



"peace be with you"

## KEY DATES

### Shrove Tuesday

5 Mar

### Ash Wednesday

6 Mar

### Rec-Y2 Assembly

7 Mar

### Stage 2 Child Studies Excursion

#### Special School

7 Mar

### Stage 2 English Excursion

#### Animal Farm Production

7 Mar

### Sports Day

8 Mar

### Annual General Meeting

12 Mar

### Sr Mary Laurencia Anniversary

12 Mar

### National Day Against

#### Bullying & Violence

15 Mar

### Student Free Day

29 Mar

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

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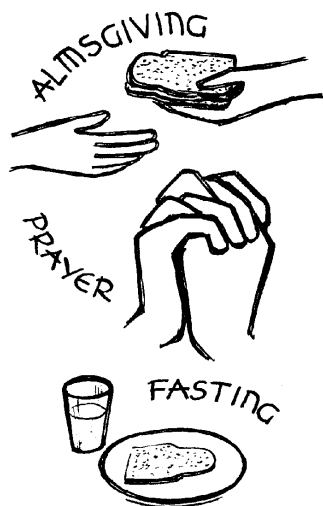
## Principal's Message

### Prayers

Following the events of the past week, I understand that it may be a challenging time to be Catholic or to even identify as being connected to the Catholic church. I am fully aware that students, staff and families may be grappling to come to terms with the recent news. It is important that, together, we continue to pray for the victims and survivors of abuse. Caritas College prides itself on providing an inclusive and child safe environment and these latest revelations should only strengthen our resolve to continue to ensure this within our College community. A circular from Bishop Greg O'Kelly on this matter is available on our website. I encourage parents/caregivers to read it.

### Ash Wednesday & Lent

Ash Wednesday begins the forty days of the Lenten season – a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. During Lent, we prepare for Easter, and reflect on the new life that Christ has given us. We are called to consider our lives and how we can live in communion (or partnership) with God. Our College theme – "Peace be with you" - offers much inspiration to do this as we strive to find peace with ourselves, others and all of God's creation.



### Uniform Policy Review Survey

Late last year a committee was formed to conduct a review of the Uniform Policy and Dress Code on behalf of the College Board. It is comprised of representatives of all sections of the College community including the Principal, Board representatives, staff representatives, students and parents/caregivers. The committee's role is to consult and gauge the College community's understanding of the current Uniform Policy and to develop an understanding of its effectiveness and explore the possibilities of change.

You can access the College's Uniform Policy and Dress Code on our website

(<http://www.cc.catholic.edu.au/enrolments/uniform>).

All parents/caregivers are invited to complete an online survey which will help inform this review process. The Uniform Policy Review Committee will discuss and consider all feedback and provide updates on the review to the College community.

Families can access the survey at this [Link](#). It will also be sent to families via text message later in the week. Thank you in advance for assisting with this important process.



## Sports Day

The anticipation of Sports Day is mounting. For lots of students this will be the highlight of Term 1. I know it will be a wonderful display of community, competition, camaraderie and more. Lots of planning and preparation has gone into this event. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of Jack Muirhead, Leah Carling and the rest of the staff who have spent weeks planning and organising it. The weather looks to be conducive for a fantastic day. I look forward to seeing lots of families and friends there to celebrate this College community occasion and to support all the students to do their best. Please contact the College if you have any questions about Sports Day.



## College Board – Annual General Meeting

Our College Board AGM will be held on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 6:30pm** in the Tappeiner Room. Parents/caregivers are welcome to attend. The 2018 School Performance Report will be presented, along with reports from the President, Chairperson, Treasurer and Principal. I encourage parents/caregivers to consider coming along to support the important work that the Board does in its governance of our College.

## Sr Mary Laurencia Anniversary

Next **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March** we will commemorate the anniversary of Sr Mary Laurencia. The Year 5-12 SRC will visit the graveside of Sr Laurencia to honour her short life of service and the work of the pioneering Sisters. Our College's story started 148 years ago and by commemorating important events such as this, helps us to understand and appreciate who we are. Our story is unique, our story is special, and the beginnings of our story continue to inspire the work we do today. Therefore, it is fitting and important that we acknowledge Sr Mary Laurencia, who was one of those pioneering sisters, each year.



*Damian Smith, Principal*

 PIANO AND THEORY LESSONS FROM MRS MARGARET CARPENTER	<b>PRIVATE INSTRUMENTAL TUITION AT SCHOOL</b>  If you are interested please see Ms Beach or the front office for details.
 GUITAR, TRUMPET AND SAXOPHONE LESSONS FROM MS BEACH	

## THANK YOU

FROM PORT AUGUSTA VINNIES!

Last year, Caritas College SRCs fundraised for Vinnies. With this money we have purchased a small fridge, in which we keep free cold water for customers or those in need of a drink on critically hot days.

