

# Important Dates

NAIDOC Week - 7 -14 July

Sunday 7 July 2024

Term 3 Commences - 8:45am

Monday 22 July 2024

Year 8 - Student Retreat

Wednesday 24 July 2024

Year 9/10 Boys Knockout Soccer -Berri

Thursday 25 July 2024

Year 9/10 Knockout Netball, Karoonda

Thursday 25 July 2024

Rowing Day Camp -Senior & Junior Squad

Wednesday 31 July 2024

Year 10 Volleyball Carnival - Renmark

Tuesday 6 August 2024

Senior Subject Information Session (SACE/VET/Careers)

Wednesday 7 August 2024

Year 7/8 Knockout Football

Tuesday 6 August 2024

Wakakirri Performance, Norwood Concert Hall

Friday 9 August 2024

Our Lady of the River Catholic Parish - 10th Year Inauguration Celebration

# **Upcoming Events**

# Principal's Twilight Tour - Monday 19 August 2024

Date: Monday 19 August -Monday 30 November Venue: St Francis of Assisi College - Renmark

**REMEMBER** If you are reading this newsletter from your email don't forget to click 'read more' to expand your view and access all of our feature photos!

# Acknowledgment of Country

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We acknowledge that we meet today on Meru Country, and recognise the Erawirung and Ngintait peoples as the Traditional Custodians of this land. We recognise their continuing connection to the earth and waters, and thank them for protecting this land and its ecosystems since time immemorial. We pay our respects to Elders past, present, and emerging and extend that respect to all First Nation peoples present here today.



# From the Principal

# NAIDOC Week - 7-14 July. Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud

NAIDOC Week 2024 will be held from Sunday 7 July to Sunday 14 July. The NAIDOC 2024 theme 'Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud' celebrates the unyielding spirit of our communities and invites all to stand in solidarity, amplifying the voices that have long been silenced.

The fire represents the enduring strength and vitality of Indigenous cultures, passed down through generations despite the challenges faced. It is a symbol of connection to the land, to each other, and to the rich tapestry of traditions that define Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. As we honour this flame, we kindle the sparks of pride and unity, igniting a renewed commitment to acknowledging, preserving, and sharing the cultural heritage that enriches our nation.

"Blak, Loud and Proud" encapsulates the unapologetic celebration of Indigenous identity, empowering us to stand tall in our heritage and assert our place in the modern world. This theme calls for a reclamation of narratives, an amplification of voices, and an unwavering commitment to justice and equality. It invites all Australians to listen, learn, and engage in meaningful dialogue, fostering a society where the wisdom and contributions of Indigenous peoples are fully valued and respected.

Through our collective efforts, we can forge a future where the stories, traditions, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are cherished and celebrated, enriching the fabric of the nation with the oldest living culture in the world.

NAIDOC originally stood for 'National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee'. This committee was once responsible for organising national activities during NAIDOC Week and its acronym has since become the name of the week itself. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. Whether it's seeking proper environmental, cultural and heritage protections, Constitutional change, a comprehensive process of truth-telling, working towards treaties, or calling out racism, NAIDOC Week underlines the critical point that we must do it together.

# Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

This Sunday marks Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Sunday with the theme, 'Keep the Fire Burning: Strong in Faith,' and the beginning of National NAIDOC week. On Sunday, we gather as one community to honour and celebrate the rich cultural heritage and contributions of our First Nations Peoples to our Australian Catholic Church. The themes 'Keep the fires burning' and 'Strong in faith' are very much related and so necessary for those working for Reconciliation. Being strong in faith is to keep the fire deep within our hearts burning. We have in us the capacity to love and to forgive even in the darkest of times. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday symbolises our unity as one people in Christ, and we encourage both Indigenous and non-Indigenous Catholics from across this great Southern Land to come together for Mass.

# Celebrating Grandparents and Special Friends 26 July

Pope Francis established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which takes place on the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne the Grandparents of Jesus. He established this day to celebrate the importance of grandparents to family life, and how grandparents and the elderly are value, and a gift both for society and for Church communities. In the words of Pope Francis: 'Children and the elderly build the future of peoples: children because they lead history forward, the elderly because they transmit the experience and wisdom of their lives.'

