



Important Dates

School Photos (Day 1)

Monday 28 August

Parent/Teacher Learning Conversations

Monday 28 August

TAFE Auto Block Week (28 Aug - 1 Sept)

Monday 28 August

School Photos (Day 2)

Tuesday 29 August

Parent/Teacher Learning Conversations

Wednesday 30 August

Father's Day Stall

Thursday 31 August

Year 8 Church Visit

Thursday 31 August

R-2 Assembly (1B)

Thursday 31 August

SAPSASA Athletics (SNPS)

Monday 4 September

Year 10-11 Subject Counselling

Tuesday 5 September

Board Meeting

Tuesday 5 September

Year 10-11 Subject Counselling

Wednesday 6 September

Year 9 Church Visit

Thursday 7 September

Student Free Day

Friday 8 September

Year 5 Camp (14-15 Sept)

Year 7-9 Season of Creation Mass

SAPSASA Boys Football/Girls

From the Principal, Mr Damian Smith

*God of wisdom and knowledge.
Kindly share Your knowledge with us through the gift of reading. Make us
aware of all that this wonderful world offers to us. May we use the
things we learn to help others and prudently apply wisdom.
Amen*

Book Week

Book Week always generates an unmatched level of excitement for our primary aged students. So this week we have engaged in a celebration of books to encourage and support young people develop a love of reading. The theme for Book Week this year is 'Read, Grow, Inspire'. Today, students arrived at school dressed up as their favourite character. Kudos must go to all the parents/caregivers for their creativity and commitment to the cause. The students looked great. While it's always fun to dress up and celebrate Book Week, it's important to remember that the week is mainly about celebrating the great joy and opportunities that come from reading. Thanks to the teachers and ESOs for giving our students opportunity to explore the wonders of reading, not just in Book Week but each and every day.



ESO Week

This week is 'Support Staff Week of Action'. It is an opportunity for us to recognise the significant contribution that our wonderful Education Support Officers make to our school community. Their work is wide and varied across our school. It ranges from supporting

children in classes with their learning and wellbeing to ensuring that our grounds and facilities are the best they can be. Without them our College would not function. With grateful hearts, may we all give thanks for our fantastic support staff.

School Photos

School photos are scheduled to occur on Monday and Tuesday next week. Students will need to hand their individual envelope to the photographer on the day of their photo. Online orders will be available for two weeks after photo day and any late orders need to be handed to the Front Office by Tuesday 29 August. **Please be aware of below uniform requirements for school photos:**

- If hair is longer than collar length it must be tidily pulled back (regardless of gender). Hair accessory colours include Navy Blue, Yellow and White only.
- Extreme hairstyles are not permitted to be worn at school, and hair colours must be in line with the range of natural colours.
- Students are to be clean shaven.
- Make-up, including nail polish, is not to be worn.
- The only jewellery permitted to be worn includes one plain stud or sleeper per ear. No other piercings permitted.
- College socks (navy sock with stripes).
- The approved College shoe is a black leather school shoe with no discernible logos or imagery (canvas shoes are not permitted).
- Students will have their photos taken without jumpers/jackets (except the Year 12 class)

Curious About Caritas?

On Wednesday evening we held our 'Curious About Caritas?' Information Session for students and families going into Year 7 next year. It provided an opportunity for current and new families to discover more about the College and what it has to offer for students enrolling in the middle years. It was a pleasure to share with families the exciting opportunities that exist for students at our College in Years 7-9. Some of the special and unique features of our College that support our students in Years 7-9 include strong pastoral care structures; dedicated learning and play areas; Teacher/ESO ratio; 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.

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](#) or contact the school if you have any questions.

Subject Counselling

In Week 7 students in Years 10 and 11 will engage in subject counselling sessions with their families in preparation for next year. This is an important process that supports consideration of post-school pathways. I encourage families to engage fully in this process which helps students make important decisions about their learning at school. This process plays an essential role in upholding our ongoing success to ensure that every 12 student completes and achieves their SACE which gives them agency in choosing the best post-school pathway. For more information on how to book a counselling session, [click here](#).

Rite Journey

Last Thursday and Friday our Year 9 students travelled to Ikara National Park for a two-day camp as part of the Rite Journey Program. Students had the opportunity to enhance their knowledge of Indigenous perspectives and the connection between culture, respect, and peace for the environment. The camp incorporated a 'solo' experience, which provided the students with personal reflection time. This is something that can be hard for young people to prioritise in the busyness of modern-day life which is full of distractions. The weather wasn't entirely conducive to bushwalking or a warm night's sleep, but the campers battled on and no doubt returned home with experiences that lead to personal growth. Thanks to the teachers who supported this opportunity for the Year 9 students.

