



# Issue 5, 28 March 2024

## Important Dates

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**Good Friday**

Friday 29 March 2024

**Easter Saturday**

Saturday 30 March 2024

**Easter Sunday**

Sunday 31 March 2024

**Easter Monday**

Monday 1 April 2024

**TAFE - Auto Block  
Week (2-5)**

Tuesday 2 April 2024

**TAFE  
Electrotechnology  
(2-5)**

Tuesday 2 April 2024

**SAPSASA  
Basketball**

Wednesday 3 April 2024

**Year 7 Camp -  
Wallaroo (3-5)**

Wednesday 3 April 2024

**R-3 Assembly**

Thursday 4 April 2024

**Year 11 RAP  
Presentation**

Thursday 4 April 2024

**Year 12 Overnight  
Seminar Days (11-  
12)**

Thursday 11 April 2024

**Year 9 Girls Flinders  
Uni Incursion**

Thursday 11 April 2024

**Term 1 Concludes**

Friday 12 April 2024

**Years 10-12  
Assembly**

Friday 12 April 2024

**Years 7-9 Assembly**

Friday 12 April 2024

**ANZAC Day**

Thursday 25 April 2024

**Student Free Day -  
Staff Professional  
Learning**

Monday 29 April 2024

TAFE Auto Block

Year 11 Outdoor Ed

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## From the Principal, Mr Damian Smith

### Our Lenten Journey

Our Lenten journey will soon come to an end. The excitement of Easter and all the joy and hope that it represents is building. This week is Holy Week and it is a special time that allows us to fully prepare for the miracle that happens at Easter. On Holy Thursday we remember the Last Supper before the most solemn holy day of the year, being Good Friday. On this day we remember that Jesus died on the cross for us. May we continue to deepen our faith as we edge closer to the triumph and joy of Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Sunday.



*God of the journey, be with us and strengthen us as we await your Resurrection at Easter. May we be brave and steadfast as we walk the mystery of each day. May we trust in you when we become disheartened. May we open our minds and hearts as you light the way ahead.  
Amen.*

### Project Compassion

Each year our school participates in Project Compassion as part of our Lenten Journey. Project Compassion brings thousands of Australian schools, parishes and supporters together to raise funds for people living in some of the most vulnerable communities across the world. Well done to Mr Henry Wallis and our Student Leaders for their fundraising efforts which include a range of activities and events such as Caritas Ks, Project Compassion Coin Boxes and the Easter Raffle. To spur on our school community to raise as much money as possible, we promised our students that they could 'dunk' certain staff members depending on the amount they raise. This has been a great motivator for the students in recent years – who wouldn't want to throw a bucket of water over a teacher?! This year we raised over \$4,100 which is impressive as it is our highest amount yet! While it was lots of fun, we are just pleased to be able to play our role in raising money and awareness to help others.



## Rite Journey - Calling & Departure Ceremony

Earlier this week our Year 9's launched the Rite Journey program with their Calling and Departure Ceremony. This ceremony involved students and their families and is an essential component of the program. It was held at the Port Augusta Golf Club at 6:30am, so it was dark and cold. Yet, the backdrop of the beautiful Flinders Ranges made for a quaint and reverent occasion. The students shared special memories with their loved ones and expressed gratitude for the support they've been given throughout their childhood. They then made a commitment to take the leap from childhood to adulthood. It was a privilege witnessing families bond over this rite of passage. Following the ceremony our students and families gathered back at school for breakfast in the staff courtyard, which was a lovely way to celebrate this special ceremony.



## Year 7 Camp - Wallaroo

Good luck to our Year 7 students who venture off on a 3-day camp to Wallaroo next week. The camp focusses on teamwork, communication and resilience building activities. These skills and dispositions are important for all young people to develop. They are generally the 'glue' that hold together all the things people are good at and allow them to be effective in a group or team environment.

School camps offer a new and different canvas for young people to learn and grow. We are pleased to facilitate and support these types of extra-curricula activities to ensure that our students learn about themselves and build positive relationships at school and outside of the school environment.

## Bus Service

We have been made aware of a number of issues have been happening on and around the school buses after school. While this is occurring offsite and the school does not have duty of care, it is important to us that all of our students arrive home safely and represent our school positively in the broader community. In particular, there have been some concerns about the supervision of students while waiting for and transitioning to another bus. Some students have been getting off the bus and playing while waiting for the next bus to arrive. We understand that sometimes the buses can run late and this may be unavoidable given the number of stops they need to make and taking into account all the variables. It is not the bus driver's responsibility to supervise students who get off the bus.

To support our students and the bus service, we have made some changes to the way our students catch the bus at the end of the day.

Our students will now stay onsite for slightly longer at the end of the day before catching the bus at 3:15pm. They will remain under St Mary's Shelter and be supervised by a teacher before they catch the bus. This reduces the amount of time they will be waiting at the next stop for the other bus to arrive. This does not have any impact on what time the students get home in the afternoon. It simply reduces waiting times offsite and congestion when swapping buses. We trust this will be a proactive strategy to reduce issues on the buses after school.