Mr Nathan Hayes, Principal

# Religious Identity and Mission



# Walk-a-thon and Winer Appeal

#### Walk-a-thon Recap

On Wednesday the 12th of June, our school community came together for an energetic and charitable event: the Walk-a-thon. We are excited to announce that through everyone's dedication and support, we raised an impressive total of \$2203.80! This achievement reflects the generosity and commitment of our students, staff, and families.

The competition between our school Houses added an extra layer of excitement. Here are the final lap counts:

Terra: 1015 laps Ventus: 1001 laps Aqua: 957 laps Ignis: 917 laps

Congratulations to House Terra for their outstanding effort!

At our recent Whole School Assembly, we were honoured to welcome representatives from the Riverland St Vincent de Paul Society. During the assembly, we proudly presented them with a check and the goods collected in our House Wheelie Bins. Their presence highlighted the impact of our collective efforts in supporting those in need within our community.

### **Winter Appeal Appreciation**

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to our Winter Appeal. Your donations and support have made a significant difference in the lives of many. Together, we have shown the power of compassion and unity, embodying the spirit of giving that defines our school community.

### Missionaries of God's Love (MGL) Visit

The Missionaries of God's Love (MGLs) are a Catholic religious congregation founded in Australia in 1986 by Fr. Ken Barker. Known for their dedication to evangelization, youth ministry, and service to the marginalized, the MGLs inspire and empower others through their faith and outreach initiatives. They engage in various ministries including retreats, parish work, and outreach to those in need.

This term, we had the privilege of hosting the Missionaries of God's Love at our College on Thursday the 27th of June. They engaged with our Year 8 students, the Laudato Si' Action Group, and Year 7s, sharing insights into their life and mission. The visit provided our students with valuable lessons on leadership, faith, and the importance of community involvement.





# **Prayer NAIDOC WEEK:**

NAIDOC acknowledges and celebrates the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This year, NAIDOC Week falls in the School Holidays and it's theme is: "Keep the fire burning!" Gracious Creator,

During this NAIDOC Week, we come together in gratitude for the rich heritage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, who have cared for this land for millennia.

We thank You for the diversity of cultures and languages, woven together like a vibrant tapestry across this sacred land. Help us to honor and respect the wisdom passed down through generations, nurturing a deep appreciation for the traditions and stories that connect us all.

We pray for healing and reconciliation, acknowledging the injustices of the past and seeking pathways to unity and understanding. Grant us courage to walk together in harmony, recognizing the unique contributions and resilience of Indigenous communities.

May Your Spirit guide us to embrace justice, love, and compassion for all, as we strive to build a future where every person is valued and respected.

In Your holy name we pray,

#### Amen.

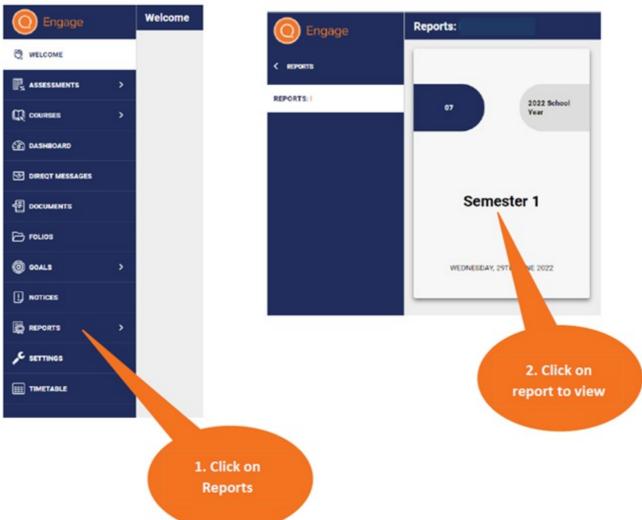
Mrs Sheridan Bonney, Assistant Principal, Reglious Identity and Mission

# Leader of Learning

# **SEQTA Reports**

To view your child's report in SEQTA, simply select **REPORTS** on the main menu. This menu will display your child's name. Click the semester report on the right and this will display the report as pdf which you can view, download and print.





Semester 1 reports for your child will be available from 4pm today on SEQTA Engage. This report will provide an overall achievement grade based on the Australian Curriculum and an indication of your child's work habits.

A graded semester report is only one part of the College's assessment and reporting practices. Throughout the semester, parents also receive feedback about their child's learning progress through;

- -student progress update reports
- -parent/student/teacher conferences
- continuous reporting on SEQTA which focuses on timely and targeted feedback for specific subject assessment tasks.