2024 School Fees

We are pleased to inform our school families that there will be no increase in school fees for the 2024 school year. Catholic Education SA has announced it will freeze tuition fees at its 84 Diocesan schools for the 2024 school year. "We recognise that cost-of-living increases are putting significant pressure on families," says Dr Neil McGoran, Executive Director, Catholic Education SA. Dr McGoran said the fee-freeze will not impact the quality of education. "We're committed to keeping school fees as low as possible and ensuring a Catholic education is affordable and accessible to all."

Since 2019, Catholic Education SA has been implementing the Making Catholic Education More Affordable Initiative to ensure Catholic schools are accessible to any family who wants their child to have a Catholic education. In addition to the fee-freeze, further fee remissions are available to any family who is struggling to pay school fees due to financial difficulties. In these instances, families can contact the Finance office to obtain a Fee Variation Form.

From the Leader of Catholic Identity, Chloe Shanahan

Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to all of the students from our parish and school community who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation a couple of weekends ago. I would like to thank the families for their commitment to the program throughout the preparation period – we look forward to seeing these young people continue their full and active participation in the life of the Church. A special thank you to Ms Michelle Antoniciello and Fr Jim Monaghan for their support of these young people in preparing and working with them on this section of their continued faith journey.

Confirmation activates the gifts of the Holy Spirit that were given to us at baptism – Knowledge, Understanding, Wisdom, Counsel, Fortitude, Fear of the Lord, and Piety. These gifts help us to be able to give them away and make a difference in the lives of others. When we have given these gifts away, God fills them back up again, as we continue to be guided by the Holy Spirit, encouraging and strengthening us, leading to our mission of helping and guiding others.



Season of Creation

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through repenting, repairing, and rejoicing together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.

This year, amid the continued crises that has shaken our world over the last few years, we are awakened to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and each other. During the Season of Creation this year, we enter a time of restoration and hope for our earth, that requires new ways of living and caring for creation. The theme for 2023 is 'Let Justice and Peace flow', which has its origins in the writings of the prophet Amos (5:24). We are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity.

The Season of Creation unites the world's 2.2 billion Christians around one shared purpose. With so much injustice all around us, now is the time for Christians everywhere to come together and show the world how to love each other and creation.

Throughout this season, our students in Years 7-12 will celebrate a special mass at All Saints Church. Our Year 7-9 students will attend mass on Thursday 15 September and our Year 10-12 students will attend mass on Thursday 22 September.



Years 7-9 All Saints Church Visit

In preparation for the Season of Creation mass, our Years 7-9 students will be attending All Saints Church for the 9:00am parish mass and to tour the Church. Our Year 7 students attended this week, eagerly asking Fr Jim questions at the end of mass about the Sacrament of the Eucharist and his upcoming pilgrimage to France. Students then toured the Church, learning about the importance of the tabernacle, the Stations of the Cross and the Reconciliation room.

Year 8 students will attend mass on Thursday 31 August and our Year 9 students will attend mass on Thursday 7 September.



Social Justice Sunday

This Sunday, August 27, is Social Justice Sunday. The celebration of Social Justice Sunday has a long tradition in the Catholic Church in Australia. Almost every year since 1940, our Bishops have joined together to issue a major social justice statement at this time.

Of course, the Bishops also make statements on matters of social and ecological justice at other times throughout the year too. These

are often issued by individual Bishops delegated as spokespersons for particular issues, or by commissions of Bishops. By contrast, the social justice statement issued in time for Social Justice Sunday is approved by and issued in the name of the whole Bishops' conference. It is hoped that these statements will inspire reflection and action throughout the whole year.

The Social Justice Statement 2023-24 is titled Listen, Learn, Love – A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Both the Bishops and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) speak to us in this year's statement. They see the referendum as an opportunity for the Church to begin a new engagement with the First Peoples of our land.

The Bishops and NATSICC see this year as an opportunity for the Church to lead the way for all Australians. Instead of telling the First Peoples what should happen, they say we need to listen to them and learn from them what is the best way to overcome their significant disadvantage. Instead of arrogance, the Church can lead the way to a better future for the First Peoples and for all Australians by engaging with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in a spirit of humility and love.

Teaching and Learning

Year 4 and 5 Sports

This week our Year 4 and 5 students participated in the ANZ Hot Shots Tennis Carnival. The students learnt new skills about tennis, where they were competing in doubles and singles against other schools and teams. It was amazing to see all students giving it a go and showing sportsmanship throughout the day.



Year 6 Art

In Art this term the Year 6s have been learning about different artists and their styles. One of the artists they have explored is local legend, Georgie Sharp, who kindly agreed to run some workshops with our students. With Georgie's assistance, the students created landscape art using soft pastels, focusing on their use of lines and colour.



