



## KEY DATES

## Yr 10 Orienteering

7 May

## Year 12 Workplace Practices

## Careers Expo - Adel

10 May

## Yr 3/4s Tennis Hot Shots

10 May

## NAPLAN

14-16 May

## SSSSA Open Boys Football

15 May

## R-2 Assembly (1/2W)

16/5 @ 11.10am

## School Birthday - 148 years

17/5

## Walk Safely to School Day

17/5

Further information on upcoming events is  
available on our website  
[http://www.cc.catholic.edu.au/news-  
events/calendar](http://www.cc.catholic.edu.au/news-events/calendar)

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## Principal's Message

## Easter

I trust that you all had a safe, happy and blessed Easter! Easter is a joyous occasion for the Church as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The season of Easter lasts for 50 days after the Resurrection, so whilst the chocolate might have been eaten and the extended weekend has disappeared, we can continue to celebrate the joy and hope that Easter brings.



## College Birthday

We will celebrate the college's birthday on Friday 17 May (Week 3). This special occasion marks the day the founding Sisters of St Joseph held the first lessons in a shed on the Port Augusta Wharf on 17 May 1871 – **148 years ago**. We will be offering 'birthday cupcakes' for all students to celebrate the occasion.

*"peace be with you"*

## Farewell to Fr Paul Crotty &amp; Fr Hau Le

On Tuesday staff and students gathered to farewell Fr Hau and Fr Paul. Pt Augusta has been Fr Hau's first parish experience since his ordination. We have been fortunate to have had Fr Hau as an Assistant Priest for the past few months. His energy and presence have certainly been well-received at Caritas College. We wish him well as he moves to Whyalla to take up his new role.

Fr Paul has been in Port Augusta at All Saints Parish for the last nine years. He is a man of strong faith, who shares his gifts with all those he encounters. As Parish Priest, he has been the President of our College Board, where he has offered great support and guidance to ensure that our college remains a contemporary expression of the Catholic faith. As he leaves Port Augusta for the Inland Mission based in Coober Pedy, we thank God for the many roles he has filled in his time at Caritas College including Priest, Board member, colleague, mentor, leader and friend. We wish Fr Paul all the best!



## NAPLAN

Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be involved in Literacy and Numeracy Testing, (NAPLAN Tests) in Week 3 of this term (14th - 16th May). It is important that your child attends school on these days. These tests provide useful data for individual achievement in comparison with national standards and are a means of identifying particular needs at each year level. They are, however, one mode of assessment in the overall learning program and Caritas College uses a variety of assessment strategies. Please see your child's teacher if you have any questions about the NAPLAN testing.



## Federal Election Update - Catholic Education's key election objectives

Catholic schools are a vital part of Australia's education landscape; from humble beginnings almost 200 years ago, Catholic Education is now the nation's largest provider of education outside the government.

The key national issues for Catholic Education at the upcoming federal election are:

- increased capital funding
- more resources for early childhood education
- religious freedom in schools

To find out more go to:

<http://www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/news/federal-election-2019>

## National Reconciliation Week (Week 5)

On Tuesday 28th May we will hold a whole school assembly at 9am to reaffirm our commitment to promoting justice and reconciliation for Australia's First Peoples. As a Catholic school founded in the Josephite tradition, we are called to recognise, value and respect indigenous cultures and traditions. We are called to stand in solidarity with Australia's First peoples and work to bring about a better understanding, respect and recognition of indigenous spirituality and culture. I warmly invite families to attend our assembly. Students will be engaged in a range of activities throughout the week to celebrate National Reconciliation Week.



## Staffing

We welcome Emily Grantham into our school community. Emily will be working in administration in the office replacing several staff members who are taking leave at various times throughout the term.



## Mid-Year Intake

If your child turns 5 **on or before the 31 of October** they can start Reception in Term 3 this year.

We ask that an Application for Enrolment form be filled out for any new children starting. This form can be requested from our website or collected from the front office at any time.

