We also congratulate our students who won individual awards on the day:

- Team Spirit- Ella Z (Bosco), Madeline H (Gallagher), Amara (McNally) and Xzavier (Polding)
- Long Distance Champions- Amy S (Y5), Kingston K (Y5), Maddison (Y6) and Braxton (Y6)
- Spirit Champions- Sophie (Y5), Kingston (Y5), Della (Y6) and Xzavier (Y6)

To see the full gallery of photos [click here](#).



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## Bosco Campus Reminders, T3, W10

**Key Dates:** Term 4, Week 1 and 2

- **First Day of Term 4**  
Monday 14 October, full summer uniform including hats to be worn (unless designated PE Days)
- **Year 12 Trial Exams**  
Starting Monday 14 October



- **Principal's Tour, Bosco Campus**  
â€•Thursday 17 October, 5.00 – 6.00pm
- **Salesian House End of Year Liturgy**  
â€•Sunday 20 October, 7.00pm
- **Information Night – 2025 Philippines Immersion**  
Monday 21 October, 7.00pm  
BGC or watch online
- **R-12 Class of 2024 Farewell Mass**  
â€•Tuesday 22 October, 9.15am, St Mark's Sports Centre
- **Year 12 Final Day**  
â€•Friday 25 October

### **Enrolments for 2025**

We are currently mapping out how 2025 will look for staff and students to best meet learning needs. We would appreciate any anticipated changes in enrolments to be communicated to the College Administration as soon as possible.

### **Year 12s**

Our Year 12s are currently completing their external and final assessments. I encourage them to continue their work over the holiday break to enable them to achieve their best results. We look forward to supporting them through final exams and farewell rituals in Term 4.

### **Team Colours Day**

Today we donned team colours to celebrate the end of term and to also raise some funds for a much-needed cause – the Royal Flying Doctors Service. I thank our College Captains for organising this fundraising event.

### **Philippines 2025**

I am pleased to share with the community that the Philippines Immersion will again be offered in 2025.

This is a wonderful opportunity for learning, culture and formation for our students. Information will be shared on our social media soon and families of our current Year 9, 10 and 11 students are invited to an information night on Monday 21 October, 7.00pm in the BGC to gain more information on this outstanding opportunity.

### **Farewell Neive**

This week we farewelled Miss Jones from our staff team at Bosco Campus. Neive started at the College in 2022 and has been a wonderful teacher to our school students. Neive was also involved in our sporting community coaching soccer teams for two seasons. We wish Neive all the best at her new school, Xavier College.

Wishing you all a fantastic term break and see you all on Monday 14 October.

*Mrs Katie Pole, Deputy Principal, **Bosco Campus***

# What's been happening at Bosco Campus?

There's been plenty happening at Bosco Campus during Week 9 and 10...



## Work Experience



I choose to apply for the AFP Forensic work experience program because of my personal interest in policing and STEM with the ambition to study these subjects in later years.

The facility provided 'mock' crime scenes where I had to collect and secure the evidence, and work in various area of forensic before presenting my evidence in a 'mock' court room scenario.

The week-long program enabled me to gain valuable hands-on experience and an insight into a forensic career. The program has provided me with an insight on what to further study so that I can pressure this career.



## P+F Community, T3, W10



As Term 3 comes to a close, it's time to celebrate the events that our school community has enjoyed, thanks to the incredible efforts of the Parents and Friends Community!

The return of the much-loved Benedict Movie Night was an evening filled with laughter and fun for all the children who attended. A huge thank you to the families who supported this event and to the P+F volunteers and staff who assisted in various roles on the night!

In honour of Father's Day, our children took home a sweet treat to celebrate all the special men in our school community. Your involvement makes our school a truly supportive and caring environment.

We capped off the term with an exciting Benedict Sports Day! This year, we were treated to a fantastic selection of food and drinks, and we are grateful for the delicious donations from our families and local businesses [Sweet Dreams](#), [Roy + Co](#), [Delish Ice Cream](#), and [Sweet Icings](#). We also thank [S.D. Caputo & Sons](#) for helping to keep everything cool on the day and [Sunny Sips](#) for keeping our caffeine levels up. We look forward to making a donation to the Royal Flying Doctors Service next term with the profits from our stall. A shout out to the local [Rotary Club](#) and their dedicated volunteers on the barbecue!

None of this would have been possible without the amazing staff from both Bosco and Benedict campuses. Your commitment and willingness to help are invaluable. We look forward to even more exciting events in 2025!

Thank you all for making this term so memorable.

