



Important Dates

**TAFE Electro Block
Week (5 - 9 May)**
Monday 5 May 2025

Mother's Day Stall
Wednesday 7 May 2025

GRIP Conference
Friday 9 May 2025

**Caritas Cubs
Reception
Transition Program**
Friday 9 May 2025

**Book Fair (12 - 16
May)**
Monday 12 May 2025

**TAFE Auto Block
Week (12 - 16 May)**
Monday 12 May 2025

**Flinders University
Assessment Centre**
Friday 16 May 2025

**Caritas Cubs
Reception
Transition Program**
Friday 16 May 2025

**Caritas College
Birthday**
Saturday 17 May 2025

**SAPSASA Boys
Football / Girls
Netball**
Tuesday 20 May 2025

**SSSSA 7-12 Girls
Football**
Wednesday 21 May 2025

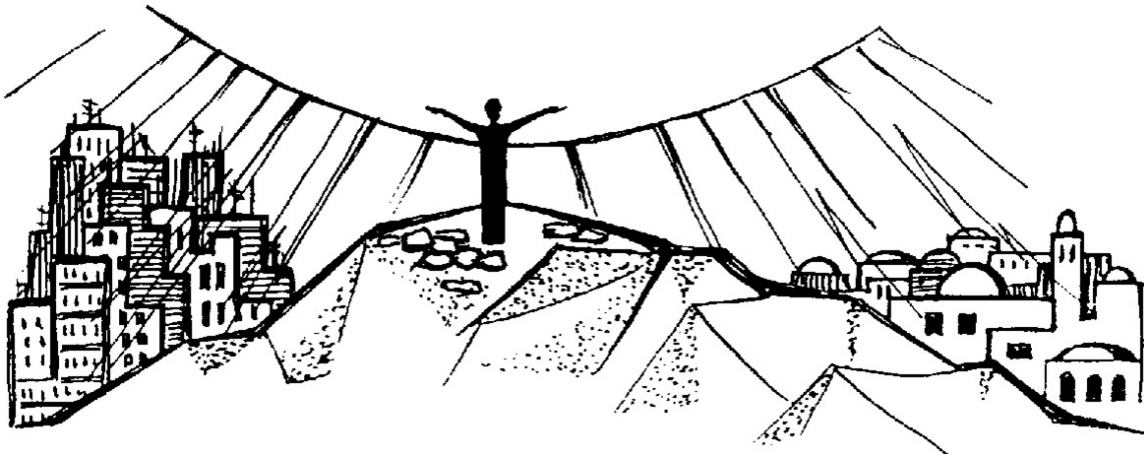
**Rec-Year 3
Assembly (2 Blue)**
Thursday 22 May 2025

**Caritas Cubs
Reception
Transition Program**
Friday 23 May 2025

**TAFE Electro (26-
30)**
Monday 26 May 2025

Easter

Welcome back! During the school holiday break, we celebrated Easter and were reminded of a miraculous sense of hope and renewal through the Risen Christ. The season of Easter, known as 'Eastertide', lasts for 50 days until Pentecost. It is meant to be a joyous time filled with reflection, gratitude, and celebration. This year, Eastertide is tinged with a sense of loss as we mourn the passing of Pope Francis. Pope Francis' leadership over the last 12 years has been marked by humility, simplicity, mercy and compassion. He worked tirelessly for social justice and for the good of the Church. He has been aptly referred to as the 'People's Pope'. In the spirit of Easter, we find comfort in knowing that Pope Francis now rests in the eternal embrace of the Risen Christ.



God of joy and hope,
We thank You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, whose
resurrection brings us hope and renewal. As we celebrate this joyous
season, we remember Pope Francis and his unwavering dedication to
Your teachings. May his legacy inspire us to live with love and
compassion. Bless our community with peace and unity, and guide us in
our journey of faith.
Amen.

