

ISSUE

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30 April 2021

Caritas COLLEGE Newsletter



KEY DATES

SSSSA Open Boys Football
4 May 2021

Yr 12 Child Studies Excursion –
Special School
4 May 2021

Yr 10 Post School Pathways
Excursion
5-7 May 2021

Yr 3/4 Hot Shots Tennis
6 May 2021

Yr 5/6 Hot Shots Tennis
7 May 2021

Yr 11 & 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

Eucharistic Celebration of
Thanksgiving
16 May 2021

Caritas College 150th Birthday
17 May 2021

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

St Joseph the Worker

On Saturday 1st May we celebrate the Feast of St Joseph the Worker. This day recognises and honours St Joseph as a worker. He was a carpenter who earned his bread by the work of his hands. We acknowledge St Joseph as a humble man and worker at our College by naming the hospitality and tech centre area after him. St Joseph has been a constant source of inspiration for our school community since its inception 150 year ago.

Lord, may we be inspired by Saint Joseph to carry out our work with humility and integrity. May all our efforts foster care and concern for others as we work to fulfil your loving plan for us. Amen.



Welcome to Term 2

I trust that all of our students and families enjoyed a change of pace in the term break. I am excited to welcome everyone back for Term 2. We are poised for another busy and exciting term with lots of events and activities planned such as NAPLAN, camps, excursions, sports competitions, school celebrations and plenty more. I hope that the approaching 'busyness' of this term energises our school community to continue to achieve new and great things. All the best for Term 2!



College Birthday

Excitement is beginning to build as we approach the College's 150th birthday on Monday 17th May (Week 4). This special occasion marks the day the founding Sisters of St Joseph held the first lessons in a shed on the Port Augusta Wharf in 1871. The students and staff will celebrate this in-school event with a whole-school gathering. We will have some special invited guests who will hear a rendition of the "Caritas Song" that our primary students have been busy practising. We will also ceremoniously plant a tree outside of the Chapel to commemorate the occasion. And, of course there will be cake for all to enjoy!

A Parish event will be held on Sunday 16th May at All Saints Catholic Church and the Fountain Gallery to celebrate the College's birthday. Information regarding this event, including how to register (RSVPs due 30 April), can be found via our [website](#).

Further to this, we have a weekend-long celebration planned for 6-8th August that will provide something for all facets of our school community to engage in to celebrate our 150th anniversary.

Building Project Update

I am pleased to share with you that the building project in the Penola Learning Centre is progressing at an exciting rate. The fixed roof structure was erected over the term break, which shapes the new look internal courtyard. The classrooms are currently being refurbished as the entire building continues to be transformed into an exciting space that will nurture the hearts and minds of our youngest and most impressionable students.



NAPLAN

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be involved in Literacy and Numeracy Testing, (NAPLAN Tests) between 11th – 21st May. It is important that your child attends school on these days. These tests provide useful data for individual achievement in comparison with national standards and are a means of identifying particular needs at each year level. Please see your child's teacher if you have any questions about NAPLAN testing.

Staffing

At the end of Term 1 we farewelled a valued staff member, Mrs Jodie Harris. Jodie has been an important part of the financial operations of the College for over 7 years. We are grateful for the knowledge and skills she shared with our school community throughout her time as a staff member and wish her all the best for her new endeavours. In filling this vacant position, I am pleased to announce that Mrs Belinda Badcock has been appointed to the role Finance Officer. Belinda brings a wide range of knowledge, skills and experience to the role having worked in finance and various other positions at the Port Augusta Hospital for an extended period of time. We welcome her to the staff of Caritas College.

As communicated to the school community late last term, I will be on Renewal Leave from 17/5/2021 to 2/7/2021 (Week 4 – 10). Mrs Mary Manning has been appointed to the role of Acting Principal while I am on leave. Mr Leigh O'Shaughnessy will be Assistant Principal during this time. Mary and Leigh have both confidently and competently filled these roles on several occasions previously. They both bring the benefit of experience and will offer continuity to our College community.

School Counsellor

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Carah Curley into our school community as our new Counsellor. Carah works for CentaCare Catholic Country SA who provide student counselling services to our school. This important service helps to support and enhance the wellbeing of our students. I know you will join me in welcoming Carah into our school community.

Mid-Year Reception Enrolments

We are currently accepting enrolments for Term 3 this year. Your child may be eligible for a mid-year enrolment if they turn 5 **on or before the 31 of October**. We ask that an Enrolment Application form be filled out for any new children starting. This form can be requested from our website [request an enrolment pack](#) or collected from the front office at any time. Please note that there are no fees for 2021 mid-year Reception enrolment intakes. If you have any questions regarding enrolling your child and/or starting dates please contact the College and we will happily help you.

Damian Smith, Principal



MOTHER'S DAY STALL

THURSDAY 6 MAY LESSON 1 AND 2

STALL TO BE SET UP IN THE LIBRARY

GIFTS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE FROM \$1 TO \$5

Don't forget your special someone this Mother's Day





UNIFORM SHOP

TUESDAYS 8.30AM – 4.00PM

WEDNESDAYS 8.30AM – 11.30AM

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT TIME:
WWW.CC.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU/ENROLMENTS/UNIFORM-1



DO YOU HAVE OLD UNIFORMS?

WE ARE LOOKING TO BORROW OLD SCHOOL UNIFORMS TO DISPLAY FOR OUR 150 YEAR ANNIVERSARY. IF YOU CAN HELP OUT, GIVE US A CALL ON 8648 9700



Caritas
COLLEGE

150
years

A place where we can grow

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)

[Register Online Here](#)

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