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# Caritas COLLEGE Newsletter



## KEY DATES

Year 9 STEM Excursion  
PW2PA Hub & Public Library  
17 Nov

Sacrament of Confirmation  
20 Nov

Year 9 Aquatics  
24 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

Board Meeting  
1 Dec

Years 7-9 & School Leaders  
Splash Day  
8 Dec

Year 7/8 Transition Visit  
7-8 Dec

7-9 Assembly  
9 Dec

Further information on events is available  
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events/calendar](http://www.cc.catholic.edu.au/news-events/calendar)

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## Principal's Message

### NAIDOC Week

This week is NAIDOC Week. NAIDOC Week celebrations are normally held around the country each July but were postponed this year due to COVID-19. NAIDOC Week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It is also a time to remember the need for justice for Aboriginal Australians.

*God of people, you care for all the  
peoples of the earth. May we learn to  
respect the traditions and gifts of all  
cultures. May all who make Australia  
their home walk together seeking  
healing and peace. We make this prayer  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### Mass of Thanksgiving

Today we gathered together as a whole school community to celebrate the Mass of Thanksgiving. We were honoured to have Bishop Karol Kulczycki, newly installed bishop of the Port Pirie Diocese, with us today presiding over the Mass. It was a particularly joyous occasion, given that we haven't been able to assemble in such a way this year due to COVID-19. It was wonderful that we could come together today to mark the end of the school year and in particular the end of the schooling journey for our Year 12 students. It was particularly special to watch the Year 12 students process into the Mass holding the hand of a Reception student. There is something symbolic about this part of the Mass that captures and reflects the essence of who we are as a Catholic school community. I am grateful also that families were also able to join us also to rejoice in the special occasion. Fr Jim gave the following blessing at the end of the Mass. I share it with you again here as we give thanks for and extraordinary year that challenged us all to grow in love, wonder and understanding.

*May the power and mystery of God go  
before you to show you the way; to  
shine above you to lighten your world; lie  
beneath you to bear you up; walk with  
you and give you companionship; to glow  
and flow within you and to bring you joy  
in the years ahead. Amen.*



### Graduation Dinner

Tonight the Year 12 students and their families will gather to celebrate their Graduation Dinner. The Year 12s will have imagined this event in their own minds for some time. They will no doubt be dressed up to the nines. There will be speeches and awards. There will be cheers, clapping and laughter (and maybe a few tears). It will be the 'finale' for the students and their families. It is only fitting that we farewell them in such a way that acknowledges their thirteen year schooling journey. We will send them off with our blessings and best wishes. It will be a night they remember and hold on to for many years to come.

### Transition Visits

On Tuesday we welcomed 24 new faces into our College community as they transitioned from kindergarten to school. Transition provided them with an opportunity meet teachers, make new friends and explore the facilities. I had the pleasure of meeting with the parents of our newest enrolments to share our College's hopes and aspirations for their children. We wish them all the best as they take their initial steps of their school journey.

We also look forward to welcoming a number of new students and families into our school community in various other year levels. Transition for students entering in Year 7 & 8 is occurring on Monday 7- Tuesday 8 December.



## Capital Development Project 2021

### Penola Learning Centre & Nature Play Space

I am excited and proud to announce planned capital development for our College in 2021. A significant building project is scheduled to take place throughout Term 1 and 2 next year.

The Penola Learning Centre, which houses our Reception-Year 4 students, will be undergoing a major upgrade and refurbishment. A solid roof structure will be built over the internal courtyard to create a fully enclosed break-out space and shared learning area between the classrooms. This space will have a newly constructed stage and seating area, along with an indoor garden. All the Reception-Year 4 classrooms in this building will be refurbished and updated with new wall coverings, lighting and furniture.

To complement the learning spaces in the Penola Learning Centre, the building project will also include the development of an extensive Nature Play Space which will span the entire section of the yard area in front of this building. The Nature Play Space will include a tree house, creek bed, balancing planks, sensory walk, sound village, mud kitchen and many more exciting areas for the younger students to learn and play in.

A project of this magnitude will cause some disruption while these exciting spaces are being redeveloped. Therefore, all the Reception - Year 4 classrooms will be relocated to other spaces around the school for up to two terms. In working to ensure the continuity of high quality teaching and learning, we will ensure that year levels are situated in close proximity to one another. Subsequently, this will impact on some other year levels in the secondary school. Nonetheless, we are confident that this will have minimal impact for students and staff due to the flexibility of our IT environment which has been made possible by the 1:1 Laptop program for the 7 - 12 students.

I am grateful for the work of the School Board who have diligently worked to strategically deliver contemporary and engaging learning spaces throughout the College. This \$1.75M project will add further value to high quality teaching and learning that the staff at Caritas College work to provide for every student. Further information, details and visuals about this project will be provided in the coming weeks.

### New Uniform

In the coming weeks, the College will have a sizing kit on site for families/students to assist them in ordering the right sized garments. Once the kit is accessible, families will be notified and invited to book an appointment for students to try on uniforms and record their size and uniform requirements. The next step for families will be to order the required items via an online portal.

There will be two options for delivery:

- Bulk delivery to the school week commencing January 16th which will not attract a freight charge or
- Direct home delivery with a freight charge

More information about this will be communicated to parents in the coming weeks.

