



## Important Dates

**Caritas College  
153rd Birthday**  
Friday 17 May 2024

**Caritas Cubs  
Reception  
Transition Program**  
Friday 17 May 2024

**Years 8/9 Football  
Game vs Clontarf  
Academy**  
Friday 17 May 2024

**TAFE Auto Block  
Week (20-24)**  
Monday 20 May 2024

**Year 8B Senior  
Citizen Visit**  
Tuesday 21 May 2024

**Years R-3 Assembly**  
Thursday 23 May 2024

**Port Augusta  
Careers Roadshow  
(Yrs 10-12)**  
Thursday 23 May 2024

**Caritas Cubs  
Reception  
Transition Program**  
Friday 24 May 2024

**Reception's Arid  
Lands Excursion**  
Friday 24 May 2024

**National  
Reconciliation Week  
(27 May - 3 June)**  
Monday 27 May 2024

Caritas College

Year 11 Outdoor Ed

NRW Liturgy

Caritas Cubs

**Board Meeting**  
Tuesday 28 May 2024

**Canoe Trip (29-31)**  
Wednesday 29 May 2024

Thursday 30 May 2024

**Reception  
Transition Program**  
Friday 31 May 2024

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From the Principal, Mr Damian Smith

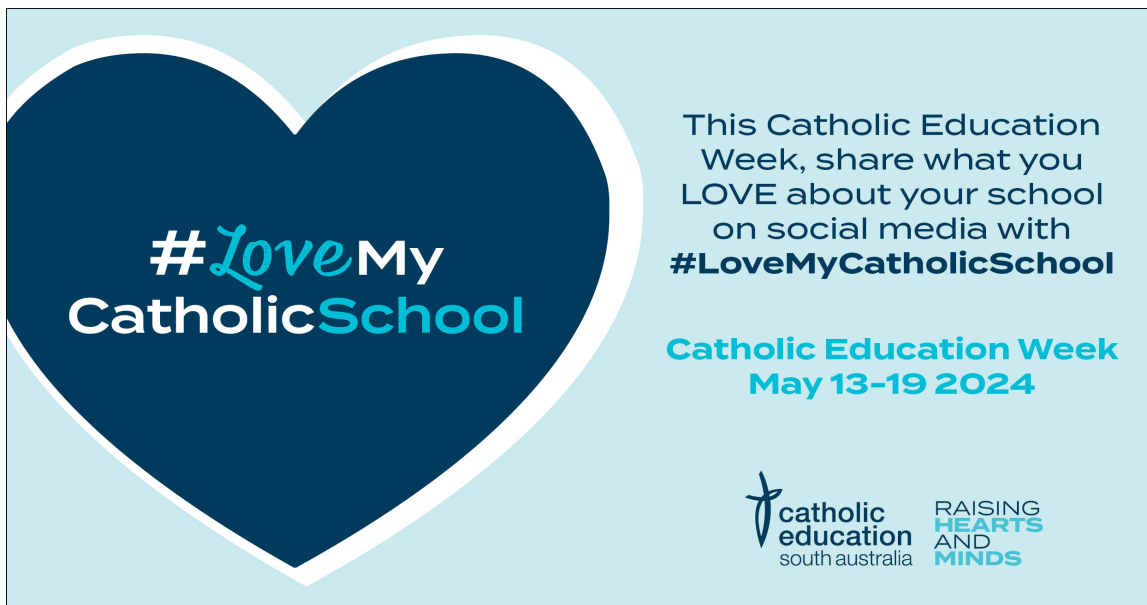
# Catholic Education Week

This week we mark Catholic Education Week! It has a core focus on celebrating teaching and learning and what it means to be part of a Catholic school community.

At Caritas College we invite children and families into an environment that is centred on faith, values, and academic excellence. We endeavour to foster a strong sense of community. Our school is situated in a broader network of Catholic schools across South Australia who all share a common purpose – to create opportunities for students, in partnership with families, to live life to the full. How blessed we are to be part of a system that has 101 schools with 8,500 staff supporting more than 52,000 students and their families all working together.


