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Caritas COLLEGE Newsletter



KEY DATES

Year 12 Exams commence
2 Nov

**Year 10 Health
Bodycare Fitness**
2 Nov (10B) & 5 Nov (10G)

Stage 1 Lawn Bowls
3 & 10 Nov

Year 7 Confirmation Rehearsal
3 Nov

**Year 8-9 SSSSA Boys & Girls
Basketball Carnival**
4 Nov

**Confirmation Parent
Information Evening**
4 Nov

R-2 Assembly (Rec G)
5 Nov

**Year 7 SAPSASA Boys & Girls
Cricket Carnival**
6 Nov

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

**Mass of Thanksgiving
& Year 12 Graduation**
13 Nov

Sacrament of Confirmation
20 Nov

Year 10-11 Students conclude
27 Nov

SRC 2021 Assembly
27 Nov

**R-6 Family Carols Night &
Year 7-12 Arts Showcase**
30 Nov

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

Welcome Bishop Karol Kulczycki

Bishop Karol Kulczycki was ordained as Bishop of the Diocese of Port Pirie in Poland on 29th September. This special celebration happened in his home country due COVID-19 travel restrictions. He has since arrived in Australia and on Wednesday our Diocese officially welcomed and installed our new Bishop in St Mark's Cathedral in Port Pirie. Several staff and students were in attendance to represent our College at this very special celebration marking the beginning of Bishop Karol's episcopacy. May our prayers be with him as he begins his time as our faithful shepherd and supports, nurtures and leads us in our faith and love of God.



Bishop Karol Kulczycki's Coat of Arms: *Below the shield there is the bishop's motto: "IN TE DOMINE SPERAVI" – In You, Lord, I have placed my trust.*



Bishop Greg's Farewell

On Friday 16 October, the 13 schools of our Diocese gathered in Port Pirie to farewell Bishop Greg O'Kelly. Leaders and students gathered to express gratitude and appreciation for the last 11 years of his leadership in our Diocese. Tom Clancy and Cate Dunemann represented our College and presented Bishop Greg with a gift as a sign of our gratefulness for him. It was a reverent and special occasion. We wish Bishop Greg all the best as he begins a new season of his life and new chapter in his calling.



Year 12's Last Day

Last Friday we farewelled our Year 12's on their final day of their formal schooling. They honoured the tradition of hosting an assembly on their last day. The assembly was filled with prayer, fun, laughter, and expressions of gratitude. Following the assembly, a shared lunch was held with most of the staff attending. We now wish them all the best for their studies and exam revision for the coming weeks. We also look forward to officially farewelling our Year 12 students at the Mass of Thanksgiving and Graduation Dinner on Friday 13th November. No doubt, that day will also be filled with and abundance of prayer, fun, laughter, and expressions of gratitude for our graduates and their families.



2021 School Fee Schedule

I am pleased to inform families that there will be no increase to school fees for 2021. This follows the recent announcement by the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools to make Catholic education more affordable for families by lowering the school fees. Throughout 2021 our College will work with Catholic Education South Australia to continue to ensure that Caritas College is affordable and accessible for all families. Over the past few years the College Board is proud to have delivered a raft of measures in support of an affordable and accessible Catholic education within Port Augusta and surrounding communities.

This includes:

No increase of school fees for the last two years	There was no percentage increase to fees in 2020 (excluding school card holders). Furthermore, there will be no increase to school fees in 2021. In fact, a new tier was added for R – 2 students in 2020 which resulted in a reduction of fees for families who have a student in those grades.
1:1 Laptop Program	In 2020, we commenced a 1:1 Laptop Program for all students in Years 7-12. The cost of this device is included within the School Fee Schedule. Therefore, families do not incur any additional costs for this educational resource that supports their learning at school and at home.
Stationery	The fee structure has been extended to include the supply of stationery items for all students. Therefore, families are not required to order or purchase stationery items at the beginning of each school year as this is supplied by the College.

You can now access the 2021 School Fee Schedule on our website.
[2021 Fee Information](#)

We invite families to contact the College if you have any questions regarding fees or your personal financial circumstances.

School Photographs

Academy photos have arrived. Families who placed a photo order to be delivered to the school have been distributed to students today.

Speciality Photographs

If you would like to order a **Year 12 and/or Co-Curricular** photos please click on the link

Parents can view and purchase these photos on Academy website ios.academyphoto.com.au using the following secure shoot keys.

