



Issue 9, 3 June 2025

Important Dates

**Year 10 Outdoor Ed
Trek (3-5)**

Tuesday 3 June 2025

**Maria Taylor:
Raising Resilient
Children**

Tuesday 3 June 2025

Years 7-9 Assembly

Thursday 5 June 2025

Student Free Day

Friday 6 June 2025

**King's Birthday
Public Holiday**

Monday 9 June 2025

**VET Information
Evening**

Wednesday 11 June 2025

**Year 11
Orienteering -
Mambray Creek**

Thursday 12 June 2025

**Years 7-12 SSSSA
Boys Football**

Friday 13 June 2025

**UniSA STEM Girls
Academy Whyalla
(17-18)**

Tuesday 17 June 2025

**Years 7-8 SSSSA
Boys & Girls
Basketball**

Wednesday 18 June 2025

**SAPSASA Girls
Football / Boys
Netball**

Friday 20 June 2025

From the Principal, Damian Smith

National Reconciliation Week

Last week was National Reconciliation Week. The theme 'Bridging Now to Next' emphasises the connection between past, present, and future, urging Australians to move forward together, guided by past lessons. It is embedded in our Catholic Josephite ethos to celebrate National Reconciliation Week in order to foster respectful relationships between the wider Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

On Thursday we held a whole school liturgy under St Mary's Shelter. We gathered in a circular formation around a beautiful prayer space which was brought to life with the colours of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flags. I felt a profound sense of reverence as 550 students, 60 staff and families all looked inwards and focused our attention on our school's commitment to promoting justice and reconciliation for Australia's First Peoples.

Loving God,
We thank you for this land - for its beauty, its stories,
and for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
who have cared for it for generations.
We gather today in National Reconciliation Week
to remember, to listen, and to learn.
Help us to walk together in respect and friendship.
May we be people of peace - willing to face the truth, say sorry,
and build a better future together.
Teach us to be bridge builders,
sharing hope, justice, and love in all we do.
Help us to live reconciliation every day.
We ask this prayer, through Christ our Lord,
Amen.



Following the liturgy, we held a morning tea in the staff courtyard with students and families. It was a wonderful celebration of who we are and what we stand for as a school community. There were smiles and laughter. Food was shared. Stories were told. A strong sense of unity and joy was evident, as everyone came together to celebrate. It was a memorable occasion that strengthened our bonds and reminded us of the importance of community and togetherness.



Port Augusta Careers Roadshow

Last Wednesday all students in Year 8-11 (and some Year 12 students) attended the Port Augusta Careers Roadshow. It was great for our students to talk and network local businesses and employers as they explored future possibilities for learning and possibilities. This experience complements the work that we do to support students in the secondary school to explore possible careers pathways. By engaging with industry professionals and learning about various career options, our students gained valuable insights that will help them make informed decisions about their future. We are committed to providing these opportunities to ensure our students are well-prepared for life beyond school.



SAPSASA Football

Congratulations to several of our Year 5 and 6 students who represented our College at the SAPSASA Football Carnival in Week 5. From all reports the weather was quite challenging at times throughout the week. The boys did well winning 5 out of their 9 games. The opportunity for students to participate in representative competitions is a privilege and great experience. I also appreciate the commitment that parents/caregivers make to support their child to take part in these experiences in Adelaide.



Celebrating National Simultaneous Storytime 2025

Our school recently participated in National Simultaneous Storytime, joining thousands of other schools across Australia in celebrating the joy of reading. This year, the chosen book was 'The Truck Cat', written by Deborah Frenkel and illustrated by Danny Snell. Students gathered in the Tappeiner Room to listen to 'The Truck Cat' being read aloud. You could see the smiles. It was a wonderful, shared opportunity for our students to connect with literature and each other, fostering a love for reading. All of our work is aimed inspire our students through the magic of storytelling.

