



"peace be with you"

Principal's Message

Saint Matthew the Apostle

This Saturday 21 September is the Feast Day of Saint Matthew the Apostle. He is credited with writing one of the four gospels in the New Testament. His story is inspiring. Before becoming a follower of Jesus, he was a tax collector. When Jesus called Matthew to be an apostle, the Pharisees were unhappy because they thought they were more righteous than him. However, Jesus saw something in Matthew that others did not. Matthew repaid Jesus' faith in him and turned out to be one of his most loyal followers. Last week we celebrated R U OK? Day. One of the core elements of this day is to check in with people and ask if they are okay. This 'check in' is meant to be good intentioned to acknowledge someone else, knowing that they have worth and wanting them to be happy. Just like Jesus did for Matthew we, too, can make a difference in the lives of others.

Lord God, we thank you for sending apostles to the world. We welcome those who bring Your good news. Like Saint Matthew, may we, too, be open to Jesus' invitation to become apostles and spread Your joy and love with others. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



1:1 Laptop Program Announcement

A letter has been sent home to all families announcing the implementation of a 1:1 Laptop Program for all students in Years 7-12. We are pleased and excited to communicate to families how we will support student learning and resource information technologies at Caritas College next year and beyond. This initiative is part of our current strategic plan which serves to upgrade information technology and associated infrastructure throughout the College. Indeed, over the past 18 months significant works have been completed at our College to enable and support the roll out of the 1:1 Laptop Program. Additionally, this initiative foreshadows further advances coming in 2020 that will continue to promote and enhance student learning and parent engagement. This will have a flow on effect which will further support and enhance learning outcomes for R-6 students as they will also have better access to new technologies. Therefore, we believe the implementation of the 1:1 Laptop Program will trigger an exciting transformation of our learning environment and ultimately improve student learning outcomes.

NAPLAN

Students in Year 3, 5, 7 or 9 who participated in the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) received their results this week. This assessment provides useful data for individual achievement in comparison with national results and are a means of identifying particular needs for individual students and cohorts of students within the College. They are, however, one mode of assessment in the overall learning program and Caritas College uses a variety of assessment strategies. If you have any questions about your child's results you are invited to have discussion your child's teacher or Director of Learning & Wellbeing. For more information about NAPLAN results and reports you can also visit the National Assessment Program website www.nap.edu.au.

KEY DATES

The Big Ideas Challenge Yr 7-8
24 Sept

Year 7 Camp
25-27 Sept

R-6 Mass
Students to be dropped at
All Saints Catholic Church
26 Sept

R-6 Social
26 Sept

Year 7-9 Assembly
27 Sept
1.40pm

Year 10-12 Assembly
27 Sept
2.25pm

**Term 3 Concludes
normal time**
27 Sept

Term 4 commences
Monday - 14 Oct

**Yr 11 SAPOL Fatal 5
Presentation**
15 Oct

Year 11 Leadership Liturgy
17 Oct

**Year 12 last day of
formal lessons**
25 Oct

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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Enrolments for 2020

We are currently mapping out how 2020 will look for our school. We would appreciate any anticipated changes in enrolments to be communicated to the Principal's PA, Michelle Dunning as soon as possible. We also ask that an Application for Enrolment form be filled out for any new children starting in 2020 (both at the beginning of the year and mid-year intake). These can be requested from our website or picked up from the front office at any time. Please be aware that we have a **TWO INTAKE POLICY** and see below the relevant dates for new Receptions:

- If your child turns 5 **on or before the 30 April** they can start school in **Term 1 of that year**.
- If your child turns 5 **on or before the 31 of October** they can start school in **Term 3 of that year**.
- Children starting in Reception in Term 3 will have a minimum of 6 terms in Reception.
- Children whose birthdays fall between 1 November and 31 of December are not eligible to commence school before the following year.

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.

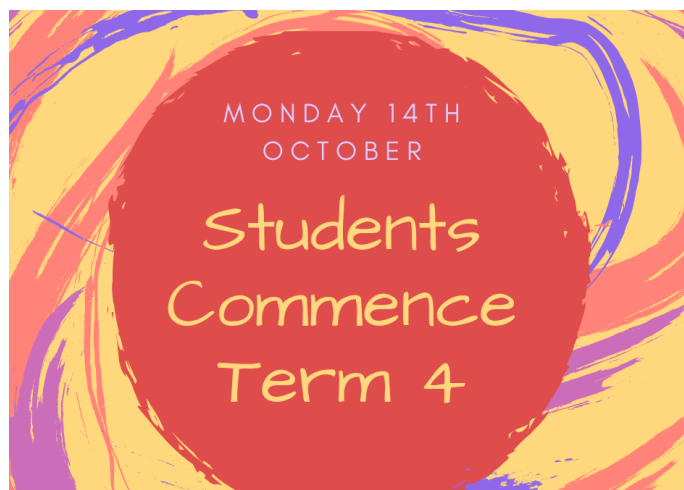
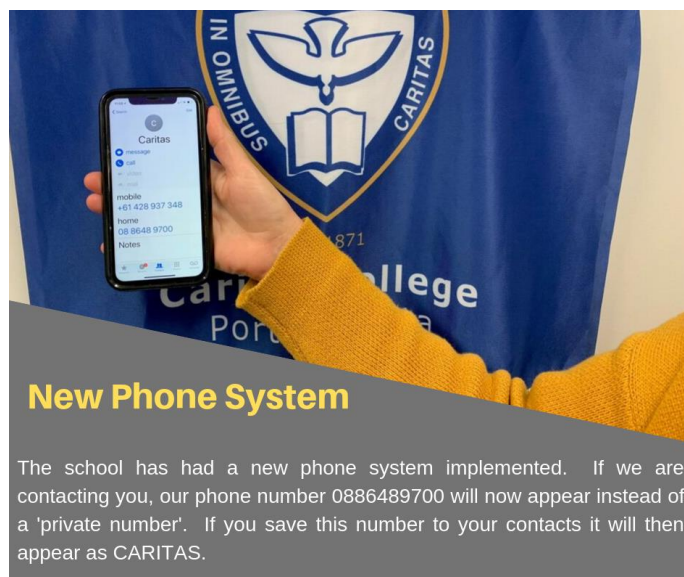
Learning Portfolios & Reports

