



Important Dates

Year 11 Leadership Day

Tuesday 15 August

Year 9 Camp (17-18 August)

Thursday 17 August

Years 3-6 Assembly (5G)

Thursday 17 August

Max Cranes Open Day

Friday 18 August

Sacrament of Confirmation Commissioning Mass (19/20)

Saturday 19 August

Book Week (21-25 August)

Monday 21 August

Catholic Schools Open Week (21-25)

Monday 21 August

SAPSASA Hot Shots Tennis (Yr 4)

Tuesday 22 August

SAPSASA Hot Shots Tennis (Yr 5)

Wednesday 23 August

Curious About Caritas? Years 7-9 Information Evening

Wednesday 23 August

Year 7 Visit to All Saints Church

Thursday 24 August

School Photos (Day 1)

Monday 28 August

Parent/Teacher Learning Conversations

School Photos (Day 2)

Tuesday 29 August

Parent/Teacher Learning Conversations

Father's Day Stall

Thursday 31 August

From the Principal, Mr Damian Smith

Saint Mary 'of the Cross' MacKillop

Each year August 8th holds a special place in the calendar and in our hearts at Caritas College. It is the feast day our founder, St Mary MacKillop. As such, we always celebrate this day as a whole school community. On Thursday all of our staff and students gathered for a Liturgy under the aptly named, St Mary's Shelter. Of course, we focussed on the story of St Mary. We heard important details about her life. We were again inspired by her work, knowing that each day we have the opportunity to carry on her legacy.

God of all pilgrim people,
you raise up women and men to meet the needs of every age. In Mary MacKillop, we celebrate a journey of deep love and sensitivity to your will. Like her, may we learn to grow in appreciation of the fullness of your love and the depth of your mystery.
Help us to transform the ordinariness of our lives as we reach out to others through the daily challenges of our journey towards you.
Amen



Community Night

On Thursday we held our Community Night. The evening was a burst energy and excitement with plenty of students, families and community members enjoying the food, events and activities. It was a lovely celebration of the diversity of our school community. I am grateful for the efforts of staff who planned and prepared the activities and stalls for the night. I am also appreciative of the many community groups and businesses that supported the event. This event was always intended to be anchored around St Mary MacKillop's Feast Day. She set a wonderful example for us in the way she built a strong sense of community. This example is still very much alive and well in many Josephite schools throughout Australia. I am very proud that Caritas College continues to be an expression of her work through the way we come together as a community to celebrate events such as our Community Night.



Sacrament of Confirmation

Several of our students in Year 7 and 8 have been preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation which occurred over the weekend. This sacrament signifies the final step in their initiation into the Catholic church. The students have been engaged in a Parish-led program that has been supported by the College. As part of this preparation, the students engaged in a workshop on August 2nd at All Saints Church. May we offer our prayers to these young people who are now considered as adults in the Church following the completion of this part of their sacramental journey.



Grandparent's Day

Friday July 28th was a special day for our school community. We held our Grandparents and Grand-Persons Day. The day began with a lovely Liturgy in the Tappeiner Room. The whole celebration was centred around the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne. Joachim and Anne represent the importance of fostering and nurturing younger generations in faith, morals, and in an atmosphere of love. Fr Jim highlighted the significant role that grandparents and families play in our community. The R-3 students sang beautifully as they worked hard to impress their loved ones who were able to attend. Following the Liturgy, our SRC representatives catered for the large crowd by cooking a BBQ. The primary courts and nature play space were abuzz with families and friends enjoying each other's company. The day was made even better by the perfect weather. We are grateful for these types of activities and events in our school community. They bring a spark of joy into the lives of everyone who gathers to participate in them.



Scholarship Program

Each year our College offers a number of scholarships to students to affirm our commitment to Mary MacKillop's legacy of ensuring that a Catholic education is accessible to all children and young people in our community.

The program includes the following scholarships:

- *Mary MacKillop Scholarship (Middle School)*
- *Mary MacKillop Scholarship (Senior School)*
- *VET & Industry Pathway Scholarship*
- *Indigenous Scholarship (Middle School)*
- *Indigenous Scholarship (Senior School)*

Two scholarships will be awarded in each category (one to a current student and one to a new student). Scholarships will be awarded to young people who show a commitment to the values and ethos of our school community, along with academic achievement and leadership. For each scholarship, a panel will award an applicant on the basis of a range of criteria and consideration given to the need of eligible students.

Through our Scholarship Program, we are pleased to offer these opportunities to current and new families who are committed to our College's values. The program are currently open for applications until 1st September 2023. Please visit our College's website [here](#), or, contact the school if you have any questions.

Curious About Caritas?