More detailed information about your child's learning and assessment is always accessible on SEQTA Engage. We also encourage parents to discuss with their child about the feedback they receive for assessment tasks. If there are any concerns, please contact your child's teachers, so that we can work in partnership to improve your child's learning outcomes.

# Learning Around the College

Students and teachers have had an amazing first semester. St Francis of Assisi educators have worked towards building a collaborative and supportive culture to ensure we create a learning environment where, all students, can learn and be successful. Throughout all areas of the curriculum, students have had an opportunity to develop their communication, creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration skills. These are important skills as they develop into capable learners. As I have wandered into classrooms, it has been incredible to see all the work that our students have produced in this first semester. As a college, we are very proud of our students' achievements and acknowledge the effort students have gone to in producing these remarkable pieces of work which highlights their widespread learning.

Mrs Natalie Meuret, Leader of Learning

# College Community Wellbeing

# Student Leadership Report

The 2024 Student Leadership Council have thoroughly enjoyed our time representing the College this Semester. As we have worked this semester, we have continued to be led by the guiding principles we shared with you in Term 1 displayed below.

#### Make it Fun!

We seek to have small wins and celebrate our successes to ensure we enjoy the role we are in.

#### Have a Shared Intent

We will listen to the broader student body to identify a common goal we can work on together.

#### **Role Modelling**

We will be role models that leave a legacy and act appropriately to set an example of expectations and culture.

We have had the privilege to develop and display our leadership skills through a variety of events including College fundraisers and sporting events, the ANZAC Day Ceremonies in Moorook, Barmera, and Renmark, welcoming prospective students to our College during Immersion Days, and the student feedback forums held within our House teams earlier this term.

From the student feedback forums, we found some common themes across all houses and year levels. Some of these were having lunch time sport tournaments, more student clubs, reading spaces, a canteen, and an Academic Shield. We will be working as a team and speaking with school leadership to see how we can introduce some of these ideas this year.

Additionally, in early Term 3, we will be working with Mrs Trudgian and Mr Cotter to plan our Community Wellbeing Week scheduled for Week 8 leading in to R U Ok Day. There will be a range of activities to choose from each day centred on the five key domains of wellbeing and health: mental, physical, emotional, social and spiritual wellbeing.

We look forward to organising these events and more in the second half of the year. Please, if you have any ideas, raise them with your relevant House student leaders who will ensure they are discussed at our meetings.

Prepared by Cleo Lambert and Riley Broad
On behalf of the 2024 Student Leadership Council Members

# Supporting your child with anxiety

The College has an educational partnership with Open Parachute to support the pastoral development of our students and now the broader community! Open Parachute are excited to introduce the very first complimentary Parent Webinar Series for our community.

In Term 3 this year, they will discuss 5 very important topics that affect parents and their children. In the first webinar, Clinical Psychologist Dr Nicole Sokor will discuss children and anxiety.

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# SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH ANXIETY

A **COMPLIMENTARY WEBINAR** FOR PARENTS



# Spot the signs and learn practical strategies for best supporting your child with fear and worry!

Hosted by Clinical Psychologist and Founder of *Head into Healing*, Dr Nicole Sokol, this engaging webinar is aimed at building your confidence in supporting your child with feelings of anxiety.

You will learn what to look out for, what language to use, and what practical strategies to draw upon in anticipation of anxiety-provoking situations and in anxious moments themselves.

Time: 7-8pm AEST

Date: Tuesday, 23 July 2024

**REGISTER NOW!** 

Scan the QR Code to Register



This webinar is proudly presented by Open Parachute®

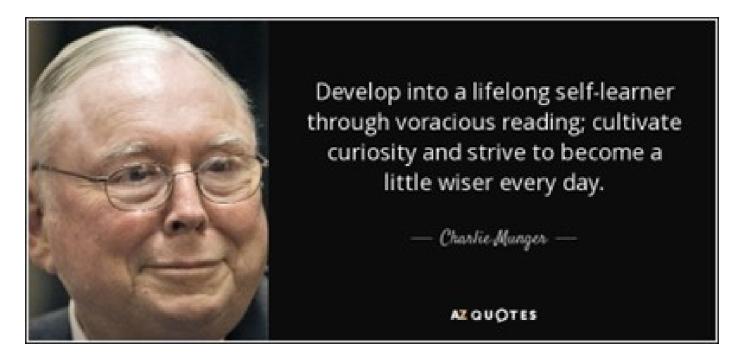
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# Circle of Support

