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Caritas COLLEGE Newsletter



KEY DATES

Careers Expo
21 September

Year 8 SEL Day
23 September

Year 9 Science Excursion –
Sundrop Farm
24 September

Last Day of Term 3
24 September

Term 4 Commences
11 October

Student Leadership Handover
Liturgy
14 October

Year 12 Last Day of Formal
Lessons
22 October

Book Fair
25-29 October

(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

As I reflect on Term 3, I am drawn to understand that it has been particularly busy and action-packed. We engaged in all the usual aspects of school-life including learning, camps, excursions, sports and much more. All this was made decisively harder because of the lockdown at the beginning of the term. Life changed as we knew it and we have all become accustomed to wearing masks. I recognise the efforts of students, staff and families at the end of a long term. Despite the challenges, we have still embraced and made possible everything that our College seeks to achieve. Thank you to everyone for your contributions to our learning community over the past ten weeks. May we all find the rest and relaxation that we deserve and need over the term break.

We thank you Lord, for this term. For the challenges and the successes. Be with us as we spend precious time with family and friends to refresh and rejuvenate over the term break. Give us strength and courage to do what is right and to be witnesses of our faith. May we come to appreciate what others do for us and to give generously of our own time effort to help others. Keep us safe in our activities. Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term. Amen.

COVID-19 and Vaccinations

During September, South Australian Year 11 and 12 students aged 16 and over can get priority walk-in access for their COVID-19 vaccination at SA Health run vaccination clinics. A letter was distributed last week with information about access for senior students and the opportunity to be fully vaccinated before they finish the school year. Year 11 and 12 students can receive a vaccination without an appointment at Port Augusta or any of the other clinics listed on the COVID vaccine [website](#). We encourage students completing SACE exams and assessments to prioritise their COVID vaccination during September. Vaccination arrangements for other secondary year levels are currently being finalised by SA Health.

Building Project Update

While we do not yet have a definitive timeline for when we will be able to move back into the Penola Learning Centre, excitement is growing! The major building works have been completed and the final touches are currently being completed in the learning spaces. The landscaping at the front of the building is almost complete and the nature play space is coming along quickly. The erection of the treehouse has generated lots of interest from curious onlookers over the past few days. We anticipate that we will be able to occupy this space early-mid Term 4.



NAPLAN

Students in Year 3, 5, 7 or 9 who participated in the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) received their results this week. This assessment provides useful data for individual achievement in comparison with national results and are a means of identifying particular needs for individual students and cohorts of students within the College. They are, however, one mode of assessment in the overall learning program and Caritas College uses a variety of assessment strategies. If you have any questions about your child's results, you are invited to have a discussion with your child's teacher or Director of Student Learning & Wellbeing. For more information about NAPLAN results and reports you can also visit the National Assessment Program website www.nap.edu.au.

NAPLAN
NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
Literacy and Numeracy

Learning Portfolios & Reports

Learning portfolios for Years R-9 and reports for Years 10-12 will be distributed on the last day of Term 3. Students will need to be at school to collect their learning portfolio or report. Due to privacy and confidentiality we do not send reports home with friends or other families. Given that it is an expectation that all students attend school on the last day of term, then they should be able to pick up their learning portfolio or report. We are not able to post these documents out before the term break. If for any reason your child won't be at school on the last day of the term please inform their class teacher and the learning portfolio or report can be picked up from the Front Office by a parent. Otherwise, students can collect their learning portfolio or report when school resumes in Term 4.

Enrolments for 2022

We are currently mapping out how 2022 will look for our college. We would appreciate any anticipated changes in enrolments to be communicated to Michelle Dunning, Principal's PA as soon as possible. We also ask that an Application for Enrolment form be filled out for any new children commencing in 2022 (both at the beginning of the year and mid-year intake). This form can be requested from our website [request an enrolment pack](#) or collected from the front office at any time. Please be aware that we have a **TWO INTAKE POLICY**. See below the relevant dates for new Receptions:

- If your child turns 5 **on or before the 30 April** they can start school in **Term 1 of that year**.
- If your child turns 5 **on or before the 31 of October** they can start school in **Term 3 of that year**.
- Children starting in Reception in Term 3 will have a minimum of 6 terms in Reception.
- Children whose birthdays fall between 1 November and 31 of December are not eligible to commence school before the following year.

