



Issue 18, 1 November 2024

Important Dates

Year 12 Exams (4-11)

Monday 4 November 2024

School Board Meeting

Tuesday 5 November 2024

Yr 10 Second Immunisation Date

Wednesday 6 November 2024

Year 5 Camp (6-7)

Wednesday 6 November 2024

Years 7-9 Assembly

Thursday 7 November 2024

Year 3 School Sleepover (8-9)

Friday 8 November 2024

Cyber Safety Workshop (Student and Parent/Caregiver Sessions)

Wednesday 13 November 2024

Years 4-6 Assembly

Thursday 14 November 2024

Mass of Thanksgiving

Friday 15 November 2024

Year 12 Graduation Dinner

Friday 15 November 2024

Scholastic Book Fair (18-22)

Monday 18 November 2024

R-3 Assembly

Thursday 21 November 2024

SAPSASA Super 8s Cricket

Friday 22 November 2024

Years 10 and 11 Assessment Week (25-29)

Monday 25 November 2024

R-6 Choir Visit to Edenfield Nerrilda

Wednesday 27 November 2024

Years 10-11

Years 10-11

Assembly

Friday 29 November 2024

From the Principal, Mr Damian Smith

All Saints Feast Day

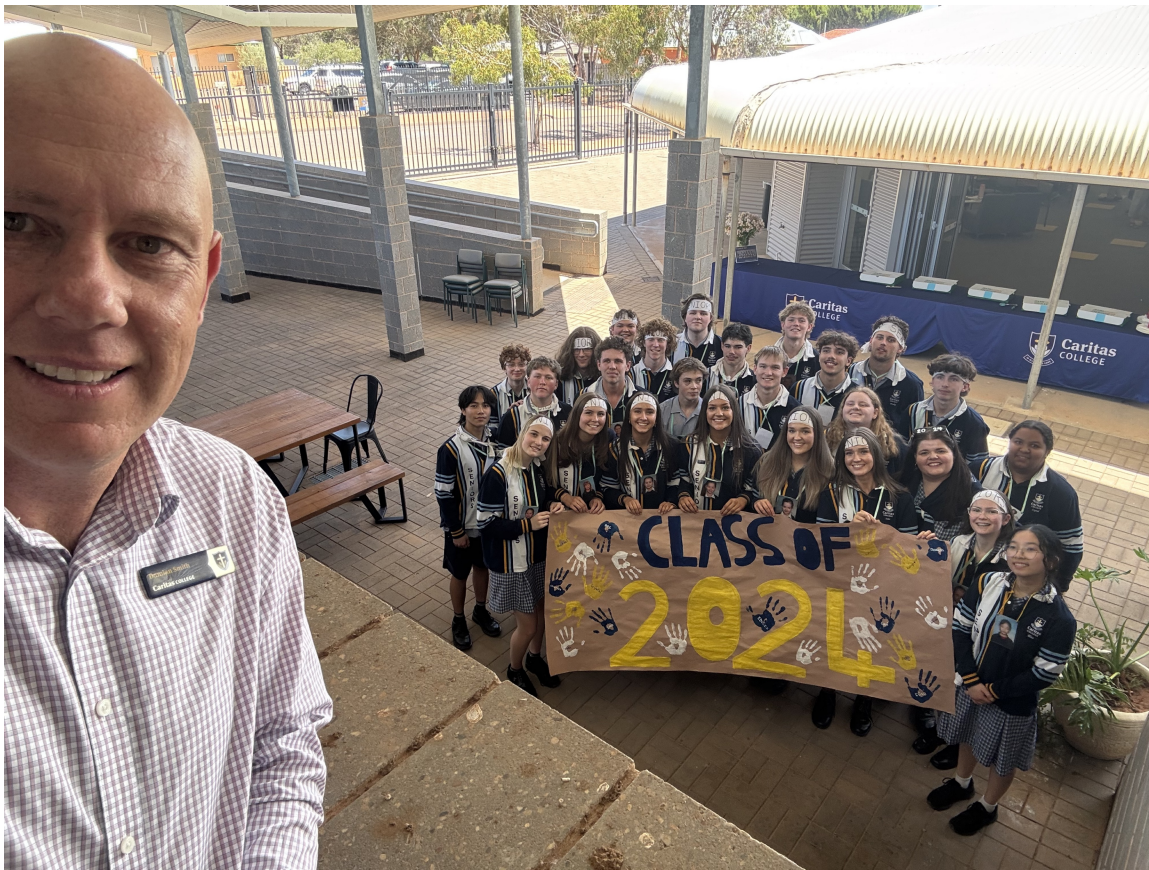
Today is All Saints Day. It is a feast day that reminds us that God has a special plan for everyone. On All Saints Day we praise and thank God for giving us all the saints. We honour these saints in our own special way through our local Parish, which is named 'All Saints'. Therefore, today is our Parish's feast day. As such, may we focus on the great communion of saints that we know as part of the reality of our Catholic tradition.

