



# Issue 10, 14 June 2024

## Important Dates

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Senior Citizens Visit  
- Year 6 Blue  
Tuesday 18 June 2024

SSSSA Years 7-12  
Boys Football  
Thursday 20 June 2024

Caritas Cubs  
Reception  
Transition Program  
Friday 21 June 2024

Years 10 and 11  
Assessment Week  
(24-28)  
Monday 24 June 2024

Year 7 Cuttlefish  
Excursion  
Thursday 27 June 2024

Years 10-12  
Assembly  
Thursday 27 June 2024

Year 2 Wadlata  
Excursion  
Friday 28 June 2024

Caritas Cubs  
Reception  
Transition Program  
Friday 28 June 2024

TAFE Auto Block  
Week (1-5 July)  
Monday 1 July 2024

Year 11 Work  
Experience (1-5  
July)  
Monday 1 July 2024

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## From the Principal, Mr Damian Smith

### First Eucharist

On Saturday and Sunday a number of our students in Year 4 will celebrate their First Holy Communion. This special sacrament will provide these young people with the experience of Jesus Christ through the Eucharist. In our Catholic faith we believe that the bread and wine is transformed into the body and blood of Jesus Christ, which is the source and the summit of our Catholic faith. May our prayers be with these students and their families for this special step in their sacramental journey.



### Flinders Trek

Last week our Year 10 Outdoor Education students stepped beyond the bounds of our school to participate in the pinnacle of their Outdoor Education program. They travelled to Warren Gorge, just North of Quorn, to brave the elements and explore the beautiful Flinders Ranges for 3 days and 2 nights. Students had the opportunity to put into practice all the things that they have learnt over the past term and a half in relation to planning, risk management, ecologically sustainable practices, navigation and indigenous perspectives of the local area. Well done to the students and staff who took part in Trek.



### Year 11 Work Experience

Our Year 11 students are busy preparing to engage in work experience in Week 10 of this term. This is a helpful opportunity for them to explore possible future pathways and acquire hands-on experience in a particular workplace or industry. Teachers are providing lots of guidance and support to the students to ensure that this is a positive and meaningful experience. Thank you to the many local businesses who will support our students to gain these valuable opportunities to learn and grow as they prepare to enter the workforce in the coming years.



## SAPSASA and SSSSA Sport

Students and staff have been busy with plenty of sports carnivals over the past few weeks. Congratulations and well done to those primary students who have represented our College at SAPSASA State Carnivals and to the secondary students who have participated in the SSSSA Sports Carnivals.



## Staffing

I am pleased to announce the appointment of a teacher for our mid-year Reception class. Miss Jenna McClure will join our school community in Semester 2 and will teach our newest students as they begin their schooling journey. Jenna brings a range of skills and enthusiasm to the role and is looking forward to being part of the Caritas family.



## Year 6 Cinema Excursion

The Year 6 students were excited to participate in a town-wide viewing of 'Inside Out 2' at the Port Augusta Cinema yesterday. While it was a fun excursion, we also used it as an opportunity to complement the learning we do at school around emotional literacy. We work to support all our students to understand their emotions, develop compassion and empathy, and build self-regulation and social skills. It was a great excursion that added value to helping our students develop their wellbeing and learning



## Year 12 Child Studies Excursion

Today our Year 12 Child Studies class travelled to Adelaide to visit the South Australian School and Services for Vision Impaired (SASSVI). As part of their learning, the Year 12s visited SASVI to learn about the particular needs of the students in their facility and to observe and interact with the children before they develop a learning aid that will support them. The Year 12s will also do some shopping while they are in Adelaide to purchase any items required to make their learning aid. This experience aligns itself with our Catholic values and commitment to helping others. In the past it has served our students well and supported them to achieve excellent results in Stage 2 Child Studies.



## Senior Citizen Club Visits

Throughout this term, a number of classes have visited the Senior Citizens Club. Students in Years 5, 6 and 8 participated in these visits for the purpose of talking to new people, engaging in some friendly games of lawn bowls and cards, and sharing life experiences. Our Choir also visited the Senior Citizens Club and loved performing for them. These visits connect with our Social and Emotional Learning curriculum and allows students to develop a range of social and interpersonal skills. Importantly, we also see this as an excellent opportunity to be present in our local community.



## VET Meeting



On Wednesday we held a VET Information Evening for our Year 10 students and their families in preparation for next year. Mrs Susy Rogers supported our students and families to learn and understand more about potential VET pathways. This was an important part of the process for supporting students with their learning and interests as they explore possible learning and career pathways for the coming years. Our school boasts a proud record of students accessing VET as part of their schooling journey. Last year, over 40% of our Year 12 students successfully completed their SACE taking advantage of a vocational educational training (VET) pathway.



