

Newsletter

"peace be with you"

KEY DATES

Year 1-4 Swimming 18 Feb – 25 Feb

Year 12 Seminar Day 22 Feb

Yr 12 Workplace Practices Excursion – 25 Feb

Parent Teacher Interviews 26 Feb & 28 Feb

> Year 3-6 Assembly 28 Feb

Shrove Tuesday 5 Mar

Ash Wednesday 6 Mar

Rec-Y2 Assembly 7 Mar

> Sports Day 8 Mar

Annual General Meeting 12 Mar

> Student Free Day 29 Mar

Further information on upcoming events is available on our website <u>http://www.cc.catholic.edu.au/news-</u> events/calendar

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Principal's Message

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Opening School Liturgy

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Our Opening School Liturgy was held at the end of Week 3. It was a special celebration where our whole College community came together to mark the beginning of the school year and listen to the Word of God. We launched our College theme for the year – 'Peace Be With You'. The Leaders of the Student Representative Council offered a wonderful reflection on our theme, declaring that 'peace begins with me'. It is an inviting and powerful concept for young people to consider.

May Mary MacKillop, in whose footsteps we walk, fill our hearts with JOY in belonging, PRIDE in achieving, and HOPE in serving, as we journey together in 2019 knowing that PEACE begins with ME. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Catholic Education SA Event – Living, Learning, Leading

Prior to the start of the school year all staff attended an event hosted by Catholic Education SA in Adelaide on January 23rd. Staff participated in this historic gathering, which involved all Catholic schools in our state. Guest speakers included Dr Neil McGoran (Director of Catholic Education SA), Robyn Moore (Motivational/Inspirational Speaker), Kent Hoffman (Doctor of Theology) and Father Philip Marshall (Vicar General of the Adelaide Archdiocese). It was a wonderful event that brought together over 6,000 staff in our system who are responsible for educating more than 46,000 young people. The entire day captured the essence integrating faith, life, learning and culture in order to nurture children and young people to be willing and able to take their place in society as leaders in the future.

JJAMM (Joseph, Julian and Mary MacKillop)

Last Friday our two student leaders, Sophie and Amelia, travelled to Sydney to join other leaders from over 25 Josephite schools around Australia for the JJAMM Conference. The students deepened their faith and worked together to develop their leadership skills. They made commitments to their current leadership role and those they will take on in the future. This experience supported Sophie and Amelia to recognise their gifts and use them in a way to inspire others and become leaders for tomorrow. We look forward to them sharing their learning with the rest of the College community in the days and weeks to come.



Commissioning Mass

On Saturday 9th February the parish held a Commissioning Mass for staff at All Saints Church. Fr Paul led this special celebration and commissioned the staff for the important work they do, on behalf of the Catholic church and in conjunction with the parish, to educate children and young people in our community.

Staffing

Miss Callie Siwak has started her leave this week as she awaits the arrival of a baby in the coming weeks. We wish Callie all the best during this exciting time.

Penola Learning Centre Learning Spaces

A significant amount of work was completed in the Penola Learning Centre to renew and refresh the R – 4 classrooms over the holiday period. The old pin up boards were removed to expose the rustic brick walls. This provides for a more aesthetically appealing appearance in the classrooms. Old and unused technology was also removed, which included visual, audio and data cabling as this has been replaced by new technologies. The transformation of these classrooms will continue in the coming months to add value to the aesthetic appeal of these spaces and the learning that happens inside them.





Parent/Teacher Interviews

R-12 Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 26 February and Thursday 28 February. (Reception Gold interviews will be held on Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28). The online booking system is open for parents/caregivers to make appointments with teachers. Bookings close on 26 February at 12pm. Any bookings after this time will need to be made via the front office. Further information available on our website parent teacher interviews

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Mobile Phones

students require a mobile phone for personal safety, especially when travelling to and from school. The College discourages the use of mobile phones/devices during school hours for any purpose other than supporting and enhancing learning. On such occasions, teachers will provide specific direction for the use of mobile phones/devices. Students are expected to use mobile phones/devices in a safe, responsible and ethical manner that reflects the school's mission and vision. The below guidelines will assist students to understand their responsibilities:

Caritas College acknowledges that some

- Students in Reception to Year 6 will not require a mobile phone at school. If for any reason they have a mobile phone/device at school, then they must hand it to their class teacher upon arrival and collect it at the end of the school day.
- Years 7 to 12 should have their mobile phones turned off throughout the day but may carry them with them.
- Mobile phones/devices are not to be checked during break times or toilet breaks.
- Mobile phones/devices are not to be used for telecommunications (i.e. phone calls, texting and social networking) during school hours.
- If mobile phones/devices are seen, heard or used without direction from a teacher during the day, they will be confiscated and stored at the front office.

Parents can work in partnership with our College by encouraging their child to follow the above guidelines. The College takes no responsibility for any mobile phones/devices if they are brought onto the campus and are lost, stolen or damaged.