May we also keep a special place in our hearts for those who have died - friends, family and those unknown to us - as we celebrate All Souls Day on Saturday 2nd November.

Loving God,
May all the Saints, pray for us and for all those
whose lives we touch.
Let the Spirit guide all our days in the ways of
compassion and justice.
May we always reflect the heart of God, sure in
faith and strong in hope, to become all that we
are called to be.
Lead us into Your gentle and almighty Presence.
Amen.

Year 12's Last Day

Last Friday the Year 12's celebrated their final day of formal schooling. They hosted an assembly and expressed their gratitude to the staff who have supported them on their schooling journey at Caritas College over the years. Following the assembly, the Year 12s and staff gathered for a shared lunch in the staff courtyard. Serendipitously, each year the Year 12's final day of school usually falls on World Teacher's Day. Accordingly, over lunch there was a lovely dialogue of gratitude between staff and students. Of course, the day rounded out with the traditional water games and activities for our Year 12s. They had plenty of fun and I'm pleased that their final day was flavoured with gratitude and enjoyment. May our prayers be with them as they continue to study hard in preparation for exams and put the final touches on their learning before they graduate.



Staffing

A couple of weeks' ago, a group of teachers who worked together more than two decades ago returned to our school to reminisce and rekindle the deep bonds they formed with the school and our community. These teachers, who many of which moved away to continue their careers elsewhere, had the opportunity to walk the halls and visit the classrooms they once filled with laughter, learning, and life-changing moments. Their visit was not just a walk down memory lane but a reminder of the wonderful and special connections people form in schools. I know this is particularly the case in our Caritas community.



While Jack Muirhead and Chelsey Caputo have both been on leave this year, we will formally farewell them from our school community as they will be exploring new opportunities elsewhere and not be returning to Caritas in 2025. Jack and Chelsey have both been an important part of our school community for an extended length of time. Chelsey aptly filled key leadership roles in the primary school and is well regarded as a teacher who built positive relationships with her students. Similarly, Jack presented as a great role model for students at school and in the broader community. He also made valuable contributions to our school as a leader, particularly in the area of sport. We wish Jack and Chelsey all the best for their next adventure and thank them for their time at Caritas.



In relation to staffing for 2025, we are currently in the process of finalising staffing arrangements for next year. Until this process is complete, we are unable to confirm class structures and teachers for next year. Nonetheless, in the coming weeks we will begin the process of class placements for 2025. This is a lengthy and complex task and teachers will spend considerable time weighing up a range of factors. These factors include:

- Progress of learning
- Student's individual needs (social/emotional, learning, physical, behavioural)

- Relationships
- A balance of gender

Sometimes other factors may also need to be considered. Requests by families to have a specific teacher can have some implications for class placements. Firstly, staffing may not be determined or complete until January and we are unable to confirm who will be teaching what year level. Therefore, we may not be able to honour all requests for a particular teacher. Secondly, by granting some requests by parents and not others, the school is placed in a position of conflict. In the interests of fairness and equity, we cannot make accommodations for some and not others. We welcome any concerns you may have, and you can discuss these with the Director of Learning and Wellbeing of your child's respective cohort. Please be assured that the process for class placements focuses on the overall learning and wellbeing needs of each student and supports them to grow in love, wonder and understanding.

Cyber Safety Education Sessions

Parents/caregivers will have received a text message from the school promoting Cyber Safety Education Sessions which will be held on Wednesday 13th November. Students in Years 7-11 will engage in these sessions during the day. The sessions will be run by Cybersafe Families, a provider endorsed by the eSafety Commissioner, to share the latest research and best practice approaches to online safety education for families.

Further to this, we are inviting parents/caregivers of students of all ages to a Cyber Safety Information Session which will be held in the Tappeiner Room on 13th November from 7-8pm. This session will provide parents/caregivers with strategies to help make home environments cyber safe. The parent information session will include:

- Introduction to the most popular and current social media platforms
- Tools to recognise and manage cyber bullying
- Information about online grooming and other risks
- Communication strategies – how to start difficult conversations
- Strategies for supporting positive online behaviour, including tips on managing screen time

In helping our students to be safe online, we look forward to working with parents/caregivers to ensure our children and young people are supported to be successful at school and outside of school.



School Fees 2025

Our College prides itself on ensuring that a Catholic education is accessible, affordable and inclusive of all. This has been demonstrated through our commitment to keeping school fees as low as possible. As such, school fees have not increased for the last 5 years.

While the College remains committed to supporting all families, we also need to balance this with resourcing the excellent educational and pastoral experiences that families expect and appreciate at our school. After careful consideration, and in consultation with Catholic Education SA, the School Board has approved a 2.5% increase for school fees next year.

Information relating to school fees is accessible on our school [website](#), along with additional financial information for families. Please know that our school fees are inclusive of booklists, laptops (for 7-12 students), camps, excursions, performances and other curriculum-based learning experiences. We welcome any questions or queries you might have regarding financial matters.

