



Important Dates

**SAPSASA Athletics
Carnival - SNPS**
Monday 9 September 2024

**TAFE -
Electrotechnology
(10-12)**
Tuesday 10 September 2024

**Years 7-9 Season of
Creation Mass**
Thursday 12 September
2024

**SSSSA 7-10
Girls/Boys
Basketball - Whyalla**
Friday 13 September 2024

**Year 10-12 Season
of Creation Mass**
Thursday 19 September
2024

Year 4-6 Assembly
Thursday 19 September
2024

**TAFE - Auto Block
Week (23-27)**
Monday 23 September 2024

**SSSSA 11-12
Girls/Boys
Basketball - Whyalla**
Tuesday 24 September 2024

**TAFE -
Electrotechnology
(25-27)**
Wednesday 25 September
2024

Year 8 Camp (25-27)
Wednesday 25 September
2024

R-3 Assembly
Thursday 26 September
2024

**St Vincent de Paul
Feast Day**
Friday 27 September 2024

**Year 10-12
Assembly**
Friday 27 September 2024

Year 9 Assembly
Friday 27 September 2024

Term 3 Concludes
Friday 27 September 2024

From the Principal, Mr Damian Smith

National Child Protection Week

National Child Protection (NCP) Week runs from 1 to 7 September. This year's theme is 'Every child in every community needs a fair go'. This week is an opportunity for us to recommit ourselves and ensure that every child and young person in our community feels valued, heard, and safe.

At Caritas College, child protection is our highest priority. Creating a safe environment for children is paramount and central to our work. It is important to us that every child and young person feels safe and happy at school. As such, we employ a raft of measures and initiatives to listen to our young people. Every student at our school engages with our termly pulse check surveys, social emotional learning programs and pastoral care supports. Further to this, the child protection curriculum is taught in every year level across the school. All of these aspects of our school environment support the learning and wellbeing of our students.



Below is the commitment statement from the Catholic Diocese of Port Pirie to all the children and young people.

“Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.’”

Matthew 19:14

Created in the image of God, all children and young people are our most precious and sacred citizens with a voice that must be heard, respected and valued. Accordingly, we, the people of God in the Catholic Diocese of Port Pirie are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of our children and young people.

We support the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child as the foundation for child protection and believe that all children and young people have the right to be safe, happy and healthy. We are committed to being an inclusive, culturally diverse and resilient Church where God's children can flourish.

Our Church strives to enable and empower children and young people to be part of the Kingdom of God as a safe and secure home. We are committed to a shared responsibility, a culture of safety which is underpinned by robust, responsive and effective policy and procedures.

As we are reminded by Pope Francis, a future in which children are secure is a future where “every child is held in God's infinite tenderness and God is present in each of their lives”

Season of Creation

Each year from 1 September to 4 October, Christians around the world unite to celebrate the Season of Creation. It is a special time where we acknowledge with awe and wonder all of God's wondrous creation.

Over the past few weeks our Year 7-9 students have all visited All Saints Church in preparation for celebrating the Season of Creation Mass on Thursday 14 September. These visits have assisted our students to learn more about the traditions and customs of the Catholic faith. The Season of Creation is a time for reflection and action to protect our common home. In caring for our environment now and into the future, we want to instill a genuine sense of responsibility and stewardship in our students.



Staff Reflection Day

This Friday, our staff will come together for our annual Staff Reflection Day. Our dedication to the children and young people we serve is deeply rooted in our Catholic faith and Josephite tradition. Therefore, it is essential that we dedicate time and space for our own faith development, which is a key aspect of our school that enriches the work we do. We appreciate the families who support this meaningful experience for our staff on a student free day.

World Duchenne Awareness Day

World Duchenne Awareness Day was established in 2013 to increase awareness of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and aims to inspire action to improve the lives of people living with the condition. Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy is a rare genetic disease that causes muscles to become weaker over time. People born with the condition need care from many specialists throughout their lives.

To show our support for this worthy cause and for the people it affects, our school is going to host a **'Wear It Red'** day on Tuesday 10 September. As such, students are invited to wear a red accessory (hair tie, scarf, pin, hat, etc). Students will need to wear their normal school uniform but can choose to add a red accessory for the day. Students can make a gold coin donation on the day which will go to the *Save Our Sons Duchenne Foundation*. Thank you for your support of this good cause.



