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# Caritas COLLEGE Newsletter



## KEY DATES

**Book Week**  
21-27 August

**School Photos**  
23-24 August

**Yr 10-11 Subject Counselling  
Conversations**  
24-26 August

**Book Week Book Swap**  
25 August

**Book Week Dress up Day**  
26 August

**SAPSASA Athletics Carnival –  
Stirling North Primary School**  
27 August

**SSSSA Year 8/9 Girls and Boys  
Basketball**  
27 August

**Year 7 Camp**  
31 August – 2 September

**SAPSASA Year 6 Girls  
Basketball - Whyalla**  
2 September

**Student Free Day**  
3 September

*(Please note that dates are  
subject to change due to COVID  
restrictions)*

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

### Sr Helen Duke

We have recently come to learn that Sr Helen Duke will be moving to Adelaide, which sees the end of a 150-year continuous residential presence of Josephite Sisters in Port Augusta. We are led to understand that this is the longest anywhere in Australia.

At this significant turning point for our school, we are provided with an opportunity to reflect on and be grateful for the tremendous commitment and care that Sr Helen has shown to our school community for an extended period of time. Sr Helen has been in Port Augusta on three occasions from 1974 to 1976, 2001 to 2004 and 2010 to current. She will be greatly missed but will certainly continue to be involved in our school community through her contributions on the School Board and in many other ways.

We will continue to embrace any and every opportunity to remain innately connected to the charism on which our school community is built. New and exciting possibilities will present themselves as we seek to strengthen our connection with the Sisters of St Joseph.

*Loving God, we give thanks to many blessings showered on our College over the past 150 years. From those early beginnings with virtually nothing, other than a borrowed room near the Port Augusta wharf, an exceptional College has grown. May we be forever grateful for the commitment to the people of Port Augusta by the Sisters of Sister Joseph. Amen.*



### Building Project Update

As you might have noticed, the renovations and refurbishments to the Penola Learning Centre are almost complete. The landscaping around the Penola Learning Centre is also taking shape. The Nature Play Space is well underway and we are hopeful that it will be completed towards the end of September. We are beginning to plan how we will manage moving students and staff back into this space when it is ready later in the year. Until such this is achievable, we are simply happy and excited to watch this space grow and evolve into something special.



### National Science Week

This week we celebrated National Science Week, which is Australia's annual celebration of science and technology. This year's theme is 'Food: Different by Design'. Students were invited to participate in a range of activities to whet their appetite for science. We are very fortunate to have a number of staff who have specific interests and skills in science to support our students to develop a curious mind.

### Rite Journey

This week our Year 9 students travelled to Wilpena Pound for a two-day camp as part of the Rite Journey Program. Students had the opportunity to enhance their knowledge of Indigenous perspectives and the connection between culture, respect, and peace for the environment. The camp incorporated a 'solo' experience, which entailed 2 hours of independent reflection time in the magnificent surroundings of Ikara National Park. We trust that was a valuable experience for the students as they continue their journey from childhood to adulthood through this program.

## Years 10-11 Subject Selections

Senior students and their families will soon engage in subject selection conversations for next year. This is a privileged exercise as we start to consider and support post-school pathways and possibilities with students. I encourage families to engage fully in this process which helps support students make important decisions about their learning at school. Subject selection conversation bookings can be accessed [here](#).

## Book Week

Next week is Book Week. We will engage in a week-long celebration of books to encourage and support young people develop a love of reading. The week will involve students having the opportunity to be involved in several book-based activities, hopefully connecting the readers with books, and celebrating the joy of reading. The theme for book week this year is *Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds*. A letter has been sent home to families with further details about the event.



## SEQTA Engage (Parents of children in Years 5 – 12)

Over the past 18 months our school has been working towards the full implementation of SEQTA, which is an online teaching and learning management system. Currently all students in years 7 - 12 access some or all of their learning through this system and teachers complete their planning and assessment in this space. Daily attendance, pastoral care and student and family information is also documented using this platform.

The next step of our implementation of this learning management system is to roll out *SEQTA Engage*, which is the web-based portal for parents and caregivers. This will be for children in years 5 – 12.

This space allows you to:

- Access an overview of learning for each subject your child studies
- Follow the learning outcomes and activities of each subject in your child's timetable
- Track homework tasks given by teachers
- Monitor your child's learning progress as their assessments are marked by teachers
- Access your child's timetable

Parents will enter *SEQTA Engage* through their login page entering the username and password that you will receive via email in the coming weeks.

As we all develop our proficiency in using this system, more elements will be rolled out. Eventually. We will use this system for reporting of student achievement, both in an ongoing and summative manner. This will help students and parents know where they are with their learning and level of achievement at any point in time by simply logging on to *SEQTA Engage*.

We welcome any questions that may arise as we move into *SEQTA Engage*.