From the Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission, Chloe Shanahan

November, the Month of Remembrance

In the Catholic Church, November is the month of Remembrance and commences with All Saints Day on 1 November and All Souls Day on 2 November. During this month, the Catholic Church observes a tradition of honouring and remembering both the Saints of the Church, as well as our departed relatives and friends. It's a powerful reminder that, whether living or deceased, we all belong to the Communion of Saints, a spiritual unity that transcends time and space. It is a reminder of those who have been faithful to the Gospel and how we are continually inspired to live a faith-filled life. These saints and these souls; these people, have gone before us and responded to the invitations of their time with imagination, creativity and courage. In honouring their journey, we also commit ourselves to living out our faith tradition in a way that honours the past and a confidence in a life beyond what we know.

All Saints Day is also the feast of our parish church and community and we give thanks to those who have gone before us and paved the way to be the children of God and bring about the kingdom here on earth.



Port Pirie Diocese RE Leaders Retreat

It was wonderful to spend the beginning of Week 3 with all the RE leaders of the Port Pirie diocese in Port Pirie as we began to explore the 2025 theme, which I am excited to share with the wider Caritas College community at a later date. This was a time to deeply dive into the theme and what this may mean for our respective communities but also our diocese and how we can connect throughout the year. I know our community will be able to truly reflect deeply in 2025 on what our theme means for us, just as we have as we have considered how we can let our lights shine.

Mass of Thanksgiving

We will join together as a College community for the final time on Friday 15 November at 11:00am for our Mass of Thanksgiving. This is an opportunity for us to farewell our Year 12's and reflect on the year that has been, giving thanks to God for the wonderful opportunities and experiences that we have been given. Classes are busy reflecting on how they have been salt of the earth and light of the world to assist in creating a banner, which will be unveiled to the College community at this mass, focused on our theme '*Let Your Light Shine*'.

Teaching and Learning

Reception Gold - Capacity

Mrs Havelberg's class have been learning about the concept of capacity by measuring water using various household items like cups and bowls. With different containers in hand, they make a guess, they pour, compare, and tell Mrs Havelberg which has more capacity. A few of the students also got their buddies involved in the fun.



Year 3 - Social Justice

The Year 3 students have been diving into the concept of social justice by exploring various councils, community and sporting groups, focusing on the volunteers and individuals who make a difference. Students had to come up with a list of clubs and organisations and then separate them into the group they thought they belonged. They looked at how these groups operate, learning about fundraising efforts, donations, and community support that sustain their work.



Year 12 - Lap Buddies

A number of our Year 12 students are about to embark upon their exams and final assessments. So some of our LAP Buddies got together for the final time for some baking and eating !



Out and About





R-6 SOCIAL



Thurs 21 November
Drop off @ 4.00pm
Pick up @ 5.30PM
Entry via Shirley St
Gates
RSVP via Facebook
Event Post

Mini Golf, Just Dance,
Pin the Tail on the
Donkey, Killer
Basketball,
Photobooth, and
more





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18-22 NOVEMBER



SCHOLASTIC



Good luck on your exams! Remember to stay calm and trust in your preparation. You've put in the hard work, and now it's time to show what you know. Take a deep breath, focus on each question, and don't hesitate to trust your instincts. You've got this! Believe in yourself, and remember that no matter the outcome, you're doing your best.

Go in there and shine!

**WEDNESDAY
13 NOVEMBER**

7.00pm to 8.00pm
Tapeiner Room

CYBER SAFETY PARENT INFORMATION SESSION



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Permanent/Ongoing, Full Time

SECONDARY TEACHER +

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SECONDARY TEACHER +

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REDUCE YOUR SPEED WHEN YOU ENTER THE SCHOOL ZONE

School Zones and Speed Limits

School zone signs are installed on most roads around schools. A zigzag white line is also usually marked on the road to let drivers know they are approaching a school zone. **Drivers must not exceed 25km/h** at any time of the day or night when a child is in a school zone, including weekends and school holidays.

Please slow down as you approach a school zone at all times of the day and night to check if there are children in the area.

Children can be present outside of normal school hours because of the many activities that take place in or around schools.

Emu Crossings

We have two emu crossings that we encourage families to use. They are operational when the 'Children Crossing' flags are displayed. We provide crossing monitors to supervise the crossing of children and adults during the normal hours of going to and from school. When crossing monitors are on duty everyone must follow their instructions.

Drivers must stop for anyone using the crossing or about to use the crossing when flags are displayed. When crossing monitors are on duty, drivers must follow their instructions.




**CARITAS CUBS
PLAYGROUP**

Monday 9.00am - 10.30am
Tuesday 1.30pm - 3.00pm
Wednesday 9.00am - 10.30am

Cost = \$2 per session

YEAR 7 TRANSITION DAYS

MONDAY 9 DECEMBER
TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER

MASS OF THANKSGIVING

FRIDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2024

ST MARY'S SHELTER
11.00AM



YEAR 10 & 11 STUDENTS
CONCLUDE TERM 4

Friday 29 November