



Important Dates

Year 11/12 Visual Arts Excursion
Wednesday 5 April

R-2 Assembly (2B)
Thursday 6 April

Years 10-12 Assembly
Thursday 6 April

Good Friday
Friday 7 April

Easter Sunday
Sunday 9 April

Easter Monday
Monday 10 April

Year 12 Retreat (12-13 April)
Wednesday 12 April

Year 8 Camp (12-14 April)
Wednesday 12 April

Years 3-6 Assembly (4G)
Thursday 13 April

Years 7-9 Assembly (7G)
Thursday 13 April

Year 12 Study Day
Friday 14 April

Term 1 Concludes
Friday 14 April

From the Principal, Mr Damian Smith

Easter is Coming!

As a Christian community we are nearing the end of the Lenten season. This week is Holy Week. This special time will allow us to fully prepare for the miracle that happens on Easter Sunday. The culmination of our Lenten season begins on Holy Thursday when 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 our sins. Let us use this Holy Week as an opportunity to deepen our faith before we experience the joy of Easter Sunday when we celebrate the Resurrection of our Saviour.



Loving God,
Be close to us as we take these final steps on our Lenten journey. All-powerful God, strengthen and protect us in our weakness and keep us in your love. By the Holy Cross of Christ, save us and rise us up, O God, forgive our sins and lead us to everlasting life.
Amen.

Staffing

Several new staff have joined our college community over the last few weeks. Miss Kelsey Woodards is teaching primary music and also working in Year 3 Blue. Mrs Amali Samaranayake has been appointed to the role of Education Support Officer and is also working across the primary years. I am pleased to announce that Mrs Jessi Nickolai and Miss Emma Colebrook will also join our college community in Term 2 to work in the primary school. All these people bring a range of knowledge and skills into our college community, adding value to the experiences of our students. I know that our community will make them feel welcome at Caritas College.

Eddie Hughes MP

Port Augusta is in the unique position of being a regional town that is split in half by an electoral boundary. Our College is situated in the electorate of Giles, along with a good portion of our families. Mr Eddie Hughes MP (Member for Giles) recently visited our college. I had the pleasure of meeting with him, along with Mrs Nichii Mardon (Director of Catholic Education SA in Diocese of Port Pirie) and Mr Damien Judd (Principal at Samaritan College, Whyalla). We discussed a range of topics and issues impacting on our college community and affecting our families.



Year 7 Camp - Wallaroo

Well done to our Year 7 students who recently ventured on a 3-day camp to Wallaroo. The camp focussed on teamwork, communication and resilience building activities. From all accounts, it was a positive experience for students and teachers. 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.

Rite Journey - Calling and Departure Ceremony

On Thursday the Year 9s 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. Held at the Port Augusta Golf Club at 6.30am, the backdrop was fitting for a special and reverent occasion, where the students declared to their loved ones that they were ready to take the leap from childhood to adulthood. Of course, this transition doesn't happen overnight. It will be a journey, but all journeys start with a commitment. The Calling and Departure Ceremony provided the perfect opportunity for our Year 9 students to do this. Following the ceremony, our students and families gathered back at school for breakfast in the staff courtyard. The whole event captured the essence of our school theme this year '*Called to Community*'.



Port Augusta Bus Service

We have been informed by our local bus service that a number of issues have been occurring on the bus. The issues include students moving around on the bus when they should be seated, not following instructions from the driver and not adhering to road safety rules when getting on and off the bus. Furthermore, it is disappointing to hear that the bus has been left in an untidy state with students leaving rubbish for the bus driver to clean up. Consequently, the bus service has implemented that no food and drink is allowed on the bus (except water bottles). We ask all parents/caregivers whose children access the bus service to support us in making sure that everyone is being safe and respectful on the bus.

Energy Drinks

We would like to remind everyone that energy drinks and sports drinks are not permitted at school. These types of drinks contain high levels of sugar and caffeine, which can have a negative impact on student's learning and wellbeing at school. We encourage students to bring water or other healthy beverages to school instead. Staying hydrated is important for maintaining focus throughout the school day. Energy drinks, potentially, have the opposite effect. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school a healthy and safe environment for all students.

