

# Newsletter

"peace be with you"

### **KEY DATES**

School Board Meeting 10 Sept

Year 3-6 Assembly (3/4W) 12 Sept

Year 3/4 & Year 9 Rubbish Audit 12 Sept

Uni Hub Port Augusta Opening 13 Sept

STEM Girls Uni SA Conference & Industry Days 19-20 Sept

Year R-2 Assembly (1/2B) 19 Sept

> Year 7-9 Assembly 19 Sept

The Big Ideas Challenge Yr 7-8 24 Sept

> Year 7 Camp 25-27 Sept

> > R-6 Mass 26 Sept

R-6 Social 26 Sept

Year 10-12 Assembly 26 Sept

Term 3 Concludes normal time 27 Sept

Term 4 commences Monday - 14 Oct

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

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## Principal's Message

#### **National Child Protection Week**

Last week was National Child Protection Week. It invited all Australians to play their part to promote the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. 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. We can all play our role in protecting and caring for the young people in our College community by building and modelling respectful relationships with the students and valuing them for who they are.

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 2019
1st – 7th September



Loving God, we thank you for the care and affection of Jesus, who placed children in the very centre of his community. We pray for all children - those in our family homes, those in our community of faith, those in the wider community, those in our global village, those with plenty and those who struggle to survive. We yearn for the day when all children may know safety and freedom and protection from violence and abuse, when they may bask in constant love, safe from any harm, where they may flourish and be all they can be. Amen.

#### **Staffing**

A reminder that Mary Manning is on leave until the end of Week 1, Term 4. Leigh O'Shaughnessy is in role of Acting Deputy Principal while Mary is away.

# SACE Information Evening and Subject Counselling

In Week 6 our College held a SACE Information Evening for our Year 10 and 11 students and their families. I was delighted with the number of people who attended. At Caritas College we are not just about collecting credits and ATAR scores. We are committed to building skills competencies for work or future study. We are committed to personal development for each and every student because we know that this will support them well into the future. It has been encouraging to see almost all of our families engage in the subject counselling sessions. If you are interested in learning more about our SACE offerings you can visit our webpage to view the 7-12 Curriculum Handbook. I also encourage people explore the Industry Engagement Pathways & Specialised Learning Programs **Booklet** if your child might be considering an alternative learning pathway to successfully engage in their secondary education and prepare for post school pathway.

#### Staff Reflection Day

Last Friday staff gathered to reflect on our mission and vision as Catholic educators. We explored the richness of our Catholic faith to understand and frame the important work that we do in a school grounded in the Josephite tradition. It is a privilege to work with families and children as we endeavour to provide an excellent Catholic education for all children at Caritas College. Thank you to the families who supported this important experience for staff on a student free day.



#### Combined Primary School Choir - Crossroads Music Festival

I had the absolute pleasure of attending the Crossroads Music Festival last Thursday night at the Lea Memorial Theatre. It was wonderful to see students from each of the primary schools in Pt Augusta, Quorn and Coober Pedy gather to perform together. I was extremely proud of all of our students for the way they engaged in the experience and represented our College! I also need to express my gratitude for Anna Beach and the way she supports and promotes music to our primary students, both at school and in the wider community.



#### Father's Day

I trust that all the dads and dad-figures were recognised on Father's Day. I hope that you were acknowledged by loved ones for the gifts you share with them and had a special day. Thank you to our families who kindly donated items for our Father's Day stall.



Damian Smith, Principal

### 2020 Rural Health **Undergraduate Scholarship Program**

Applications are now open!

Are you a full time student studying or about to commence an undergraduate degree at University or a graduate professional entry course?

Midwifery, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Podiatry, Speech Pathology or Social Work?

Are you residing in rural South Australia?

You could apply for the Rural Health Undergraduate





Regional Health

### Aged-Residential, Community and Disability Scholarships

Applications are now open!

Are you looking to start or change your career?

Can you see yourself supporting older people and/or people living with disability?

Are you interested in working in rural South Australia?

Aged Care, and Disability.

Scholarships can be undertaken in

#### Applications close 31 October 2019

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/ ruralhealthscholarships





#### Home Economics - Making Pasta

Our Year 9 Home Ec students have been busy making their own pasta using a pasta machine. There were lots of comments about how tasty their home-made version was compared to the prepacked pasta varieties.





#### Science - Reception Habitats

In Science students have been learning about living things and their needs. The class discussed pets needs and designed and made a home for their pets.



#### Stage 1 Health - Mental Health

As part of our studies in Stage 1 Health, our Year 10 students have been putting their teacher hats on and educating students in Year 1/2 and 3/4 classes about mental health. In groups the students had to teach a 30 minute lesson, educating these students in a way which allowed them to understand their emotions, feelings and develop a network of who they can talk to if they feel sad or upset. The activities were very engaging and enjoyable and link in very closely with R U OK DAY happening this week.





#### SSSSA Knockout Netball - Monday 26 August

Caritas College had nine girls from Year 11 and 12 make their way down to Adelaide for the SSSSA Knockout netball finals, held at Priceline Arena. The girls qualified for this by winning the regional carnival in Whyalla earlier this term. The event saw girls from various rural schools around the state compete in a fierce but fair competition. Our girls handled themselves exceptionally and finished an impressive third on the day with wins against Quorn Area School, Eastern Fleurieu School and narrow losses to Glossop and Clare HS. A huge thanks goes to Selina Ashton for coaching the girls in both carnivals and a special thanks for all families who made their own travel arrangements and accommodation for the event and their vocal support.



#### **SAPSASA Athletics**

Congratulations to our athletes who participated in the SAPSASA Athletics Carnival on Friday 23 August at Stirling North. Our school came second overall and won the handicap shield. Thank you also to the students who assisted with the officiating on the day.





#### Year 12 Seminar Day

On Friday 30 August, our Year 12 students accompanied by Mrs Christine Kemp, Ms Michelle Antoniciello and Father Khalid travelled to the Seven Hill Centre of Ignatian Spirituality for their final Studies in Religious Education Seminar Day. The Seminar Day provided the opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of a personal vision and vocation in life by reflecting on how Mary MacKillop navigated the challenges in her life, with the support of the Jesuits, maintaining dignity, hope and faith in God.



#### SACA Cricket - Reception - Year 7

Our R-7 students were lucky enough to participate in a cricket session last Tuesday after receiving a visit from representatives of the Cricket Blast. The sun was out and the students participated in various drills to develop their skills in batting and fielding. A fun morning for everyone involved!





#### St Vinnie's Clothes Drive

Our R-12 leaders have sorted through all of the clothing donations we received for St. Vinnies. It was fantastic to see the students passionate about making a difference to someone's life and being part of restoring dignity to those who need it most. A huge thank you to the families who sifted through wardrobes to make this happen. It is support like this that encourages our students to be the change they want to see in the world.



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It is always good to get down to our Art Room to see what great work our students have been doing. Our Art Showcase will be held again in Term 4 (date tbc) and if it is anything like last year we feel like it is going to be a huge success!

















