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# Caritas COLLEGE Newsletter



## KEY DATES

BBQ Sausage Sizzle  
8 Dec

R-6 Students  
Last Day  
Wed 9 Dec

Normal dismissal  
time

Further information on events is available  
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## Principal's Message

### Advent

Yesterday marked the beginning of Advent. Advent reminds us to reflect on the promise of the baby born in Bethlehem 2000 years ago. It is a special time of joyous anticipation for what will unfold on the 25 December. It is a time for exploring our deepest longings and desires.

*God of Hope and Love, as we begin  
this season of Advent, give light to  
our eyes and peace to our hearts. May  
the Lord find us watching and  
waiting in joy when He comes. We  
pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*



### Prayers & Condolences

The staff and students at Caritas College were saddened to hear of the passing of David Kemp. May our prayers be with his family and friends at this difficult time. I also ask you to continue to remember the Kemp family so they will be comforted and strengthened by the love of God and the whole school/parish community.

### Mass of Thanksgiving & Graduation Dinner

Just over two weeks ago, we celebrated the Mass of Thanksgiving to acknowledge the end of the school year. It was a lovely celebration and we were blessed to have Bishop Karol join for this special event. Later that evening the Year 12's were farewelled at their Graduation Dinner. It was a superb evening and a fitting way to acknowledge the end of their school journey. We were extremely fortunate to have held these events before the COVID lockdown occurred, so I am incredibly grateful that we were able to gather and celebrate these important aspects of school life under the current circumstances.

### COVID

Following the statewide lockdown due to COVID-19, I want to sincerely thank students, staff and families for their flexibility and resilience in such trying circumstances. I am very grateful that we were able to return to school so quickly after such a chaotic few days. Our staff have been dedicated to the care and wellbeing of the children in our community. They have worked in different ways to ensure your child could keep up with learning and growth. We are almost at the end point of the school year, which is a tremendous achievement all by itself. Well done to everyone and thank you!

### Primary Carols Night

The Primary Carols Night was originally planned for tonight (Mon 30 November). A decision was made to change the way we celebrate this event this year due to the impact of COVID-19. Given that schools are being advised to minimise the number of adults onsite, we will be recording class performances at school and posting them online over the coming weeks in the lead up to Christmas. This is always an exciting event for the students to be involved in. I'm sure some of the excitement is generated from being able to dress up in spirit of Christmas. We don't want to lose this excitement this year. Therefore, we are inviting students to embrace the Christmas cheers bring a hat, shirt or other decorations to wear over their PE uniform on Monday 7 December (Week 9) when the class performances will be recorded. We hope that this will allow students and families to still celebrate this special event, albeit in a slightly different way.



## 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. Staffing for 2021 will be finalised in the coming weeks. We can't communicate the final staffing arrangements to families until early next year because sometimes things change over the Christmas holiday period. For the time being, however, it is important to acknowledge the work of those staff who will be leaving us at the end of this year.

Jasmin Eckert has been successful in winning a position at Mary MacKillop College in Adelaide next year. Jasmin has been a wonderful contributor to our school community for sustained length of time. She is well-known and widely regarded as an excellent educator who cares deeply about her students. We wish Jasmin and her family all the best with this exciting move to Adelaide.

We will also farewell Charlotte McCann (nee Raffan), Hannah Blowes and Tara May at the end of the year. Charlotte, Hannah and Tara have all had a positive impact and influence on the students in their care in their time at Caritas College. They are wonderful teachers and we wish them all the best for what lies ahead of them.

## Capital Development Project 2021

### Penola Learning Centre & Nature Play Space

Following the announcement in our previous newsletter of a major building project for 2021, we have started working towards moving classrooms to accommodate students while the building project occurs in Term 1 and 2 next year. This week the Reception-Year 4 cohort will begin to relocate their classrooms to the Sr Mary Laurencia Learning Centre (E Block). Subsequently, this impacts on students in Years 7-9. Therefore, these classrooms will be relocated to the Tenison Woods Learning Centre (M Block). The relocation of these classrooms ensure that year levels are situated in close proximity to one another and provides access to the facilities and resources needed to support student learning. I am deeply appreciative of the work of staff and students to make these major changes happen in the final stages of the year.

## New Uniform

We are currently waiting for the last of the sizing kit garments to arrive. In the coming weeks, an online booking system will be available for families to book an appointment for students to try on uniforms.

## Catholic School Parents SA

The South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools (SACCS) is pleased to announce the formation of Catholic School Parents SA as the new representative body of Catholic school parents.

Catholic School Parents SA will connect with parent groups across the 101 Catholic Schools in the State.

Chair of SACCS, Professor Denis Ralph, said "Parents and carers have always played a pivotal role in the success of Catholic schools in South Australia. This new parent representative and advocacy body will further enhance parent engagement and participation in the education and care of children and young people in Catholic schools in South Australia."

In 2020, the Commission engaged an independent reviewer to consult with parents in all Catholic schools to seek their feedback as to whether they felt they had an adequate voice in the education of their children and what kind of support they would like to see in the future.