Damian Smith, Principal

Rec Blue	Finn Kiggins & Harlow MacIntyre
Rec Gold	Lily Maloney & Jace Heron
Year 1/2 Blue	Henry Land & Mahli Clohessy
Year 1/2 Gold	Manraj Khokar & Ruby Versteeg
Year 1/ 2 White	Ashton Wood & Macie Meyers
Year 3/4 Blue	Kyle Humphrys & Misu Duong
Year 3/4 Gold	Jayden Kite & Ruby Ash
Year 3/4 White	Rylan Pillion & Savanna Martin
Year 5/6 Blue	Max Grover & Tamarin DiFrancesco
Year 5/6 Gold	Sam Havelberg & Hannah Davis
Year 5/6 White	Rhys Hannagan & Ella Humphreys
Year 7 Blue	Charlee Morgan & Seth Chapman
Year 7 Gold	Matthew Webb & Abby Kennett
Year 8 Blue	Rebecca Kennedy & Hunter Press
Year 8 Gold	Max Edwards & Kimjoline Dunham
Year 9 Blue	Erica Robertson & Memphis Cooper
Year 9 Gold	Jeremiah Bethell & Imogen Packard
Year 10 Blue	Tom Clancy & Sienna Pool
Year 10 Gold	Brady Corbett & Ella Chamberlain
Year 11 Blue	Jenna Glamuzina & Darcy Foster
Year 11 Gold	Phoebe Hunter & Joshua Graham
Year 12 Gold	Chelsea Fraser, Peta Guidolin, Lachlan Duns, Rylee Howell
Student Leaders	Annie Maloney, Amelia Etchells, Sophie Maloney, Annie Packard

Congratulations to all of our Representatives!











Flinders University Conditional Offer

The Flinders University Assessment Centre offers an alternate pathway into university.

The Assessment Centre aims to:

- encourage year 11 students to consider university as a viable and accessible option;
- develop a flexible admissions pathway and selection process which uses evidence based criteria to identify a student's ability to apply creativity and critical thinking to problems in order to consider their aptitude for university study;
- encourage, support and build the skills of students to apply for, prepare for and succeed in a university degree;
- build collaborative and sustainable relationships with schools.

In September last year a number of our current Year 12 students attended an Assessment Centre day at Samaritan College in Whyalla. As a result seven students (pictured below) have already been given a conditional offer into courses at Flinders Uni for 2020.

To be considered for this conditional offer, students were assessed on:

- their performance in Assessment Centre activities
- applicant statement
- school assessment
- overall performance at Year 11/12 studies
- achievement in other aspects of life and other studies, where relevant (TAFE/VET/community involvement/work experience/volunteering).

The courses include Science, Marine Biology, Forensic and Analytical Science, Arts, Disability and Developmental Education, and Primary Teaching pathways.



Annie, Amelia, Peta, Rylee, Emma, Matthew, Annie

Year 12 Child Studies – Investigating Children's Menus We were treated to a tasting of a range of the lunch offerings at Archer's Table and Brad kindly answered some questions.



Australian Defence Force Visit

Current serving members from the Airforce and Army visited our school and presented to our Year 10 and 11 students the various career opportunities, pathways, lifestyle and benefits of choosing a career in the Australian Defence Force.



Port Power Visit

On Tuesday, students had the opportunity to interact with players from the Port Adelaide Football Club as part of their 2019 Community Camp. Our students heard about current preseason activities; eating well; being active and potential pathways from junior footballer to an elite athlete.



Year 1-4 Water Safety Lessons

Splish Splash! Year 1-4 students commenced their water safety lessons this week. It looks like they are all having fun learning new skills on how to be safe in the water.





Year 1/2 Blue - Numeracy

Students have been engaged and having fun learning together about numbers, counting and patterns.





3/4 White - STEM

Students went exploring Caritas looking for rocks and fossils as part of a STEM unit on Earth and Space. Students were Palaeontologists for the afternoon using straws, forks and paintbrushes to find interesting rocks.



Year 3/4 Blue - STEM

Students enjoyed being Geologists, learning about the layers of Earth, looking at the fossils and rock formations that make up the layers. Students rotated between the 'layer stations' working together to define the layer order





Sports Day 2019 – Friday 8 March

Caritas College is excited to announce that this year we will implement awarding age champions for the most successful male and female student from U9s all the way through to Open to help recognise the amazing achievements of our younger athletes. In the past we have only awarded this accolade to students from U13 and up but thought the change would add even more excitement on the day. In conjunction to this, the point allocation system for U9-U12 students will match the U13-Open students this year which hasn't been the case in past events which should make for a very interesting and close result on the day.

Further information about the event and will be distributed to families next week.

We look forward to seeing all students and families on Friday 8 March.

Mr Jack Muirhead Middle/Senior School Sport Coordinator



2019 SCHOOL FEES INFORMATION

School fee statements were sent out in week 2 of the 2019 school year. If your mailing details have changed or are incorrect "Notification of Change of Details" form, available from the school, can be filled out and signed, as per all signatories on the enrolment form, to update our records. Please ensure you have received your statement.

2019 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-andlearning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/schoolcard-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.





Work Health & Safety – HAZARD ALERT

Lithium Polymer batteries have become the most common high performance remote control (R/C) battery and are used in R/C cars, boats, planes, drones and more. However, if charged, stored, maintained or handled improperly, they can become extremely dangerous. Please view the Hazard Alert issued by CSH&W SA http://www.cshwsa.org.au/resources/hazard-alerts/



Emu Crossing - changes to monitoring Woodforde Street

Caritas College has Emu Crossings on both Shirley Street and Woodforde Street for the safety of students and families arriving at and leaving school. These crossings are operational when the 'CHILDREN CROSSING' flags are displayed. Staff will monitor the Shirley Street crossing in the morning and afternoon, and Woodforde Street in the afternoon only. For more information on pedestrian and driver requirements please refer to dpti.sa.gov.au/Way2Go School crossings.pdf.



School Entry Gates

Parents are advised that the entry gate from Shirley Street is locked between the hours of 9.15am and 2.45pm in the interest of student safety. Entry during this time is via the main entrance gate which is located on Woodforde Street.