



Important Dates

Yr 6 St Albert's
 School Immersion
 Day
 Monday 30 November -0001

Catholic Education
 Week 15-21 May
 2022
 Monday 15 May 2023

Yr 7 & 8
 Vaccinations
 Tuesday 16 May 2023

Catholic Education
 Week -
 Simultaneous Prayer
 during Home Group
 Tuesday 16 May 2023

Combined Catholic
 Education Week
 Celebration
 Wednesday 17 May 2023

St Francis of Assisi
 College Cross
 Country
 Championship
 Friday 19 May 2023

Yr 7 Adelaide Zoo
 & Museum
 Excursion
 Tuesday 23 May 2023

Knockout Mixed
 Hockey
 Wednesday 24 May 2023

Yr 7 & 8 Vaccination
 (catch up
 vaccination clinic
 only)
 Thursday 25 May 2023

Australia's Biggest
 Morning Tea

Yr 6 OLOR
 Immersion Day

College Board
 Meeting

Yr 6 St Joseph's
 School Barmera

Thursday 25 May 2023

Thursday 25 May 2023

Wednesday 31 May 2023

Immersion Day

Thursday 1 June 2023

Parish and College
Mass

Wednesday 7 June 2023

Student Free Day

Friday 9 June 2023

Yr 6 St Joseph's
School Renmark

Immersion Day

Thursday 15 June 2023

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

Laudato Si' Week

Our College Motto is Laudato Si', and our staff professional develop day in Term 1 focused on future thinking for our whole school Laudato Si' priorities in the years ahead. Through the year there will be communication and consultation with the school community as we confirm our focus.

In Australia, Laudato Si' Week is being celebrated from May 16-24. Laudato Si' Week, is a celebration of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si' and is a call to action for Catholics around the world. With the Australian Bishops releasing their statement Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor in 2021, and the release of the documentary 'The Letter' last year, there is a deliberate focus on the Laudato Si' Platform Goals over the next 7 years. All things on our planet are interconnected and with profound care for each other, our Creator, and all of creation, we are building a better future together. The theme for 2023 is Hope for the Earth, Hope for Humanity

Mother's Day Celebrations

This Sunday we celebrate and appreciate our mothers, grandmothers, and all mother figures in our lives. On Wednesday 10th May we celebrated our first Mother's Day Breakfast in the Multi-Purpose Room. It is terrific to welcome many of our student's mum, grandmothers, and mother figures into our school community. Our Student Leaders took the lead in welcoming and hosting our guests, and Mrs Burgess' Year 9 Food class baked fresh muffins and prepared fresh fruit platters.

Our staff and students look forward to creating further rituals and traditions such as this one, that brings our whole school community together.



May is the month of Mary

For May, give Mary a special spot in your prayer corner. It can be a statue, a picture, or some representation of our Blessed Mother. Make it appealing and a real tribute to her beauty and virtue. She was the first disciple, and we hear of her triumphant “yes” to be the mother of Jesus.

A Mother’s Day Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,

You chose to put yourself—tiny, needy, and helpless—into the nurturing and watchful hands of a human mother. Since then, every act of mothering, both physical and spiritual, in every time and every corner of the world recollects Mary’s.

Inspired by this example, we, too, honour our mothers and mother figures today. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers and nurturers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons, and daughters, honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.

We ask this in your holy name. Amen.

Staff Professional Development Day – 9 June

Families are reminded that Friday 9th of June is a Pupil Free Day, and college staff will be coming together for a professional learning day, with a specific focus on teaching and learning.

I trust students and parents will experience the benefits of the work that occurs on this day through our service to students and families.

Catholic Education Week

May 15 – 19 is Catholic Education Week in all CESA schools across the Port Pirie Diocese, and the Arch Diocese of Adelaide. To celebrate this, next Wednesday we are hosting St Joseph’s School Renmark, Our Lady of the River School Berri, St Albert’s School Loxton, and St Joseph’s School Barmera. The day will begin with combined outdoor Liturgy, and then an afternoon of activities students and staff will engage in across the campus.