ANZAC Day

On ANZAC Day our School Leaders laid a wreath on behalf of our College at the Commemorative Service in Gladstone Square to pay our respects to all those who have served our nation during war, those who have died, and those who have returned. Our younger students worked together to make a beautiful wreath which was fitting for the occasion. We are pleased to be able to participate in this important tradition and significant community event. It was a meaningful experience for our students, fostering a sense of respect and gratitude within our school and broader community.



Post School Careers Excursion

This week our Year 10 students travelled to Adelaide for their Post School Careers Excursion. This experience supports them as they begin to make important decisions about their possible post school pathways. It helps students and families select subjects for their senior years of schooling based on their strengths, interests and potential pathways. The excursion provided an opportunity for students to experience a wide range of options, through visits to both tertiary and vocational education campuses, as well as job and business sites. It was a fantastic opportunity for our senior students to explore options and possibilities for post school pathways. This experience complements the very intentional work that we do to ensure that we are setting students up for success beyond school.



Oval Redevelopment

This week, we have had contractors onsite who have been working to refurbish and redevelop some of our oval spaces. This work included the installation of new irrigation systems and rolling out new lawn. These improvements will ensure that our ovals are in good condition for sports and recreational activities. It is also important that these spaces look visually appealing and are an enjoyable space for students to learn and play. We are excited to see the positive impact this redevelopment will have on our students.



Staffing

I am pleased to have returned from 3 weeks' long service leave at the end of last term. I am also incredibly grateful for the leadership provided by Lexie Morris and Alanah Rowe whilst I was away.

We welcome Eliza Phillips and Jessie Trewartha to our staff team at the end of last term as Education Support Officers. Eliza will be providing support to students as a classroom ESO and Jessie will perform a range of administrative duties in the Front Office.

We often have staff taking long service leave for varying lengths of time as per their entitlements. For shorter stints of leave, we are generally able to cover teachers and ESOs within our current staffing structures. For longer periods of leave, we tend to replace staff on a more consistent basis. As such, we wish Steve Kuerschner all the best while he is on long service leave for the first 4 weeks of this term and thank Sam Ervine who is replacing him in the tech studies space.

Caritas Cubs

Our Caritas Cubs Reception Transition Program kicked off this week, providing essential support to our mid-year Reception students and their families as they prepare for the start of their schooling journey. Today was particularly special for these young learners as they experienced their first taste of 'school life'. Over the next 10 weeks, we are excited to welcome the newest members of our school community, helping them build confidence and readiness for Reception in Term 3. We extend a warm welcome to all our new students and families and wish them the very best as they participate in the Transition Program.



Federal Election

The Federal Election will be held this Saturday 3rd May. Education is an important topic at every election. As such, our families are being asked to consider how their vote will benefit the whole community.

Catholic schools are Australia's largest non-government education provider, delivering choice, affordability, and value for all. **The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC)** has identified the following key priorities for Catholic school communities:

- *Ensure Affordability and Choice*
- *Address hardship, wellbeing and disadvantage*
- *Build and innovate for the future*

Today, 1,751 Catholic schools are educating over 820,000 students. Families contribute over \$6 billion annually in fees and capital levies that reduce the burden on government. Catholic schools employ over 112,000 staff across Australia. Forty per cent of schools are outside of metropolitan areas, meeting the needs of regional, rural and remote communities.

To find out more about funding visit: **School Funding Explainer - NCEC** or watch this short video from the **Keep School Funding Fair Campaign**. Furthermore, if you're not sure if something is fact or fiction, then you can read the NCEC's Dispelling Myths page: **Dispelling the Myths - NCEC**.


