



"peace be with you"

## Principal's Message

### KEY DATES

**SSSSA Boys / Girls  
Super 8's Cricket**  
22 Nov

**SAPSASA Boys / Girls  
Super 8's Cricket**  
22 Nov

**Reception Transition**  
26 Nov & 3 Dec

**Yr 3-6 Assembly (5/6W)**  
28 Nov

**Yr 10 St Vincent de Paul  
excursion**  
28 Nov

**Yr 10-11 Final Assembly**  
29 Nov

**Year 10-11 Students Conclude**  
29 Nov

**R 6 Family Carols Night**  
2 Dec

**School Board Meeting**  
3 Dec

**Primary Choir  
LG Riches Centre**  
5 Dec

**Year 7/8 Transition**  
9-10 Dec

**Year 7-9 Splash Day**  
9 Dec

**Yr 7-9 Assembly**  
11 Dec

**Yr 10-11 Reports collection**  
11 Dec  
2.00-3.00pm M03

**Rec-Year 9 Students Conclude**  
11 Dec

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

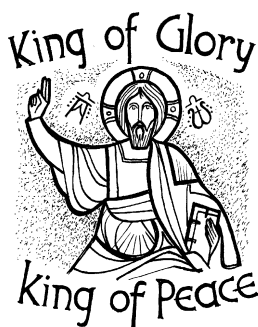
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### Christ of King

This coming Sunday will be the last Sunday before Advent and we will celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. It was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 to celebrate Jesus Christ as Lord of the Universe, both as God and as Man. May this feast day be an opportunity for us to recognise the presence of Jesus Christ in our lives in both his earthly and heavenly form.



### Mass of Thanksgiving

Last Friday our whole College community gathered around the Eucharist to celebrate the Mass of Thanksgiving. It was a wonderful celebration because it acknowledged the end of a journey. It was an opportunity to celebrate all the things that we've learnt, all the friendships we've made, all the challenges we've overcome and how much we have all grown over the course of this year. For some students, it was their final whole school event as students of Caritas College. It was a very special day for our Year 12 students and their families. It signified the end of their schooling journey. This was the last time we will gather as a whole school community for this year. I expressed my deep gratitude for all of the gifts that the students, staff and families bring into our College.



### Graduation Dinner

Following on from the Mass of Thanksgiving, the Year 12 students and their families gathered to celebrate their Graduation Dinner in the evening. The event was also well attended by staff, sponsors and invited guests. The Director of Catholic Education SA, Diocese of Pt Pirie, Mrs Nichii Mardon attended and addressed the audience. Our guest speaker for the evening was Mrs Kaye Walker, who taught a large number of the students in Reception 13 years ago. This was a fitting way to end their school journey as Mrs Walker would have lovingly welcomed them into the College community all those years ago. In my address to the graduates, I congratulated them on their achievements and reminded them that they are part of a wonderful story and will always have a home at Caritas College. I wished them all the best and implored them to live, learn and love as they step into the future. It was a joyous evening that had the glitz and the glamour of any special event, but it was complemented by the graciousness and gratitude of a Catholic education.

### Transition Visits

Last Wednesday we welcomed 21 new faces into our College community as they transitioned from kindergarten to school. Some of them were nervous, while others were excited. Nonetheless, it was an opportunity for them to meet teachers, make new friends and explore the facilities. I had the pleasure of meeting with the parents to share our College's hopes and aspirations for our newest students. We wish them all the best as they take their initial steps on their school journey.



## 2020 School Fee Information

The 2020 School Fee Information will be available on our website by the end of Week 7. The College Board work to ensure that we can continue providing a high-value education in an equitable manner for all of our families. In order to achieve this, we rely heavily on school fees to supplement the cost of providing a high-quality Catholic education for all students. Commonwealth and State funding contribute approximately 78% of the overall income for our College. Therefore, school fees make up the remaining 22%. As you can appreciate, we depend on our whole income to operate effectively and efficiently and ensure the best possible education for every student who attends Caritas College. I am confident that our new Fee Schedule, which includes some positive changes, will continue to support all families to access a Catholic education in Port Augusta as has been the case for the last 148 years.

## Deputy Principal Appraisal

As part of the professional appraisal process for Deputy Principals I am gathering feedback about Mary Manning's leadership at Caritas College as she enters her 7th year as Deputy Principal. The aims of the process are to look at what Mary has accomplished and to reflect upon any considerations for continued improvement in her leadership role. To support this process, you are invited to respond to an online survey. The information you offer is confidential and the feedback provided will be used to identify themes and trends. If you are unable to answer a question or feel that you cannot provide accurate feedback you can choose "unable to respond" or not write a comment. All the information will come directly to me and will help to inform a report being prepared for the Director of Catholic Education regarding Mary's achievements and future directions for her leadership and learning. You can access the online survey at the following link

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=600y63EqsEuckLgPef0JYRfope\\_aWM5BrvUO8i6RhURUM0NPTDhROFZYODVKREpKNjM4N0xNNzg4TS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=600y63EqsEuckLgPef0JYRfope_aWM5BrvUO8i6RhURUM0NPTDhROFZYODVKREpKNjM4N0xNNzg4TS4u).

