Today we celebrated our whole school Opening Liturgy which included launching our school theme and commissioning the R-12 Student Representative Council for 2017.

As part of the liturgy, Fr Khalid blessed 21 blank books – one for every home class in the school. These books have been taken back to rooms and will be used throughout the year to record our school story, showcasing examples of how, in our regular school days, we live and create our 2017 story. This ongoing activity will remind us of our responsibility to protect our school story, to bring others into our story, and to create it in a way that is meaningful in today’s context.

We welcome our College Captains, Tahnee Dunning and Riley Foster, back from their Josephite leadership conference in Sydney, and look forward to their shared insights, reflections and ideas for students leadership at Caritas in 2017. Congratulations to them and to all our SRC students who were formally commissioned at our liturgy.

Last week Mrs Norah Grover attended the Merit Ceremony at Government House where two students from Caritas College received their Merit Certificates. Our community can be very proud of the achievements of these and all our graduates for their achievements last year. Norah (Child Studies teacher) and Mrs Therese Noll (Maths Applications teacher) are to be congratulated along with students, Sallie Blinman and Nicole Manning, for their outstanding achievements.

Thank you to families who strongly supported our Family Information meetings last week. I am grateful for the ongoing work of teachers who have enabled such a positive start to the school year, and to families for your shared partnerships within our school community.

This Friday we have four teachers attending their induction into Catholic Education in the Port Pirie Diocese. This day provides them with the opportunity to meet other teachers from Catholic schools who are starting in the diocese, and to become familiar with the context in which we work as part of a system of schools.

We have a number of upcoming events which I warmly invite families to join us for. Next week our Sacramental Program will be launched for children who will celebrate First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation throughout the year. We invite families for parent-teacher interviews in Week 5, which is the first opportunity for formal feedback to families on children’s learning this term.

Finally, I thank families in anticipation for your response to the form that has been sent home today regarding our new model for working with families to support our ‘Pop-Up Parents and Friends’ activities throughout 2017. It would be appreciated if families are able to indicate at least one activity that you can assist with throughout the year. Each of the activities is aimed at community-building and making connections with others.

Thank goodness for the cooler days this week!

Mrs Nichii Mardon, Principal
All Saints Parish Sacramental Programme
The launch of All Saints Parish Sacramental Programme will be on **Wednesday 22 February** at All Saints Church at 7:00pm. Students in Years 3, 4 and 7 are invited to continue their journey in faith through receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation respectively during 2017.

During the evening we will provide an introduction to the Sacraments, the place of Sacraments in family life and the role of Sacraments in the Catholic Church.

You will be given notification of the significant dates concerning the Sacrament that your child will be learning about and celebrating this year. All relevant information will be provided at the meeting.

Registration forms will be sent home on Friday if you would like to enrol your child. Please complete the forms and submit these at the meeting. If your child was not baptised as a member of All Saints Parish we ask you to bring a copy of your child’s Baptismal Certificate.

If your child has missed receiving any of the Sacraments and you would like them to participate, please contact the school and an enrolment form will be sent home.

Volunteer Training
We will be holding a Volunteer Induction and Responding to Abuse and Neglect for Volunteers training session on Thursday 16 Feb at 5:00pm in the Tappeiner room. All registered volunteers who did not attend last year and any prospective volunteers are encouraged to attend. This session is site specific and compulsory along with registration for anyone volunteering for Caritas College. A further session will be offered in Term 3 for those unable to attend. Thank you to all of our current volunteers for supporting us in this process. Please contact the school office to register your attendance.

**JJAMM 2017**

Our two student leaders, Tahnee and Riley, have just returned from the 2017 JJAMM conference. The conference, involving over 25 Josephite schools, focused on the development of their leadership, through their understanding of diversity and student involvement. We are excited to hear what they learnt from the conference with a feature in the next newsletter and can’t wait to see them put their new ideas into action.
CARITAS COLLEGE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL 2017

