

Issue 13, 9 August 2024

## Important Dates

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Science Week (10-18)

Saturday 10 August 2024

SSSSA Yr 9-12 and Yr 10-11 Girls

Netball

Tuesday 13 August 2024

Year 11 Leadership Day

Thursday 15 August 2024

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

Friday 16 August 2024

Book Week (19-23)

Monday 19 August 2024

Catholic Schools Open Week (19-25)

Monday 19 August 2024

Caritas College Board Meeting

Tuesday 20 August 2024

Year 9 Rite Journey Camp (21-23)

Wednesday 21 August 2024

Year 7 All Saints Church Visit

Thursday 22 August 2024

Book Week Dress Up and Book Swap Day

Thursday 22 August 2024

SAPSASA Athletics Carnival

Friday 23 August 2024

TAFE Auto Block Week (26-30)

Monday 26 August 2024

School Photography Days (26-27)

Monday 26 August 2024

Parent / Teacher Learning Conversations

Tuesday 27 August 2024

TAFE Electrotechnology (27-29)

Tuesday 27 August 2024

Parent / Teacher Learning Conversations

Thursday 29 August 2024

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## From the Principal, Mr Damian Smith

### St Mary 'of the Cross' MacKillop

Each year on the 8th of August our College celebrates the feast day of our foundress and Australia's first saint, Mary MacKillop. Accordingly, we acknowledged this day as a whole school community yesterday with a Liturgy where we focused on her incredible story. We revisited Mary's amazing life and learnt how she overcame many challenges to become an inspiration for many people. Her legacy is still evident through the congregation of religious sisters she founded and the establishment of many schools across Australia and New Zealand. Our College continues to be incredibly proud about our strong connection to Saint Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

PROVIDENT GOD,  
 WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS WE REMEMBER  
 THE POWER FOR GOODNESS THAT MARY MACKILLOP IS IN OUR WORLD.  
 ON THIS HER FEAST DAY  
 MAY WE BE TOUCHED ANEW WITH HER SPIRIT OF PROPHETIC CHARITY  
 AND GENEROUS PARTICIPATION IN MISSION.  
 WE ASK THIS IN THE NAME OF CHRIST, THE SACRED HEART, AND OF THE  
 SPIRIT OF MISSION.  
 AMEN.

Unfortunately, we had to postpone the games and activities that were planned to happen on the oval in the afternoon due to the weather. In lieu of being able to be outdoors, our secondary students buddied up with a primary class to engage in some indoor activities. It was heart-warming to see students learn and play together in mixed-aged groups. The older students embraced the responsibility of supporting the younger students to have fun and work together. The younger students enjoyed following the lead of the older students and innately brought much joy to the occasion. I think Mary MacKillop would be proud!



# Grandparent's and Grand-Person's Day

The first Friday of the term was a special day for our school community. The R-3 classes hosted a 'Grandparent's and Grand-Person's' Day. The Tappeiner Room was jam-packed with visitors for a special Liturgy which honoured the feast day of Saints Joachim and Anne. Joachim and Anne were the grandparents of Jesus, and they represent the importance of fostering an atmosphere of love and care. The R-3 students sang a nice rendition of 'You've Got A Friend In Me' to impress their loved ones. Following the Liturgy, our senior SRC representatives provided a BBQ lunch for everyone while they mixed and mingled on the primary courts and in the nature play space. Thanks to everyone who was involved

