

ISSUE

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Caritas COLLEGE Newsletter



KEY DATES

Year 12 Last Day of Formal Lessons
22 October

Book Fair
25-29 October

**Local Area Coordination
Family Information Session
Mission Australia/NDIS**
28 October

Year 12 Exams Commence
1 November

**Primary Catholic Athletics
Carnival - Adelaide**
4 November

Reception Transition Visits
9, 16, 23, 30 November

**Mass of Thanksgiving/Year 12
Graduation**
12 November

10-11 Assessment Week
22-26 November

**SSSSA 8/9 Girls Basketball
Final - Adelaide**
23 November

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

Further information on events is available
on our website

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years

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Principal's Message

Student Leaders Handover Liturgy

On Thursday we celebrated the Student Leadership Handover Liturgy. It is always an opportunity to recognise our newly elected school leaders and celebrate the important work that our college does in forming thriving and capable young people. We gave thanks for the 2021 Student Leaders and Year 12 Student Representative Council who then passed the baton of leadership to their Year 11 peers in preparation for next year. Sophie Glamuzina and Eddie Grover will be our 2022 College Captains. They will be well supported by their Vice Captains, Charlotte Hill and Kade Curnow. They are exemplary young people and we offer them our support and best wishes as they take on the responsibilities of student leadership in 2022.

Bountiful God, we give thanks for the gift of leadership given to our school community through the lives of our senior students. Grant them the courage to continue to live extraordinary lives of bravery and resilience in the ordinary circumstances of their lives. May they be inspired by the example of Mary MacKillop to show great trust in the moments of joy and adversity in their lives. We pray for our emerging student leaders for 2022. May they carry the light of Christ, symbolised by the College candle, into 2022 confident in the knowledge that God will accompany them on their journey. We ask this in trust, faith and love. Amen.



COVID-19 Update

Generally, it seems like we are becoming more at ease, for lack of a better description, with the ever-present risk of COVID-19. We are, however, constantly being reminded by SA Health not to be complacent. As such, the advice has not changed for schools in relation to COVID-19. Therefore, we will also continue to adhere to the safety measures communicated previously to families.

I remind you that we are limiting non-essential visitors on site, so please refrain from entering the school site unless it is absolutely necessary. We understand that some parents need to come on site to support their child's wellbeing and we continue to support this. If you do need to come onsite for any reason, you are asked to wear a face mask and practice physical distancing.

Mask wearing continues to be a requirement for all adults and students in secondary schools. And, we remind all adults to use the QR codes if they do need to enter the school site.

Thank you for your cooperation with these directives from SA Health. I deeply appreciate the way that our school community has responded to the changing circumstances of the pandemic.

Building Project Update

It is almost 12 months to the day since we announced our capital development project for the Penola Learning Centre and Nature Play Space. Work started earlier this year. At times COVID-19 has interrupted and threatened to slow progress but I'm pleased to share with you that we are nearing the end of the project. The Penola Learning Centre is all but complete, aside from some minor details. We are hopeful that staff and students will be able to move back into this space before the end of the school year. The Nature Play Space is progressing at an exciting rate and is expected to be completed by the end of October. Excitement is building as we edge close to being able to occupy this space at some stage in Term 4.

Enrolments & Transition Date for 2022

A gentle reminder for families to communicate any anticipated changes in enrolments to the front office as soon as possible. We also ask that an Application for Enrolment form be completed for any new children starting in 2022 (both at the beginning of the year and mid-year intake).

Transition for our new Receptions will be held every Tuesday in Week 5, 6, 7 and 8. This is an important time in the lives of all children as they transition to a new environment and begin to familiarise and build connections with their school community.

Transition for students enrolling into Year 7 and 8 from another school will occur Thursday (Yr7) and Friday (Yr8) Week 8 and an optional Splash Day on Monday Week 9. This will provide students with an important opportunity to develop a sense of familiarity with their new school setting and build relationships with their peers and teachers before they join our College in 2022.

CESA Partners in Inclusive Practice – Caritas Parent Survey

Caritas College is currently involved in a CESA initiative that focuses on targeted literacy instruction and intervention strategies that support all learners. As a part of this process we are seeking input from families with students in Years R-4 through a short 2-minute survey. This survey focuses on learning more about your child as a reader from a parent's perspective and will be valuable in building a picture of your child as a reader. We ask that you respond to all the questions you feel comfortable answering and thank you for your participation. Please complete this survey by Friday, 29th October. Access the survey [here](#).