Year 12 – TE7FWGHD

Co-Curricular – YX9TC2EG

If Students are in multiple groups, shoot keys can be 'changed' during the ordering process to continue to purchase.

The link will expire in February 2021.

Class Placements for 2021

In the coming weeks, teachers will begin the process of class placements for next year. Teaching staff will spend a considerable amount of time placing students into classes, taking into consideration a range of factors. These factors include:

- Progress of learning
- Student's individual needs (social/emotional, learning, physical, behavioural)
- Relationships
- A balance of sexes

Sometimes other factors may also need to be considered. Requests by families to have a specific teacher can have some implications for class placements. Firstly, staffing may not be determined until January and we are unable to confirm who will be teaching what year level. Therefore, we may not be able to honour all requests for a particular teacher. Secondly, by granting some requests by parents and not others, the school is placed in a position of conflict. In the interests of fairness and equity, we cannot make accommodations for some and not others. We welcome any concerns you may have and you can discuss these with the Director of Learning and Wellbeing of your child's respective cohort. Please be assured that the process for class placements focuses on the overall learning and wellbeing needs of each student and supports them to develop a love of learning that leads to personal excellence and holistic development.

Chickenpox

The College has been informed of a confirmed case of chickenpox within the school. I encourage parents to be mindful of the below symptoms to ensure the health and safety of your child and our school community.

Symptoms of chickenpox may include:

- *Slight fever and cold-like symptoms, followed by a rash (see image).*
- *A rash appears as blisters which crust to form scabs and is usually itchy.*
- *Crops of blisters may appear over several days and various stages of blisters may be present. The rash is usually more noticeable on the trunk than on the limbs. It may affect the scalp and the inside of the mouth, nose, and throat.*
- *In childhood, chickenpox is usually a mild illness and can be so mild it might not be noticed.*

The infectious period for chickenpox (time during which an infected person can infect others) is from 2 days before a rash appears until at least 5 days after the rash first appears and all blisters have crusted over. Therefore, people with chickenpox should not attend childcare, preschool or work until all blisters have dried (usually about 5 days). More information about chickenpox can be found at www.sahealth.sa.gov.au.

Damian Smith, Principal

Year 8 - Science

Last week the Year 8's concluded their body systems unit with reproduction. They dissected flowers from around the school and identified the parts of the flower that allow them to reproduce.



Book Week Colour In Competition

Congratulations to the winners of the Book Week Colour In Competition!



Bella, Ben, Willow, Phoenix, Sophia, Claudia, Macie

1/2 Gold – Book Week Activities

The Year 1/2 Gold class read Louie and Snippy: Save the Sea as part of Book Week activities. They then used rubbish, such as plastic bottle tops, to make some cool crafty things. Thanks to Miss Pynor's sister, Rachel, who came in and helped.



Year 9 Rite Journey

One of the great challenges that a man can tackle is building something! In this case, the Rite Journey boys were tasked with building their new goals that came with their latest PE order. The boys worked in groups to follow the instructions provided to complete the final product. Great leadership and communication was shown throughout the assembling and the final product is ready to go for future PE lessons.



Peter Coombe Visit

We welcomed a very special guest last Friday! The one and only, Peter Coombe, came to visit the school and put on a performance for all of our junior classes and the visiting kindy children. "On 23rd of October Peter Coombe came to our school for a performance. He sang us lots of different songs. My favourite song he sang to us was Quirky Berserky. We got to do lots of singing and dancing. It was a lot of fun!" - Jace.



First Eucharist

Congratulations to our students – Lachlan, Cooper, Charlotte, Ava, Nick, Riona, Toby, Willow and Jayde who celebrated their First Eucharist at All Saints Church alongside family, friends and the parish community. Pictured with Fr Jim Monaghan



Year 12 – Child Studies

The final Year 12 Child Studies task asked students to choose a favourite book from their childhood to read to a group of students from our Year 1/2 classes. They then undertook an activity with their group in an effort to further engage the children and encourage a love of learning.



LAP Program

Since the beginning of 2020, 24 of our Year 12 students have accepted the role of mentor for a younger student as part of our LAP program. They have met with their young buddy once a week to help with school work, practice skills and/or just have some fun. As a final get-together the Year 12's planned a scavenger hunt for the younger children at Rotary Park. They all had lots of fun using clues to find the hidden objects and then finished the hunt with an iceblock! Well done everyone.



Book Week – 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'





CONGRATULATIONS +
ALL THE BEST FOR YOUR
FUTURE PATHWAYS

Class of 2020