"While acknowledging that the current structures have served parents and our school communities well in the past, the review recognised that parents and carers have busy lives and are looking for new ways to engage in and support the education of their children," Professor Ralph said.

Catholic School Parents SA will be closely aligned with Catholic School Parents Australia, the national body that represents and advocates for parents and carers of children and young people in Catholic schools across Australia, and will seek to have broad representation of parents of students in our schools.

The new group will:

- Engage in a program of listening to the needs of parents across Catholic schools
- Advocate for improved funding and support for children and young people in Catholic schools and preschools
- Ensure parent voice in policy development
- Represent parents on a range of committees and working parties
- Participate in the work of Catholic School Parents Australia.

"We are excited by the opportunity to engage with parents in our schools in new ways in 2021 and beyond," Professor Ralph said. Schools will receive further information early in 2021.

*Damian Smith, Principal*

## Thinking engineering?

Leigh Creek Energy (LCK) is offering a scholarship to the value of \$20,000 to support a student to study the Associate Degree in Engineering through Uni Hub Spencer Gulf and CQUniversity Australia.

**Applications close 31 December 2020**

For further information, please contact:  
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Uni Hub Engineering Coordinator  
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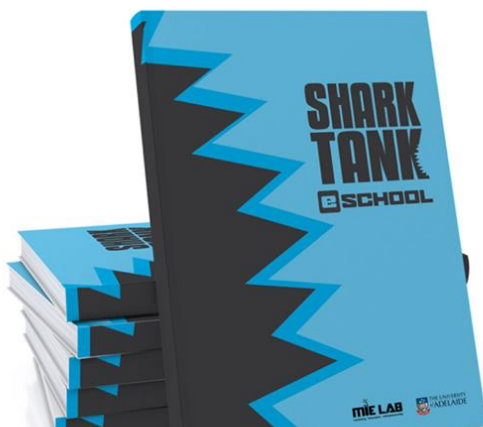
## NAIDOC Week

In celebration of NAIDOC week, 7 Blue and 8 Gold Science classes used play clay to mould pebble like shapes and engrave different Indigenous symbols including, emu tracks, a boomerang and a meeting place. 9 Gold and 3/4 Blue also recently enjoyed their buddy class sessions, completing an Indigenous collaborative colouring task of a sea turtle and completing their Pulse Survey.



## Shark Tank - Year 10

On Wednesday, the Shark Tank eSchool held their finals showcase event online. It was amazing to see the ideas and innovations of our young people and it was exciting to see that the future is definitely not bleak with the visions of our future leaders. Professor Noel Lindsay from the University of Adelaide and Sandy Watters from Santos adjudicated the 9 teams. Our students gave their most polished and refined presentation yet, and ended up coming 2nd in the Environmental Category. Their prize included \$750 cash from Santos and Adelaide Uni. Congratulations to everyone involved!



## STEM – 3/4 Students

As part of their STEM Unit, the Year 3/4 students have been looking at properties of materials from a sustainability perspective. They had some help from the Year 9 students to make their own beeswax wraps. Beeswax wraps are a reusable, washable and sustainable alternative to single-use plastic and cling wrap. The wraps are made with cotton, organic beeswax and jojoba oil and can last up to 12 months and can be used to cover almost anything clingwrap can cover.



## Physical Education – Reception Bocce

Our Reception students have been having fun learning how to play Italian Lawn Bowls - more commonly known as Bocce





## Year 12 Graduation - Major Award Recipients



### Academic Achievement Award

Phoebe Hunter

Sponsored by University of SA (Whyalla)

### ADF Future Innovators Award

Joshua Graham

Sponsored by Australian Defence Force

### Citizenship Award

Raener Miller

Jed Waterworth

Sponsored by Knights of Southern Cross



### David O'Connor Perpetual Science Award

Phoebe Hunter

Sponsored by Gulf & Ranges Optometrists

### Diligence and Consistency Award

Lily Fullerton

Mikayla Freemantle

Sponsored by Port Augusta City Council



### Kevin Freeman VET Award

Toby Fraser

Sponsored by Kevin Freeman Electrical

### Long Tan Leadership Award

Hamish Stewart

Sponsored by Australian Defence Force

### Rotary Endeavour Award

Meg Grover

Sponsored by Rotary Port Augusta



### St Mary of the Cross Leadership Award

Jenna Glamuzina

Joshua Graham

# Congratulations



## Year 12 Graduation – Subject Achievement Award Winners

### Sponsored by Sundrop

Accounting	Meg Grover
Biology	Phoebe Hunter
Chemistry	Phoebe Hunter
Child Studies	Meg Grover
Design & Technology Material Products	Hamish Stewart
English	Phoebe Hunter
Essential English	Georgia Mundy
General Mathematics	Meg Grover
Health	Lily Fullerton
Integrated Learning	Joshua Graham
Mathematical Methods	Joshua Graham
Physical Education	Raener Miller
Physics	Phoebe Hunter
Psychology	Jenna Glamuzina
Research Project	Phoebe Hunter
Visual Arts – Art	Lily Fullerton
Workplace Practices	Deke Scurrah





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