



KEY DATES

School Photos
24-25 Aug

Yr 10 Outdoor Ed Trek
26-28 Aug

Year 7 Camp
1-3 Sept

SACE Information Evening
1 Sept

**Subject Selection
Counselling Meetings**
3 & 8-9 Sept

**Staff Reflection Day
Student Free Day**
4 Sept

Board Meeting
8 Sept

SSSSA Open Basketball
9 Sept

First Eucharist Family Meeting
16 Sept

**SAPSASA
Boys Netball / Girls Football**
18 Sept

Yr 11 Work Experience
21 - 24 Sept

R-6 Social
24 Sept

**Feast of St Vincent de Paul
Celebration**
24 Sept

**Term 3 Concludes
normal dismissal time**
25 Sept

**Term 4
Students commence**
Tuesday 13 October

Further information on 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

First Reconciliation

In Week 4 we had 13 Year 3/4 students receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. It was a reverent and special celebration for these children where they experienced God's love and forgiveness. Their families and friends watched on with much joy. We congratulate these children and may our prayers continue to be with them on their faith journey.



God of all goodness, may we grow in your infinite love. Fill us with hope and healing. May love make us instruments of peace. Where there is hatred, let us show love. Where there is sadness, let us show joy. Where there is injury and hurt, let us forgive. Amen.

Mary MacKillop Feast Day

Last Friday we were able to celebrate Mary MacKillop's Feast Day after it was postponed a week earlier due to inclement weather. We held a whole school Liturgy where we reflected on St Mary MacKillop's incredible story and drew inspiration from the compassion and gratitude she exemplified through her life. The Year 12 students organised and facilitated cross-aged games which engaged the students and allowed them to have fun, learn and celebrate as a community. It was a lovely afternoon that echoed the values and traditions of a proud Catholic Josephite school.



Science Week

This week is Australia's annual celebration of science and technology, National Science Week. The theme for Science Week 2020 is **Deep Blue – Innovation for the Future of our Oceans**. Teachers planned and organised a range of fun and engaging activities each day at recess to celebrate the occasion. It's wonderful that our students can learn and apply their scientific knowledge and skills in an ever-changing world.

Subject Selections

In the coming weeks Year 9, 10 and 11 students will be involved in subject selection and course counselling. Information will also be provided to parents at the SACE Information Night on **Tuesday 1 September**. It is an important time for the students and their families as they consider pathways for their education. We value and appreciate these types of conversations with students and families because they set our students on a trajectory for success at school and beyond. Further information is available at [SACE Info Evening & Subject Selection](#)

Camps & Excursions

Amidst the chaos of COVID-19 where we are constantly faced with changing restrictions and new information, I've been pleased to see some sense of 'normality' for our students. I am extremely proud that we have been able to continue to provide extra-curricular opportunities such as camps and excursions for our students. These experiences offer many benefits to students learning and wellbeing. I am grateful for the additional time and work that teachers and ESOs have committed to ensuring that these important parts of school continue to happen in such uncertain times.

Staffing

In Week 9 and 10 of this term I will be taking long service leave. I am pleased to inform the school community that Mary Manning has been appointed to the role of Acting Principal for the time that I will be away. Mary brings her valuable experience and broad skillset to this role. She will provide a sense of continuity for the school community and the ongoing leadership that is necessary to lead our R-12 college. Please find attached communication from Nichii Mardon, Director of Catholic Education SA, confirming these arrangements.

Wellbeing Initiative - Classroom Pulse 'Check In'

The shifting dynamics of these unprecedented times continue to highlight that your child's relationships, identity, belonging, and learning are essential to their happiness and success at school.

This term every student in a Catholic School in South Australia will participate in a simple online Classroom Pulse 'Check In'. This 'Check In' has been developed to ascertain how students are currently feeling about their experience in school. It is tailored to allow your child's teacher(s) to check in and provide immediate feedback and support to them. The 'Check In' will be carried out during the school day.

I am conscious that life in school has its' ups and downs, but I am also confident that your child's teacher(s) want to understand how they are feeling so they are able to support you and your child in meeting any social, emotional, or learning needs that they may have.

To enable this, your child's teacher and I will have access to their responses to facilitate follow up and support as required. Please be assured, as your child's prime caregiver that any support required will be communicated and discussed with you in advance.

There are a range of simple questions about your child's life at school, their identity as a person and a learner, their sense of belonging, safety, and friendships.

For each statement, students will select whether they feel it applies to them "most of the time," "sometimes" or "not very often." Students in Reception – Year 3 will have emojis alongside the options to help them identify their feelings. A sample of the 'Check In' can be found on the below link.

www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/classroompulse.

In addition to supporting your child, de-identified data from all participating schools will be used by Catholic Education SA to identify trends to assist in future planning for the support of the learning and wellbeing for students across South Australia.

Catholic Education SA believes that our role is to help every child to be a thriving person, capable learner and a leader for the world God desires. We believe this 'Check In' will play an important part in supporting that goal and your child. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further clarification.

