

Caritas college *Newsletter*



KEY DATES

Celebration of the Sacrament First Eucharist 18 Oct

Stage 1 Lawn Bowls 20 & 27 Oct and 3 & 10 Nov

Book Week / Book Fair 19-23 Oct

> Year 12 last day of formal lessons 23 Oct

Board Meeting 27 Oct

Year 12 Exams commence 2 Nov

Year 7 Confirmation Rehearsal 3 Nov

> Confirmation Parent Information Evening 4 Nov

R-2 Assembly (Rec G) 5 Nov

3-6 Assembly (5/6W) 12 Nov

Mass of Thanksgiving & Year 12 Graduation 13 Nov

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

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Principal's Message

Welcome back for Term 4

Welcome back to school for the final term for 2020. I trust everyone enjoyed the term break and found time to rest before returning to school for what will certainly be a busy term. As we draw closer to the end of the schooling journey for the Year 12 students, may our prayers and thoughts be with them as they continue to study hard in preparation for their final examinations. I wish everyone a great term, full of joyful and hope-filled learning and sharing.



First Eucharist

"I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, they will live forever." John 6:51

On Sunday we will have several of our Year 4 students receive their First Eucharist. The Eucharist is central to the celebration of the Mass and is therefore the source and pinnacle of Christian life. As a Catholic school community, it is important for us to celebrate these significant moments with our students and their families. May our prayers and thoughts be with these students and their families on this special occasion.





New Bishop

Our Diocese now has a new Bishop! Bishop Karol Kulczycki was ordained in Poland over the term break. He has now arrived in Australia and will be in self isolation for two weeks before being installed in Port Pirie on 28 October. We will have staff and student representatives from our College attend this special celebration. May our prayers and best wishes be with Bishop Karol as he begins his episcopacy in our Diocese.

College Identity & New Uniform

Please find attached to this newsletter, two very significant and important announcements regarding our College's refreshed identity and new uniform. I am very excited to share this news with you as both announcements reflect a substantial amount of work that has been carried out over the past 1-2 years to ensure that Caritas College remains an exciting and vibrant place for children and families.

Student Leaders Handover Liturgy

On Thursday 15 October we celebrated the Student Leadership Handover Liturgy. At this special celebration, the reigns of student leadership were passed on to our incoming Student Leaders. We gave thanks for the 2020 Student Leaders and Year 12 Student Representative Council who have this year guided the student cohort verv conscientiously. especially through the challenges of COVID-19. It was wonderful to watch our current Student Leaders pass the baton of leadership to their Year 11 peers. Ella Chamberlain and Clancy Morgan will be our new College Captains. They will be well supported by their Deputy Captains, Cate Dunemann and Tom Clancy. They are exemplary young people and we offer them our support and best wishes as they take on the responsibilities of student leadership in our 150th year in 2021.



Assemblies and School Events

For the past few months we have limited the amount of traffic onsite due to COVID-19 restrictions and to ensure the safety of our school community. We are fortunate to be in a good place in our state and we are now pleased to be able to welcome visitors and parents onsite for assemblies and other events. All visitors will be required to sign in through the front office or at the assembly when they attend school and follow COVID-safe protocols. Thank you for your cooperation with these expectations.

Enrolments for 2021

We are currently mapping out how 2021 will look for our College. We would appreciate any anticipated changes in enrolments to be communicated to the front office as soon as possible. We ask that an Application for Enrolment form be completed for any new children starting in 2021 (both at the beginning of the year and mid-year intake). This form can be requested from our website <u>request an enrolment pack</u> or collected 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 <u>on or before the 30 April</u> they can start school in <u>Term 1 of that year</u>.
- 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.

Transition for our new **Receptions** will be held on Tuesday from Week 5-8. This is an important time in the lives of all children.

Week	Date	Time
5	10 November	8.45am - 10.35am
6	17 November	8.45am - 10.35am
7	24 November	8.45am - 12.35pm
8	1 December	8.45am - 1.10pm

Transition for students enrolling into **Year 7 and 8** from another school will occur on Monday and Tuesday of Week 9. This will provide students with an important opportunity to develop a sense of familiarity with their new school setting and build relationships with their peers and teachers before they join our College in 2021.

Damian Smith, Principal

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

23/10/20	Yr 12 Last Day of Formal Lessons	
02/11/20	Yr 12 Exams Commence (conclude 12/11/20)	
13/11/20	yr 12 Graduation Mass	
27/11/20	yrs 10 and 11 Last Day	
09/12/20	Yrs R-9 Last Day	
11/12/20	Term 4 Last Day	
	Circumstances re the presence of COVID-19 within SA can change rapidly. Therefore any planned school events may be subject to sudden change/cancellation	

in the interests of staff and student safety.