## Interim Reports

As per our assessment and reporting schedule, students in years 3-12 will receive an Interim report before the end of Week 11. This report will provide a helpful snapshot of your child's learning throughout Term 1. I also encourage parents/caregivers to check SEQTA and review the assessments that have been uploaded throughout the term.

While students in years R-2 do not receive an Interim Report at the end of Term 1, you can check the SEESAW application, which is used to provide parents/caregiver with an ongoing window into student activity, learning and achievements. I encourage parents/caregivers to contact their student's class teacher if you have any questions.

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## From the Leader of Catholic Identity, Chloe Shanahan

### St Joseph's Day

Last week saw our College community gather in prayer as we celebrated our St Joseph's Day liturgy. St Joseph, the patron saint of Caritas College, was the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. He was a carpenter, an ordinary and humble man, but he was able to see and speak with God in extraordinary ways. Not much is known about Joseph from the Gospels, but what we do know is that he encountered and listened closely to God in his dreams, protecting and caring for Mary and Jesus with deep compassion.

Joseph, after encountering an angel in a dream, fled to Egypt with Mary and baby Jesus to escape persecution from King Herod. After attending JJAMM in Sydney and hearing about the work of the Sisters of St Joseph in responding to the refugee crisis, Charlee and Deacon were keen to educate our community and show how we, through our Josephite charism, welcome everyone with open arms. Through their leadership, a message of support for refugees in Australia has been created with handprints of all members of our College community, which is now proudly on display in the library.

Let us continue to ask St Joseph to intercede for us to think about the things we say with great love that will leave a lasting and positive impression on all in our community.



## Chrism Mass

Last Wednesday, the Chrism Mass was held in St Mark's Cathedral in Port Pirie. This mass is important in the Catholic Church as the holy oils that are used within the sacramental life of the Church are blessed. 9 of our Year 7 students who are Confirmation candidates represented Caritas College and witnessed the blessing of the oils, one of which will be used when they are confirmed later this year. Students were able to see their connection to the wider Church community and enjoyed exploring the Cathedral after mass and having a brief tour of our Catholic Education office. We look forward to walking with these young people as they make this special and significant step in their faith journey.



## Caritas K's

Our Year 11 students recently participated in the Caritas K's event, walking 5km with buckets of water to gain an understanding of the plight of others in our world. They quickly discovered that the walk wasn't always easy, being careful to not lose much water from their buckets in teams, to truly replicate what it must be like. They have done an amazing job raising money for our Project Compassion campaign, making a difference to some of the world's most vulnerable communities.

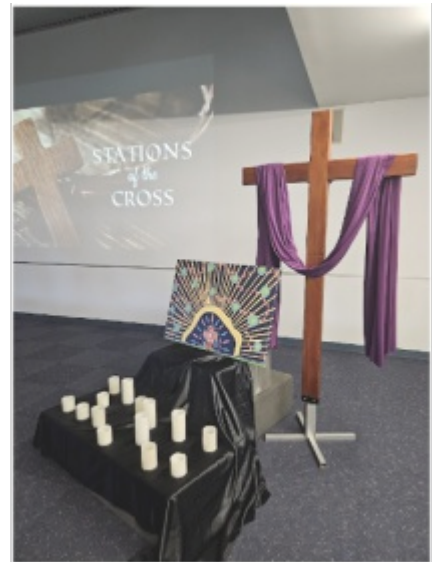


## Lent and Easter Eggs

As we are in the final days of Lent, some of us may still be rushing trying to purchase Easter eggs ready to give to family members and friends over the weekend. If you are looking for a way to enjoy your Easter treats that support ethical and sustainable practices, consider purchasing slavery-free certified chocolate Easter eggs. This sends a message to chocolate companies that consumers care about social justice and responsibility, connected to our Catholic Social Teaching of Dignity of the Human Person.

## Holy Week: Stations of the Cross

Throughout the week, students across the College have gathered in year levels to commemorate the Stations of the Cross. Since the earliest centuries of the Church, Christians have made pilgrimages to Jerusalem to walk in the footsteps of Jesus during his suffering, death and resurrection. During the fifteenth century, Christians began the practice of prayerfully meditating on the Passion of Christ by reproducing the pilgrimage in what we now know as the Stations of the Cross. By walking with Jesus, we join our personal suffering with his, knowing that he will lead us to new life through his Resurrection.



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## Teaching and Learning

### Year 6 and 7 SEL Days

Recently the College welcomed Murray and Jono from Active Education to run our Social and Emotional Learning days for Year 6 and 7 students. Across the week the students focused on resilience and teamwork. This opportunity was supported by the Wellbeing Boost Funding focusing on student's mental health and wellbeing. We thank Blair Boyer, Minister for Education, Training and Skills for his assistance in implementing this initiative across South Australian schools



## Year 9 - Textiles Class

The Year 9 Textiles students have been very busy finishing a lot of projects this term. There have been some lovely macrame designs, tote bags, stuffed toys and also a pair of shorts (the sewing of which was finished off by Blaize operating with one arm!)



