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Caritas COLLEGE Newsletter



KEY DATES

Year 8 Camp
19-21 May 2021

Year 3-6 Assembly
20 May 2021

**First Eucharist Renewal of
Baptismal Promises**
22 & 23 May 2021

Year 8-10 Immunisations
25 May 2021

**Year 8/9 SSSSA Boys and Girls
Football Carnival**
26 May 2021

R-2 Assembly (RecG)
27 May 2021

Year 10-12 Assembly
27 May 2021

**Celebration of Sacrament of
First Eucharist**
30 May 2021

Year 7-9 Assembly
3 June 2021

Year 10 Outdoor Ed Camp
9-11 June 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

Caritas College Turns 150!

The 17th of May is a significant day for Caritas College each year. It marks the day that the school first started in 1871. This year the school community celebrates the remarkable milestone of turning 150!

Caritas College has seen many changes over the past 150 years. It has changed locations, renamed itself, altered uniforms and seen many principals and teachers come and go. It has educated thousands of children and young people to grow in love, wonder and understanding. We continue, however, to be inspired by Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph in all of its endeavours and aspirations.

On Sunday 16th May the parish and school combined to hold an event to mark this special occasion. The day began with Mass at All Saints Church with over 150 parishioners, staff, students and invited guests in attendance. Bishop Karol Kulczycki SDS, Bishop Emeritus Gregory O'Kelly SJ and Fr Jim Monaghan presided over the Mass of Thanksgiving to pay homage to the Sisters of St Joseph and acknowledge their incredible commitment, service and leadership to the people of Port Augusta and the Caritas College school community.

Following the Mass, the congregation moved to the Fountain Gallery, which was once the convent for the Sisters of St Joseph. The walls were lined with photos of days gone by to provoke special memories and important conversations for people as they wandered through the premises. The marquees on the front lawn of the former convent provided the perfect setting for people to sit and reminisce while they shared lunch and swapped stories.



Yesterday the students arrived at school knowing that it was going to be a special day. We proudly celebrate our birthday every year but this year certainly called for something much bigger! A whole-school assembly was held in front of the Chapel with special guests in attendance. The choir students performed a rendition of the "Caritas Song", which was once a consistent echo throughout the school. We have been happy to reinstate this song as our beloved anthem this year. Of course, a birthday cake was ceremoniously cut by the youngest student, Ella Havelberg, and one of the oldest known students to attend the College, Kath Madden. We also planted a special tree to commemorate the day.



Following morning tea, some of the sisters who once taught at the school were invited into classes to share their stories and memories of Caritas College with the current students. It was a tremendous day that sparked plenty of memories and wonderings of all who were present.

We concluded the day by having an aerial photo of our students and staff in the formation of '150' and by giving each of our students a small gift so they can remember that they were part of this wonderful school community when it celebrated its sesquicentenary.



Year 10 – 12 Post School Pathways Trip

Last week the Year 10's travelled to Adelaide for a Post School Pathways Trip. They visited a number of locations and organisations allowing them to experience a range of post school pathways to inform decisions regarding subject selection for their senior years of schooling. A group of Year 11 and 12 students also joined them at the Adelaide Careers & Employment Expo. This was an excellent opportunity for the students to support their learning as they continue their learning and exploration of their possible career pathways.



SEQTA

Last year our College implemented a learning management system called SEQTA. This online software is incredibly dynamic and has a wide range of uses and benefits for school communities. In 2020 we focussed on implementing the basic functions relating to student attendance and pastoral care. Most parents would have experienced the ability to contact the school through the SEQTA internal messaging system to resolve any unknown absences. Staff have also been using SEQTA to document, manage and support the pastoral care of students.

We will soon be implementing additional components of SEQTA that will better allow parents to engage in their children's education. Parents will soon be able to access information about timetables, subjects, assessments, teacher feedback and other aspects of your child's wellbeing and learning progress at school.

I am grateful for, and commend, the work of teachers who are working incredibly hard to ensure that SEQTA enhances the learning and school experiences of students and parents. The College will provide further updates and information about SEQTA throughout the year to support parents to access it.

Mid-Year Enrolments

A reminder that 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

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Port Augusta Inclusive Reference Group

Promoting an inclusive and accessible community

We invite you to come and join our safe place for parents, carers, people living with a disability or people who are passionate about supporting people living with a disability to share experiences and ideas with an action driven focus.

Please contact Jacinta at Mission Australia to express your interest

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Year 1/2 Blue – Science

In Science this term 1/2 Blue have been investigating how everyday materials can be changed. They manipulated playdough and investigated what happens when heat is applied to it. Once the playdough had been heated, they threaded the beads onto some string to make bracelets and key chains. They even turned some beads into spinning tops!



Year 3/4 and 5/6 - Physical Education

The Year 3/4 and 5/6 students recently participated in the Hot Shots Tennis Carnival. Students learnt new skills about tennis, where they were competing in doubles and singles against other schools and teams.



Year 5/6 Blue – Design & Technology

In Design and Technology the 5/6 Blue class were recently tasked with designing a 'fidget' tool suitable for use by a primary aged student. They then used their design to make the toy.



Year 8 - Science

Students in Year 8 have been looking at chemical reactions and precipitation. With local SA footy team colours as a focus, they used two liquids and added them together to make another colour.



Year 10 - Project Based Learning

The PBL students have been working on various projects that will span across the year; Landscaping, Metal Furniture, Pallet Furniture & Sports Management. Each student has a specific project in which they are required to manage.



Year 12 – Child Studies

The Year 12 Child Studies have been busy designing and creating learning aids to be donated to the Special School. Students were able to visit the school to present their final products including a water wall, a wooden "ipad", a tablecloth cubby, a busy book, a sensory blanket, a sensory board a sensory table, a wooden counting frame, a wooden puzzle, puppets and a purple cat.



Around the College