## Child Protection

At Caritas College, child protection is our highest priority. Creating a safe environment for children is paramount and is central to our schoolwide policies and procedures. Our staff are committed to protecting the young people in our care. Below are some of the measures that are in place at our College to ensure the safety and protection of your child:

- All staff and regular volunteers have current police checks.
- We teach our students age-appropriate strategies to keep themselves safe through South Australia's Keeping Safe Child Protection Curriculum.
- All staff complete mandatory training including 'Responding to Abuse and Neglect' (7 hours) and regular refresher child protection training every 3 years, as legislatively required.
- We promote strategies to minimise bullying and help students stay safe online.

For more information about how we care for the wellbeing and protection of children and young people, please click [here](#).

If you ever have any safety concerns about your child at Caritas College, please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Damian Smith, Principal*



## 1-2-3 MAGIC® & EMOTION COACHING PARENT COURSE

*Learn to manage difficult behavior in children 2-12 years old*

A [three session](#) program for parents and carers  
at Early Years Parenting Centre,  
Port Augusta

on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 9.30am-11.30am  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 9.30am – 11.30am  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 9.30-11.30am

### Learn:

- ✓ How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- ✓ How to sort behaviour
- ✓ How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
- ✓ Choosing your strategy, the three choices
- ✓ Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour
- ✓ 7 tactics for encouraging good behaviour

### Parents will receive:

- A 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Workbook

### No Registration Fee

Ring to register for this course or for more information on 86485910



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### What people are saying...

*What a relief to come across a program that preserves the dignity of the child, maintains the self control of both the parent and the child and is actually easy to remember when memory is the first thing to go!*

*I realized quickly that the 1-2-3 Magic can be a magnificent preventative measure that any parent can use to avoid raising a child, who later down the line, needs excessive discipline or grows out of control*

### Who is running it?

Certified practitioners Chantel Brusnahan and Brooke Grantham (Parentshop 1-2-3 Magic® & Emotion Coaching practitioners.)



• An end to the arguing and yelling! • It saved our lives • Simple, sane, effective

This course is being run by a Parentshop® licensed practitioner. [www.parentshop.com.au](http://www.parentshop.com.au)



## Sacrament of Confirmation

After a few false starts and a few tense moments of uncertainty, a number of our students were finally able to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, on Friday 13th August with Bishop Karol and Father Jim, at All Saints Catholic Parish. Twenty families enjoyed the spirit-filled celebration and watched on with admiration as their young people renewed their Baptismal Promises and were anointed with the Holy Chrism Oil. The Sacrament of Confirmation marks the next stage of their deepening faith and the beginning of their burgeoning role as young adults in the Parish.



## Reception Gold – Design & Tech

Mrs Walker's class have been investigating Dreamtime Stories. They recently read 'How the Birds got their Colours' and then made their own face masks using colourful feathers.



## Year 5/6 White – Social & Emotional Learning (SEL)

The 5/6's have been looking at problem solving and learning that they always have options. They were given different scenarios and then worked through a role play to problem solve each scenario coming up with different options that they could use.



## Year 8 – Food Production

The Year 8 classes have been busy in the kitchen trying their hand at Scones and Savoury Toast. Although the masks make it hard to tell – there were smiles all around when it came time to eat the results.



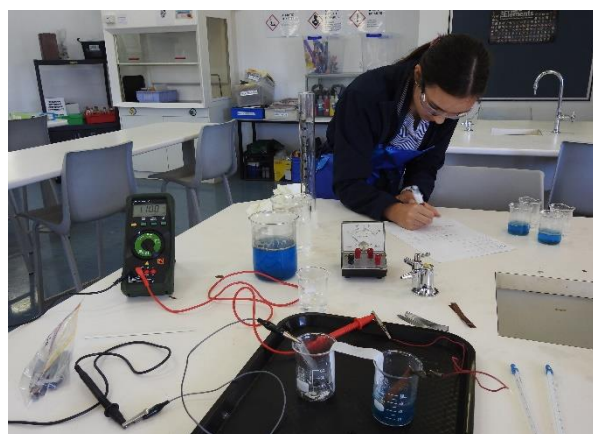
## Project Based Learning

Work has continued on our 'Walk of Acknowledgement' with the Project Based Learning team having a landscape focus this term. We can't wait to see the results of all of their hard work!



## Year 11 – Chemistry

The Year 11 Chemistry class spent their lockdown researching galvanic cells and have designed their own investigations looking at 'what factors affect the production of electricity by a galvanic cell?' They used their knowledge of electrochemical cells, redox and the metal activity series. Students considered the components of galvanic cells like electrolytes, electrodes, and salt bridge and decided on what they would use to construct their cells. Then they had to decide which variable to change to produce results that would answer the question posed.





## Around the College