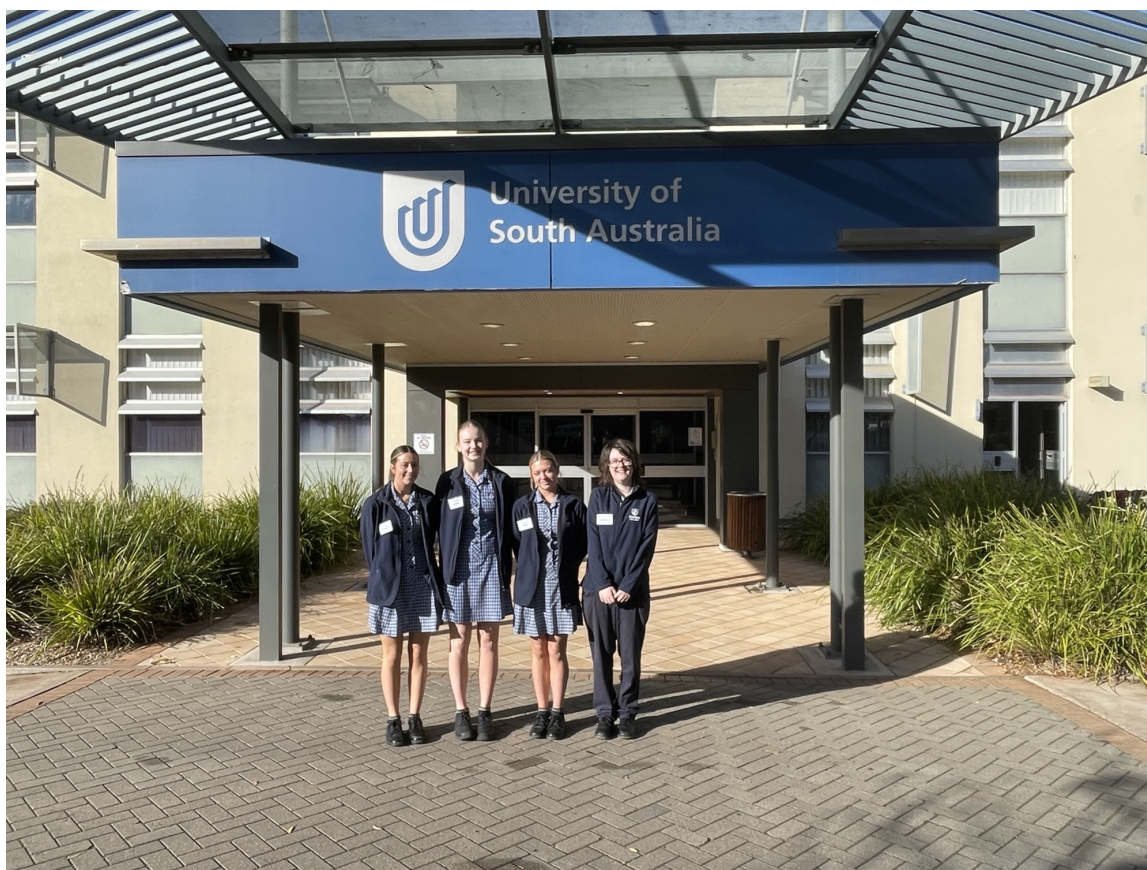


# Sacrament of Confirmation

Several of our students in Year 7 have been preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This special step in their faith journey will take place on Sunday 18th August at All Saints Catholic Church. It will signify the final stage of 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 spend time on Tuesday engaged in a workshop. May we offer our prayers to these young people who will soon be considered as adults in the Church following the completion of this part of their sacramental journey.



On Monday and Tuesday Mrs Christine Kemp accompanied a number of students to participate in the UniSA STEM Girls Academy in Whyalla. This program encourages girls in Years 9-12 to continue the study of Science and Mathematics throughout their schooling and into university. Our school has engaged in this opportunity for a number of years and continues to support students to develop their knowledge and skills in this space to enable them to explore future pathways in STEM.



## 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 (Senior School)*
- *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 is currently open for applications until 20th September 2024. Please visit our College's website [here](#) to access information regarding the program, or, contact the school if you have any questions.

## ANZ Hot Shots Tennis

Our Year 4 and Year 5 students participated in the ANZ Hot Shots Tennis Carnival on Tuesday and Wednesday at the Port Augusta Tennis Courts. It was a great opportunity for our students to learn about and engage in a new sport if they don't already play tennis.



## Student Free Day

Today our staff utilised the student free day to engage in professional learning onsite. Our commitment to ongoing learning continues to support staff to develop and refine best practice. It is important that teachers and ESOs have dedicated time to enhance their knowledge and skills, and collaborate with each other. This uninterrupted time allows them time to focus on improving their teaching strategies and integrating new methodologies into their practice. By investing in their professional development, we are ensuring high-quality teaching practices at Caritas College that continue to support improved educational outcomes.

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## From the Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission, 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 153 years ago on the wharf with Sisters Angelica Greene and Angela Crugen. We are proud to tell this story of the early years of Catholic education here in Port Augusta and 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).

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.

Throughout her life, Mary faced many challenges – her father's financial failures, a stroke which left her paralysed on her right side in her final years, and hostility from many Church authorities who didn't understand the mission of the Sisters of St Joseph. Mary's biggest challenge came on 22 September 1871, months after our College story began, when she was excommunicated by Bishop Sheil. Fr Joseph Tappeiner and other Jesuit priests in Sevenhill, ensured that Mary and the Sisters were supported as they navigated this time. On 21 February, 1872, Bishop Sheil removed the excommunication nine days before he passed away. Throughout this challenging time, Mary showed great courage, continued hope, forgiveness, and a deep love of God to guide her. There is something we can all learn here from Mary and her story continues to teach us many things today.



Our 2024 theme of Let Your Light Shine was evident in this liturgy as we shined a light on the values and characteristics that make Mary a wonderful example of what it means to be salt of the earth and light for the world. Our Year 3 and 4 students beautifully illustrated a timeline of Mary's life, with artworks depicting different moments of her life and how she showed love for others and God to reflect our school motto, In All Things Love. Our Year 1 students have created portraits of Mary MacKillop which were used to create a banner with one of Mary's quotes, resonating with our College Entrance Statement.

