



KEY DATES

**SSSSA Yrs 8, 9, 10 Open Girls
Netball Carnival**
30 July

**Splash Theatre Company
Performance**
2 Aug

Sacrament of Confirmation
4 Aug

Parent –Teacher Interviews
5 and 7 Aug

Mary MacKillop Feast Day
8 Aug

Feast of St. Mary of the Cross
9 Aug

Year 5 Camp
15-16 Aug

**Feast of the Assumption of
Mary Mass**
15 Aug

**Year 11 Servant Leadership
Seminar Day**
15 Aug

CBCA Book Week
19-23 Aug

SACE Information Evening
22 Aug

SAPSASA Athletics Carnival
23 Aug

**Mrs Carpenter's Music Pupil's
Concert**
25 Aug

School Photos
26-27 Aug

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

Welcome

Welcome to Term 3. I offer a special and warm welcome to our new Reception students who begin their schooling journey with us this term. I imagine that there would have been some eager and excited children on Tuesday morning, anxious to discover what school is all about. This is a special time for them and their families. This may have also been the case for several other new students who we welcome in other year levels. I am confident that our College community will invite and embrace our new students and families as they start their journey here at Caritas College. I wish all of our students and families the best for the term ahead and in line with our College theme for this year – *peace be with you*.



*"My heart is filled with
a peace and joy that
I cannot describe"*

Saint Mary MacKillop - 20th July 1870

Confirmation

Several of our Year 7 students are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 4 August at 10:30am at All Saints Catholic Church. This sacrament signifies the final step in their initiation into the Catholic Church. It is important for our school and parish community to support and celebrate with these students and their families this significant milestone of their faith journey. Bishop Greg O'Kelly will lead this special Eucharistic celebration along with Fr Jim Monaghan which will acknowledge and confirm these children as young adults in the Church. Please keep all the Confirmation students in your prayers around this time.

"peace be with you"

Mary MacKillop Feast Day

Mary MacKillop's Feast Day is on 8 August. As a whole school we will be celebrating this day on Friday 9 August with a Liturgy and a range of fun games and activities. This celebration provides us with the opportunity to give thanks for the example of Saint Mary MacKillop, who continues to inspire us to "never see a need without doing something about it".



The Research Project

The results of the Stage 2 Research Project were released on Tuesday. Some of our Year 12's would have been eagerly waiting to see the fruits of their hard work from Semester 2 last year. I am proud of the achievements of all our students. **Every student successfully completed their Stage 2 Research Project** achieving a C grade or better. There were 8 students in the 'A' band. Therefore, **almost 30% of our students achieved an 'A' for this compulsory Stage 2 subject**. I trust that these results will further motivate and inspire our Year 12's as they continue to work hard and edge closer to the end of their formal schooling. There is not long to go, but there is still lots to do! For the time being though, I applaud their achievements in the Research Project and acknowledge the efforts of the teachers and parents who supported them in these great achievements.



Staff News

I would like to welcome Samuel Brodie into our school community who is teaching in the new Reception class until the end of the year. Samuel brings a range of knowledge and skills to this important role which will shape the initial impressions and experiences of school life for these young children. I know the whole school community will help to make him feel welcome at Caritas College.



Rosalie Noll has returned from long service leave after taking some time off at the end of Term 2. Emily Grantham will continue in her role in administration until the end of the year while Liz Harris is on leave.

Danielle Niedorfer will commence leave from Week 4 onwards as she awaits the arrival of her second child. We wish Danielle all the best as she enters this exciting time.

Parent Teacher Interviews

R-12 Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on **Monday 5 August** and **Wednesday 7 August**. The online booking system is open for parents/caregivers to make appointments with teachers. Bookings close on 5 August 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](#)

For parents who do not have internet access or require further assistance, a computer kiosk will be available at the front office for parents to make their bookings.



Student Free Day

On Monday staff engaged in professional learning onsite. Specifically, we engaged in learning around a project that we are involved in called the IDEAS Project. The IDEAS (Innovative Designs for Enhancing Achievements in Schools) Project is a whole school, two-year revitalisation project developed by the members of the Leadership Research International (LRI) located at the University of Southern Queensland. On Monday we analysed the data from a survey that staff, students and parents recently completed. In total 239 surveys were completed (students 165, staff 42 and parents 32) which was a generally positive response. This initial analysis of the quantitative data from the survey provides insights in to our College's 'successes' and 'challenges'. Our involvement in this project demonstrates our commitment to ongoing learning and continuous improvement.