Student Free Day - Friday

This Friday we have a Student Free Day. Staff will engage in professional learning focussing on deepening our practices to ensure excellence and equity in education. Specifically, we will spend time strengthening and enhancing our learning, assessment, and pedagogical practices to ensure all students are nurtured as thriving individuals, capable learners, and leaders.

From the Assistant Principal Religious Identity & Mission, Chloe Shanahan

Whole School Liturgy - National Reconciliation Week

On Thursday morning, we acknowledged National Reconciliation Week with our whole school liturgy. The theme of National Reconciliation Week is Bridging Now to Next, explored through the passage from Luke's Gospel of the Prodigal, or Lost, Son. Classes have spent time engaging with the passage discussing the importance of reconciliation to think about how they can help those who don't have a voice or allowing others the space to have a voice.

Our liturgy was arranged differently this year, with everyone gathered around the prayer focus in a circle, with students from across the school bringing in elements of land, sky, and water to signify the importance of caring for country. This symbolic action also reminded us that reconciliation involves all of us as we bridge the past to the future.

Holy Father, God of Love,
You are the Creator of this land and all good things.
We acknowledge the pain and shame of our history and the sufferings of Our peoples,
and we ask your forgiveness. We thank you for the survival of Indigenous cultures.
Our hope is in you because you gave your Son Jesus to reconcile the world to you.
We pray for your strength and grace to forgive, accept and love one another, as you
love us and forgive and accept us in the sacrifice of your Son.
Give us the courage to accept the realities of our history so that we may build a
better future for our Nation.
Teach us to respect all cultures.
Teach us to care for our land and waters.
Help us to share justly the resources of this land.
Help us to bring about spiritual and social change to improve the quality of life for all
groups in our communities, especially the disadvantaged.
Help young people to find true dignity and self-esteem by your Spirit.
May your power and love be the foundations on which we build our families, our
communities and our Nation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Wontup-Bi-Buya Indigenous Theology Working Group, 13 March 1997, Brisbane



Do it for Dolly Day

On Friday Week 5, under the leadership of Ella and the other Year 12 leaders, we acknowledged 'Do it for Dolly Day'. This was a day for us to raise awareness about the importance of kindness and how we can spread this throughout our community. Students were encouraged to wear a blue accessory or a country hat and contribute a gold coin donation, with activities at recess and lunchtime that sparked meaningful conversations about kindness. \$282 was raised for Dolly's Dream, which is a fantastic effort from our school community.



From the ATSI Lead Teachers, Belinda Clohessy & Christine Kemp

As part of National Reconciliation Week, our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and their families came together with the whole school community to mark this important occasion through a reflective liturgy lead by Mr Smith and our student leaders. The liturgy honoured the history, culture, and contributions of First Nations peoples, while encouraging unity and understanding.

Following the liturgy, students and their families gathered for a morning tea, fostering connection, conversation, and a shared commitment to reconciliation at Caritas College.

Teaching and Learning

Reception Arid Lands Visit

As part of the Science curriculum, the Reception students recently visited the Arid Lands Botanic Gardens to explore the external features of plants and animals. They travelled by bus from school to the gardens, where they took part in an educational tour, learning about the unique flora and fauna of arid environments. Students enjoyed a recess break and had time to play and explore in the Arid Explorers Children's Garden.



Year 11 Biology

Our Stage 1 Biology students recently took part in a sheep heart dissection as part of their study of multicellular organisms, with a focus on the cardiovascular system. This engaging practical gave students the opportunity to explore the anatomy of the heart up close, identifying key structures such as the chambers, valves, and major blood vessels. The dissection also helped students understand the direction of blood flow through the heart and how its structure supports its vital function. It was a valuable experience that brought their in-class learning to life.