On Wednesday 23rd August 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 Year 7-9. It is a great opportunity for us to share who we are and what we do with families. Some of the special and unique features of our College that support students in Years 7-9 include strong pastoral care structures; dedicated learning & play areas; small class sizes; hybrid teaching model; supportive timetable; social emotional learning program; 1:1 Laptop Program and Rite Journey. 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 please contact the school. You can also register your interest by visiting our Facebook and clicking on the [event](#).

Mobile Phone Policy

Last week parents/caregivers would have received communication from the College about our review of student use of mobile phones and personal devices. I encourage anyone who hasn't yet completed the survey to click [here](#) and share your thoughts and ideas. The survey should only take 3-5 minutes to complete. Thank you!

From the Leader of Catholic Identity, Chloe Shanahan

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

What a wonderful celebration of our school foundress, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, with our whole school liturgy. There is truly something special about knowing and understanding that she started the Caritas College community 152 years on the wharf with Sisters Angelica Greene and Angela Grugen. We continue to stand on the shoulders of the Sisters of St Joseph in all the different ways that we act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly (Micah 6:8) and proud to tell the story of the early years of Catholic education here in Port Augusta.

St Mary of the Cross was a strong and courageous woman, moving to Penola to be a governess to her cousin's children on a property just outside of Penola called Greenrise. It was in this time that she met Fr Julian Tenison Woods and from there, the story begins. Along with her sister Lexie, Mary also opened a school in Mount Gambier before heading to Adelaide to teach in St Francis Xavier's Hall. A woman of strong faith and goodness, Mary did not hesitate to take up this position in Adelaide to continue educating children in the ordinary circumstances of their lives. Even throughout the challenging time of her excommunication, she continued to keep her strong faith and service to the poor and needy.

Our 2023 theme of Call to Community was evident in this liturgy as we listened to how the Sisters lived in the community in simple houses, unlike the traditional convents other religious orders lived in. They offered prayers for members of their communities when there wasn't a resident priest available to offer the Eucharist and how, when living in Kensington, they assisted a prominent doctor, John Benson, and his family to educate his 9 children well after his passing due to his generous and compassionate nature to assist those unable to pay for medical expenses. Our Year 4 students beautifully illustrated this story, with artworks presented and placed at the front of the liturgy to show this story coming to life.

For the past 152 years, we have proudly held our story, one that has allowed us to continue the Josephite tradition through both the hope filled and challenging times. As a community, we are proud to be part of this story which continues to transform our lives today.



National Vocations Awareness Week

Last week was National Vocations Awareness Week, a chance to celebrate our Christian vocation to follow Christ in loving God and others. Pope Francis invites us daily to pray for all vocations – single or married life, religious life or lay ministry in the Church, the diaconate or priests. We give thanks to Fr Jim Monaghan for his continued ministry within our school community, who continues to be a wonderful presence to families, students and staff. We pray also for seminarian Leo Mascardo who is currently preparing for his diaconate ordination early October.

*Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd,
who is always mindful of your Church.
Watch over those who are baptised in your name,
and grant peace and harmony to all families.
We ask you to choose from the families of our parish
many priests, deacons, sisters and brothers
who will gladly spend their lives in making you known and loved.
Amen.*

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On August 15, the Church celebrates the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast commemorates Mary's entrance, body and soul, into heaven.

Mary, for Catholic Christians, is a special symbol, and a wonderful sign of hope for us. Just as her Immaculate Conception is a symbol of what God is doing for all people, her assumption is also a symbol of what will happen to all people when we die and are given a new life.



Spotlight on RE - Year 8

The Year 8's have just begun work on their unit, Everything is Connected. This unit has a specific focus on our call to care for our common home, Earth. Students have engaged in conversations surrounding their thoughts about Paul Kell's song Sleep Australia Sleep and what he is asking Australia to do about our environmental crisis. Earlier this week, students began to re-engage with the story of creation found in Genesis and how God saw creation – good – as a Catholic Christian response before delving into the Catholic Social Teachings and what Pope Francis is calling us to do through his encyclical Laudato Si'.