A reminder that if you have any concerns or questions or information to share regarding your child's wellbeing or academics, please contact their home group teacher in the first instance via email or through the College phone number - (08) 8595 4500.

| Home Group | Teachers              | Email                                    |
|------------|-----------------------|--|
| AQUA1      | Miss Rebecca Ward     | rebecca.ward@assisi.catholic.edu.au      |
| AQUA2      | Miss Ramanjeet Arkan  | ramanjeet.arkan@assisi.catholic.edu.au   |
| IGNIS1     | Miss Niamh Graney     | niamh.graney@assisi.catholic.edu.au      |
| IGNIS2     | Mr. John Lyons        | john.lyons@assisi.catholic.edu.au        |
| TERRA1     | Miss Mae Camporeale   | mae.camporeale@assisi.catholic.edu.au    |
| TERRA2     | Mr. Fraser Sampson    | fraser.sampson@assisi.catholic.edu.au    |
| VENTUS1    | Mrs Isabella Trudgian | isabella.trudgian@assisi.catholic.edu.au |
| VENTUS2    | Miss Ruby Orchard     | ruby.orchard@assisi.catholic.edu.au      |

# Quote of the Week



Mr Luke Cotter, Leader of Wellbeing

# St Paul - Board Games in Religion

The 7A class dedicated considerable effort to designing educational St Paul board games in Religion. During a double lesson, they enthusiastically engaged in playing each other's creations, reinforcing their understanding of St. Paul's missionary journeys through interactive questions embedded within the games.



# Rowing Program Update



# Term 2 Rowing

Our rowers took to the water for the last session of our Learn to Row. It was cold and a little rough, but students have progressed so well throughout this term. We ended with a bit of fun racing against each other. Well done to all the students who took part.

On-water Training Video 1

On-water Training Video 2

## Rowing Program 2024/25

Congratulations for the following students who have been accepted into the Rowing Program for the 2024/25 Season.

## Senior & Junior Squad

Billie A

Riley B

Reece C

Brodie H

Max H (coxswain)

Harry P

Ryan P

Imogen L

Jadyn S

Tate S

### Learn to Row Squad

Tom C

Charlotte L

Jana M

Jenson S

Noah W

# Yr 7 Coxswains

Sophie G

Ruby J

Lilly Mc

Mrs Stephanie Turnbull, Rowing Program Coordinator and Head Coach

Ms Molly Gibbons, Strength and Conditioning Coach

Ms Mae Camporeale, Teacher in Charge



# 9-Aside Football



On Friday of Week 9, Mr. Sampson, Miss Ward, Mr. Prokopec and Mr. Goodman took 4 teams of students to compete in the Interschool 9-a-side football carnival in Berri.

The participation based day saw students interact positively with students from all over the Riverland and adapt their skills to a modified version of football. All students represented our College proudly, with all teams registering one or two wins out of four games for the day. The highlight of the day was our two Year 7/8 boys teams facing off, with the Giants taking the bragging rights.

Well done to Paras S and Sophie H, who were awarded at the Good Sports recipients for our school, with both displaying exemplary sportsmanship and teamwork throughout the day. Thank you to Year 10 students Hugh Riedel and Ryan Prokopec, who assisted on the day as umpires, connecting to their learning in Year 10 Sports Academy.

Thank you to the staff on the day who supported with both coaching and umpiring when needed.

