FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Migrant and Refugee Week 21-27 August

Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me. Mark 9:37

In his message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees this year, Pope Francis says:

“Migration today is not a phenomenon limited to some areas of the planet. It affects all continents and is growing into a tragic situation of global proportions. Not only does this concern those looking for dignified work or better living conditions, but also men and women, the elderly and children, who are forced to leave their homes in the hope of finding safety, peace and security. Children are the first among those to pay the heavy toll of emigration, almost always caused by violence, poverty, environmental conditions, as well as the negative aspects of globalization. … How should we respond to this reality? … Do not tire of courageously living the Gospel, which calls you to recognise and welcome the Lord Jesus among the smallest and most vulnerable.”

Lord Jesus, you call us to welcome your children who come to our land to better their lives and to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence and war. Grant that we may be guided by your Word to abolish the barriers in our minds. Amen

Community News

This newsletter will speak for itself in highlighting a range of curriculum and co-curriculum activities that have taken place in the last two weeks. Thank you to all staff, students and families who have assisted and participated in the variety of opportunities provided for students at Caritas.

Capital development: We are very near the completion stage of the long-awaited and highly anticipated building project! A number of consultants will be on site this week to check completion and compliance requirements, before the official handover of the final stage takes place next week. An opportunity for community members to tour the facilities, and an official Blessing and Opening are being planned.

Mrs Nichii Mardon
Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to the following members of our Parish Community who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Gregory O'Kelly on Saturday 12 August 2017. May the Holy Spirit be active in their hearts.

- Lucas Blinman, Oakley Fullerton, Eddie Grover, Charlotte Hill, Olivia Maloney
- Will Woodforde, Mackenzie Boxall, Oliver Clarke, Henry Dunning, Daniel Hutcheon
- Emily Murphy, Imogen Packard, Erica Robertson, Grace Sneddon-Zerbe

Year 12 Seminar Day

The 2017 edition of the Year 12 Seminar Day took place in Sevenhill and allowed for a day of spirituality, reflection and companionship. The day aimed to deepen the Year 12s understanding of their own personal vision and vocation in life as well as develop their idea of personal pilgrimages. Even though the weather was frosty, spirits remained high throughout the day as groups shared their ideas of individual character strengths and their own personal vision of how their strengths could benefit others. On this, the last time the year 12s gather as a cohort, the mood was anything but sombre and their input into the activities reflected their compassion and inclusivity of the day.
GEM DAY (Girls Enjoying Maths)

Caritas College hosted a GEM Day with Year 9 and 10 girls invited from Samaritan College in Whyalla and St Mark’s College, Port Pirie. The day started with 'local champions' sharing information about the role maths plays in their careers. This was followed by presentations from Dr Julia Collins from AMSI and Michelle Tracey, Project Manager at BHP Olympic Dam. In the afternoon the girls participated in hands-on mathematical activities. Regional school-based community outreach events such as this are an essential engagement platform for the Choose Maths project. This event highlights the value of mathematics and its impact on regional industry and innovation to assist students in making critical linkages between classroom learning and real-world application.  

Jasmin Eckert, Learning Coordinator

"I liked the card tricks, they were really interactive". Tara, Year 9.
"I found the speakers useful and pointed me in the direction of what I wanted to do". Kenny Mae, Year 9.
"There’s a lot more maths in origami than I thought". Mia, Year 10.
"There’s a lot more maths than I thought". Perry, Year 10.

Taikurri Koma Butto (In Company Together)
Annual Community Celebration Dinner

Ripley Duckford attended the CESA Dinner for Indigenous Students on Friday at the Donato Reception Centre in Adelaide. Ripley was presented along with all other Year 12 Indigenous Students.

Ripley is pictured with her sisters, Cheyenne and Rhani.

Happy Father's Day!

The Caritas College Parents and Friends committee invite students from Reception to Year 6 to purchase a gift for Fathers Day from the stall on Thursday 31 August 2017.

Students may choose a gift to give their special person.

Gifts are priced from $1.00 to $5.00

We thank you for your continued support

Caritas College P & F
Book Week 2017

During week 5, Reception through to Year 6 students participated in Children’s Book Week. Students celebrated their love for reading by dressing up as their favourite book characters. The classes gathered together on Wednesday morning to listen to some stories and share their work.
Nature Play

Caritas College Parents and Friends hosted a Family Consultation Meeting this week on the topic of a Nature Play Space.