Teaching and Learning

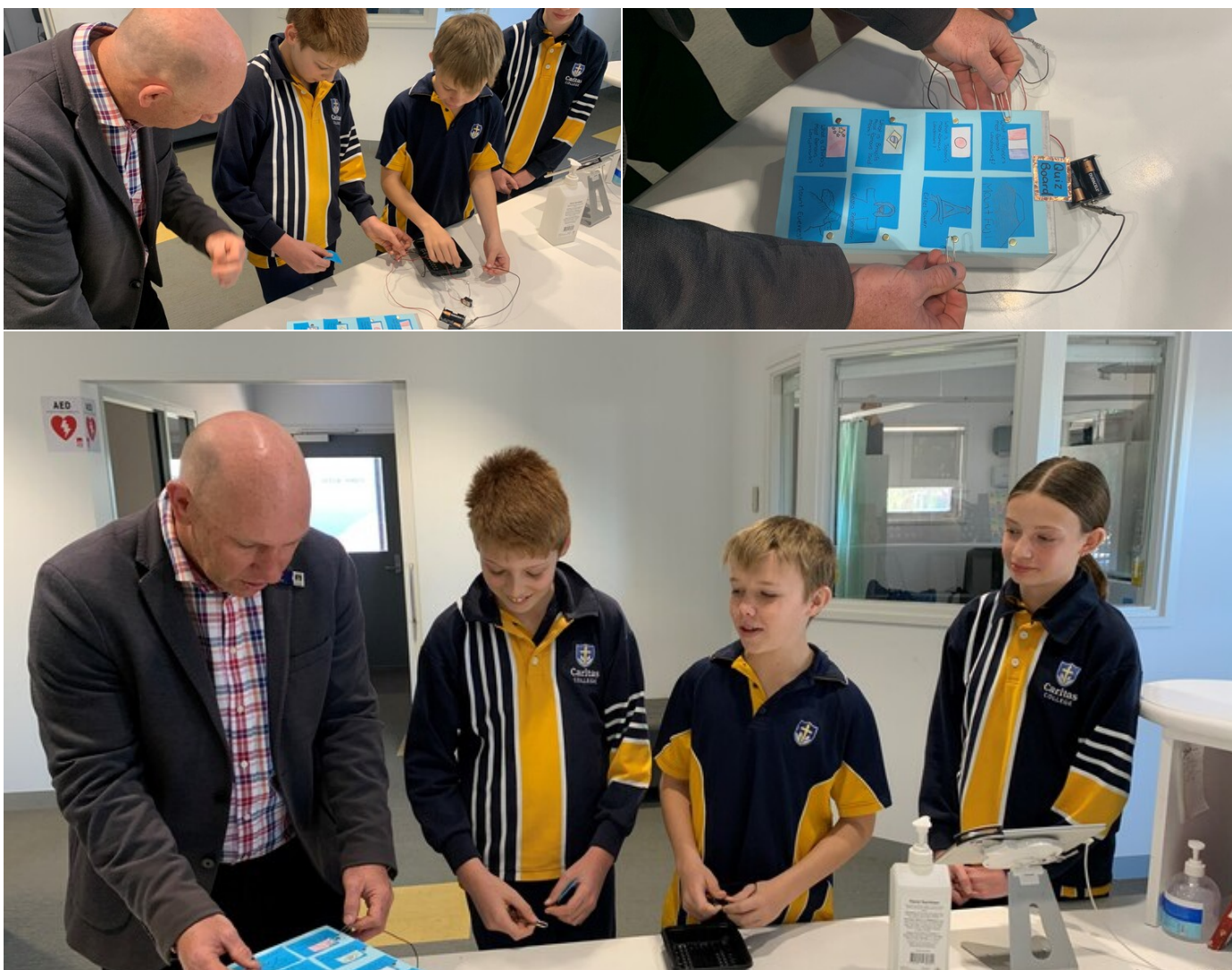
Year 5 Wax Museums

On Friday of Week 2 the Year 5 students presented their wax museum projects that they have worked on for a Term. The task involved students choosing a public figure that has made a significant change in the world, researching them, writing a timeline and autobiography as them and finally presenting as them in a real life wax museum. Students then invited special guests to come and visit, as well as some classes. The Year 5's did a fantastic job and we are so proud of all their hard work.



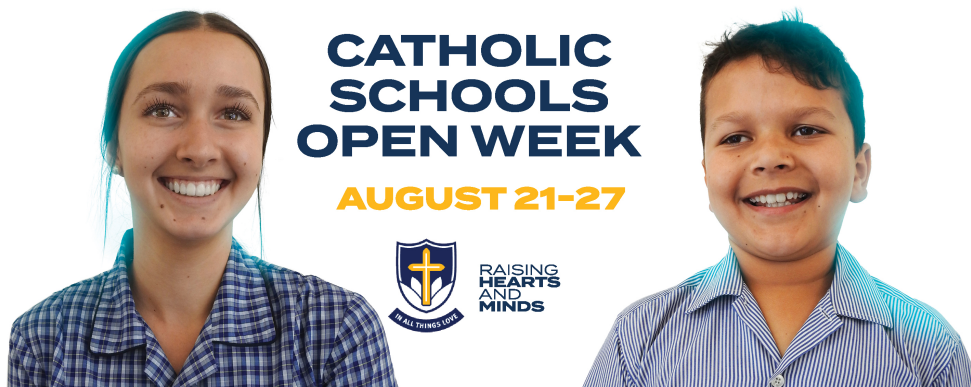
Year 6 Science

In Year 6 Science, students have been learning about how electrical energy can be transferred and transformed in electrical circuits. In Design and Technology, they worked in groups to design, create and evaluate electronic quiz boards, drawing on what they have been learning in science in order to be successful. It was a challenging design brief, but all groups were eventually successful, creating quiz boards based on a variety of themes. Even Mr Smith got in on the action!



