



KEY DATES

Staff Reflection Day
Student Free Day
4 Sep

Subject Selection
Counselling Meetings
8--9 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
cancelled

Term 3 Concludes
normal dismissal time
Friday 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

Father's Day

On Sunday we celebrate Father's Day. We acknowledge and give thanks for all fathers, grandfathers, uncles and any father-figures in our lives. May we remember the special relationship that Joseph had with Jesus. He was a role model and a mentor for Jesus. I trust that Sunday will be a special day for families to be able to spend time with one another.

Loving God, Bless all Fathers in the world. Father, we ask that You guide them to be good role models and loving to their children. We also ask that you help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way. Amen.

SACE Information Evening and Subject Counselling

Earlier this week 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. The information presented to families outlined the possible pathways for students at school and beyond. This can and will look different for every student. We are committed to building students' skills and competencies for the future, regardless of what pathway they might choose. Following the SACE Information Evening, students and families will engage in subject counselling sessions to help them discern and decide on what pathway they will take next year. I thank our families for the important role they play in supporting students in these key decisions in their secondary education as they prepare for a post school pathway.

Further information is available on our website at [SACE Info Evening & Subject Selection](#)



Staff Reflection Day

This **Friday, 4 September** staff will engage in a Reflection Day. This is something we do every year and is an important component of the faith formation of staff in our Catholic Josephite school. Staff will immerse themselves in the Josephite spirituality and tradition. They will reflect deeply on Jesus as the light of our Catholic faith. We are being very deliberate in our intentions for this day as we prepare to celebrate our 150th anniversary next year. COVID-19 has caused us to think differently about how we facilitate this experience for staff this year. Normally, we move offsite and hold this day at a venue that allows staff to engage deeply in the experience. Due to the ongoing uncertainty around restrictions, we decided to make this day a 'virtual' experience for staff. This is something that we have become quite apt at over the past few months. I am excited and confident that this will be a new and positive experience for staff that will add value to them as professionals and furthermore enrich our whole school community. I thank families for their support of this important day.

National Child Protection Week

Next week is National Child Protection Week. We are all invited to play a part in promoting the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. This week emphasises the importance and value of connected communities in keeping children and young people safe and well. The theme of National Child Protection Week this year is 'putting children first'. At Caritas College we strive to achieve this all the time. It is at the heart of our mission as we work to provide an excellent Catholic education in the Josephite tradition to enable students to reach their full potential.

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
6 - 12 September 2020
PROTECTING CHILDREN IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS



Staffing

In Week 9 and 10 of this term I will be taking long service leave. As previously communicated to the school community, Mary Manning will be Acting Principal for the time that I will be away. I thank Mary for her strong leadership and know that it will offer a sense of continuity in my absence.

Fees to reduce across all Catholic Diocesan Primary Schools

The South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools has announced that it will make Catholic education more affordable by lowering the school fees of every Catholic diocesan primary school in 2021 under its *Making Catholic Education More Affordable* initiative. The exact level of fee reduction in each diocesan primary school will vary from school to school to take into account their circumstances and the needs of their families. Our school is working with Catholic Education South Australia to finalise our fees for 2021 and these will be released in the coming weeks. There is more information about the initiative in the letter sent from the Chair of the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools to families this week and on the Catholic Education South Australia website at cesa.catholic.edu.au/fee-reductions.

Summer Uniform Changeover & New Uniform Announcement

Spring has Sprung! As the weather warms up we have decided to bring forward the changeover periods between winter and summer uniform. Therefore, students will have the option of wearing their summer uniform starting from **Monday 7 September**.

I am pleased to foreshadow the announcement of a new school uniform for our college. This will be communicated to families in Week 1 of next term. We will share with families the rationale behind the change, images of the new uniform, information about purchasing, indicative costings and information about the implementation of the new uniform.



Damian Smith, Principal



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



Year 8 Science

The Year 8s have been learning about body systems, last week our focus was on the circulatory system. To gain a better understanding the students dissected a sheep heart to identify the different complexities of this important organ.