Many thanks to the families who were able to attend this meeting which began with a presentation about the planning already implemented around this project.

The topic of Nature Play and the opportunity to further develop resources for students is very exciting and the conversation generated was positive and very helpful, informing the next steps in our planning.

The opportunity for our community to work together to create improved outcomes for our students is important to us and we look forward to presenting final design ideas in the near future. Our hope is that the final design will encourage flexible use of our space, including the potential as an outdoor learning area addressing multiple curriculum areas as well as a space for quiet and prayer.

Mary Manning, Deputy Principal

Inter-Faith Climate Petition

On Tuesday 22 August our Senior Leaders had the pleasure of meeting with our Federal Member of Parliament Rowan Ramsey and his wife Teresa to discuss the inter-faith climate petition the SRC have been championing over the past term. The petition calls on the Australian Government to take stronger action to reduce our emissions, transition away from fossil fuels and towards renewable energy, and support our poorest and most vulnerable neighbours as they face the increasingly severe impact of climate change. During the meeting the leaders along with Sister Marie from the Sisters of the Good Samaritan and Miss Plunkett presented Mr Ramsey with our petition which included 427 signatures from across our electorate. This outstanding achievement is a testament to our student representatives commitment and passion for social justice. At the meeting, Mr Ramsey agreed to present and speak to the petition in the House of Representatives. We are all looking forward to hearing his speech in the coming months and hopefully having the opportunity to watch it online.
School Photos
School photos are scheduled for Monday 28 August and Tuesday 29 August 2017. Order forms for photos will be sent home with each student and will need to be returned on photo day with payment. It is important that all students are in full winter uniform (including jumper) on these days so that each child can be part of the whole class photo. Normal school uniform guidelines, as per student diary, will apply. If you require a family photo these will be taken on Tuesday and order forms are available in the front office.

Centacare Catholic Family Services Counsellor
I am Ria-lize Kruger better known as Rae, and have the opportunity and the privilege to be the new school counsellor at Caritas College. I work for Centacare Catholic Family Services in Whyalla and Port Augusta. I am continuing the school counselling role previously undertaken by Shyane. My role at the school is to provide counselling support for students across Reception to Year 12, meeting with individuals to discuss a range of factors that impact on students home and school lives, such as stress, relationships with friends and families, grief and loss, etc. I am also available to work with groups or classes of students to build strategies and to complement the pastoral care program offered through the College.I am always open to speaking with families regarding their children, and may be contacted through the school office at any time. It has been lovely to meet children in these first few weeks, and I look forward to contributing to the school community through my role.

Important Reminder
"Students and families are reminded to be wary of approaches from strangers, especially when they are unaccompanied or travelling to and from school. If they are approached students should not respond and should not accept offers of rides or gifts.

Students should seek the assistance of other nearby adults if they feel unsafe and should report the event to a trusted adult (parent or school staff member) as soon as possible.

SAPOL advises that taking out a mobile phone and calling police can deter the offender and they recommend the student making a formal report to their closest police station."

Email addresses
Please ensure you have registered your current email address to enable school communication.

The Family Calendar is available here for updated information.

REMOTE ACCESS - Caritas Network
https://remote.cc.catholic.edu.au

6 day cycle

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OFFICE HOURS
8:15am - 4:15pm
Telephone 8648 9700
Email info@cc.catholic.edu.au
SMS for absentees 0428 937 348

Coming Events

Religious Literacy Assessment (ReLAT)
Monday 28 August to Thursday 31 August

School Photo’s
Monday 28 August and Tuesday 29 August

Year 9 Careers Excursion
Wednesday 30 August to Thursday 31 August

SACE Subject Counselling
Thursday 31 August - 8:00am and 1:00pm
Monday 4 September - 8:00am and 1:00pm

Student Free Day (Staff Reflection Day)
Friday 1 September

Year 11 Leadership Seminar Day
Tuesday 5 September

SSSSA 10 Boys and Girls Basketball
Tuesday 5 September (Whyalla)

Primary Choir Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 6 September - 9:30am

Primary Choir Concert
Thursday 7 September - 7:00pm

SSSSA 8/9 Boys and Girls Basketball
Thursday 7 September (Port Augusta)