Damian Smith, Principal



SACE 2021 FAMILY INFORMATION EVENING



South Australian
Certificate of Education

**Tuesday
1 September 2020**

6.30pm - 7.00pm
current Year 10 families

7.00pm - 7.30pm
current Year 11 families



YEARS 11-12 SUBJECT COUNSELLING MEETINGS

THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 8.00AM - 9.00AM
1.00PM - 5.30PM

TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 1.00PM - 5.30PM

WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 1.00PM - 5.30PM



The School Ministry Group Performance

The School Ministry Group visited the school recently and put on a performance for our Reception to Year 4 students. They used live music and discussion to get our students thinking about their journey, the choices they make and the impact they can have on their school, community, friends and the world.



R-2 Assembly

The R-2 assembly was held this week with Miss Pynor's 1/2 Gold Class as presenters. There was a drama production, Spanish singing and lots of class awards. They did a great job!



Year 10 Physics

The Year 10 students are studying Physics this Term. They are looking at speed, velocity and acceleration and recently performed some tests to identify how fast a toy car will roll down a ramp.



Community Service Project – MacKillop Garden

To prepare our Stage 1 Workplace Practices students for work experience, they were tasked with undertaking a community service project around the school. This would provide them with a sense of giving back and would help acquire skills to prepare them for work experience. They chose the MacKillop Garden as their project and started working on it toward the end of Term 2. With their hard work and dedication, it will continue to be a special place in our school for many years to come.



Year 9 – Food Production

The Year 9 Food Production class looked into the unique spices and cooking techniques used in Indian cooking last week. Their practical lesson involved them making a version of Butter Chicken that proved very popular.



Year 7 – Media Arts

In Year 7 Media Arts students explored the elements of Stop Motion. Students created clay characters to use to tell a story through various images.



Year 5/6 Gold – Chemical Science

This term 5/6 Gold are learning about Chemical Science. What better way to learn about chemistry than with a baking lesson? Both baking and chemistry involve careful timing and measuring to result in a chemical change. To put their learning to the test they made batches of cookies and looked at the changes before and after in the colour, temperature, smell and consistency.



national science week



Year 8 Camp

The Year 8 cohort gathered together on Wednesday and set out on our journey towards Woodhouse Activity Centre. After several hours of fun on the bus, we arrived at the Mary MacKillop Museum in Adelaide. There we learnt about our school and many others in the state and their significance to Mary MacKillop. We want to express our thanks to the volunteers for giving up their time, in particular Bruno for providing his extensive knowledge on Josephite schools.

From here, we finished our journey and arrived at Woodhouse Activity Centre. Upon arrival, we completed several difficult activities on Challenge Hill. These activities included the mouse trap which was physically and mentally challenging for the majority of the cohort. Some character strengths we got to demonstrate included perseverance, bravery, and teamwork. The highlight of Challenge Hill was swinging across the river in freezing conditions.

On the second day we were woken bright and early and headed out on a hike of the Heysen Trail. This trail included many steep uphill climbs and foggy weather. We were then visited by the camp owners who guided us towards the tube slide. It was particularly entertaining to watch the faces being pulled as they slid down the slide at high speeds. Afterwards, we completed the labyrinth, scaled the rock-climbing wall, saw some native animals, and competed in a series of challenges set by Miss Rowe.

On the last day before we left, we all played a game of disc golf around the Activity Centre before getting on the bus for home.

-Jada Grosser, Zara Heritage, & Ruby Hancock



Reception – Art

In Art, students have been learning about Aboriginal Art. They did dot painting and learned some symbols, watched a power point about rock painting and art on walls of caves. Students collected rocks and used some of their skills to decorate them.



1/2 W – The Gruffalo

In 1/2 White students have been looking at adjectives. As a class they read the story The Gruffalo and looked at the adjectives used to describe the Gruffalo character. As a fun craft activity students made paper bag Gruffalo puppets including his key characteristics.



Caritas Compassion

In a world of uncertainty, there was one thing that was clear for our leadership team. 'Never see a need without doing something about it', this echoes loud across our Josephite school, particularly after celebrating St Mary MacKillop last week. After rethinking what leadership in the current climate is, we continuously refocussed on our ability to learn about world issues but also act and do something to help. Caritas has and always will put an importance on social justice issues, giving students avenues to learn more about the world around them.

This term we set out to do our bit for the local St Vincent de Paul store. Through the generosity of our families and friends, our clothing drive was a huge success. It was important to emphasise the work of St Vincent de Paul volunteers and make known how the organisation helps people in our community. St Vincent de Paul Society provides support for people in many capacities with an increasing need during 2020.

On Thursday 20 August, we proudly presented our local store with the clothing donations and handed over a **\$1000 donation** from the student leadership team. Our leaders recognised the amazing work being accomplished and wanted to support the volunteers in any way we could. This year has solidified how important helping others is; sometimes it's a physical donation, monetary support, a helping hand or a listening ear. It is opportunities like this that develop our character strengths and allow us to experience the good in the world.

School Captains; Jenna Glamuzina & Joshua Graham



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Feast of St Mary of the Cross - Liturgy



TO THE COMMUNITY OF CARITAS COLLEGE, PORT AUGUSTA

Dear Community Members

I write to inform you that Mr Damian Smith will be taking Long Service Leave in Term 3 from 14 September until 25 September, 2020.

I am pleased to announce that I have appointed Mrs Mary Manning as Acting Principal while Damian is on leave.

Mary is well known to the Caritas College community in her role as Deputy Principal. I would like to thank Mary for her ongoing leadership of the school during this time and know that you will show her your continued support.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely



Nichii Mardon
Director

21 August 2020