Year 9 & 10 Dance – Peace Rules Film

The Year 9 and 10 Dance students have put forward their final piece of work for the Peace Rules Film Focus 2020. Caritas College was 1 of 5 South Australian schools to be selected to receive a \$500 grant to create their films with concepts based on Peace Foundation/Peace Rules themes. We think the final product looks fantastic. Well done to everyone who was involved! Please click on the following link to view [Caritas College Peace Rules Film](#)



Reception - HPE

Our Reception students have spent the first part of the term practicing their throwing, catching and bouncing skills. They had the opportunity to do these things by themselves and with a partner. Some people did very well and some people are getting there, what's most important is that everyone had a go and enjoyed what they were doing.



Stage 2 – Child Studies

As part of Stage 2 Child Studies, Meg explored the positive role dogs can play in a child's development. To put her research into practice she was able to introduce her dog, Henley, to several younger students, they were given the opportunity to read stories and write letters with Henley whilst learning the importance of kindness and friendship.



Year 9 Camp

On the first day of camp we headed to Arkaroo Rock Lookout, just outside of Wilpena Pound. We walked up a trail for about an hour and looked at some nice scenery and some Indigenous paintings. We learnt these paintings tell of a significant learning narrative for the Adnyamathana people. We had our recess and walked back down. It was slippery for some but we managed to safely make our way to Ikara National Park where we set up our tents. We had slices and birthday cake celebrating the birthday of Vinh and Emily, which were supplied by the Year 9 Home Ec group. At 2:00pm we set off for a walk to the homestead where the boys and girls split up for their solo Abyss. We were to sit alone for 40 minutes and think about who we wanted to be in the future and what we wanted to overcome. After our Abyss we walked back to the campsite and got warm by the campfire. After our dinner of hamburgers and roast potatoes we had a quiz night. When the quiz started it began pouring with rain. A few tents got flooded but we eventually set up some spare tents. It was a cosy night for some boys who got to all share a tent together when their tent got flooded. All night it was constantly raining and windy, which made for a little excitement. Most people chose to come out of their tents at around 6:30am for a pancake breakfast made by Mrs Eckert and Miss Blowes. All of our events like the big hike and the cooking were cancelled due to the weather so instead we played some team games and packed up our tents while waiting for the bus. We nibbled on some muffins, fruit and left-over slices on the way home.

Overall it was a good experience despite the cold and rainy weather. It's unfortunate that we couldn't continue with the activities we had planned but it definitely was a good experience and prepared us for Trek if we choose that next year.

By Harrison and Emily



Year 5 Camp

Thursday Week 5 the Year 5 students were fortunate to go on an adventure they had all been waiting patiently for!

They spent the first day exploring the camp sight which included walks, shelter building and playing volley ball. Even though the Friday activities were changed due to the rain the students enjoyed being inside and getting involved in team building activities. The games involved students being wrapped in toilet paper, biscuit eating competitions and faces full of whipped cream (The teachers got involved too!) There were some tired faces on Friday but smiles all round. It was a very successful two days with life time memories made!

Highlights from 5/6 Gold included

Bailey: "Shelter Building"

Leo: "Hill Climb"

Jayden: "Hanging out for two days with my friends"



SAPSASA Northern District Athletics Carnival

On Tuesday, our Year 3-6 students attended the SAPSASA athletics carnival at Stirling North Primary School. Students competed in track and field events against students from the other schools in our region. It was a great day with lots of smiles, ribbons and sunshine (and a bit of wind). Thank you also to the students who assisted with the officiating on the day.



Outdoor Education – Flinders Trek

We truly do have a beautiful 'backyard'. It was a wonderful experience for our students in perfect weather conditions to explore the great outdoors, wildlife, strengthen established relationships and develop new ones, develop leadership and decision-making skills and work on personal challenges but most of all create lasting memories.



Adventure