Stage 1 Food & Hospitality

The Stage 1 Food and Hospitality class are learning about changing technology in kitchens. Last week they used some old fashioned equipment to make pasties, forcer biscuits and butterfly cakes. They all agreed they like our modern mixers and food processors better! We also had 2 guests, Sadie Havelberg and Janie Hurley visit to speak about the changes they have seen in their lifetime.



Out and About



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SCHOOL PHOTO DAY



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

2023 SCHOOL PHOTOS

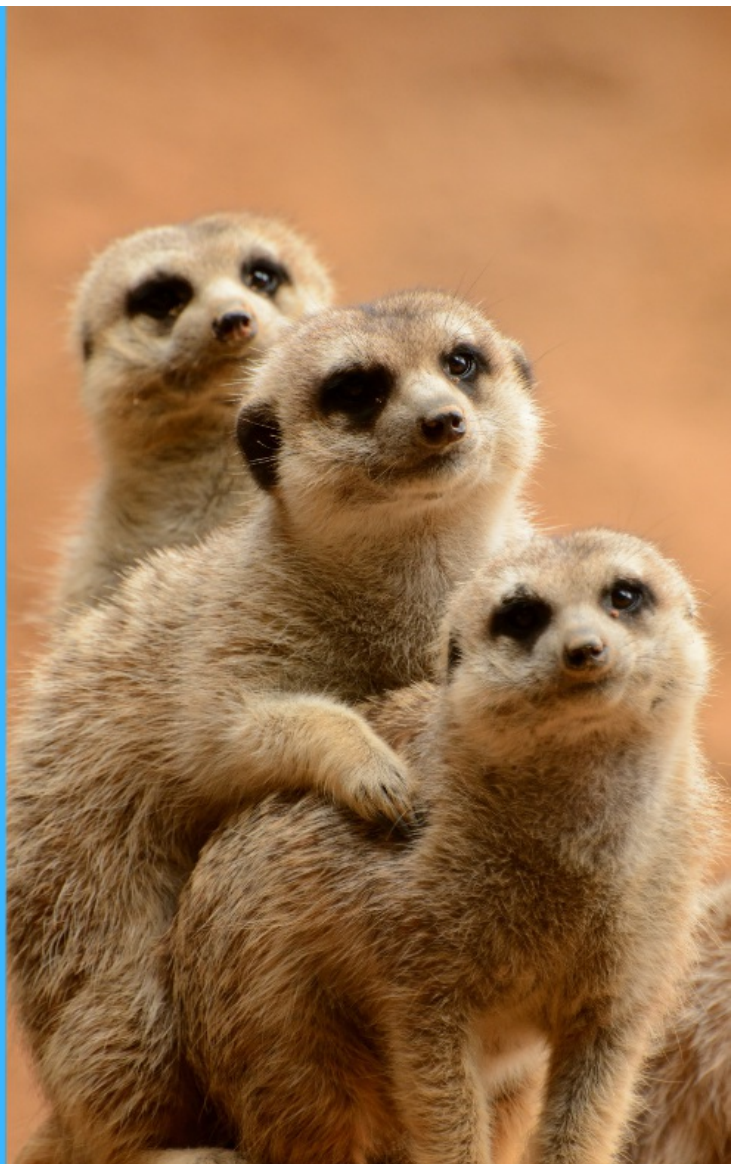
**MONDAY 28 AUGUST (DAY 1)
TUESDAY 29 AUGUST (DAY 2)**

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY

FAMILY PHOTOS

**DID YOU KNOW THAT OUR
SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY
COMPANY OFFER SIBLING
PHOTOS?**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
ORDER A 2023 SIBLING
PHOTO, PLEASE VISIT THE
FRONT OFFICE AND ASK
FOR THE FAMILY
ENVELOPE.**



Caritas College Scholarships

Mary MacKillop Scholarship
VET Industry Pathway Scholarship
Indigenous Scholarship

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for more information



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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.

LOST PROPERTY



OUR LOST PROPERTY BINS ARE OVERFLOWING WITH UNNAMED JUMPERS, JACKETS AND HATS AS WELL AS WATER BOTTLES AND LUNCHBOXES. IF YOUR CHILD HAS LOST SOMETHING PLEASE CHECK THE RED LOST PROPERTY BINS LOCATED JUST INSIDE THE COURTYARD DOORS.

RED BALL RUMBLE

Want to try a new sport? This newly created Red Ball Matchplay program provides students with the opportunity to learn tennis in a fun and inclusive environment.

LETS RUMBLE!

Sign up now!



Cost: Free
Date: Wednesday evenings beginning 30 August for four weeks
Time: 4:00pm
Venue: Port Augusta Tennis Club
Contact: regionaltennis@gmail.com



PARENT/TEACHER LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

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

YR 10-11 SUBJECT COUNSELLING CONVERSATIONS

TUES 5 SEPTEMBER
WED 6 SEPTEMBER