Out and About








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[dit.sa.gov.au/
public-transport-future](https://dit.sa.gov.au/public-transport-future)

Come along to an
information session on:

 **Date:** Thursday 5 June

 **Time:** 4.00pm - 5.30pm

 **Location:**
Australian Arid Botanical Gardens,
144 Stuart Hwy,
Port Augusta West SA 5700



Government of South Australia
Department for Infrastructure
and Transport

Build. Move. Connect.

Caritas College is proud to host

Maria Taylor

RAISING RESILIENT CHILDREN

An evening in dialogue to explore the nature of resilience, parenting strategies and more.

When: Tuesday 3rd June, 6pm - 7:30 pm

Where: Caritas College, Tappeiner Room. Enter via the Shirley Street gate and follow the signs.

Who: All Parents Welcome!
Even if you do not have a child enrolled at Caritas College

For more information, please see the attached flyer or contact the school.





BOOK FAIR SALES

\$1,500

**Thank you to all of our families for supporting
our Book Fair. Your generosity resulted in
\$1,500 worth of books and resources for our
Library!**




**CARITAS CUBS
PLAYGROUP**

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

Cost = \$2 per session

PERM-A-PLEAT - SCHOOL UNIFORM STOCKIST

MID YEAR BREAK

**PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR
UNIFORM SUPPLIER,
PERM-A-PLEAT, WILL CLOSE
FOR THEIR MID-YEAR BREAK
FROM MONDAY 7 JULY 2025
UNTIL FRIDAY 18 JULY 2025.**

**REGULAR BUSINESS WILL RESUME
ON MONDAY 21 JULY 2025.**



5 JUNE
**WORLD
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Together, we can
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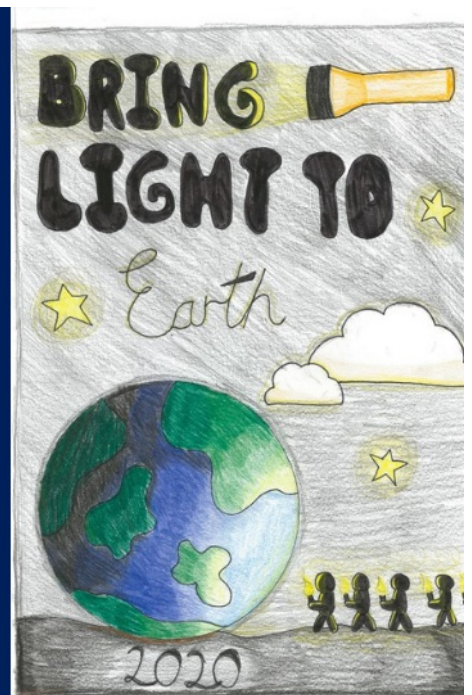
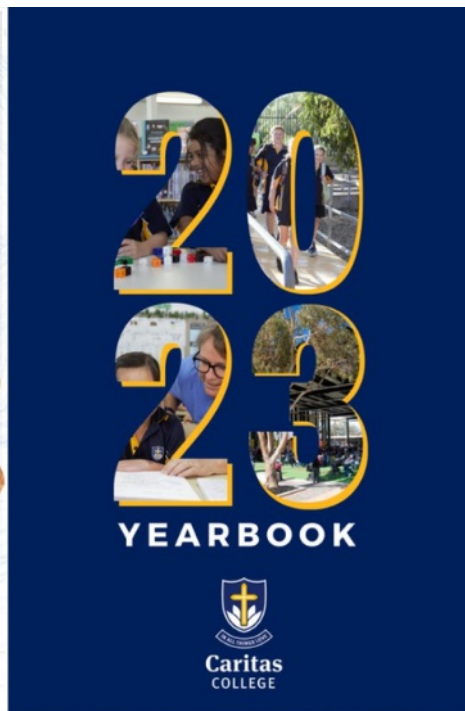


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But wait, there's more... While you're there, you'll find a heap of College Memorabilia for sale—perfect for old scholars, current students, or anyone looking to take a trip down memory lane.

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Student Free Day

FRIDAY
6 JUNE 2025