I hope we can use Catholic Education Week is an opportune time to celebrate the many blessings and gifts in our wonderful school community.

Loving God,  
Guide us to know life in its fullness, to raise our hearts and minds to know God's love. Raise our hearts and minds to be inspired by Jesus, the Catholic faith and tradition. Raise our hearts to be loving, compassionate and respectful. Raise our minds to be inquisitive, capable and seek truth. May we be aware of listening to the stirring of our hearts to prompt action. Guide us to respond to the needs of others and all of God's creation. In all our thoughts, words and actions, help us raise our hearts and minds in creating the world you desire. Loving God hear our prayer.  
Amen.



This Catholic Education Week, share what you LOVE about your school on social media with **#LoveMyCatholicSchool**

**Catholic Education Week**  
May 13-19 2024



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## College Birthday

Today, our college community celebrated its 153rd birthday. This date marks the day the founding Sisters of St Joseph held the first lessons in a shed on the Port Augusta Wharf in 1871. To mark the occasion in our customary way, we share birthday cake with students and staff. We do this every year and it's a special way for us to remember St Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of Saint Joseph as the founders of our school community. In addition to the birthday cake, Mr O'Brien and the SRC organised party games for the students to engage in at lunch under St Mary's Shelter. Lots of fun was had by all.



## PBIS

Damian, Alanah and Jessica will be in Adelaide on Monday engaging in the second face-to-face professional learning leg of our PBIS journey. Thank you for the buy-in and contributions of staff so far. I look forward to this work continuing to bear fruit and benefit our students learning and wellbeing.

## Post School Careers Excursion

Our Year 10 students had an enjoyable and fruitful trip to Adelaide last week for the Post School Careers Excursion. They engaged in lots of events and activities to help them explore and learn about potential future pathways beyond school. From all accounts, the visits to the Careers Expo, potential employers, training organisations and universities gave the students a great range of experiences and insights into future possibilities.



## SAPSASA & SSSSA Sport

Over the past week we have had a good number of our students represent our College at SAPSASA and SSSSA sport events. The Year 5/6's participated in a Football and Netball Carnival last Friday at Central Oval which was a well-run event. We also had three teams of Year 7/8 girls compete in a Netball Carnival earlier this week. Our new extra-curricular team sports uniforms were on display which we are very proud of. In addition to our new Netball and Football uniforms, we also look forward to unveiling our Basketball uniforms later in the year.



## National Reconciliation Week (Week 5)

On Thursday 30th June we will hold a whole school assembly to reaffirm our commitment to promoting justice and reconciliation for Australia's First Peoples. The theme for National Reconciliation Week this year is 'Now More Than Ever'. It invites us to stand up for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. In solidarity with this theme, we seek to build stronger connections with each other through showing respect and taking action. Students will be engaged in a range of activities throughout the week to celebrate National Reconciliation Week.

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## From the Leader of Catholic Identity, Chloe Shanahan

### Spotlight on Mary

Throughout May, we celebrate and honour Mary, the mother of Jesus and the mother of the Church. She was the first disciple, and we hear of her triumphant "Yes!" to be the mother of Jesus when she was visited by the angel who came to deliver the new. Mary continues

to be a model of discipleship and holiness for us all today. Students across our community will have the opportunity to engage with the story of Mary and a variety of Marian prayers, artwork and songs throughout May. Mary is Mother – your mother, my mother, everyone’s mother – and she cares deeply for all of us, day in and day out without fail, interceding for us, even in the tiniest of matters.