*Jade Joyce, P+F Community*

### Looking for care for your children in the holidays?

# OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

PROVISION	FULL FEE	\$69.00	GCS REDUCED FEE*	\$10.35 - \$37.95
	ACCOMMODATION PROVISION	FULL FEE	\$89.00	GCS REDUCED FEE*

## Vacation Care | 30 - 11 Oct

### WEEK 1

**Monday**  
30 Sept

**In-House**  
**Minecraft Day**



Making rice bubble slice to replicate Minecraft building blocks, making our own gems to mine and making character masks.

**Outcomes:** 1, 4, 5

**Tuesday**  
1 Oct

**In-House**  
**Amazing Race**



Our Amazing Race will be hosted on the oval and in the hall with checkpoints and challenges – who will be the first on the mat?

**Outcomes:** 2, 3

**Wednesday**  
2 Oct

**SMELTERS PICNIC**



**CLOSED**

**Thursday**  
3 Oct

**In-House**  
**Space Day**




To celebrate World Space Week, we will be making rocket ships, space biscuits and playing capture the flag on the moon!

**Outcomes:** 2, 4

**Friday**  
4 Oct

**Excursion**  
**Woodward Park**



Bring your bathers, a towel and spare clothes. We are off to Woodward Park for some water play!

Depart: 10:45am  
Return: 1:15pm  
Transport: Private Bus

**Outcomes:** 1, 2, 5

### WEEK 2

**Monday**  
7 Oct

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**



**LABOUR DAY**

**CLOSED**

**Tuesday**  
8 Oct

**In-House**  
**Spooky Day**



October is Spooky Season! We will have various spooky activities like match the bones and building a spooky house for us to play in and eating spooky snacks for the day!

**Outcomes:** 1, 3, 5

**Wednesday**  
9 Oct

**Excursion**  
**Port Broughton Tour**



Joining Airdale OSHC, we'll be touring Port Broughton, visiting the Heritage Museum and having our lunch at the Playground! Depart: 10:30am Return: 2:00pm Transport: Private Bus

**Outcomes:** 2, 4, 5

**Thursday**  
10 Oct

**In-House**  
**Rainbow Day**



Rainbow games, science experiments, crafts and food will be the theme for today! Dress in all colours of the rainbow and show off your outfits!

**Outcomes:** 1, 4

**Friday**  
11 Oct


**In-House**  
**Dr Seuss Day**



With Cat in the Hat and his whimsical crew, Every day's an adventure, fantastical and new!

Dr Seuss themed activities and snacks provided today!

**Outcomes:** 1, 5

 **Book your session via the Xplor Home App**  
Visit [sa.ymca.org.au/OSHC](http://sa.ymca.org.au/OSHC) for more information

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Check out the great range of activities on offer at our OSHC (Benedict Campus)! Places still available, visit our website for more information.



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## Donate now for Share the Dignity!

Our Year 9 Rite students are fundraising to help local women and teenagers this Christmas through Share the Dignity. If you would like to donate to help this cause, please drop your donation into College Administration. [Click here](#) to see ideas for donating! Thank you for your support!

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## College Calendar

[Click here](#) to access the College Calendar for all 2024 events.

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## Canteen Specials

The Canteen Specials for Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 4 will be sent to families via Operoo at the beginning of the term.

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## Community News

### > KIDtober

There's plenty of local family fun ahead in October! Visit the [KIDtober Facebook page](#) for all of the scheduled events.

### > Hiring Swimming Pool Attendants

Multiple positions available in Gladstone, Spaulding and Jamestown.

### > Night Owls Social Lawn Bowls

Register now for the summer season!

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## Mini Mark's Playgroup





Happy holidays!

Playgroup will resume in Term 4, Week 1 (with a break in Week 2) on Tuesday morning, 9.00am – 10.30am. *All welcome!*

[Read More](#)

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## Study Hub



Need assistance with your study?

Visit the Bosco Campus Student Hub after school daily until 4.30pm.

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## Out of School Hours Care



Available at Benedict Campus for Before School, After School and Vacation Care.

[Click here](#) to see the Term 3 Vacation Care schedule for the upcoming holiday break!

[Find out more about OSHC.](#)

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## College Quick Links

[College Uniform](#)

[Uniform Policy and Guidelines](#)

[Uniform Buy, Swap and Sell](#)

**Parents + Friends Community**

Join our community!

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## Term Dates 2024

**Term 1** - Monday 29 January - Friday 12 April

**Term 2** - Tuesday 30 April - Friday 5 July

**Term 3** - Tuesday 23 July - Friday 27 September

**Term 4** - Monday 14 October - Tuesday 10 December

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