## Bus Information

It is important for students and families to be aware of the expectations for safe and responsible behaviours on the buses before and after school. While the bus is not operated by the school, we expect our students, who represent our College by virtue of wearing the school uniform, to uphold the same positive behaviours as they do at school. To support the safe and comfortable transit to and from school, students who utilise the bus service will be meeting with school leadership to re-establish expectations and procedures around bus use. Further information will be communicated directly to those families whose children access this service.

## After School Use of Playground

We enjoy seeing some of our students and families gather and play together on the playground adjacent to the Penola Learning Centre (R-3 building) after school. It is a convenient space for families to converge at the end of the school day. The playground is not supervised by a teacher after school, so to ensure everyone's safety we ask for parents/caregivers to be aware of the following:

- *Students and younger children need to be directly supervised by a parent/caregiver on the playground after school.*
- *The Nature Play Area is out-of-bounds after school.*
- *The Crossing Monitors generally finish their duty at approx. 3:10pm. We kindly ask families to be off school premises by this time, so they can cross the road safely while the Crossing Monitors are still on duty.*

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with these safety expectations.

## Curious About Caritas Information Session - Save the Date

On Tuesday 30th July we will host our 'Curious About Caritas' Information Session to give new families an opportunity to discover more about the College and what it has to offer for students enrolling in Years 7-9. It is a great opportunity for us to share who we are and what we do with families. If you or anyone you know would like to find out more about how our College supports the learning and wellbeing of students in Years 7–9, keep an eye out on our Facebook page for more information.

## From the Leader of Catholic Identity, Chloe Shanahan

### First Eucharist

Congratulations to all the children from our parish and school communities who will celebrate their First Holy Communion this coming weekend and a number in the weeks to come. It has been a privilege to watch these children and their families grow in their faith. We look forward to seeing these children continue their full and active participation in the Church.

We thank Fr Jim for his leadership throughout this program, supported by the All Saints Catholic Parish, for his support of the program and working with our children. We deeply appreciate the time you have dedicated in preparing our children and for the support you have given the parents as the first educators, in faith, of their children.

We congratulate the following students as they continue their final preparations to receive the real presence of Christ our Saviour, as Bread of Life, in their first Holy Communion:

- Samara Devaasirwatham
- Cianna George
- Purity Gitonga
- Cooper Kemp
- Brodie Maloney
- Liam Murphy
- Brennan Roebby
- Jontae Treloar

### Sacrament of Confirmation

Families with children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation are reminded that enrolment masses will be held on Saturday 22 June at 6:30pm and Sunday 23 June at 10:30am. Dates for preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are:

<b>Confirmation</b>	Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> OR Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> <b>June</b>	Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> OR Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> <b>June</b>  <i>Spare: 6/7, 13/14, 20/21 July</i>	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> OR Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> <b>July</b>	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> OR Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> <b>August</b>  <i>Spare: 10/11 August</i>	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> <b>August</b>  <b>10.30 am Celebration of the Sacrament</b>	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> or Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> <b>August</b> <b>Commissioning of students</b>
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This sacrament has a wonderful connection with Pentecost, the moment when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples, giving them the courage to spread God's word to everyone.



# Teaching and Learning

## Years 10-12 RDWA Visit

Supported by the RDWA, Old Scholar and 5th year Medical student, Amelia Etchells, visited as part of the Road2Rural programme to talk about pathways into medicine. Students in Year 10-12 who are considering a medical or health pathway learnt about Amelia's journey and how RDWA can help them create their own.



## Stage 1 Child Studies - Caritas Cubs Playgroup

Our Stage 1 Child Studies students led the Caritas Cubs Playgroup this week with a 'Under the Sea' theme. They had lots of activities for our visiting little people and their families including finding sea turtles in the sand pit, playdough sea creatures more. We can't wait to see how the second group of students go next week with their 'Garden Party' theme.



## Year 12 - English

The State Theatre Company and Country Arts South Australia recently visited Port Augusta to perform their critically acclaimed production 'Symphonie of the Bicycle'. This was a unique opportunity for the Year 12 students who attended as they were provided with an insight to performance and stage writing. The performance was followed by a brief Q&A session with the actor, which further



enhanced the students' understanding of stage craft and how an actor prepares for the theatre. A very enjoyable and worthwhile experience