*Hail Mary, full of grace,  
The Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, mother of God,  
pray for us sinners  
now and at the hour of our death,  
Amen.*



## Sacraments - First Eucharist

A number of children in our school and parish community have begun their formation and preparation sessions to receive their First Holy Communion later this term. This is an exciting time for these children and we continue to pray for them and their families as they continue their faith journey. The next session for these children and their families will be next weekend, Saturday 25 May at 6:30pm or Sunday 26 May at 10:30am at All Saints Church.

**# FAITH FACTS**

**HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED...**  
what the word **Eucharist** means?



Family Faith Formation Team

**# FAITH FACTS**

It comes from a Greek word meaning thanksgiving. The Sacrament of the Eucharist is the gift of Jesus in the form of consecrated bread & wine. Receiving the Eucharist is also called receiving Communion.



Family Faith Formation Team

## National Reconciliation Week - Now More Than Ever

National Reconciliation Week is 27 May – 3 June and it is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The theme for 2024 is 'Now More Than Ever'. To prepare for our Whole School Liturgy in Week 5, students are exploring this theme through the lens of the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12) and how we are called to look out and care for those who may be unable to do this themselves but also how we can use these teachings of Jesus to continue working towards Reconciliation now, and into the future. Classes are busy discussing what Reconciliation means to them and developing a pledge that summarises how they will live this out as salt and light in our community. Last year, our Australian Catholic Bishops in their Social Justice Statement, have invited us to Listen. Learn. Love. to the stories of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, so that we can listen, learn and love, just as Jesus did.



## Laudato Si' Week, 19-26 May

Back in 2016, Laudato Si' Week began as a way to celebrate the first anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si'. This Laudato Si' Week and Pentecost, let us gather in community to contemplate and nurture seeds of hope for our "suffering planet" (LD 2). Written in 2023, Laudate Deum is a reminder about the urgency of the Laudato Si' message and the need for both personal and cultural transformation amidst our ecological and climate crises.

This year's Laudato Si' Week theme is inspired by the symbol for Season of Creation 2024, "first fruits." Let us be seeds of hope in our lives and our world, rooted in faith and love.

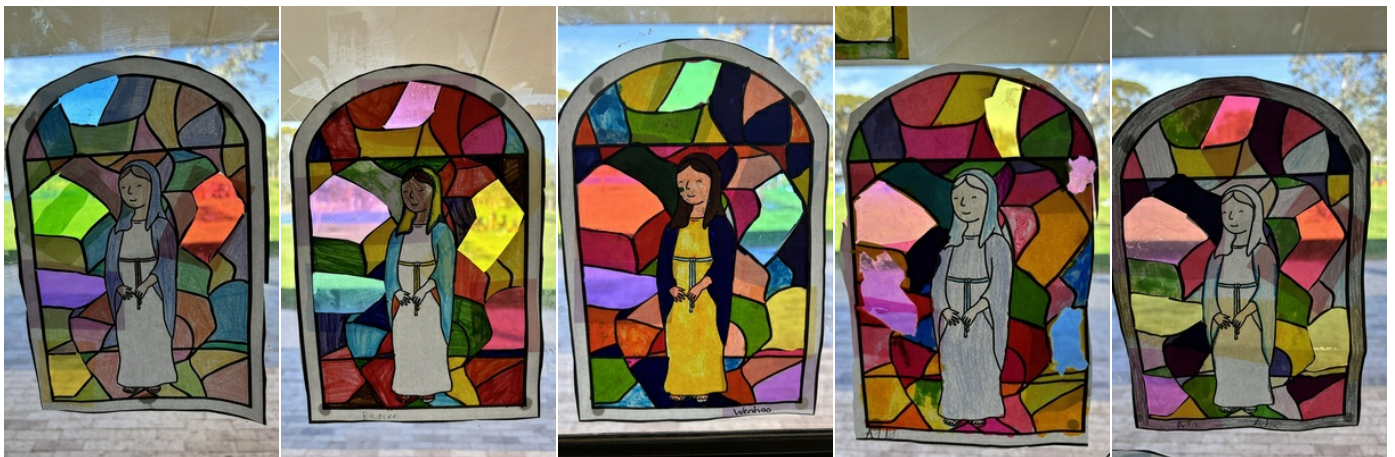
The following resource, developed by CESA and the Family Faith Formation team, are a great way for families to explore ways of caring for God's creation.