For the past 153 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.



## Diocesan Lantern

As part of our diocesan theme, Let Your Light Shine, for 2024, the Port Pirie Diocesan Lantern has arrived at Caritas College for Weeks 3 and 4. This lantern is currently making its way to the 14 schools of the Port Pirie diocese to unite the schools despite their distance from each other. Wonderful things are happening in each school and it has been a surprise to see where the lantern has visited and what it has witnessed in its time in each school. The lantern was officially welcomed into the College during our Mary MacKillop celebrations however it has already visited a number of primary classes to shine a light on the wonderful ways our students are animating our theme.



## National Vocations Awareness Week

This week is 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 express our deep gratitude to Fr Jim Monaghan for his continued presence and ministry within our school community, as he continues to be a wonderful presence to families, students and staff.

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.

## Confirmation

11 young people from our College and parish community will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next Sunday, 18 August at 10:30am. Bishop Karol Kulczycki will celebrate mass and anoint and confirm our young people with the Oil of Chrism, which was blessed at the Chrism Mass during Holy Week in Term 1. The group gathered together earlier this week to prepare for their Confirmation by exploring the gifts of the Holy Spirit and selecting their Confirmation saint. We keep these young people and their families in our prayers over the coming week as they continue their final preparations that will see them as fully initiated members of the Catholic Church.

Jack Brown	Lily Davenport
Poppy Doran	Misa Duong
Eddy Heron	Olivia Kemp
Jack Maloney	Kohda Robinson
Brennan Roebby	Jasmine Tandoh
Jontae Treloar	

## 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.

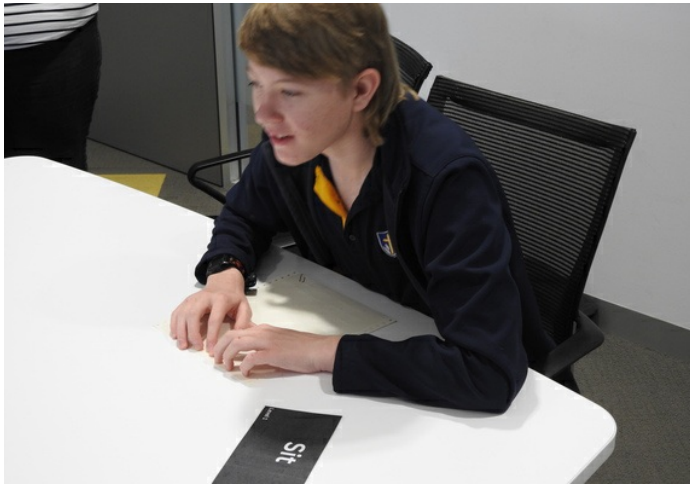


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## Out and About







# FREE WEBINAR SERIES



Presented by clinical child psychologist Kirrilie Smout.

Kirrilie has had 25 years experience in working with children and families, is the author of two books about children and mental health and regularly consults with national bodies about child mental health concerns. She is the Director of Developing Minds Psychology and Education Services.

We are running a series of **FREE 30 min webinars** for **parents with primary school aged kids** to help understand more about the following topics:

## Webinar 1:

What is childhood anxiety, what are the causes and how do psychologists support children with anxiety

**When: 3rd September 2024 5.45pm - 6.15pm Adelaide**

## Webinar 2:

How common are 'challenging behaviours' in childhood, what causes children to act in challenging ways and how do psychologists work with children who have higher levels of challenging behaviours

**When: 10th September 2024 5.45pm - 6.15pm Adelaide**

## Webinar 3:

How common are friendship and social difficulties in childhood - what causes these challenges and how do psychologists work with children with social challenges

**When: 17th September 2024 07:00pm - 7.30pm Adelaide**

**To register for 1 (or more) please go to:**  
**[developingminds.net.au/webinars](https://developingminds.net.au/webinars)**

For any questions contact: [amy@developingminds.net.au](mailto:amy@developingminds.net.au)



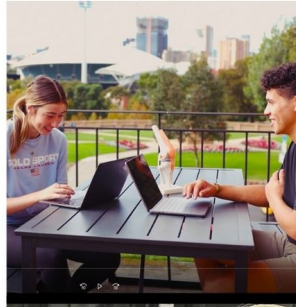
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# Aquinas College Open Day 2024

no pre-booking required  
Saturday 10 August 10am-4pm

Call in, meet some current students and let them show you around.