2025 FEDERAL ELECTION

Catholic Education Election Scorecard

Catholic Education asked the Australian Labor Party, Liberal National Coalition, and the Australian Greens to provide their response to our priorities for Catholic education. The results are below. Read their full responses via www.ncec.catholic.edu.au

| Catholic Education National Priorities | Labor | Liberal National Coalition | Australian Greens |
|---|-------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Funding certainty for Catholic schools Will they guarantee no adverse changes to funding or extra costs for Catholic schools, and ensure continued funding certainty? | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| Support for faith-based schools Do they support Catholic schools to build faith-based communities and preference the employment of staff in line with our mission and ethos? | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| Sector-neutrality Do they support a needs-based, sector-neutral approach that ensures all Australian children have fair access to government initiatives including teaching scholarships and schools upgrade funding? | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| Addressing disadvantage Are they committed to addressing hardship, wellbeing and disadvantage in all schools including Catholic schools where 42% of students have a lower socio-economic background? | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| Early childhood education Will they ensure Catholic schools have fair access to early childhood education initiatives including building early learning centres on Catholic school sites? | ✓ | ¾ | ✗ |

Note: Ratings are determined by responses to policy questions and public statements.

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Why the Greens get an X on Catholic Education

Catholic Education asked the Australian Labor Party, Liberal National Coalition, and the Australian Greens to provide their response to our priorities for Catholic education.

On every measure Greens policy leaves Catholic schools and their communities isolated and excluded.

The Greens scored badly on every measure, here's why...

Funding certainty for Catholic schools
The Greens are clear that their focus at this election is on public schools and public schools alone. While they acknowledge all schools deserve to be funded, their policies to further top-up public school funding will **adversely affect Catholic schools** in real terms.

In their public statements, the Greens have consistently indicated they want to 'take the Catholics down a notch' in discussions on school funding.

Support for faith-based schools
The Greens have consistently **advocated and voted against** Catholic schools having the ability to preference and employ staff who support the Catholic ethos. There is strong and growing public support for faith-based schools.

Sector-neutrality
The Greens **exclude** Catholic schools from all of their proposed policy initiatives except for the provision of HEPA filters and carbon monoxide monitors.

Addressing disadvantage
The Greens **failed to acknowledge Catholic school families** in their proposed measures to ease cost-of-living pressures on families. This is despite 42% of Catholic school students coming from the lowest socio-educational quartiles. In their response, the Greens assume only families with children in public schools are doing it tough; this is untrue and unfair.

Early childhood education
The Greens gave no response to our questions on support for early childhood education including building early learning centres on Catholic school sites.

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Catholic Education Week

Catholic Education Week is being celebrated in Catholic schools throughout South Australia from 12 – 18 May 2025. This week is an opportunity to reflect on and share all the things that we love about Caritas College and what makes our community special. We are looking forward to celebrating the strengths of our college community with students, staff, families, parish and the broader community. More information will be communicated over the next couple of weeks.



Rest in Peace Pope Francis

The Church continues to mourn the passing of Pope Francis, the 266th Pope of the Catholic Church, on Easter Monday. As the first pope from the Americas, and the first Jesuit to be elected pope, Pope Francis leaves behind a legacy that has touched millions – Catholics and non-Catholics alike – with his humility, compassion, and unwavering commitment to justice, mercy, and care for our common home.

Pope Francis reminded the world that faith is not just something we believe, but something we live. From the beginning of his time as pope in March 2013, he asked us to journey with him – not from above, but beside him. Choosing the name Francis after St Francis of Assisi, the first time we have seen this in Church history, he signalled that his leadership would prioritise the poor, the marginalised, and the Earth. It was clear from the early stages of his papacy that we were going to witness something we had never seen before – he didn't want the luxuries that came with being the leader of 1.3 billion Catholics. He chose a life of simplicity, often doing things himself and joining others at the table.



Throughout his 12 years as pope, Francis spoke to the hearts of people of all ages. He encouraged young people to 'make a mess' in the best possible way by speaking up for what is right, to bring their energy to the Church, and to never give up on hope. Millions of young people gathered in Brazil in July 2013 for World Youth Day to spend a week deepening their faith under Pope Francis' leadership, his first major trip in his pontificate. His message was clear: each person matters, everyone is welcome, and each person is loved deeply by God.

Most recently, he has been a loud voice of peace. In a world that is often divided, he consistently called us to unit, to encounter Jesus, and to dialogue – not just between ourselves but other world religions. His leadership was about presence – being with people, listening deeply, and reminding us all that God's mercy knows no bounds.