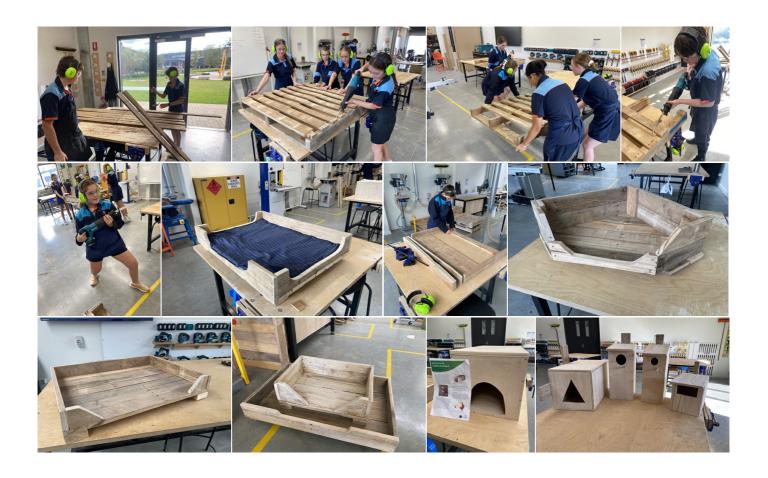


# Year 9A Wood Tech

9A class spent this term researching, designing and constructing dog beds and bird nesting boxes in Mr Cotter and Mr Hunt's Sustainable Solutions class!

Those who designed and built a dog bed had to use recycled materials. We learnt how to deconstruct a pallet and had to be resourceful in how we completed our design. It was common for the materials to not perfectly match design needs, therefore changes were made along the way, and we learnt a lot about measuring and marking!

Those making nesting boxes researched what native birds can be found within a 5km radius of the school. We have made nesting boxes for crimson rosellas, the Australian owl-nightjar, the kookaburra, and the grey shrike-thrush just to name a few. To ensure the longevity of our nesting boxes new materials were used, with a strong focus on ensuring cutting lists were correct to minimize wastage.



# Catholic Education SA - Riverland Visit



From left: Nichii Mardon, Director Catholic Education, Diocese of Port Pirie, Anthony Pickering, College Finance Officer, Nigel McPhee, CESA, Rosa Hulm, CESA, Von Hombsch, CEAS, and Nathan Hayes, College Principal.

We were fortunate this week to host a visit from Nichii Mardon and senior staff from Catholic Education SA. Nichii is very familiar with the College, having visited the school often, however it was a great opportunity to show our beautiful facilities and gardens, particularly our new buildings, to our Adelaide based colleagues. Nothing beats first-hand knowledge and seeing the College in person.



# **Volunteers Wanted**

We are seeking a couple of physically fit volunteers to help move a temporary fence during the coming school holidays.

Approximately two days work (weather permitting)

If you are interested please contact:

Anthony Pickering Finance Manager 0418 114 948



Invitation - Our Lady of the River Catholic Parish 10th Year Inauguration elebration

# Our Lady of the River Catholic Parish

is celebrating its

10th Inauguration Birthday
and the OLOR Parish Council
joyfully invite

# St Francis of Assisi College Staff, Students and Community

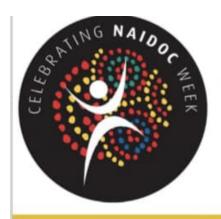
to join with us
as we celebrate a whole parish Mass
with Bishop Karol Kulczycki SDS
on Sunday 11th August, 2024
at St Mary's Church in Berri @ 11am

Luncheon will provided after Mass, please BYO drinks
Tea and Coffee will be provided.

Please RSVP by: Monday 29th July olor@pp.catholic.org.au



| Everyone is invited to attend the events being held throughout the Riverland during NAIDOC Week 7-14 July 2024. |  |  |  |
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# KEEP THE FIRE BURNING! BLAK, LOUD AND PROUD