Years R-9 Learning portfolios and Years 10-12 reports will be distributed to students at the end of the day next Friday 27 September. Students need to be at school to collect their learning portfolio or report. Due to privacy and confidentiality we do not send reports home with friends or other families. Given that it is an expectation that all students attend school on the last day of term, then they should be able to pick up their learning portfolio or report. We will not be posting these documents out before the term break. If for any reason your child won't be at school on the last day of the term please inform their class teacher and the learning portfolio or report can be picked up from the Front Office by a parent. Otherwise, students can pick up their learning portfolio or report when school resumes in Term 4.

Term Break

Families are reminded that the final day for Term 3 is on **Friday 27 September** and all students will be dismissed at the **usual time**. Term 4 will commence on **Monday, 14 October**. I trust that families will have a safe and enjoyable break!

Damian Smith, Principal



Years 3/4 & 9 Rubbish Audit

The Year 3/4 students paired up with the Year 9s to do their part in caring for our environment. Students collected rubbish from the Westside foreshore Thursday afternoon in order to collect and analyse data. They are looking at what percentage of the rubbish can be recycled, the types of rubbish that is polluting our waterways and will then look at ways to take action.



SAPSASA Soccer

Two of our students, Bryce and Izaak, recently participated in SAPSASA Soccer. The team had six wins, one draw and one loss to finish third behind Whyalla and Port Pirie. A fantastic effort which they should be very proud of!



Child Studies – Cultural Diversity in Food Choices

Year 12 Child Studies students were asked to educate children about cultural diversity in regard to food choices. They each chose a country, created a powerpoint presentation then prepared tastings of foods for Ms Macks 1/2 class. The children got to try pasta from Italy, quesadillas from Mexico, fried rice from China, fish and chips from England, crepes from France and Nanaimo Dessert Bar from Canada.



Music is Fun

Students were entertained by the incredibly talented 'Music is Fun' Band. Living up to their name, the students had an extremely fun morning, with many being involved in the performance, dressing up in costumes, singing and dancing. They also got to learn about the different instruments used by the band members.



World Solar Challenge visit to Caritas

Flinders University representatives visited our college as part of the Solar Challenge Outreach Program. The college was given a weather station as part of the program and students were able to get up close to the solar car, Aurora Evolution. The World Solar Challenge runs 3,000kms from Darwin to Adelaide from 13-20 October 2019. Thank you to Bridgestone World Solar Challenge for visiting and answering all of our questions.



Year 9 Camp

The theme of Year 9 Camp was 'we are stewards for the planet and we honor its life-sustaining blessings'. The Year 9s travelled to Wilpena Pound on 4 September and camped overnight. The students split into two groups to venture on to Mount Ohlsen Bagge and Bridle Gap Hike. They had a welcome to country from Adnyamathanha man, Vince Coulthard and were also told about the Dreaming Narrative of the Kingfisher man and discovered the Adnyamathanha geological teachings of the pound. There were stories around the camp fire, quizzes, damper cooking and dancing. The camp was very successful with students learning more about the beautiful Flinders and their strengths as individuals and a cohort.



R U OK Day

This year's focus for R U OK Day was linking physical activity with a healthy mind. Throughout last week, there were various activities held during lunch times and also throughout lessons on Thursday for students from all year levels to attend and be involved with.



Commonwealth Bank Start Smart Program

The Commonwealth Bank Start Smart program came to Caritas College this week to provide our students with some very informative advice regarding money. The program changes the way young people learn about money. Our Years 9-11 learnt about business enterprise, superannuation investment and the savings and spendings of a first job. The presentation was highly interactive and gave students a chance to pitch things such as business ideas whilst equipping them with confidence and competence to make smart decisions about money.



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WHO The program is open to anyone in South Australia aged 12 – 15 years.

WHAT Participants take part in a 3 day / 2 night camp

WHEN Program runs 2 – 4 October 2019

WHERE Rostrevor College and Parliament House, Adelaide

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