Students across our school on Tuesday morning reflected on the leadership of Pope Francis, giving thanks for all he is and what he has done, through class liturgies, as we consider how we can continue his legacy, echoed in St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. May his legacy continue to inspire us to be bridge-builders, peacemakers, and in his words, 'missionaries of mercy and hope'.

The Conclave - Electing a new Pope

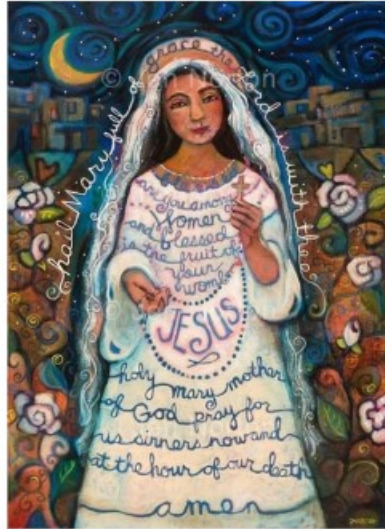
With the passing of Pope Francis, the world's attention has turned to the Church as we await the beginning of the Conclave – the process to elect a new pope. This is a significant moment in the life of the church and a tradition that is centuries old that will begin next Wednesday, 7 May.

Students across the school are exploring what this process looks like, with the Cardinals being locked away each day in the Sistene Chapel until they have elected a pope. This time of prayer, discernment, and decision-making is guided by the Holy Spirit and marks a new chapter in the life and leadership of the Church.

Spotlight on Mary

Throughout May, we celebrate and honour Mary, the mother of Jesus and the mother of the Church. She was the first disciple, and we hear of her triumphant 'Yes!' to be the mother of Jesus when she was visited by the angel who came to deliver the news. Mary continues to be a model of discipleship and holiness for us all today. Students across our community will have the opportunity to engage with the story of Mary and a variety of Marian prayers, artwork and songs throughout May. Mary is Mother – your mother, my mother, everyone's mother – and she cares deeply for all of us, day in and day out without fail, interceding for us, even in the tiniest of matters.

Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your
womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, mother of God,
pray for us sinners
now and at the hour of our
death,
Amen.



Sacraments - First Eucharist

A number of children in our school and parish community will begin their formation and preparation sessions to receive their First Holy Communion later this term. This is an exciting time for these children and we continue to pray for them and their families as they continue their faith journey. The first session for these children and their families will be this weekend, Saturday 3 May at 6:30pm or Sunday 4 May at 10:30am at All Saints Church.

FAITH FACTS

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED...

what the word **Eucharist** means?



Family Faith Formation Team

FAITH FACTS

It comes from a Greek word meaning thanksgiving.

The Sacrament of the Eucharist is the gift of Jesus in the form of consecrated bread & wine.

Receiving the Eucharist is also called receiving Communion.



Family Faith Formation Team

From the Sports Coordinator, Joshua Lambert

Welcome to the start of Term 2. Firstly, I hope that everyone had a restful and enjoyable Easter break with their families.

Term 1 saw the annual Sports Day take place. Across the day there were a number of excellent results and some extremely tight fought events. However, the most pleasing and inspiring aspect of the day was seeing all of the students encouraging each other and demonstrating excellent sportsmanship. It was very pleasing to see Joseph House take home the overall point shield after a 22 year hiatus.

House Points

1. Joseph - 2020
2. MacKillop - 1811
3. Tenison - 1721

Team Spirit Award

Joseph

Age Group Results

U/9 Girls Winner: Ada Bennett - 29 points
U/9 Girls Runner Up: Indigo Nickolai - 23 Points

U/10 Girls Winner: Annabelle Dohnt &
Audrey Morris - 30 points
U/10 Girls Runner Up: Bridget Heron - 29 points

U/11 Girls Winner: Harlow McIntyre - 36 points
U/11 Girls Runner Up: Evie Kaulins - 23 points

U/12 Girls Winner: Ellie Bury - 30 points
U/12 Girls Runner Up: Charlee Garrard - 23 points