Year 9 Rite Journey

The Rite Journey boys have been busy preparing for camp next week and practising setting up their tents. They were so confident in their camping skills they've challenged the girls class to a bit of friendly competition in who can set up their tents the quickest and to the highest standard!



Out and About





A top-down view of photography equipment including two cameras, several lenses, a flash, and a brown leather bag, all arranged on a rustic wooden surface.

2023 SCHOOL PHOTOS

MONDAY 28 AUGUST (DAY 1)
TUESDAY 29 AUGUST (DAY 2)

A vibrant illustration for Children's Book Week 2023. It features three children riding a large, green, spotted sea horse that is flying through a blue sky with white clouds. The sea horse has a long, pointed snout and a blue tail. The children are smiling and waving. The text 'CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK' is written in white on an orange banner. Below it, '19 to 25 AUGUST' and '#CBCA2023' are written in blue. The logo for 'THE CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA' is in the center, featuring a stylized book icon. To the right, the words 'READ GROW Inspire' are written in large, yellow, hand-drawn letters.

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**COME ALONG TO OUR YEARS 7-9
INFORMATION SESSION**

 **Wednesday 23 August**

 **5.30pm - 6.30pm**

 **Meet at Administration Building,
Caritas College, Woodforde Street**

REGISTER NOW



Caritas College Scholarships

Mary MacKillop Scholarship

VET Industry Pathway Scholarship

Indigenous Scholarship

Visit www.cc.catholic.edu.au
for more information



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CANTEEN ORDERS

A QUICK REMINDER

We process an extremely high number of lunch orders every day - especially a Friday!

We understand that home life can be very busy, but we ask our Caritas families to please ensure you have placed your canteen orders on time and on the correct date.

If someone has forgotten to order, or ordered incorrectly, it can be difficult at times to provide an 'emergency lunch' which we keep in limited stock.

Thank you!



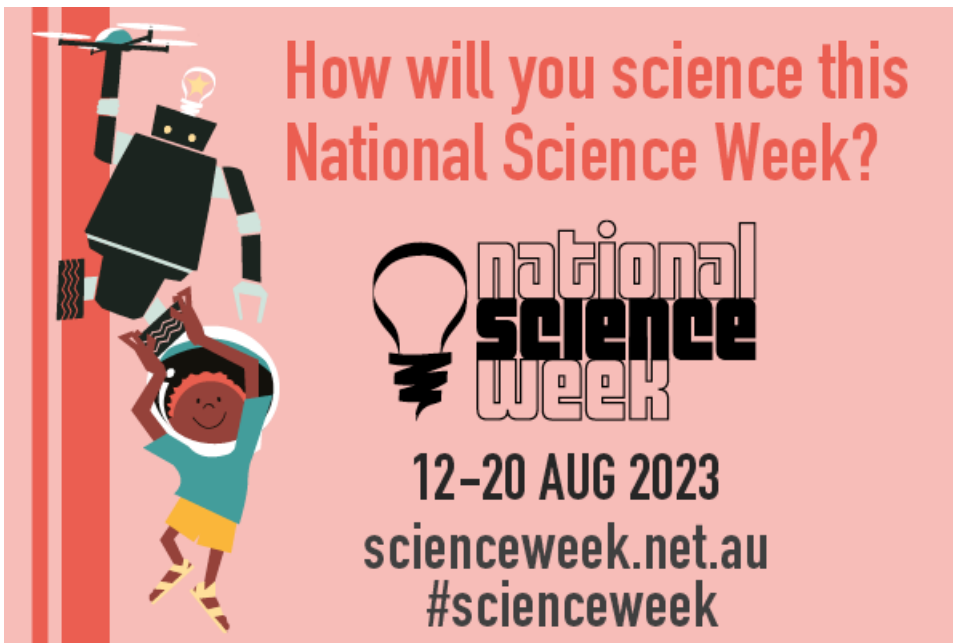
FATHER'S DAY STALL

THURSDAY 31 AUGUST 2023


ALL GIFTS 50c TO \$10.00

STALL TO BE SET UP IN THE LIBRARY

If you would like to donate to our Father's Day Stall,
please drop off to the front office by
Tuesday 29 August.



How will you science this
National Science Week?



12-20 AUG 2023
scienceweek.net.au
#scienceweek

The graphic features a stylized illustration of a robot holding a lightbulb, with a child reaching up towards it. The background is a light red color.



PARENT/TEACHER LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

MON 28 AUGUST 3.10PM - 7.00PM
WED 30 AUGUST 3.10PM - 7.00PM

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