# CULTURAL DAY

# RENMARK

CHAFFEY COMMUNITY
CENTRE

JULY 10TH

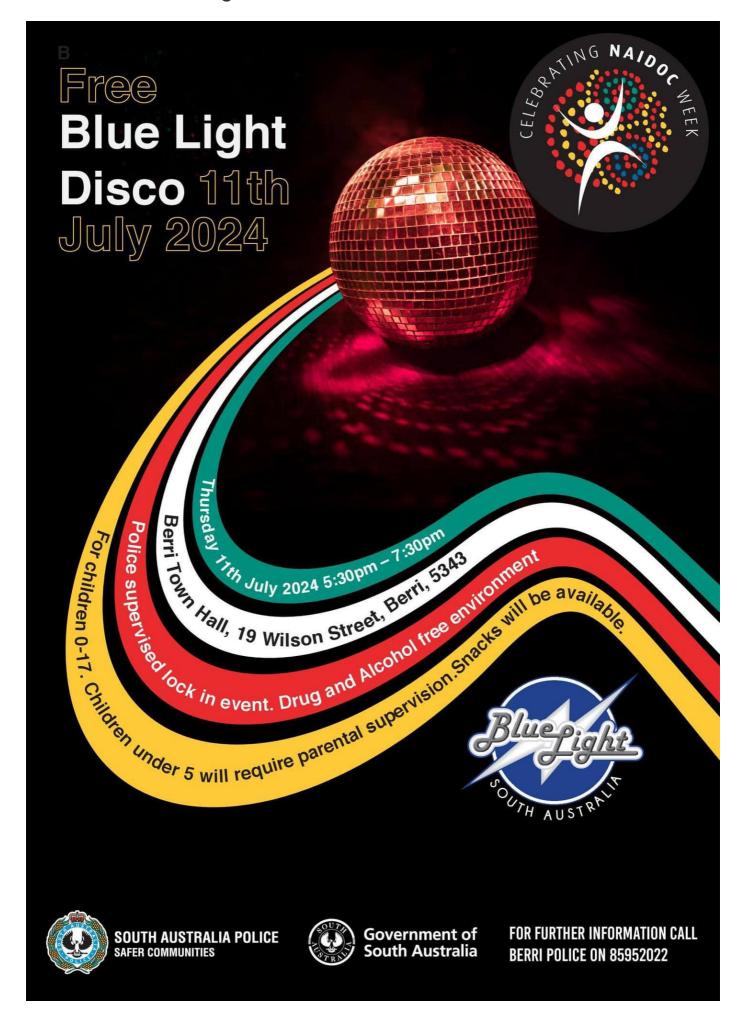
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ACTIVITIES & BBQ

**ANY ENQUIRIES PLEASE CALL CHLOE SHORROCK 0452497097** 





Catholic School Parents SA presents - Stronger Families: A Positive Parenting Conference

# **STRONGER FAMILIES:**

# A POSITIVE PARENTING CONFERENCE

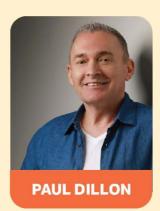
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# **OUR SPEAKERS**



HELP ME HELP MY TEEN



TEENS, PARTIES, ALCOHOL AND VAPES. WHAT DO PARENTS NEED TO KNOW?



BEING CALM IN THE EYE OF A PARENTING STORM

# THE SANCTUARY ADELAIDE ZOO

1 PLANE TREE DRIVE

# SATURDAY AUGUST 31

9AM REGISTRATION 9.30AM TO 3PM

\$25 + Booking Fee per person. Light lunch included

Tickets available at Humanitix www.events.humanitix.com/stronger-families-conference

# cspsa.catholic.edu.au/events

Catholic School Parents SA are delighted to share the **Parenting Conference** with you. **There is an outstanding line up of guest speakers**, who will touch on three different topics:

- Maggie Dent: Help Me Help My Teen.
- Paul Dillon: Teens, Parties, Alcohol and Vapes. What do parents need to know?
- Madhavi Nawana Parker: Being calm in the eye of a parenting storm.

#### Event details :

- Tickets \$25 including light lunch along with the fantastic line up of speakers
- Held at The Sanctuary Adelaide Zoo
- Term 3, Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2024
- 9:30am 3:00pm

# My First Speech Competition



The My First Speech competition is now open for students in years 10, 11 and 12.

The competition involves the preparation and presentation of the speech that the student would deliver as their first speech were they given the great privilege of being elected to the House of Representatives.

The most impressive speech from each year level will see that student together with a parent or guardian flown to Canberra. Students will then present that speech to members of parliament in Parliament House and participate in an exciting parliamentary program.

Further details regarding the *My First Speech* competition are available at: www.aph.gov.au/mvfirstspeech

Entries for the competition close at 5pm EST 27 July 2024.

The My First Speech competition is a wonderful way for our next generation of community leaders to have their voice heard in our national parliament.

# The 2024 My First Speech Competition is now open for entries

This year all entries will be submitted via our online entry portal. Head to the *How to enter* page for more details and instructions on entering.

https://www.aph.gov.au/myfirstspeech



# PRINCIPAL'S TWILIGHT COLLEGE TOUR

5:45 pm Monday 19 August 2024

# Register online:

www.assisi.catholic.edu.au/news-eventscalendar-events/events

# Riverland Youth Theatre

Stay up to date with what's happening with RYT using the link below:

RYT Newsletter | Annual General Meeting and June Updates

INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMERS

# Australian Government Mobile Service Centre



# Serving Regional Australia

Visit the Mobile Service Centre to find out about Australian Covernment payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myCov account, myCov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

# Friday, 12 July 2024

9 am to 4 pm

Near BankSA, Ral Ral Avenue

RENMARK

For more information, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice







servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice

Australian Government Mobile Service Centres travel extensively throughout rural and regional Australia. A Mobile Service Centre will be visiting Renmark on 12 July 2024.