U/13 Girls Winner: Maddison Corbell - 45 points
U/13 Girls Runner Up: Maygen Fricker - 38 points

U/14 Girls Winner: Lily Davenport - 45 points
U/14 Girls Runner Up: Heidi Burghof - 40 points

U/15 Girls Winner: Willow Dunning - 47 points
U/15 Girls Runner Up: Ava Horvat - 43 points

U/16 Girls Winner: Bridie Pillion - 39 points
U/16 Girls Runner Up: Ava Press - 38 points

Open Girls Winner: Imogen Myles - 53 points
Open Girls Runner Up: Jorja Richardson - 42 points

U/9 Boys Winner: Jack Folber - 29 points
U/9 Boys Runner Up: Leonardo Barletta - 16 points

U/10 Boys Winner: Oliver Broadbridge - 31 points
U/10 Boys Runner Up: Bennett Smith - 30 points

U/11 Boys Winner: Chayce Quintrell - 36 points
U/11 Boys Runner Up: Madden Curley - 27 points

U/12 Boys Winner: Joe Grantham - 25 points
U/12 Boys Runner Up: Jace Heron - 24 points

U/13 Boys Winner: Bryson Quintrell - 53 points
U/13 Boys Runner Up: Deakin Martin - 41 points

U/14 Boys Winner: Cale Skipworth - 62 points
U/14 Boys Runner Up: Eddy Heron - 45 points

U/15 Boys Winner: Lachlan Di Paolo - 49 points
U/15 Boys Runner Up: Ciaran Mahoney &
Oliver Waterman - 27 points

U/16 Boys Winner: Henley Smith - 62 points
U/16 Boys Runner Up: Rylan Pillion - 31 points

Open Boys Winner: Luke Davenport - 43 points
Open Boys Runner Up: Jaxson Blinman - 33 points

Athlete of the Day

Girls: Imogen Myles (MacKillop) - 53 points

Boys: Cale Skipworth (Joseph) & Henley Smith (Tenison) - 62 points

In addition, Term 2 will see a range of SSSSA sports kick off for the year. SSSSA sports competitions occur between Port Augusta Secondary School, Whyalla Secondary School, Samaritan College and Caritas College. Term 2 SSSSA events and associated dates/locations are as follows:

21 May - Week 4 (Bennett Oval, Whyalla)

- 7-9 Girls Football
- 10-12 Girls Football

13 June - Week 7 (Bennett Oval, Whyalla)

- 7-8 Boys Football
- 9-10 Boys Football
- 11-12 Boys Football

18 June - Week 8 (Central Oval, Port Augusta)

- 7/8 Boys and Girls Basketball

I am looking forward to again seeing our students competing against the other schools and showcasing what our school is all about and the sporting skills that our students possess.

Teaching and Learning

Rec to Year 7 - First Aid Training

During the first week back, our Rec to Year 7 students were lucky enough to have a visit from St John SA who taught each class how to apply first aid. The aim of the First Aid in Schools Program (which is a community initiative delivered by qualified trainers from St John SA) is to equip children with the first aid skills they need if faced with a medical emergency.

As St John SA is a charitable organisation, to ensure the First Aid in Schools program is sustainable they have created an online crowdfunding platform for parents, friends and the community who might like to donate. The link to which can be found [here](#).



Out and About





SAVE THE DATE

Friday 16 May 2025
National Walk Safely to School Day

A CONCERT WITH Andrew Chinn

Celebrating
20 years of

These
Hands

Composer of:

These Hands
Rainbow
May God Be In My Heart
Together As One
In The Beginning
An African Blessing
Ubuntu
Rise Up!
We Are God's Hands &
Holy Spirit Come

APPEARING AT:

CARITAS COLLEGE
TAPPEINER ROOM
MONDAY 12 MAY 2025



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cubs**

**CARITAS CUBS
PLAYGROUP**

Monday 9.00am - 10.30am
Tuesday 1.30pm - 3.00pm
Wednesday 9.00am - 10.30am

Cost = \$2 per session

HAT EXPECTATIONS

Just a quick reminder that all students are required to wear their Caritas College hat when they are moving around outside, during break times and attending classes like Outdoor Education and PE.