Learning Conversations & Subject Counselling

This week teachers met with parents/caregivers for learning conversations. They shared information and updates about the learning and progress of students. Students and families in Year 10 and 11 have been working with teachers in subject counselling as they prepare for next year. This process will support them in choosing subjects aligned to their interests and strengths as they consider possible post-school pathways.

In both instances, these important conversations and collaboration between parents/caregivers and teachers speak to the essential relationship that needs to exist between 'home' and 'school' to support our children and young people to grow.

SAPSASA Athletics Carnival

Good luck to the students who will represent our College at the SAPSASA Athletics Carnival at Stirling North Primary School next Monday. This event was rescheduled due to unfavourable weather conditions a couple of weeks ago. No doubt the students will be excited and there will be a good showing of parents/caregivers to cheer on our young people.

Right to Disconnect

We appreciate that ongoing communication with parents/caregivers is an essential part of a positive school culture. Indeed, we promote effective communication between 'home' and 'school' to support and enhance student wellbeing and learning.

Digital technologies have greatly assisted in this regard and the use of parent/caregiver information apps, social media (for general school information), school website, SEQTA and

the use of email communication directly with staff is now routine.

As such, expectations for staff accessibility have evolved in the context of enhanced digital communication practices. Consequently, this can sometimes result in 'availability creep' for staff who become more accessible in locations and at times of the day, weekends and during periods of leave when they should be able to disconnect from work.

Indeed, recent laws have taken effect which provide school employees a right to disconnect.

In the interests of respecting the rights of our staff and recognising the importance of facilitating and promoting healthy communication, we are introducing the following as standard protocol during term time:

- *Noting our staff spend a significant amount of their workday focussing on teaching or other activities applicable to their roles, staff will endeavour to respond to parent/caregiver communications requesting a response within 48 hours (staff will discern whether an urgent matter requires a shorter response timeframe)*

Parents/caregivers are encouraged to contact the school front office in the first instance for general information. We ask that parents and caregivers be mindful and supportive of the above. Thank you for your understanding.

From the Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission, Chloe Shanahan

Years 7-9 All Saints Church Visits

Our Years 8 and 9 students have both visited All Saints Church for the 9:00am mass over the last 2 weeks, preparing for their 7-9 Seasons of Creation mass. Students have refamiliarised themselves with our parish Church, celebrating the Eucharist and having a Church tour, with the opportunity to ask questions about what they see within the Church and how it may assist us in our faith

Season of Creation Masses

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. This year's theme is "to hope and act with Creation," taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans (8:19-25). Amid the triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution, many are beginning to despair and suffer from eco-anxiety. As people of faith we are called to lift the hope inspired by our faith, the hope of the resurrection. This is not a hope without action but one embodied in concrete actions of prayer and preaching, service and solidarity. We are called 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

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 next Thursday 12 September and our Year 10-12 students will attend mass on Thursday 19 September. A reminder that students will need to return their acknowledgement slips to their homegroup teachers.



Fr Julian Tenison Woods - Caring for Creation

Julian Tenison-Woods - WikipediaAs we consider our call to care for our common home, guided by Pope Francis and his writings Laudato Si and Laudate Deum, we sometimes forget a significant aspect of our Josephite charism in Fr Julian Tenison Woods.

Fr Julian co-founded the Sisters of St Joseph with St Mary of the Cross MacKillop in Penola, in the south east of South Australia. It was at this time that he was the only parish priest covering an area of 56000km², caring for those who lived within the region spanning from Bordertown, down to the coast at Port MacDonnell and up to Robe and Beachport. It was in his travels that he was fascinated by the newness of the flora and fauna he found, sketching these and making notes to write his scientific papers.

He was a prominent scientist – geology, palaeontology, botany, and zoology, with an excellent reputation amongst the scientific community before his work with Mary MacKillop. Fr Julian spent time with the local First Nations people to learn from their knowledge and understanding of the land and their use of the stars to guide them through the countryside.