## Year 11 - 150 Pilgrimage

The Year 11's today completed the Caritas 150 Walk to learn more about our College history and the Josephite charism. Whilst our surroundings look very different 153 years, students walked the journey of Mary MacKillop and the first Sisters of St Joseph, preparing themselves for their Stage 2 unit on Pilgrimages. Developed during the 150 celebrations, the walk allowed students to visit sites of significance, to spend some time in prayer and reflection before finishing at All Saints for a time of prayer with Fr Jim.





# Out and About



Drawn Week 10

# EASTER RAFFLE

Raffle tickets available to  
purchase from Wednesday 20  
March through to Thursday 28  
March at Recess and Lunch.

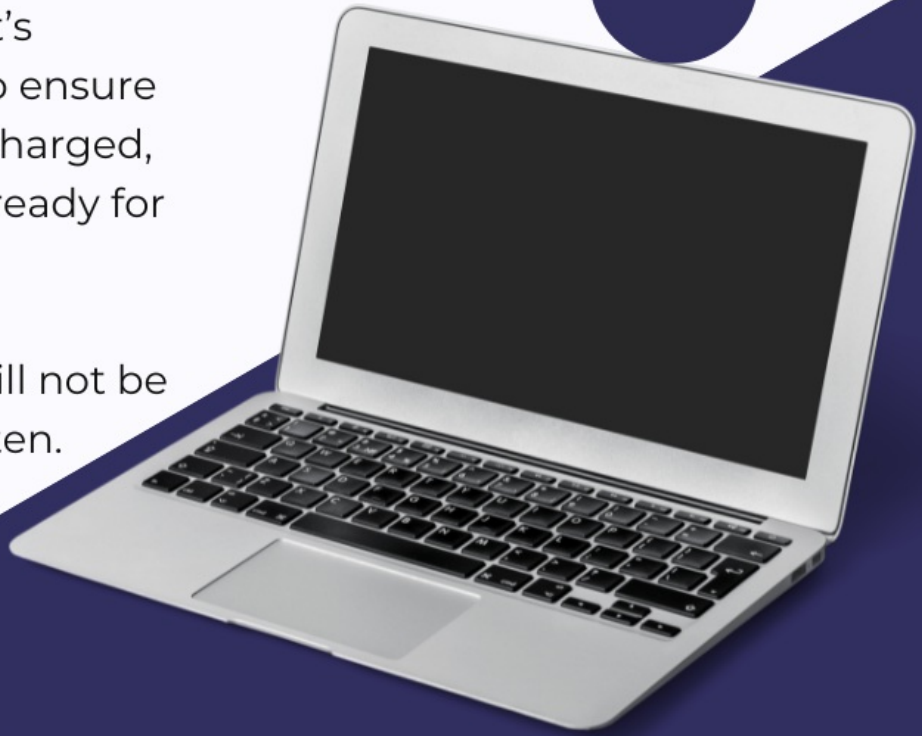
Look for the Senior SRC  
members under the shade sails  
in front of the Canteen.

50c each or 3 for \$1.00

# 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 Exchange Program

The local Rotary Club has been asked to take on an exchange student for a year from July. We are seeking expressions of interest from families of Caritas College who would be willing to be a host family. This means that the student becomes a part of the family they are staying with and is involved with the family's day to day life and activities for a couple of months.

Expression of Interest - to be a host family

Age of Student: Around 15 - 16yrs of age

Length of Stay: This can be discussed - usually 3-4 months (Depending on number of host families)

More Info: email [youth@rcpa.org.au](mailto:youth@rcpa.org.au) or 0447 877 680





# Mother's Day Stall

**Wednesday, 8 May (Week 2)**

Stall will be located in the Library and will be held during Lessons 1 & 2.

Gifts for sale between \$1.00 - \$10.00.

Maximum of two gifts per student.

Students will be able to purchase with their class on the day.

**If you are able to donate to the Mother's Day Stall, please drop off at the Front Office by Monday 6 May**



# PROJECT COMPASSION

FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS



[www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

Student Registrations  
close Friday 17 May

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# Mass Times

## **PALM SUNDAY**

All Saints                  Saturday 6.30pm  
                                         Sunday 10.30am  
Wilmington                8.30am

## **HOLY THURSDAY**

All Saints                  7.00pm

## **GOOD FRIDAY**

All Saints                  10:00am Stations of the Cross  
                                         3.00pm Commemoration of the Passion  
Wilmington                3:00pm Stations of the Cross

## **HOLY SATURDAY**

All Saints                  6.30pm Easter Vigil

## **EASTER SUNDAY**

Wilmington                8.30am  
All Saints                    10.30am

