

Newsletter

KEY DATES

A number of our extracurricular events have been cancelled / postponed in line with the advice received from the Catholic Education Office and the Minister for Education.

Catholic Education Week
4-10 May

Mother's Day Stall 7 May

School Board Meeting
12 May

School Birthday 149 years 17 May

Further information on events is available on our website http://www.cc.catholic.edu.au/news-

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Principal's Message

Welcome

Welcome back to school for Term 2. I hope that families were able to draw breath in the holiday break and spend some valuable time together. The disorder that we have had to grapple with throughout the COVID-19 pandemic continues to challenge us in different ways. I feel that the intensity has reduced slightly, allowing us to consider and begin to return to a new normal. Without knowing completely what this term looks like, I am confident that as a college community we can continue to excel and stretch ourselves to new heights.

Easter & St Joseph the Worker

Following the celebration of the Resurrection of Christ almost 3 weeks ago, we are still in the season of Easter. Jesus' Resurrection promises us new life and hope. We continue to celebrate in joyful exultation the Risen Christ



for 50 days between Easter until Pentecost. The occasion is too significant in the faith lives of Christians to simply celebrate it for just one day. Therefore, we continue to celebrate and live with new hope for the entire season of Easter.

On Friday 1 May we celebrate the Feast of St Joseph the Worker. This day recognises and honours St Joseph as a worker. He was a carpenter who earned his bread by the work of his hands. Furthermore, we know that he carried out his work in such a way that Jesus was happy to be known as 'the carpenter's son.' Therefore, Jesus must have also recognised that Joseph carried out his work with great integrity.

In recent times, the COVID-19 pandemic has challenged many of us as 'workers'. Regardless of the circumstances we find ourselves in, the work that we do, paid or unpaid, is a source of great integrity and dignity. I will take this opportunity to again thank all of our staff, who have maintained a high level of professionalism and a tremendous degree of courage over the past 6 weeks.



COVID-19 - Mode of Learning

Although the intensity of COVID-19 seems to be subsiding as the number of cases in SA declines, it remains to be prevalent in everything that we see and hear around us. This is a good thing as we all work together to try and overcome it. I am grateful for everyone playing their role to help stop the spread of the coronavirus in our college community. We will continue to adhere to all the preventative measures in place that are keeping us safe. We will also keep families informed to ensure the safety of all students, parents and staff going forward.

Following the advice from government and health authorities to send children back to school this term, we have experienced a positive response from families with attendance reaching almost 85% in recent days. With the vast majority of students attending school, we have decided to re-orientate our mode of learning back to face-to-face teaching as of Week 2. This means that students at school will be taught face-to-face by their regular class/subject teacher as per the normal timetable.

Of course, we continue to understand and support those families who might need or want to keep their children at home in these circumstances. Therefore, we will maintain providing learning for those students via the same platforms that we have been using (eg. Microsoft Teams, email, learning packs, etc).

All students will access the same content and learning activities, albeit using different platforms. Parents can be assured that their child will be supported in their learning regardless of whether they are at school or home. However, the predominant mode of delivery for teaching and learning will be face-to-face starting in Week 2.



Mid-Year Reception Enrolments

As we transition back to 'normal', I am pleased to remind families that we are currently accepting enrolments for Term 3 this year. We ask that an Application for Enrolment form be completed for any new children starting. This form can be requested from our website <u>request an enrolment pack</u> or collected from the front office at any time.

Your child may be eligible for a mid-year enrolment if they turn **5 on or before the 31 October.** Please note that NO fees will be required for new reception students who enrol at our mid-year intake for 2020. This decision has been made in response to COVID-19, as we recognise that it has caused considerable challenges for some families.

If you have any questions regarding enrolling your child and/or starting dates please contact the college and we will happily help you.

Catholic Education Week

Next week is Catholic Education Week. This week is a celebration of who we are, what we do and everything that we aspire to become. It is a joint celebration with the other 103 Catholic schools in South Australia.

We usually celebrate this week with a range of activities and gatherings to engage our college community. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 we are limited in the way we do this next week. Nevertheless, it is important that we acknowledge this occasion and celebrate the many joys and blessings of Catholic education. Therefore, we have had to think of creative ways to celebrate Catholic Education Week. Keep an eye out on social media next week!

College Birthday

On 17 May, we celebrate the college's birthday. This date marks our **149th anniversary** of the day the founding Sisters of St Joseph held the first lessons in a shed on the Port Augusta Wharf in 1871. It is customary to celebrate this special day with our students by the SRC handing out cupcakes. At this point in time, we are unsure if we will be able to do this given the restrictions in place due to COVID-19. We will, however, ensure that we acknowledge this significant milestone in a way that is appropriate. Watch this space!



Damian Smith, Principal

Enrolments are now open for Reception Term 3

MID YEAR

RECEPTION

RAISING HEARTS AND MINDS

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK MAY 4 - 10 2020

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Outdoor Education - Year 10

Covid-19 restrictions might mean that Year 10 Trek is put on hold for a little while, but it didn't stop our eager Outdoor Education students from practising setting up and packing away their tents this week. It will be business as usual for our students as they learn all of the necessary skills for camping and thriving in the outdoors, like packing a rucksack, what to bring, what food is encouraged and of course how they can prevent blisters. Hopefully the weather will be better when they finally get the chance to go on Trek and display all of their new skills and understandings.





History - Year 10

In history, students have been learning about WW2. Key topics explored include the causation, battles, key individuals, alliances, weaponry, Atomic bombs and the Holocaust. For their latest assignment students were asked to create three pieces of work to display their understanding of the war: a written, visual and construction component.



Project Based Learning

2020 has seen the introduction of a new curriculum area: Project Based Learning for selected students in Years 9 and 10. The SACE Stage 1 Community Studies subject is designed around the strengths, interests and skills of students and will provide the opportunity for targeted development in literacy and numeracy. As part of Project Based Learning, students have been designing, planning and constructing a mini golf course. Students first visited the Stirling North Golf Course to assist them visualise their project and gather an understanding of mini golf. They designed a course that aligns with our school themes and meets design and construction criteria and they are now in the first stages of construction.









Year 11 - Child Studies

In Year 11 Child Studies the class have been learning about types of development and how children learn through play. They made toys, with an emphasis on ensuring they are safe for young children to play with.

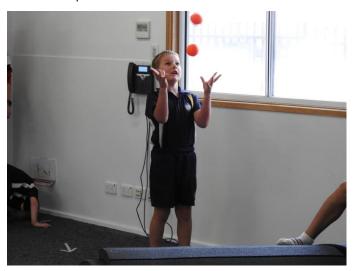






Dance

Our junior students have thoroughly enjoyed participating in the obstacle course in Dance. Students learnt to juggle, balance and perform some acrobatic moves.



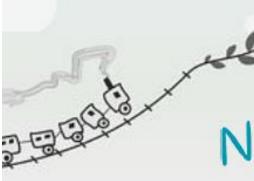


Design & Technology – Year 7

Year 7 Design and Technology students have been learning how to use a sewing machine. First, they sewed without thread, then practiced with fabric scraps before starting work on a pot holder.









National Families Week

15th - 20th May 2020

Recipes

Crafts

Activities

Colouring

Family Time

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Together

Family Activity Packs

Register for your Family Activity Pack

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