## Out and About











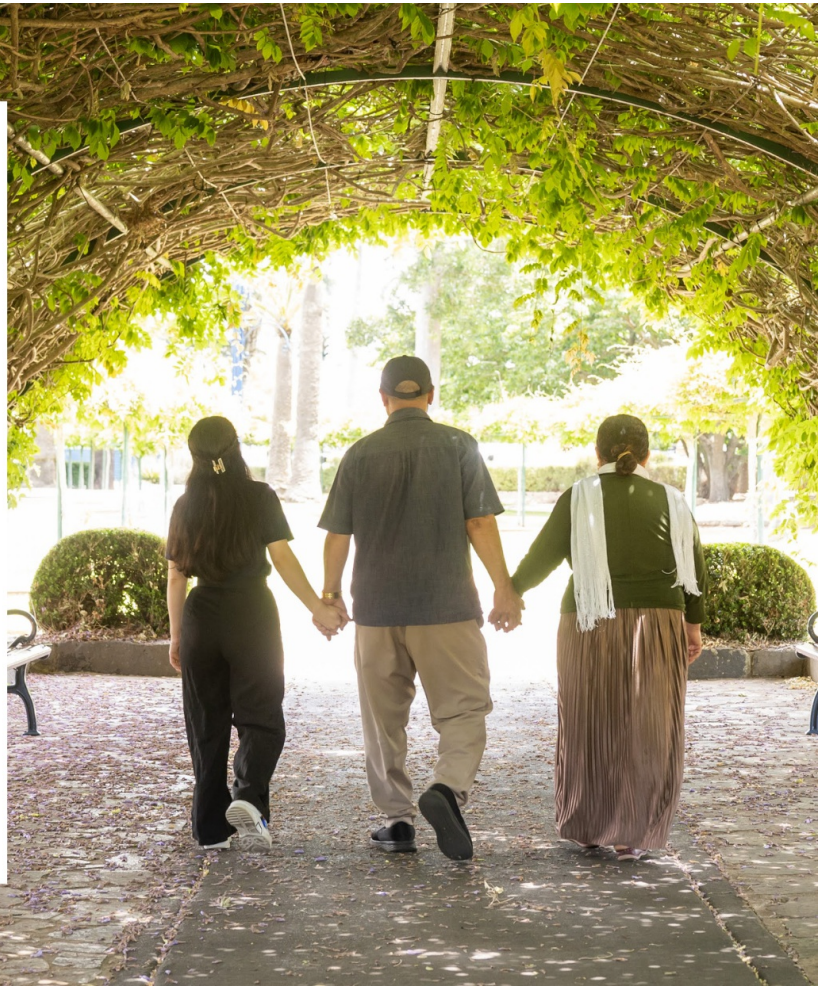
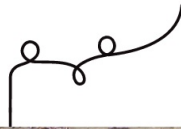
# Refugee Week

Coordinated by  
Refugee Council of Australia

**REFUGEE WEEK 2024**  
**16-22 JUNE**

Finding Freedom: Family  
To unconditional love  
To strength in times of adversity  
To unwavering bonds

[refugeeweek.org.au](https://refugeeweek.org.au)  
[#RefugeeWeekAU](https://twitter.com/RefugeeWeekAU)







**NAVIGATING YOUR  
POST-SCHOOL PLANS  
WITH CONFIDENCE**

# **WEBINAR**

**Wednesday, 24 July 2024**  
4.30pm (AEST)

**Presenter: Dr Michael Healy**

**If you can't make it to the live webinar,  
register anyway, and you will be sent  
the recording to watch later**

COME JOIN OUR YEAR 11  
CHILD STUDIES GROUP IN A  
GARDEN PARTY ADVENTURE!

*Garden Party*  
**PLAYGROUP**

WEDNESDAY WEEK 8  
9:00AM - 10:30AM



- COME AND FIND COOL INSECTS ON  
OUR SCAVENGER HUNT
- PAINT YOUR FAVOURITE INSECT
- ADD A TOUCH OF NATURE TO YOUR  
CHEEK WITH SOME FACE PAINT
- CREATE AN ENCHANTING FLOWER  
CROWN
- DESIGN AND PAINT YOUR VERY OWN  
PET ROCK





Rotary  
District 9510



Rotary Youth  
Program of Enrichment

## ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAM OF ENRICHMENT (2024)

For young people, aged 14-17

RYPEN is a three-day residential program of enrichment for young people aged 14 to 17.

The program aims to provide opportunities for young people to develop important life-skills, and to assist them to progress their communication and leadership skills through a range of formal and informal activities.

### Activities

Participants take part in a range of activities including:

- Ice-breakers
- Discussion forums
- Comedy skits
- Workshops
- Small group work
- Career expos

### Personal Development

Experienced young facilitators will support and encourage participants in the program to develop their:

- Public speaking skills
- Teamwork
- Beliefs and values
- Self-care and resilience
- Problem-solving Skills
- Communication skills
- Goal setting

RYPEN'S focus is on assisting young people to become active and valuable members of society, and to develop their abilities as potential leaders.