Visit our website for more information [www.aquinas.edu.au](http://www.aquinas.edu.au)

**Aquinas College, 1 Palmer Place, North Adelaide SA 5006**



## DENTAL ASSISTANT TRAINEESHIP

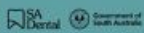
### EARN WHILE YOU LEARN

- On the job training in a SA Dental Clinic
- No evening or weekend work
- Obtain a Certificate III in Dental Assisting through TAFE SA
- Ongoing support and mentorship
- Earn while you learn

**Join Our Team!**

Applications Open  
26 July –  
18 August 2024

For more information and eligibility scan below



A top-down view of a light blue surface decorated with Father's Day-themed items. On the left, the words "Father's Day" are written in a large, blue, cursive font. To the right of the text, there is a white mug of coffee, a white gift box with a blue ribbon, a chocolate mustache, a round donut with white frosting and blue star-shaped decorations, and a blue polka-dot bow tie. Scattered around these items are several small blue stars and black dots.

# Father's Day

**WE ARE STARTING TO PREPARE FOR OUR  
FATHER'S DAY STALL**

**IF YOU ARE ABLE TO DONATE TO OUR STALL, IT WOULD BE  
MUCH APPRECIATED  
(IF YOUR DONATION INCLUDES BAKED GOODS, PLEASE  
PROVIDE INGREDIENT INFORMATION)**

**Donations will be gladly accepted at the front office up  
until Thursday 22 August**



University of  
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# WHYALLA OPEN DAY

**Sunday 25 August, 10:00am – 3:00pm**  
**111 Nicolson Avenue, Whyalla Norrie**

Study near and go far. Explore your future campus at Whyalla Open Day. Attend presentations, talk to staff, graduates and students to find out where a UniSA degree can take you!

START TIME	PRESENTATION AND TOUR
10:00am	> How to Apply > Education (Secondary)
10:30am	> Education (Primary) > Student Accommodation Tour
10:45am	> Foundation Studies, Aboriginal Pathway and Diplomas (UniSA College pathways)
11:00am	> Education (Early Childhood)
11:15am	> Student Accommodation Tour (repeat)
11:30am	> Midwifery
11:45am	> Physiotherapy > Social Work & Social Science
12:45pm	> Student Accommodation Tour (repeat)
1:00pm	> Nursing
1:15pm	> Scholarships
2:00pm	> Adelaide University, opening in 2026 > Occupational Therapy > Student Accommodation Tour (repeat)
2:30pm	> Student Accommodation Tour (repeat)

## THINKING ABOUT RELOCATING TO STUDY?

Check out our city Open Day and campus events:

**City West & City East Campus** / Sunday 11 August, 9:30am–4:30pm

**Mawson Lakes Campus** / Sunday 25 August, 11:00am–3:00pm

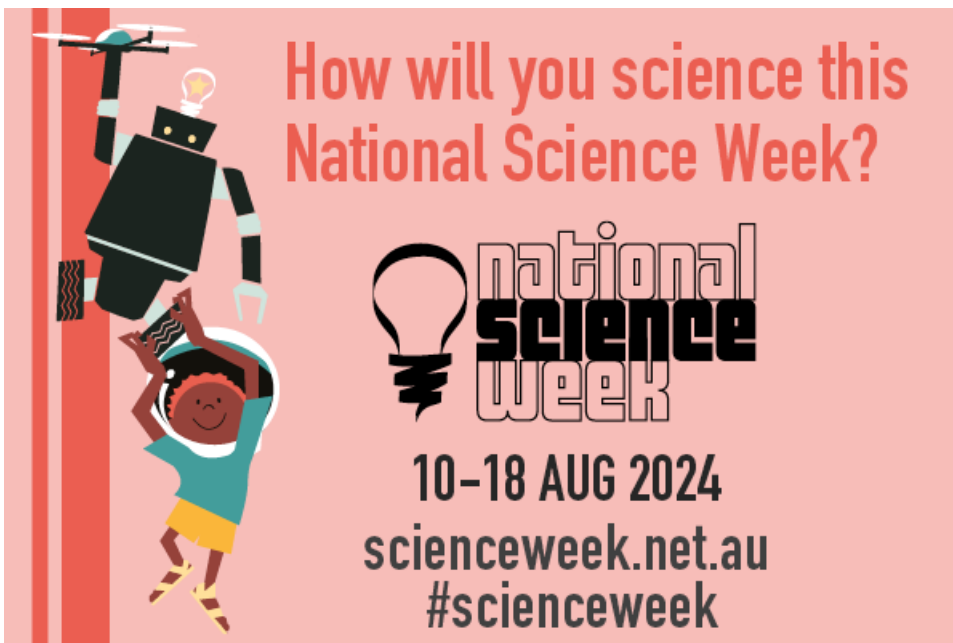
**Magill Campus** / Wednesday 28 August, 3:30pm–7:00pm

[unisa.edu.au/openday](https://unisa.edu.au/openday)


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# YR 10-11 SUBJECT COUNSELLING CONVERSATIONS

TUES 3 SEPTEMBER  
WED 4 SEPTEMBER



How will you science this  
National Science Week?



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