Staff from Services Australia travel with the Mobile Service Centres and can assist people with Centrelink and Medicare payments and services. Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families is also available.

Centres have disabled access and customer Wi-Fi to assist in creating myGov accounts and accessing online services.

A factsheet with further information about the services is available here.

More information about the Australian Government Mobile Service Centre is available on our website: servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice



The AYCC is Australia's largest youth-led organisation, uplifting youth voices to work towards climate solutions. Young people are growing up with increasingly frequent climate disasters disrupting our lives. We're facing a rising cost of living and an uncertain future. But we also have a fast growing movement of young people, all over the world, who're determined to fight for a fairer and more just future. That's why we are coming together for training weekends across the continent, to skill up the next generation of climate leaders.

Training weekends are a launchpad for young people to get involved with climate action. The training is open to any young person living in South Australia, whether they've been involved with the environment for years or are new to taking action on climate change.

Youth Climate Training Weekend on 13 and 14 July is a great opportunity for students interested in the environment, social justice or building leadership and advocacy skills.

#### WHAT IS IT?

Our big, bold 2-day training weekends are like no-other. We're focussed on action - we'll learn from each other and campaign experts on how to make change happen. We'll have workshops, discussions on campaign skills, leadership development, tactic training. Participants will walk away with a clear plan about how they can make a difference in their community.

#### WHEN IS IT?

Over 2 days on Saturday the 13th & Sunday the 14th of July.

#### WHERE IS IT?

North Adelaide Community Centre.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Travel scholarships are available for young people travelling from regional areas to attend. This means we can reimburse young people for travel costs and accommodation expenses.

#### **RSVP**

Young people between the ages of 13 and 30 can register to attend here.

AYCC would absolutely love students from SFoAC to be involved, and AYCC is also able to provide ongoing support for any students who want to start an action group at their school following on from the Training Weekend. AYCC has run similar trainings for thousands of young people over the past 10+ years, and many high school students have gone on to become powerful leaders in their community.



# SCULPTURE COMPETITION

# SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST 2024 EAST TERRACE, LOXTON

NEW CATEGORIES

# OPEN (18+) - METAL

Sculpture made from recycled metal.



# OPEN (18+) - OTMER MATERIALS

Sculpture made from any other recycled material.



# TEEN/YOUTH (13-18 YEARS OLD)

Sculpture made from any recycled material.



Create an amazing sculpture using only recycled, reused, reclaimed, discarded or salvaged materials.

Imagination and innovation are key to transforming plastic, metal, fabric, paper, glass, wood or any old junk into your prize winning piece! Entries/registrations close at 5pm 2nd August.

Enter/register now: events.humanitix.com/2024-junk-art-comp

For full T&C or more information: www.loxtonchamber.com.au/arts-on-terrace















# AVIATION COURSE OPEN DAY



9 AUGUST • 11AM-1PM





For more information, please visit our website.



**SCAN ME** 

43 Port Davis Road, Port Pirie SA 5540

Phone: (08) 8632 4240

Email: aviation@midnorthcc.sa.edu.au





Mid North Christian College is once again welcoming visitors to attend their Aviation Open Day on 9 August 2024.

Bookings are preferred via the booking form www.midnorthcc.sa.edu.au

There is no formal structure to the day, visitors are welcome to view the course in action at their pace between 11am and 1pm.







# "HEALTH OF THE RIVER" 2024 ROTARY YOUTH FORUM

MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> – FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2024

**CALPERUM STATION, Renmark, South Australia** 

**OPEN TO YEAR 9 and 10 STUDENTS** 

Are you curious about the Natural World?

Are you interested in Ecology and the Environment?

Are you interested in protecting the Environment?





This 5 day forum provides hands on learning and mentoring from specialist ecologists and researchers on a working conservation and research property, with an emphasis on "River Health"

Supported by Rotary Clubs, the forum provides transport, accommodation, meals and exceptional learning experiences.

