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Caritas COLLEGE Newsletter



KEY DATES

ANZAC Day Public Holiday
26 April 2021

Student Free Day
(Staff Professional Learning)
27 April 2021

Term 2 Commences
28 April 2021

Yr 11/12 MFS Road Safety Talk
29 April 2021

Yr 10 Post School Pathways
Excursion
5-7 May 2021

Yr 5/6 Hot Shots Tennis
6 May 2021

Yr 3/4 Hot Shots Tennis
7 May 2021

Yr 11s &
Yr 12 Workplace Practices
Careers Expo
7 May 2021

Yr 11 STEM Girls – Whyalla
Inquiry Day
11 May 2021

First Eucharist Parent
Information Night
12 May 2021

Yr 12 Reflection Days
13-14 May 2021

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Principal's Message

Easter

Christ is risen and we are now in the liturgical season of Easter. This is a joyous time for all Christians as we rejoice in renewed hope and share our faith with others.

Loving and ever-present God, may we rejoice and celebrate in the resurrection of your son, Jesus. We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of new life at Easter. Amen.



First Reconciliation

On Wednesday evening several students from Year 3 received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. This was a significant and important step in their faith journey. All Saints Catholic Church was lively with lots of families who gathered around their children for this special occasion. Fr Jim led the celebration, which was a lovely liturgy filled with prayer, reflection and reverence. May our prayerful best wishes be with these children and their families as they continue to journey together with God's love.



Bishop Karol Kulczycki & Mrs Nichii Mardon

Last week we were fortunate to have Bishop Karol Kulczycki and Mrs Nichii Mardon (Director of Catholic Education SA, Pt Pirie Diocese) visit our College. We gave our special visitors a tour of the College, where many of the students were excited to share with them their learning. The Year 1/2's were especially pleased to be able to perform a rendition of our College song – "A place where we can grow". Bishop Karol spoke to the students and shared some of his story. He was happy to field questions about his role as the Bishop and his home country of Poland. It was a lovely privilege to be able to share this time with Bishop Karol and Mrs Mardon.



Building Project Update

We are excited to see more progress happening in the Penola Learning Centre. Over the next couple of weeks the fixed roof structure will begin to be erected over the internal courtyard. This is a significant part of the building project that will help shape the new and exciting learning spaces where our R – 4 students will learn, play and grow.

Reports & Portfolios

Today parents/caregivers will receive Learning Portfolios for students in Reception–Year 9 and Mid-Semester Reports for Year 10–12. These documents play a key role in developing effective school/family partnerships to support your child's ongoing learning. Therefore, please take this opportunity to celebrate the successes your child has achieved throughout the term. Parents/caregivers are encouraged to discuss their child's report with their teacher(s) if you have any questions.

Student Free Day

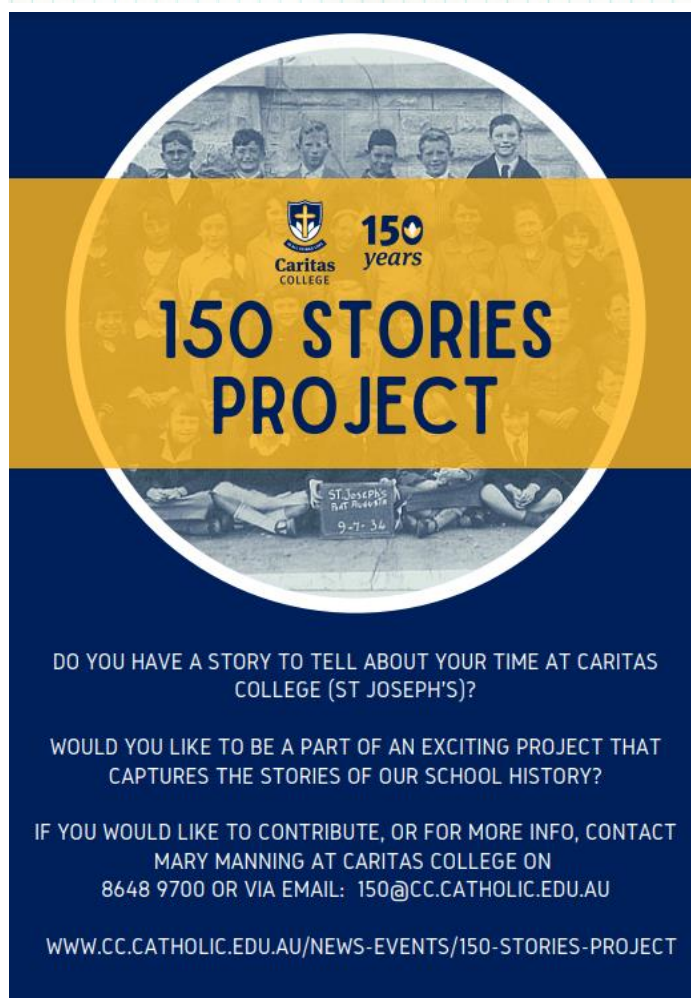
Please note that students will commence Term 2 on Wednesday 28th April. Monday 26th is a public holiday for ANZAC Day and Tuesday 27th April is a student free day. On this day staff will be engaging in professional learning that will further develop our school wide pedagogy. This helps to ensure a consistent approach to 'why', 'what' and 'how' we provide high quality teaching and learning to all students.



End of Term

I want to acknowledge the efforts of staff, students and families throughout Term 1. We have had a very positive start to the school year. We have hosted, celebrated and engaged in liturgies, feast days, sports day, Interschool competitions, swimming lessons, SAPSASA events, excursions and many other things. All these things have happened in addition to the high-quality teaching and learning that occurs every day at school. Thank you also to the staff, students and families for your commitment and engagement this term. I wish all students and their families a restful break for the holiday period. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Wednesday 28th April.

Damian Smith, Principal



Reception Gold – Design & Technology

In Design and Technology the Reception Gold students designed boats to help the Billy Goats across the river as the troll was on the bridge. They followed their designs to make their boats from recycled materials. There were some very colourful and creative boats.



Year 1/2 White – Design & Technology

In Design and Technology the 1/2 White students have been learning about the properties of materials and their suitability for different uses. Students were given a brief to design and create a pet rock house. They came out with some wonderful ideas!



Year 10 – Outdoor Ed/Work Experience

As part of their curriculum, the Year 10 class undertook BELS First Aid Training. Due to the nature of Trek, it is a requirement that all students attend and complete the training. However, all Year 10 students undertook the training to prepare them for Work Experience which will happen later in the year.



Year 9 - Rite Journey

On Thursday 18th March, the Year 9 students and their families gathered at the Port Augusta Yacht Club to celebrate their Calling and Departure Ceremony. This program honours the transition from young person to young adult and emphasises the partnership between student, parent, teacher and broader community. The 'Calling' encourages students to show gratitude for their childhood and calls them to engage with their journey into adulthood. The 'Departure' is an opportunity to reflect on their time so far and look into the future with their parents, carers and teachers. Rotary Port Augusta joined the students and families for a shared breakfast back at the college following the ceremony to continue those conversations and shared experiences.



Year 12 – Visual Art

Students recently visited Adelaide to view and discuss the 2020 Stage 2 student work selected for the SACE graduation Art show, which was held at the Light Square Gallery. One of our own 2020 graduates, Lily Fullerton, had a piece displayed as part of the show. The excursion allowed them to visit the Jam Factory to view a glass blowing experience, the ACE Gallery and the Samstag Museum of Art. The benefit of the excursion was to help the students find inspiration, direction and guidance for their Folio development, Practical possibilities and Visual Study development.



Around the College