Rec Gold  Asher Gilbert        Eddy Heron
Rec Blue   Max Brine           Ruby Versteeg
1/2 Gold   Sophie McKell      Harry Zubrinich
1/2 Blue   Ben Cowey          Bella McKenzie
1/2 White  George Hancock     Matilda Hill
3/4 Gold   Billy Archer       Madeline Quinn
3/4 Blue   Halle Scharenberg  Charlie Wall
3/4 White  Billie Jo Hartwig  Ace Hausler
5/6 Gold   Harrison Dunemann  Kimjoline Dunham
5/6 Blue   Lilah Hill         Robert Warren
5/6 White  Seth Chapman       Eliza Moroney
7 Gold     Milla Grosser      Anthony O’Loughlin
7 Blue     Charlotte Hill     Randeep Kharod
8 Gold     Malachi Cannard    Sienna Pool
8 Blue     Mitchell McKnight  Zara Hancock
9 Gold     Caelan Graetz      Elle Henderson
9 Blue     Daisy Davidson     Darcy Foster
10 Gold    Lara Etchells      Peta Guidolin
10 Blue    Perri Guidolin     Rylee Howell
11 Gold    Maggie Daw         Patrick Mardon
11 Blue    Lauren Bailey      Ryan Finlayson

Senior SRC: Jack Barnes, Lara Beltrame, Shania Henderson, Hannah Manning, Quynh Nguyen, Bonnie Seagrim, Blake Thompson, Nicholas Wallace-Beach, Ruby Yates

Student Leaders: Tahnee Dunning, Riley Foster, Griffin Finlay-Brooks, Holly Nayda
**Coming Events**

**Water Safety Lessons (Year 1-4)**
Year 1-4 classes will be participating in water safety lessons during Term One. Please don't forget to have sunscreen applied to your child before they leave home and to also return your consent form to your child's teacher by the end of this week. Dates for classes:

- Monday 20 Feb & Wednesday 22 Feb - 1/2 Gold (Brine) & 3/4 Blue (McClure)
- Tuesday 21 Feb & Thursday 23 Feb - 1/2 White (Rowe) & 3/4 Gold (McLachlan)
- Friday 24 Feb & Monday 27 Feb - 1/2 Blue (Brown) & 3/4 White (Caputo)

**Parents & Friends**
In consideration of the demands placed on families, the Parents & Friends Committee is changing the way it operates from 2017. A core committee will continue to meet once per term which will work along side our ‘Pop Up Parents & Friends’ activities. A note will be distributed to students this week for further information. Thank you to the school families for your ongoing commitment and contribution.

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**Canteen News**
A hard copy of the new Canteen price list was sent home last week with the eldest family member. Please ensure you use the current price list when filling out lunch order bags. Volunteers are always welcome to help in the Canteen. If you are able to assist for any time at all, your support will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Reception if you are able to help.

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**Volunteer Training**
Thursday 16 February 2017

**Parent /Teacher Interviews**
Tuesday 28 February 2017 and Thursday 2 March 2017

**Shrove Tuesday**
Tuesday 28 February 2017

**Ash Wednesday**
Wednesday 1 March 2017

**R-12 Sports Day**
Friday 10 March 2017

**Annual General Meeting**
Tuesday 14 March 2017

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


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

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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

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**2017 Private Instrument Tuition**
Tuition on the Piano, Guitar & Bass Guitar is available at the school through private tutors. Mrs Margaret Carpenter will teach Piano & Theory of Music on Tuesdays & Thursdays. Mr Ben Green will teach Guitar & Base Guitar on Wednesdays. Please talk to Ms Beach or Mr Hall for more information.

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**2017 School Card Scheme**
As a reminder for families that are eligible for school card, application forms were sent with the School fee statements and are also available from the school or [http://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme](http://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme)

Application for School Card eligibility needs to be submitted each year. If you believe that your children may be School Card eligible and you have not already applied, then please contact Finance staff as soon as possible.

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**Keep your kids smiling**
SA Dental Service

Have you received a letter from Medicare about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule? The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, preschool and most children under 18 years at School Dental Service clinics.

Call now for an appointment.
Your clinic is: Pt Augusta Dental Clinic
Phone: 8668 7840

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**Student ID Cards**
Student Identification Cards are available for students in Year 7 – 12. Student ID cards can be used for proof of age, identification purposes and to benefit from student concessions i.e. public transport, discounted rates at movies and events. If you wish to obtain a student ID card, please complete and return the form, that was given to students last week, by 17 February 2017.

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