We are committed to continuing to work in close partnership with local preschool educators to ensure that families make informed decisions that best suit the individual needs of each child. If you have any questions regarding enrolling your child and/or starting dates please contact the school and we will happily help you.



*Damian Smith, Principal*



## SAPSASA Football Carnival – 5 April

We took one team of determined Year 5-7 boys who gave it their all throughout the day. The boys unfortunately lost the grand final by a point but left the oval with their heads high extremely proud of their efforts throughout the day, given the extremely windy conditions. Another special mention to all the wonderful families that came out and helped on the day, your contributions are always welcomed.



## SAPSASA Netball Carnival – 5 April

The Year 5-7 girls went to Central Oval to compete in the annual SAPSASA Carnival. Caritas nominated 3 teams and played against other schools in Port Augusta and the surrounding area. These included; PAWPS, Quorn, Augusta Park, FVPS, Roxby Downs, SNPS, Carlton and Willsden.

Our Div. 1 team despite only finishing 4th in the minor rounds, made it to the grand final versing Flinders View. The girls couldn't quite bring home the shield however, have all been chosen to attend SAPSASA trainings in preparation for the State Carnival at the Priceline Stadium in June.

Despite the weather, the girls went home with lots of smiles on their face, as well as a lot of dirt.



## Design & Technology – Year 5/6

Our Year 5/6 students had the opportunity to explore the inside of a computer. Students literally pulled apart the hard drive and discovered all the intricate components that make a computer function.



## Craft Club

At lunch time every Tuesday, our primary students have the option to join in and be creative at the Craft Club. The craft club has given the students the opportunity to show their creative flair.





### Year 8 Camp – Camp Willochra Melrose

All of our Year 8 students made it to the top of Mount Remarkable and back - 995m altitude with an approx. hike of 13km – well done! The remainder of the camp, students enjoyed some free time, movie and trivia night, team bonding, games and ending the camp with a liturgy on Friday. The new sense of unity and camaraderie is a testament to students' willingness to open themselves up to new challenges, friendships and conversations; skills they can carry with them throughout their future school journey



### Prisoners and Pups film documentary

The Year 10s, Year 12 Health and Year 12 Psychology classes were fortunate enough to participate in a special screening of the film documentary, 'Prisoners and Pups'. It followed the story of inmates at the Adelaide Women's Prison who were involved in a rehabilitation program for greyhounds, retraining these dogs into suitable candidates for adoption. Shalom, the filmmaker, provided great depth into the importance of second chances and how stereotypical social views of people are not always accurate indications of success.



### Project Compassion

Throughout Term 1, Students organised and participated in a number of activities as well as donating towards Project Compassion. Our final tally for Project Compassion for 2019 is **\$814.20**. Thank you and well done!



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## News from the Finance Department

The College transitioned from one finance processing system to another on 1/4/19.

As a result of the upgrade, the format of school fee statements has changed. Any transactions processed since the last statement was issued will not be itemised on the statements that will be sent out early in Term 2. Only the opening balance as of 31/3/19 will be displayed.

Receipts can only be printed on A4 paper. To reduce our carbon imprint, receipts will not be printed for each transaction unless requested. All transactions, including receipts, will appear on the quarterly statements received throughout the year.

If you have any concerns about the changes, please contact the finance staff.

## Woolworths Earn & Learn Program

Once again, we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program.

The program is designed to assist schools in obtaining valuable teaching resources – simply by doing your grocery shop at a Woolworths supermarket. From Wednesday 1st May, you can collect Earn & Learn stickers when you shop at Woolworths. Place the stickers onto a sticker card and when the card is full it can be dropped into the sticker collection box here at the school or drop them into the Caritas College collection box in store. Loose stickers will also be collected.

At the end of the promotion, we will be able to select valuable school resources including maths & science equipment, arts and crafts material, sports gear and lots more.