From the Leader of Catholic Identity, Chloe Shanahan

Holy Week

Sunday marked the beginning of Holy Week - a time of reflection and remembrance of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. During this solemn and important week, Christians participate in various traditions and ceremonies such as Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday. As we journey with Jesus throughout this week, take some time to reflect upon what these events mean to us.



Masses for Holy Week and Easter

The Passion of the Lord, also known as Palm Sunday, was celebrated yesterday, Sunday 2 April. This marks the beginning of Holy Week - the final week of Lent. Palm Sunday reminds us the journey that Jesus made into Jerusalem, on a donkey, to celebrate the Jewish Feast of the Passover. People welcomed Jesus by shouting and waving palm branches and throwing them down onto the road in the path of the donkey.

Palm Sunday

All Saints 6.30pm Saturday, 10.30am Sunday
Wilmington 8.30am Sunday

Holy Thursday

All Saints 7.00pm, Vigil until 10.00pm

Good Friday

All Saints 10.00am Stations of the Cross, 3.00pm Commemoration of the Passion
Wilmington 3.00pm Stations of the Cross

Easter Vigil – Saturday

All Saints 6.30pm

Easter Sunday

Wilmington 8.30am
All Saints 10.30am

Stations of the Cross

Throughout Holy Week, students across the college will come together in year levels to commemorate the Stations of the Cross. Since the earliest centuries of the Church, Christians have made pilgrimages to Jerusalem in order 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 the 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.



Easter Eggs

We are now almost at the end of the season of Lent, the time of preparation for the season of Easter. As Catholics, we remain in Lent and Holy Week until Easter Sunday, celebrated on 9 April. The themes during this time are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. On Easter Sunday, we move into the joyful season of Easter which is 50 days of celebrating. In honouring the significance and this wonderful tradition, the giving of Easter eggs is encouraged to happen only after the Resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday.

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.

Teaching and Learning

Year 10 Aquatics

On Monday and Tuesday of Week 9, the two Outdoor Education classes made their way to the Port Augusta Aquatics and Leisure Centre for a day of aquatics. As part of curriculum studies, these students participate in practicals that involve the natural environment.

Our students were greeted with flat calm conditions which allowed them the perfect opportunity to develop their kayaking and canoeing skills. They were assessed on their stroke technique, various skills, safety and listening to instructions. These results will contribute to their grades.

It was a great first experience in the outdoors and we look forward to the Trek experience in Term 2.



Year 2 Music

The Year 2 students have been working hard in Music. They got warmed up with a version of 'Ram, Sam, Sam' which got faster and faster as the song went on. Then it was on to the Glockenspiel where everyone took a turn and showcased how well they can play the different notes.



Year 6 Science

Recently the Year 6 students ventured to the Science Lab to use the microscopes. In Science they had been learning about Antonie van Leeuwenhoek and his study of microorganisms. The students looked at water from the school's pond and discovered pond weed, algae, and microscopic organisms swimming around.



Out and About



LAST DAY OF TERM

FRIDAY 14 APRIL 2023



Drawn Week 10

EASTER RAFFLE

Raffle tickets available to purchase in
morning home class and at recess at the table
near the canteen

50c each or 3 for \$1.00





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Don't forget to bring in your pocket money to buy something for someone you love on Mother's Day!

Mother's Day

Stall

Wednesday 10th May from 9:00am – 11:00am

R-6 Students to be given opportunity to purchase from stall, located in the Library

Gifts range between \$0.50 - \$10.00

We will also happily accept donations such as baked goods, or small gifts. If you wish to donate something, please deliver to the school prior to the day ensuring that baked goods, in particular, are labelled

WOODHOUSE ACTIVITY CENTRE

YEAR 8 CAMP

WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL - FRIDAY 14 APRIL



Year 12 Retreat

12 April - 13 April



JUST A REMINDER

**Supervision of
students at Caritas
College is provided
from 8.20am.**

**Students should not
be on school grounds
prior to this time
unless otherwise
arranged.**