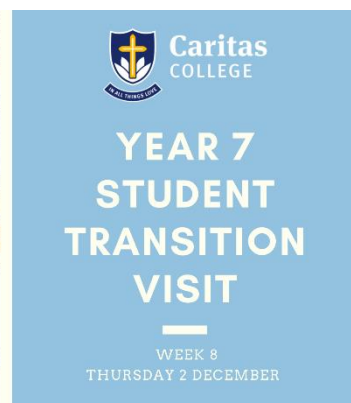
Mass of Thanksgiving

One of the main school events that occur in Term 4 is the Mass of Thanksgiving. This will occur on Friday 12th November at 11.00am. At this important celebration we will give thanks for our journey as a school community this year. We especially show gratitude for our Year 12 students who will complete their schooling journey. This event will operate under the current COVID-19 restrictions. We managed this particularly well last year in the circumstances, ensuring that all families were able to attend and celebrate together. In the coming weeks we will provide information to families to register for the event online so we can coordinate it around the current restrictions and accommodate the necessary safety protocols. I thank families in advance for supporting this requirement so we can celebrate the Mass of Thanksgiving together and ensure that it is a safe and positive experience for all who attend.

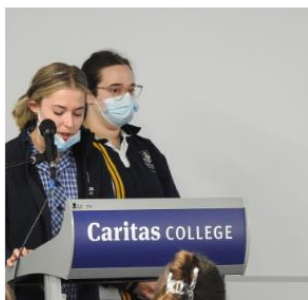
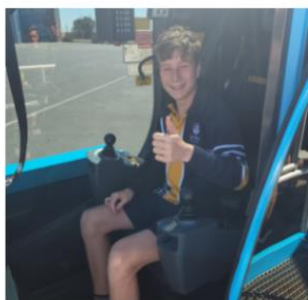
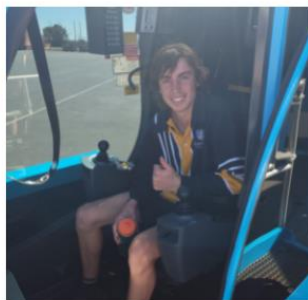
Student Career Hub

Caritas College has a new Student Career Hub. The Career Hub is accessible through our website and has all of your career and post-school options information in the one place. Access career-related tests and assessments (what careers are you suited to?). Create resumes, cover letters, portfolios and much more. Click [here](#) to access the Career Hub.

Damian Smith, Principal



Around the College



Caritas College Families are invited to

Local Area Coordination Family Information Sessions

Mission Australia is the NDIS Partner delivering Local Area Coordination Services in your area and will be visiting your school to provide information about....

- Introducing Mission Australia and the services they offer
- What services are available for people with disability
- Understanding the NDIS and eligibility
- Accessing supports and services for those not eligible for the NDIS, or who do not wish to access the Scheme

Thursday 28th October 2021

3.30 pm – 5.00 pm

Caritas College

Woodforde Street, Port Augusta

Please call 8648 9700 to register



Delivering the NDIS in your community



AuthenticUplus in conjunction with Uniting Country SA are offering *free*, half day, **Action for Wellbeing Workshops** in Port Augusta. In these 3 and a half hour workshops we will dive into the latest Wellbeing science and explore how to apply the Wellbeing model, **PERMA** into our lives and the lives of those around us. Every participant will have the opportunity to develop an individualised Action for Wellbeing plan and resources to share with family, colleagues, and friends.

The workshops will have a focus on Wellbeing in families and will be suitable for **teachers, childcare workers, family support workers, parents and caregivers** in the Port Augusta community.

Grow your Wellbeing awareness and skills in this fun, interactive workshop. Loaded with practical actions to create a flourishing life!!

Get in early and register for a morning or afternoon session. Morning sessions run from 9.00am to 12.30pm and afternoon sessions run from 1.00pm to 4.30pm.

Morning and afternoon sessions are available on;

- **Tuesday 2 November 2021**
- **Wednesday 3 November 2021**
- **Thursday 4 November 2021**

Where: The Salvation Army Community Centre, Shop 1/96 Carlton Parade, Port Augusta

How to register: On-line or through www.eventbrite.com.au or

Contact: **Greg Hatcher 0421 826 319** authenticuplus@outlook.com.au