

ISSUE

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# Caritas COLLEGE Newsletter



## KEY DATES

**First Reconciliation Prep Day**  
31 March 2021

**SAPSASA Boys Football & Girls Netball**  
31 March 2021

**Good Friday**  
2 April 2021

**Easter Saturday**  
3 April 2021

**Easter Sunday**  
4 April 2021

**Easter Monday**  
5 April 2021

**Year 10 First Aid Course**  
7 April 2021

**Celebration of Sacrament of First Reconciliation**  
7 April 2021

**Yr 10 Outdoor Education Orienteering in Melrose**  
8 April 2021

**Yr 7-9 Assembly**  
9 April 2021

**Yr 10-12 Assembly**  
9 April 2021

**Last Day of Term 1**  
9 April 2021

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

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## Principal's Message

### Holy Week

I am grateful that we get to celebrate Easter this year during the course of the school term. This allows teachers to 'close the loop' on the Easter story and celebrate the Resurrection of Christ when we return to school on Tuesday in Week 11. However, until then may we continue to journey through Lent in preparation for the hope and joy that Easter promises. Holy Week is an opportunity for us to learn and understand the challenges and trials of Jesus' life. The week ahead prefaces his ultimate triumph on Easter Sunday. The next 7 days are the centerpiece of our Catholic faith, which our College is built on. May we embrace all that it has to offer us.



### Farewell – Fr Khalid

Staff recently gathered to farewell Fr Khalid who will soon be moving to Canberra to share his ministry with others in a new role. Fr Khalid has been part of our school community for 11 years. As School Chaplain he has supported us through many experiences, and as we prepare to bid him farewell, we acknowledge the profound impact that he has had on our College. With hearts full of gratitude, we wish Fr Khalid all the best for the future.



### Spencer Gulf Athletics Carnival

We were very fortunate and privileged to host the Spencer Gulf Athletics Carnival today. The weather caused some concern early in the day but cleared in the afternoon to make for a fantastic event. The day ran smoothly and I am appreciative of the hospitality we extended to our visitors from Port Pirie, Whyalla and Port Lincoln. I congratulate Mr Jack Muirhead for his ability to organise and coordinate such a significant event. I am also extremely proud of the way our students participated and conducted themselves.



### Sacrament of First Reconciliation

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April a number of Year 3 students will receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. This is a significant and important step in their faith journey where they will experience God's love and forgiveness. May our prayers be with these children and their families as they prepare to receive this sacrament.

### Principal's Renewal Leave

I will be on Renewal Leave in Term 2 from 17/5/2021 to 2/7/2021 (Week 4–10). During this time, I will be engaging in rigorous on-going learning that includes a range of professional development experiences that are aligned with our College's strategic directions. I am pleased to announce that Mrs Mary Manning has been appointed to the role of Acting Principal while I am on leave. This is a role that Mary has previously filled on several occasions, both confidently and competently. She brings the benefit of experience to the role, which will offer continuity to our College community.

### St Joseph's Day

Last Friday we celebrated St Joseph's Feast Day. This was an important day in the life of our College as we celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. The whole school Liturgy was a beautiful testimony of how we revere Joseph as a father figure and example for our school community. As part of the Liturgy, we blessed 16 trees that have now found a new home in the Walk of Acknowledgement. Each tree represents one decade over the past 150 years. An additional tree was planted to symbolise what lies ahead for our school community. The Walk of Acknowledgement completed following some more landscaping in the weeks and will serve as a beautiful reminder of our College's extraordinary past and exciting future.

*Damian Smith, Principal*



### Eucharistic Celebration of Thanksgiving

SUNDAY 16 MAY  
12.00 NOON

ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
51 FLINDERS TERRACE

*Join us to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the arrival  
and foundation of the Sisters of St Joseph and the opening of the  
first Catholic School in Port Augusta in 1871*

*Followed by light luncheon at The Fountain Gallery (Old Convent)*

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**150 STORIES  
PROJECT**

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COLLEGE (ST JOSEPH'S)?

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CAPTURES THE STORIES OF OUR SCHOOL HISTORY?

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**EASTER SERVICES**

Holy Week has begun, with a focus on the  
Triduum or the three days of Holy Thursday,  
Good Friday and the Easter Vigil.

We remember the events of Jesus' last days and  
reflect on, and continue, to be faithful to living  
our lives as he taught.

Access the upcoming Easter Ceremonies via the  
following:

[www.pp.catholic.org.au](http://www.pp.catholic.org.au) (Diocesan website)  
or  
Catholic Church Port Augusta Facebook page

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SCHOOL/CANTEEN](https://www.cc.catholic.edu.au/our-school/canteen)





# Student Learning & Wellbeing

## Year 1/2 Gold - Art

Miss Pynor's sister Tahlia came into the classroom recently and did an Art workshop. She taught them about ways that our feelings can be shown on paper using lines and colours. *"I used a lot of different lines and colours in my picture because sometimes I feel a lot of things all at the same time"* (Oakley)



## Year 5, 6, 7 SRC – GRIP Conference

A number of Year 5, 6 and 7 SRC members recently attended the GRIP Conference. GRIP Leadership is an organisation that exists to train and develop leaders with a special focus on school students and the educational sector. Students engaged in a range of activities to discover what it takes to be a leader, and what they can bring to their leadership position this year.



## Year 8 - Science

The Year 8s recently conducted flame tests to detect the presence of certain metals in chemical compounds. The tests involve heating a sample of an element and observing the resulting colour of the flame.



## Year 11 - Caritas Ks

The SACE Stage 2 Integrated Studies course includes the study of Justice in the Community. To help raise awareness of the needs of others living in developing countries the students participated in a Caritas Ks event during their lessons on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March by walking to and from school around the local area carrying buckets of water for a distance of approximately 3.5 kms. Students walked in solidarity with those who have to walk vast distances to access resources we take for granted, such as clean water, education and medical facilities. They will be seeking donations for the kms covered on the day and monies raised will go to Caritas Australia to help with their work around the world.



## Year 12 – Workplace Practices

As part of the Year 12 Workplace Practices course this term, students have been exploring the changing nature of work. An excursion to Wadlata and then a walk along Commercial Road provided students with an opportunity to learn more about the history of Port Augusta while reflecting and analysing the vast knowledge, skills and competencies required to work in many different industries in the past





## St Joseph's Day Liturgy and Tree-Planting





## Around the College