## Staffing

It is that time of the year when we prepare to farewell students, families and staff from our College. There will be a number of staff leaving Caritas College at the end of the year, as is the case at the end of every school year. Teaching and non-teaching positions will be advertised in the coming weeks to fill vacant positions for next year. I know that some families are often eager to know of class placements and subject teachers at this time of the year. Until employment processes are finalised, we are not able to confirm staffing arrangements. Further details about staff farewells and new appointments will be communicated to the school community in the coming weeks.

*Damian Smith, Principal*



HELP US, HELP OTHERS THIS CHRISTMAS

# VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOOD DRIVE

YOU CAN HELP A FAMILY PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE THIS CHRISTMAS. DONATION HAMPERS ARE LOCATED IN CLASSROOMS.

While all donations are gratefully accepted, please think about the types of foods you donate and also consider supermarket vouchers or gift cards so families can purchase and enjoy fresh meat, fruit and vegetables on Christmas Day.



 **Do you have an interest in Event Planning?**

Caritas College will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2021. We have a number of events scheduled on 6th - 8th August 2021 and are looking for someone to help in the coordination and running of these events.

If this is something you might be interested in, please contact Piera Gough on 8648 9700 or [info@cc.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@cc.catholic.edu.au)





## Year 7 – Design and Technology

In Year 7 Design and Tech (Textiles) students have made 'Beanbag Buddies' using a rectangle of corduroy, some felt and lots of imagination.



## Year 8/9 Boys and Girls SSSSA Basketball Carnival

Last week, selected Year 8/9 boys and girls participated in the SSSSA Basketball Carnival held in Port Augusta. Other schools participating were Whyalla High School, Jamestown Area School and Peterborough High School. All teams displayed great teamwork and impressive individual skills. A big congratulations goes to our girls team who finished the day undefeated and top of their table, qualifying to the next stage of knockout in Adelaide. Unfortunately, our boys team came up short in their grand final by 4 points and just missed out on progressing. A big thanks to Year 10 students Ashleigh, Sophie, Dom and Jack for umpiring throughout the day. We also thank and appreciate the efforts of parent volunteer Craig Pillion who acted as the event Covid Marshall and helped ensure the environment was clean and all safety precautions were adhered to. The Girls travelled to Adelaide on Wednesday, and were a fierce competition and made it to the grandfinal but lost against Naracoorte by 9 points.



## Year 10 – Health

Year 10 Health students recently visited Bodycare Fitness. They are currently investigating the impact regular exercise can have on a person's physical and mental health. Students were fortunate to hear from Mrs Jasmin Eckert, a qualified personal trainer, who spoke to the group about the importance of maintaining an appropriate level of fitness. She then led students through a spin class, followed by a series of strength and conditioning exercises. We are very grateful to Jason McInerney of Bodycare Fitness for allowing us to use the facilities.



## Stage 1 Psychology

In Stage 1 Psychology students have been exploring concepts of conformity, anti and prosocial behaviour and social norms. To show application of this, students were asked to design and deliver an Anti-Bullying Campaign suitable for 5/6 students. They unpacked key ideas and allowed younger students to act out scenarios and talk through advice for resisting conformity and recognising behaviours.





### Year 1/2 Blue - English

Year 1/2 Blue have been learning about procedural writing in English. They wrote a yummy fruit kebab recipe and then used the recipe to make their kebabs. Now that they have the recipe they can make them again at home.



### Reception – Physical Education

The Reception class have been using their PE classes to work on their ball skills.

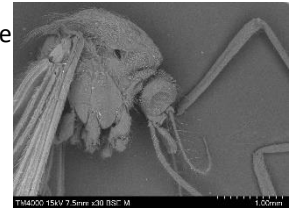


### Year 3/4 - STEM

Recently we had an electron microscope on site from Inspire STEM Education. Electron microscopes make it possible to view objects and structures which are much smaller than what we can see using conventional light microscopes. Students have enjoyed looking at a variety of objects from nature to see their amazing structures in more detail.

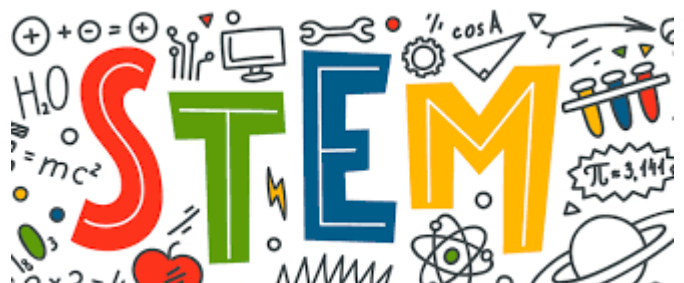
**Gum leaf:** On the surface of the gum leaf you can see the mouth-like stoma that the tree uses to 'breathe' and exchange carbon dioxide for oxygen. On a hot day the leaf can even close its stoma so it doesn't lose too much moisture.

**Mosquito:** Taking a closer look at the mosquito we can see it's hairy back, fly-like eyes, and the beginning of the needle-like proboscis that it uses to bite.



**Capeweed Daisy Pollen:** When we look closely at individual pollen grains we often see that they are quite spiky – this helps them stick to insects such as bees, ensuring that flowers get pollinated.

**Diatom:** Diatoms are microscopic aquatic life that build their cell walls from silica, resulting in amazingly detailed structures. This one has come from saltwater (bore water).





## Mass of Thanksgiving







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Ethan Dunning



Eliza Edwards



Corey Finlayson



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Lily Greaves



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Abbey Grindell



Meg Grover



Elle Henderson



Mackenzie Hodge



Phoebe Hunter



Patrick Kennedy



Tara Matthiessen



Savannah McKenzie



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