We are committed to continuing to work in close partnership with local preschool educators to ensure that families make informed decisions that best suit the individual needs of each child. If you have any questions regarding enrolling your child and/or starting dates please contact the school and we will happily help you.

Enrolments 2022



Term Break

Families are reminded that the final day for Term 3 is on **Friday 24 September** and all students will be dismissed at the usual time. Term 4 will commence on **Monday 11 October**. I trust that families will have a safe and enjoyable break!

Damian Smith, Principal



STAGE 2 (AND STAGE 1 RESEARCH PROJECT)

HOLIDAY SEMINAR WORKSHOPS

Stage 2 Holiday Seminar Timetable - End of Term 3					
Week 1					
Date	Subject	Teacher	Time	Room	
Mon 27 Sept	Art	Mr Carlin	10:00am - 2:00pm	Art	
	Biology (trial exam)	Mrs Morris	3:00pm - 3:30pm	M03	
	Chemistry	Mrs Kemp	10:00am - 12:00pm	M03	
	English	Ms Antoniciello	10:30am - 12:30pm	R03	
	General Mathematics	Mrs Noll	10:00am - 12:00pm	R03	
Tues 28 Sept	Physical Education	Mr Muirhead	10:00am - 12:00pm	Online	
	Research Project (year 11)	Miss Rowe / Mr Wallis	10:00am - 2:00pm	R02	
	Workplace Practices	Mrs Noll	10:00am - 12:00pm	R03	
	Art	Mr Carlin	10:00am - 2:00pm	Art	
	English	Ms Antoniciello	10:30am - 12:30pm	R03	
Wed 29 Sept	General Maths	Mrs Noll	10:00am - 12:00pm	M03	
	Psychology (trial exam)	Miss Rowe	10:30am - 12:30pm	R03	
	Essential English	Ms Swak	10:00am - 12:00pm	R03	
	General Maths	Mrs Noll	10:00am - 12:00pm	R01	
	Health	Miss Fullerton	10:00am - 12:00pm	R06	

Week 2					
Date	Subject	Teacher	Time	Room	
Tues 5 Oct	Physical Education	Mr Muirhead	10:00am - 12:00pm	R01	
Wed 6 Oct	Tech	Mr Kuerschner	9:00am - 1:00pm	Q01	
Fri 8 Oct	Research Project (Yr 11)	Mr Wallis	10:00am - 2:00pm	R01	



Year 1/2G – Design & Tech

The Year 1/2G class recently read the Little People Big Dreams book about Zaha Hadid who was an Iraqi/British Architect. She didn't like designing buildings that were the same as everyone else's. She thought that buildings that just went straight up and down were boring. So she used other patterns and designs to make her buildings. The students had the chance to design their own building and really their only requirement was that it had to be abstract.



Year 5/6G - Religion

The 5/6 Gold class have been learning about justice this term in Religion. Students analysed a Beatitude and brought it to light in their own words to teach the year 1/2 classes how to follow the important values Jesus sets upon us in the 21st century.



Year 7 – Home Economics

In Home Economics, the Year 7 students have been busy learning new skills while making a range of sweet and savoury dishes, including muffins, fried rice and ANZAC biscuits.



Years 10-12 - PBL, Workplace Practices and VET

Year 10 Project Based Learning students, Year 12 VET Automotive students and Year 12 Workplace Practices students were recently invited to Max Cranes for the launch of the Max Academy and National Traineeship Program. The launch was delivered by industry leaders providing world class training through guaranteed experience and exposure. Students were invited on a site tour and became familiar with some of the Max Cranes equipment. They also had an opportunity to speak with past Caritas College students, including Milhan Kirkham who went through his transition from school to the workplace through his apprenticeship with Max Cranes.



Year 11 – STEM Girls

On Thursday and Friday of week 9, the UniSA STEM Girls program concluded for 2021 with a networking conference and industry days in Adelaide. After two inquiry days at the Whyalla campus with other regional schools, the Caritas girls joined all regional and metropolitan girls at the Mawson Lakes campus for their final session and a campus tour. The girls then joined with UniSA campus and faculty leaders, and invited guests from industry, for a conference dinner and an opportunity to network. Friday was an early start and onto buses to experience a range of STEM industries around Adelaide. Some of the industries visited were SAAB, City Council of Salisbury, SAHMRI, Defence Science and Technology Group, Bianco Engineering and Rising Sun Studios. Well done to Jacinta, Louise, Sophie and Shannon for the way they represented our school throughout the program.



Around the College