Activities will include a focus on sustainable water management and irrigation practices, salinity issues and environmental flows, conservation, land degradation and rehabilitation and more.

https://rotary9510.org/sitepage/youth/health-of-the-river-forum

Cost: \$800 (paid by your local Rotary Club)

Please note that a \$50 deposit from the student is required.

This will be refunded on completion of the program.

Enquiries: Registrar Cathy Cameron Ph: 0408 951 958

E: healthoftheriver@rotary9510.org

Date: 15 May 2024

# The Ways We Communicate



# **Stay Connected!**



# **SEQTA**

SEQTA is used in many ways. Students and Parents/
Caregivers are able to access lesson details, assessment submissions, grades and feedback. SEQTA Engage is great for parent/teacher communications, student timetable details and to keep up to date with the College notices.



# **EDSMART**

Edsmart enables parents to sign and return permissions electronically.

Our College utilises Edsmart to send out school policy information and agreements, permission and consent forms, general updates and information aro



# **FACEBOOK**

St Francis of Assisi College
Facebook page features
exciting event updates and
general information. We share
school sporting results,
student achievements, along
with many photos and videos
of our students and activities
both inside and outside the
classroom.



## **NEWSLETTER**

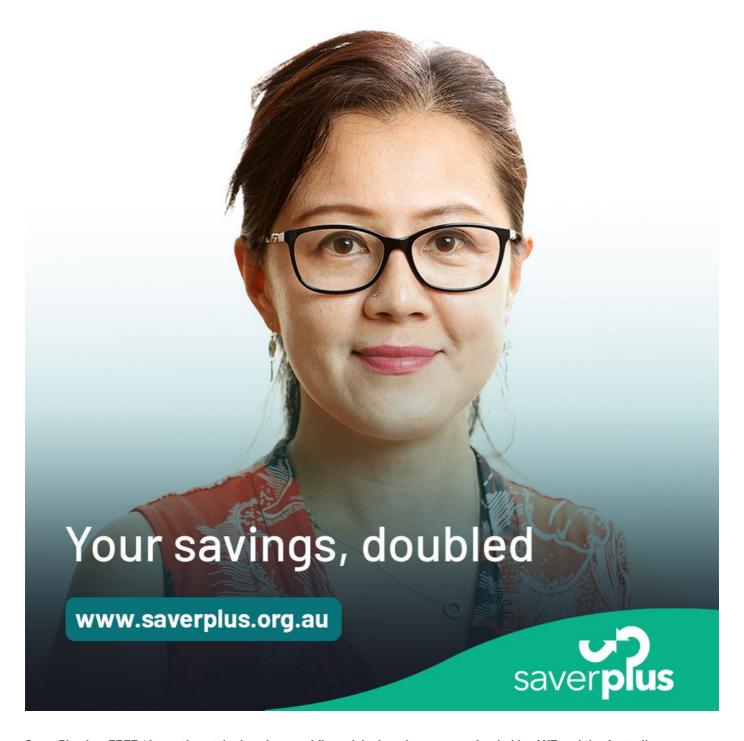
The Newsletter is sent out fortnightly via email. You can also find our newsletter link on our webpage. In our newsletter, we share what's happening in the College community, upcoming events and general notices.

Absentees to be notified via: SEQTA Engage, absent@assisi.catholic.edu.au, or call 8595 4500



Don't hestiate to contact the College office on 8595 4500 if you have any difficulty with the various mediums used by the College to commuicate with families.

Saver Plus - Government Funded Program: Assisting families with education costs



Saver Plus is a FREE 10-month matched savings and financial education program funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services and delivered by The Smith Family.

The program aims to help participants to learn how to better manage their money and develop long-term savings habits.

Saver Plus is available to anyone who is eligible across Australia.

Eligible participants learn money skills and receive up to \$500 to help with their school expenses.

- \* 10 month program (commence at any time)
- \* Save \$50 a month for 10 months and receive \$500 towards educational costs
- \* Complete up to 10hrs of Virtual workshops called MoneyMinded (support provided)
- \* Must hold a Health Care Card/Pensioner Concession Card and meet the following eligibility.
- \* Income: Carers payment / child support are also considered with other eligibility.

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and social justice organisation the Brotherhood of St Laurence (BSL).

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