## Review of Timetable

This year our College has conducted a review of its current timetable. The timetable is an organisational structure for curriculum delivery and it needs to support our aspirations as a College to create a contemporary learning environment where a love of learning leads to personal excellence and holistic development. A committee comprising of staff and ESO's from the different cohorts of our College worked to consult, collaborate and generate ideas and possibilities before a final decision was arrived at earlier this term. The work of the committee was framed by the below Guiding Principles:

- *Ensuring students are at the centre of all decisions*
- *Ensuring consistency across the whole school timetable*
- *Ensuring decisions are equitable and flexible in regard to student access, subject offerings and resources*
- *Ensuring structures that promote 21<sup>st</sup> century learning (collaboration, integration and innovation)*

The outcome of this review was presented to staff in Week 5. As of next year we will be moving away from the 6-day timetable and implementing a 5-day timetable (Monday to Friday). We will also be reducing the number of lessons we have each day from 7 to 6, which effectively increases individual lesson times to 50 minutes per lesson. Recess and lunch times will now be 25 minutes each. A 5 minute change over time has been added to the end of recess and lunch to allow students and staff to return to classes ready for learning. All these changes have an impact on the school finish time which will now be at 3:00pm for all students. Below is a summary of the new timetable times. The Timetable Review Committee is confident and excited that these significant changes give the highest priority to student learning across our R – 12 setting.

8:45am	<b>Home Class</b>
8:55am	<b>Lesson 1</b>
9:45am	<b>Lesson 2</b>
10:35am	<b>Recess</b>
11:00am	<b>Change Over</b>
11:05am	<b>Lesson 3</b>
11:55am	<b>Lesson 4</b>
12:45pm	<b>Lunch</b>
1:10pm	<b>Change Over</b>
1:15pm	<b>Lesson 5</b>
2:05pm	<b>Lesson 6</b>
2:55pm	<b>Home Class</b>
3:00pm	<b>Dismissal</b>



**ST VINNIE'S  
CHRISTMAS  
APPEAL**

The SRC are collecting donations for the annual St Vincent De Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal.

Each class has a basket for students to add non-perishable food during week 7 and 8.

**HELP US, HELP OTHERS THIS CHRISTMAS**

*Damian Smith, Principal*



## Year 10 Spanish

This Term, students in Year 10 Spanish have been learning about the Mexican Festival, Day of the Dead.

Students have engaged with this celebration learning about how the Mexican people remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones that have passed away. This yearly Mexican holiday includes symbols of flowers, skulls, candles and bright bold colour. Year 10 students have explored this culture by creating their own Candy Skull designs.



## Year 8 Science

As part of our ongoing learning about the human body systems, Year 8 Gold have been learning about the circulatory system which includes the heart and blood. They had the opportunity to watch a heart dissection before attempting one for themselves. The students were able to identify the atria, ventricles, pulmonary vein and artery, vena cava and aorta along with some other interesting internal features like heart strings and valves.



## Pollution Police

The Pollution Police are out in force! From now until the end of Term the R-6 student leaders will take turns on Fridays at recess walking around the college picking up rubbish, collecting rubbish from students and promoting the correct use of bins. Keep up the great work!



## Book Fair

Students were given the opportunity to win some free books during the Book Fair with a colouring-in competition. Entries were displayed in the library and winners were gifted a book of their choice. We are also very happy to confirm that over \$6,400.00 was taken during the Book Fair with 35% of that going to the purchase of new library resources. Thank you to everyone for their support!





# Mass of Thanksgiving

## St Mary of the Cross Leadership Awards

The Saint Mary of the Cross Leadership Awards were presented as part of the Mass of Thanksgiving last week.

The awards are given to one male and one female from each of Years R-6, 7-9 and 10-12 for a demonstrated commitment to our school ethos, a compassionate concern for those in need and an active participation in the school community.

Congratulations to the following students:

- R-6: Sam Havelberg and Ella Humphrys  
7-9: Charlotte Hill and Kade Curnow  
10-12: Annie Maloney and Patrick Kennedy





## Year 12 Graduation – Major Award Winners



### Academic Achievement Award

Sponsored by Whyalla University

Alyssa Magor

### Kevin Freeman VET Award

Sponsored by Kevin Freeman Electrical

Toby Blinman

### Caltex Best All Rounder Award

Annie Packard

### Long Tan Leadership Award

Amelia Etchells

### Citizenship Award

Sponsored by Knights of Southern Cross

Lachlan Duns  
Rylee Howell

### Rotary Endeavour Award

Sponsored by Rotary Port Augusta

Emma Finch

### David O'Connor Perpetual Science Award

Sponsored by Gulf & Ranges Optometrists

Annie Maloney

### St Mary of the Cross Leadership Award

Annie Maloney

### Diligence and Consistency Award

Sponsored by Port Augusta City Council

Alisha Fry  
Jack Fraser

*Congratulations*



## Year 12 Graduation – Subject Achievement Award Winners

### Sponsored by Sundrop

Accounting	Alyssa Magor
Biology	Alyssa Magor
Chemistry	Annie Maloney
Child Studies	Sophie Maloney
Design & Technology Material Products	Deacon Brassel
English	Annie Maloney
Essential English	David Packard
General Mathematics	Alyssa Magor
Health	Emma Finch
Integrated Learning	Peta Guidolin
Mathematical Methods	Annie Maloney
Modern History	Lara Etchells
Physics	Lachlan Duns
Psychology	Alyssa Magor
Research Project	Alyssa Magor Sophie Maloney
Visual Arts – Art	Deacon Brassel
Workplace Practices	Alisha Fry



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