Child Protection

At Caritas College, child protection is our highest priority. Creating a safe environment for children is paramount and is central to our schoolwide policies and procedures. Our staff are committed to protecting the young people in our care. Below are some of the measures that are in place at our College to ensure the safety and protection of your child:

- All staff and regular volunteers have current police checks.
- We teach our students age-appropriate strategies to keep themselves safe through South Australia's Keeping Safe Child Protection Curriculum.
- All staff complete mandatory training including 'Responding to Abuse and Neglect' (7 hours) and regular refresher child protection training every 3 years, as legislatively required.
- We promote strategies to minimise bullying and help students stay safe online.

For more information about how we care for the wellbeing and protection of children and young people, please click on the below link:

<http://www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/safe-environments-for-all/policies-publications>

If you ever have any safety concerns about your child at Caritas College, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Damian Smith, Principal

National Tree Day – SRC Years 3-7

National Tree Day will be held on 28 July 2019. It has grown in to Australia's largest community tree planting and nature protection event. Today our SRC leaders from Years 3-7 visited the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden to participate in the School National Tree Day. With the help of the Arid Land volunteers our students were able to learn about the importance of rejuvenation and get their hands dirty with some tree planting. There may even be some student celebrities in our midst after the local news crew turned up! Thank you to Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden and Northpoint Toyota for giving us the opportunity to participate in such a great day!



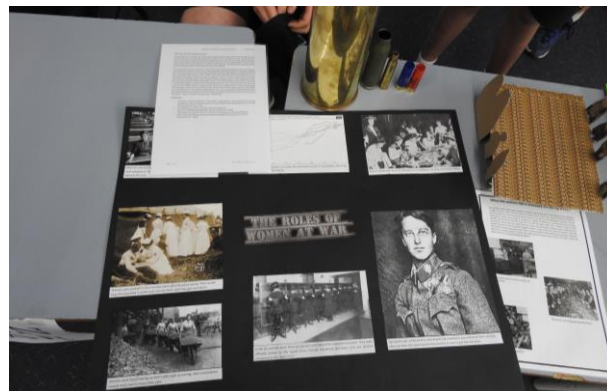
Mathematics – Year 9

Our Year 9 students have been analysing statistical data this week. Students gathered data on the colour, weight and quantity of m&ms. There were some interesting observations approaching measurement, mass, capacity, average and popularity.



HASS – Year 9

During Term 2 the Year 9 HASS classes explored elements of the First World War. This followed through how the war started, what factors contributed to Australia getting involved, different battles including Gallipoli, how the ANZAC legend was formed and looking at ways we commemorate soldiers now. This was the base for their final assessment where they needed to design a museum display and guide the Year 5, 6 and 7s through. Each student was required to pose their own research question about a topic and answer using knowledge they gained during this unit. Along with the formal written part they were given the opportunity to make a model or poster for their display.



Work Experience – Year 119

In Week 10 of Term 2 whilst our VET students attended TAFE, the remainder of the Year 11 cohort spent 4 days on work experience.

Placements ranged from retail to health, education and news broadcasting. On the last day of term the group returned to school where they shared their experiences with the rest of the class and completed a reflection task.

Highlights of the week included

“I had the opportunity to “scrub up” and assist with a dog surgery. This was a unique experience that I found both interesting and exciting.”

“My favourite part of work experience was being able to experience how different teachers prepare their classes”.

“Interacting with customers and gaining an understanding of the job they wanted complete and what work that would entail.”

“I really enjoyed getting up and being ready for “work” it got me into a routine as such”

“Being able to conduct an interview and write our own article of our choice”

“Creating a meal plan for someone with Huntington’s disease”

“Being allowed to independently utilise lab equipment to view and experiment on zebrafish embryos”

“Learning about the complex procedures that occur within the company; not just general X-rays, CT or Ultrasounds”

“Working with the young children who were non-verbal, because I got to learn how to use the pod”

“Being able to learn different things about different vehicles”

We are extremely grateful to all the businesses who took our students on for the week. All students concluded that the experience was highly worthwhile which is testament to the effort businesses went to in ensuring that our students were involved and engaged.

With 100% of students recommending the work experience programme for 2020 we would love to hear from any businesses in our community who would like to become involved in future placements.