Fr Julian continues to teach us today of the innate way of being able to intertwine his love of science and his faith, following in the footsteps of St Francis of Assisi. He saw beauty in God's creation, evidenced in his writings and discovery of hundreds of plants, insects and fossils.

There's a lot we can learn from Fr Julian Tenison Woods throughout this Season of Creation and how we can find beauty and evidence of God's fingerprint in all that surrounds us in our beautiful region.



Teaching and Learning

Years 3-6 Choir

This week our Years 3-6 choir students brightened the day at Nerrilda Edenfield Family Care with a beautiful performance. All 41 students performed a selection of songs they've been working on in their choir sessions this year. The dance moves and smiles on the residents' faces said it all! The students should be very proud of their dedication and effort



Year 12 Child Studies

This week, the Year 12 Child Studies class were tasked with educating a junior primary class about cultural diversity in regard to food choices. The students worked in pairs to prepare food for the children to taste. The students were very excited to visit each food stall, practice saying hello and thank-you in the different languages and then try some new foods, including quesadillas from Mexico, macarons from France and Curry and Pappadums from India.



Out and About



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Starts Wednesday October 30

For Kids Aged 5-10 Chinnery Park

4:30pm-5:30pm

nathan.nistico@gmail.com



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6 SEPT 2024



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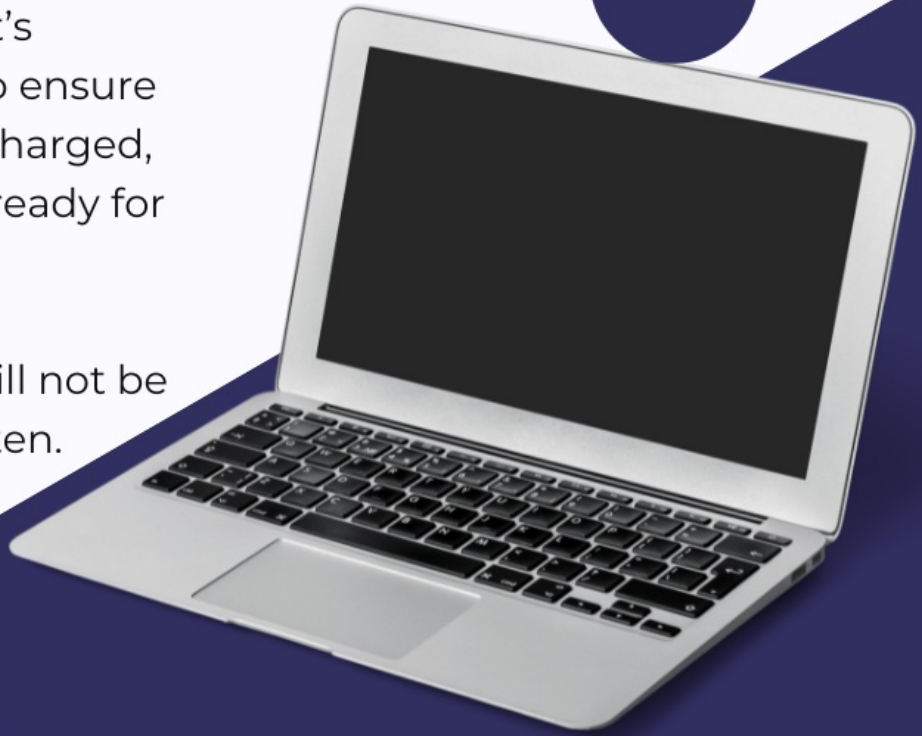
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LAPTOP REMINDERS

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



STUDENT EXEMPTIONS

If your child will be absent from school for 5 days or more, you must complete and lodge an **Application for Exemption Form**. Such exemptions from attendance of school are approved from the College Principal, and in some cases the Director of Catholic Education South Australia.

This must be completed for students 17 years and under who are seeking an exemption on the grounds of:

- Family Travel - Holiday between 5 days and 12 months.
- Other / Conditional / Ongoing medical condition of less than 1 month.



WHAT IS A SCHOOL SHOE AND WHAT IS A SPORTS SHOE?

✔ School Shoe



✔ Sports Shoe



✔ Home Shoe