This helps us ensure the safety and well-being of all our students while they enjoy their time outdoors.

Hats must be in good condition – if they are worn, frayed, torn, or marked, they should be replaced.

NO HAT = NO PLAY



Term 2

MOTHERS DAY STALL



Wednesday, 7 May (Week 2)

- Stall located in the Library
- Held during lessons 1 & 4
- Items for sale between \$2 & \$10
- Maximum of 2 gifts per student
- Students will be able to purchase with their class on the day

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO DONATE TO THE MOTHER'S DAY STALL,
PLEASE DROP OFF AT FRONT OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY 30TH APRIL

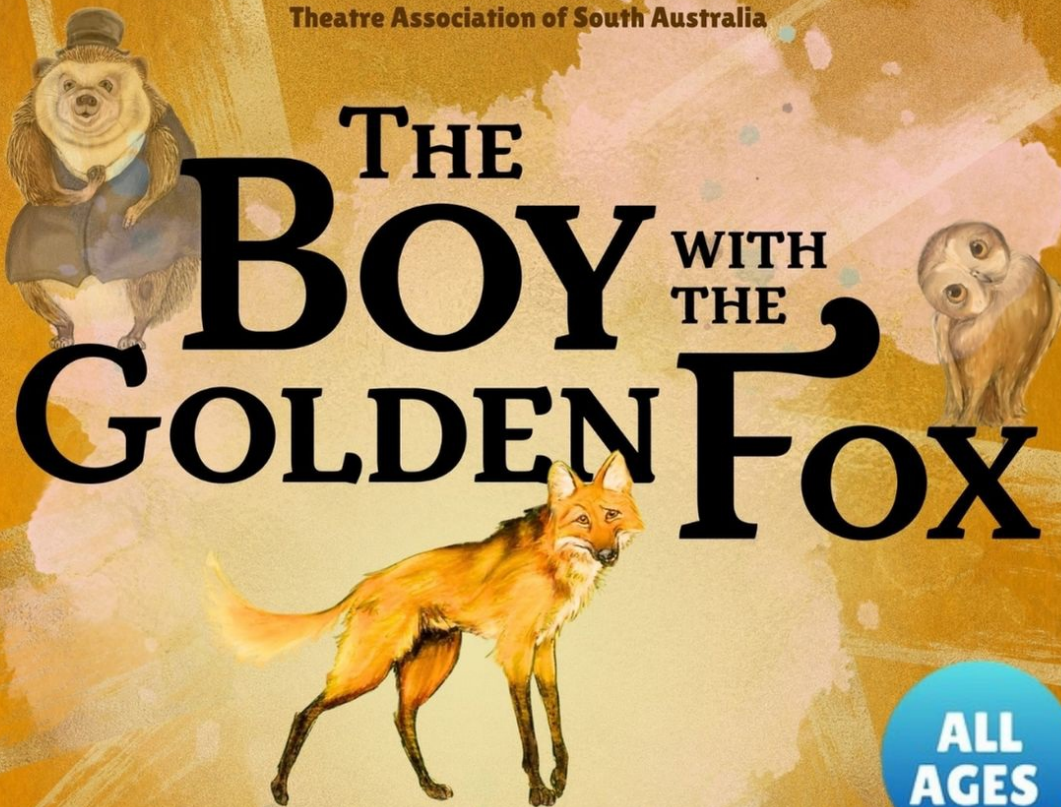
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The Flying Elephant Company 

"Theatrical magic"
BroadwayWorld

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theatre for young audiences."**

Theatre Association of South Australia



**ALL
AGES**

1 June, 2pm
Lea Memorial Theatre

While on the journey to be reunited with his father and with the help of the Golden Fox, Ewing witnesses the magic of the woods, meets the peculiar creatures who call it home, and learns what it means to be a part of something larger than himself. With orchestral music and a heartfelt story, this original musical will not only delight but leave you hopeful for what might come next.



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