Participants can seize the opportunity to develop leadership, communication and problem-solving skills, practice new behaviours, forge life-long friendships and challenge their personal belief systems and values.

### Who is Eligible?

RYPEN is open to all young people aged 14 to 17 years who have an ambition to improve their interpersonal and leadership skills.

### Details in Brief

- **When / Where:** RYPEN is held at [Nunyara Conference Centre](#) between Fri 1 Nov and Sun 3 Nov 2024.
- **How to register:** Any young person aged 14-17 can register their interest at [www.rypen9510.org](http://www.rypen9510.org)
- **Applications are due:** Monday 14 October 2024.
- **RYPEN costs:** Around \$425, but most young people will attend at no cost, fully sponsored by Rotary. Rotary Clubs may request a \$50 holding deposit which is fully refundable when the young person attends RYPEN.
- **School involvement:** Encourage young people to apply. Once a young person registers, Rotary finds a local Rotary Club to sponsor the applicant.
- **Rotary involvement:** Based on each applicant's registration details, their local Rotary Club will contact the student directly. The club may interview the applicant and ask to interview the applicant.
- **Child Protection:** RYPEN facilitators are aged between 19 and 24, have attended Rotary leadership training, have their Working With Children Check (WWCC) and have been vetted for suitability by Rotary.
- **For more information, email Kevin at:** [kevinoneil.rypen9510@gmail.com](mailto:kevinoneil.rypen9510@gmail.com)



FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY

**RYPEN9510.ORG**

# STUDENT HEALTH & WELLBEING



To prioritise the wellbeing of our students with ongoing medical conditions such as asthma, anaphylaxis, or diabetes, we require a current health care plan from your child's General Practitioner (GP).

If your child requires medication to be dispensed during school hours (including prescription pharmaceuticals and antibiotics), our First Aid Officers can administer these provided that a Medication Agreement for Education and Care Form is completed by your child's GP and is on file. Please note that our First Aid Officers are unable to dispense medication without this form.

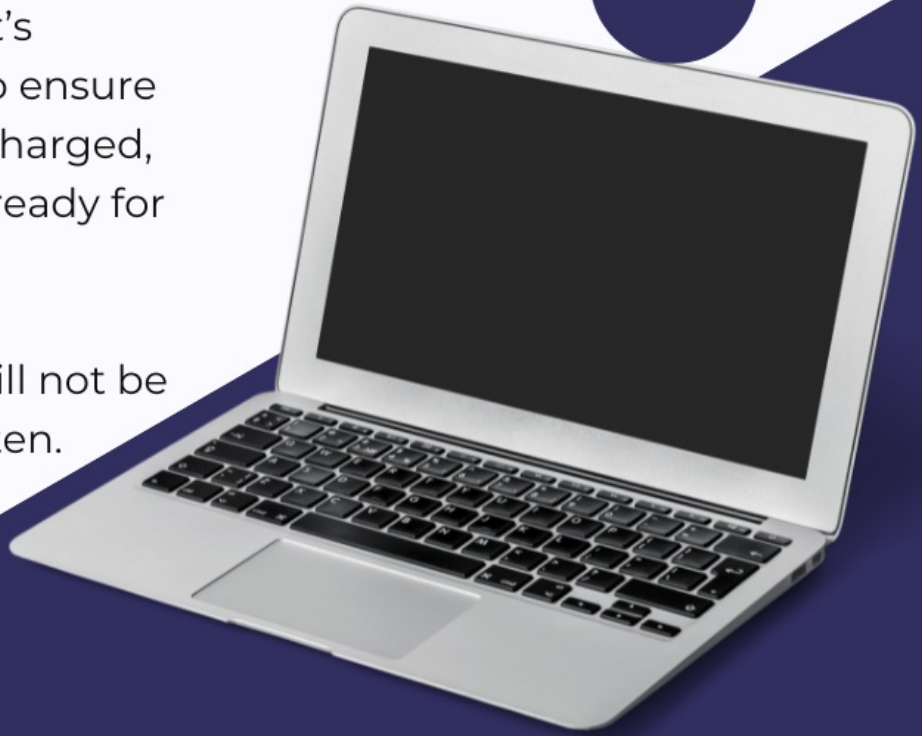
To comply with legal requirements, all medical forms must be updated annually. We kindly request your GP to provide updated details that align with the best practices for first aid treatment of your child's specific condition(s).



# LAPTOP REMINDERS

It is the student's responsibility to ensure their laptop is charged, protected and ready for learning.

Loan laptops will not be issued if forgotten.



year 7-12 students