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## Teaching and Learning

### Year 2 - Religious Studies

Did you know that May is the month of honouring Mary? To celebrate this, our Year 2 students created an altar dedicated to Mary with flowers, candles and a picture. They then created a replica stain glass window of our Blessed Mother Mary.



## Year 11 - Outdoor Education

The Year 11 Outdoor Education students have been practising cooking different meals with the Trangia. They have made pizza and a lentil bolognese so far. They will use the Trangia for their upcoming Canoe Trip which will take place at Swan Reach.



## GRIP Leadership Conference

A number of students recently attended the GRIP Student Leadership Conference. They along with students from many other Mid-North schools, participated in the conference which focuses specifically on training students for their role as leaders within a school community. This experience, along with many others embedded in the curriculum, forms just part of the learning that students are provided to support them to become leaders in our school and community.





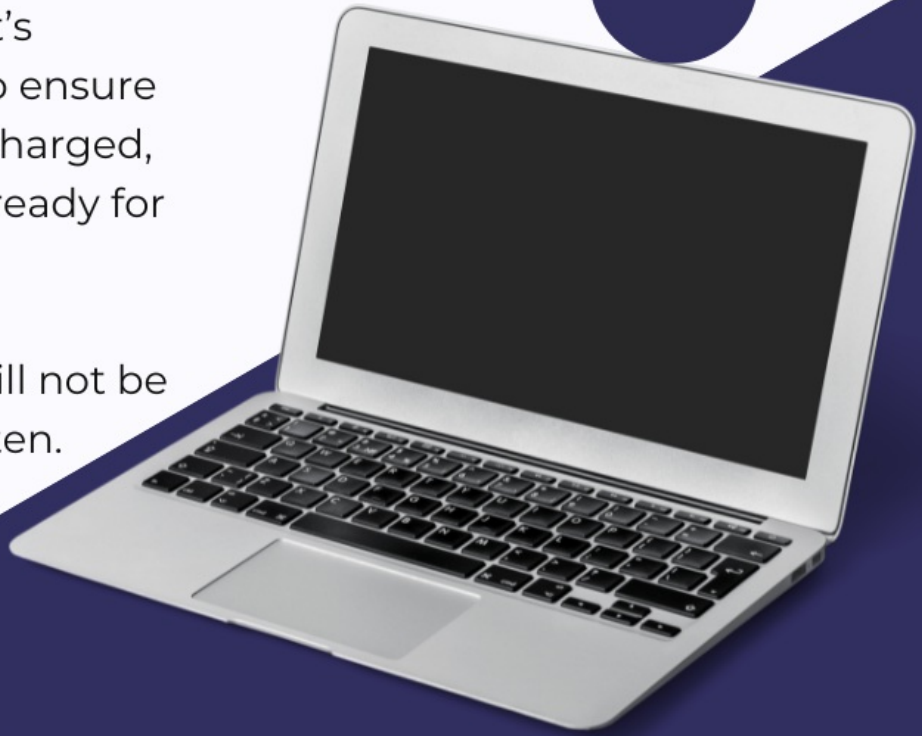
# Out and About



# 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

# NOW MORE THAN EVER

**NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2024**

27 MAY – 3 JUNE

#NRW2024

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A vibrant, abstract graphic for National Volunteer Week 2024. The background is a collage of overlapping shapes in shades of purple, red, orange, and white. Some shapes are solid, while others have patterns like polka dots or stripes. A large, white, jagged-edged speech bubble with a black outline is the central focus, containing the event's title and dates. The overall style is modern and energetic.

National **20-26 MAY 2024**  
**Volunteer**  
Something for Everyone **Week**



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