  
CARITAS COLLEGE  
  
TUESDAY 12 MARCH, 6.30PM  
TAPPEINER ROOM  
  
**Annual  
General  
Meeting**  
  
All families are invited to attend





### SPORTS DAY

The excitement is building around the school as it's only four sleeps until our annual R-12 Sports Day event! A letter went home to families on Wednesday outlining the details of the event and the programs have been distributed to students. Year 3-12 students are encouraged to highlight their events in the program (both Div A and Div B students) to ensure they know when and where they are required to compete throughout the day.

### Carnival Times

R-2 students will participate in their own modified program on the junior school courts.

8.40am: Students attend normal class period.

9.15am: The carnival begins

1.00pm: R-2 dismissal (remaining students will be supervised in a classroom until 3.10pm)

3.20pm: Years 3-12 dismissal

### Volunteering

In preparation for this event we are seeking expressions of interest from families to assist with the set up and running of the day.. If you are willing to assist please complete the **Volunteer Response Form** and submit. Families are reminded that all requirements to enable participation is dependent on completion of the Caritas College Volunteers pack, including obtaining a working with children clearance. For more information please contact Denise Ackland on 8648 9700. If you indicate your availability to assist, you will be contacted before the event and will be provided with more details about your role on the day.

Donations to the Cake Stall would be greatly appreciated. Goods can be dropped off to the front office on Friday morning. All donations must be labelled with ingredients. No nuts please.

We look forward to the carnival and thank families for your support on this day.

All information is available on our website [Sports Day Information](#).

## *Congratulations* to our **2019 Team Captains**



**MACKILLOP**  
PETA, TOBY, PERRI



**JOSEPH**  
ABBY, TURBO, AIDAN



**TENISON**  
ANNIE, JACK, LARA



## Design & Technology Studies – Year 9

Year 9 students have been developing their skills to join timber using dowels, biscuits, and finger joints, producing a range of cutting boards. Students were very proud of their finished product.



## Stage 2 Health – Headspace Excursion

Stage 2 students visited Headspace last week to learn more about mental health. The visit helped students understand more about how local agencies like Headspace support young people in our community.



## JJAMM CONFERENCE

(Joseph, Julian and Mary MacKillop)

On the 15th of February we joined over 25 Josephine schools from Australia and New Zealand in Sydney for the annual JJAMM conference. This conference gave us time to focus on developing our leadership skills, through deepening our faith and understanding of diversity and involvement in the school. The conference first began learning about Mary MacKillop's journey and her leadership, which reflected a genuine openness to others through her hospitality, generosity and perseverance in the face of adversity. This was followed by several leadership and teamwork driven activities, in which we each were able to discover more about the spirit of each other's schools. On the Sunday we had our first structured joy session, which involved the performance of a song we adapted to the story of Mary MacKillop and Julian Tennyson Woods.

Throughout the experience we were given the opportunity to take action as Josephine leaders, which included taking part in a mock protest about world issues such as homelessness and world hunger. This tied into Mary's passion of never seeing a need without doing something about it. On the last day we planted a tree in celebration of our journey throughout the JJAMM week. Before departing for the airport, we took part in a personal commitment blessing before saying our goodbyes. Overall, we are grateful for our time in Sydney, and have come home with many bright ideas for our future leadership along with many lifelong friends. We thank Miss Rowe for journeying with us and the continuous support she has shown the entirety of the leadership team.

*Amelia Etchells & Sophie Maloney*





## Year 12 Seminar Day

On Friday 22 February the Year 12s gathered together for the first of their Religious Education Seminar Days. The theme for Friday was centred on Caritas Australia's focus for Project Compassion which this year is 'Lives change if we all give 100%' and our school theme for 2019 'Peace be with you'. During the day students participated in a number of activities designed to deepen their understanding and empathy for others living in the developing world and to think about the impact they have, as individuals, on the sustainability of our planet and its resources. Students worked on a definition for Social Justice and explored the message of our human responsibilities as outlined in particular passages of scripture. They visited the United Nations Global Goals and examined what it was that they could do as individuals to make a difference to the ecological and social sustainability of the planet. It was an excellent opportunity for the students to spend the day together bonding and building relationships whilst participating in learning episodes which deepened their understanding of sustainability and the distribution of resources. All activities culminated in producing an action plan for a Year 12 Project Compassion Bucket Relay - Walk for Justice event aimed at raising awareness of the plight of those in developing world communities who have to walk many kilometres a day to collect water.



## Junior Music

Reception students have been singing 'Johnny, Johnny'. The students use their singing voices; practise the beat; learn about syllables (which is the start of rhythm); take turns; practise their fine motor skills; and have fun at the same time!





## CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Well done to our Year 12 students who facilitated our 'Clean Up Australia Day' last Friday. The whole school participated in cleaning up the rubbish and learning about the impact of rubbish on our environment.