Stage 2 Building Progress

Mossop Construction and Interiors have now been onsite for several weeks and have made an outstanding start to the programmed building developments. The major works of this stage includes:

- Year 10 – 12 Learning Building
- Two additional senior science laboratories
- Metal tech fit out to St Joseph’s Technology Centre
- Productive Garden

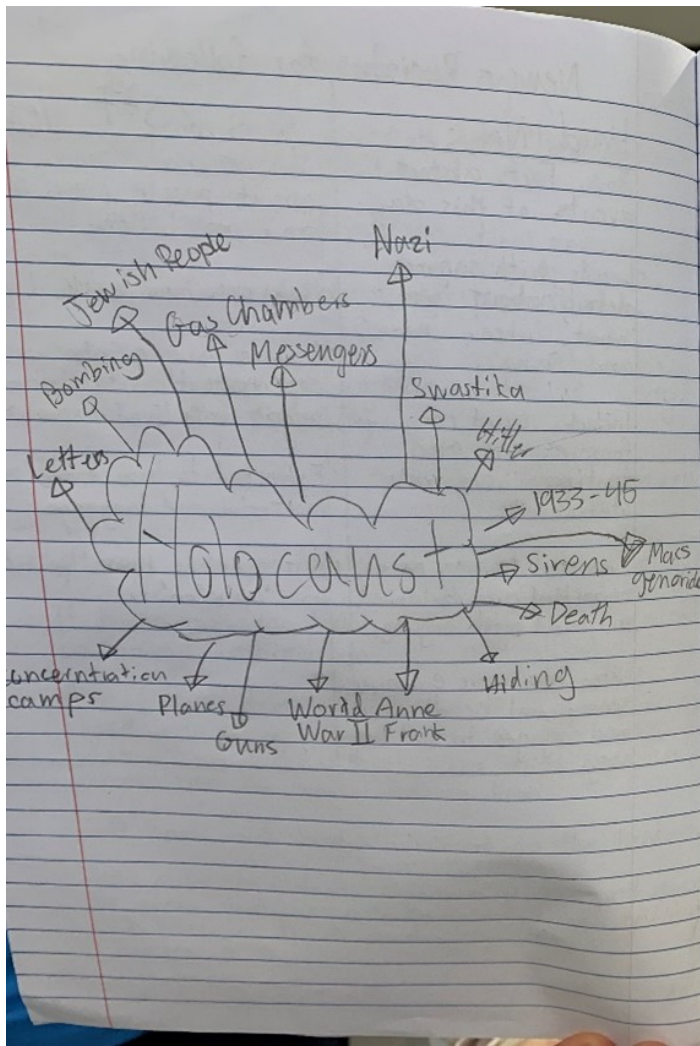
As further progress is made, continual updates and images will be shared with students and families.

Nathan Hayes, Principal

Leader of Learning

Tactical Teaching Reading

The College continues to ensure all students are improving their literacy and numeracy learning through investing in professional learning for all staff. As a literacy focus this year, staff are completing the Tactile Teaching Reading training. This training explores different ways of supporting students in their reading in both their cross-curricular and subject-specific learning. The most recent workshop focussed on the explicit teaching of reading strategies and making these strategies visible. Teachers have been using these strategies successfully across all subject areas by scaffolding the learning through teaching practices such as modelling, sharing, guiding and applying. Students are using a range of reading strategies including, skimming, summarising and paraphrasing, scanning, predicting and synthesis.



Sneak Preview

Name Harry Pfeiffer

Date 03-05-2023

Text: Once

Author: Norris Gleitman

Illustrator: Terry Donnelly, Debra Billson, Steven Hunt, Siede Preis

What I notice about the illustrations/photos/diagrams/graphics

The illustrations are stacks of books being burnt in a field. This could be references of Nazis burning evidence of what they did to Jews. They could also be burning Jewish books or generally any books written in Hebrew.

What I notice about the author

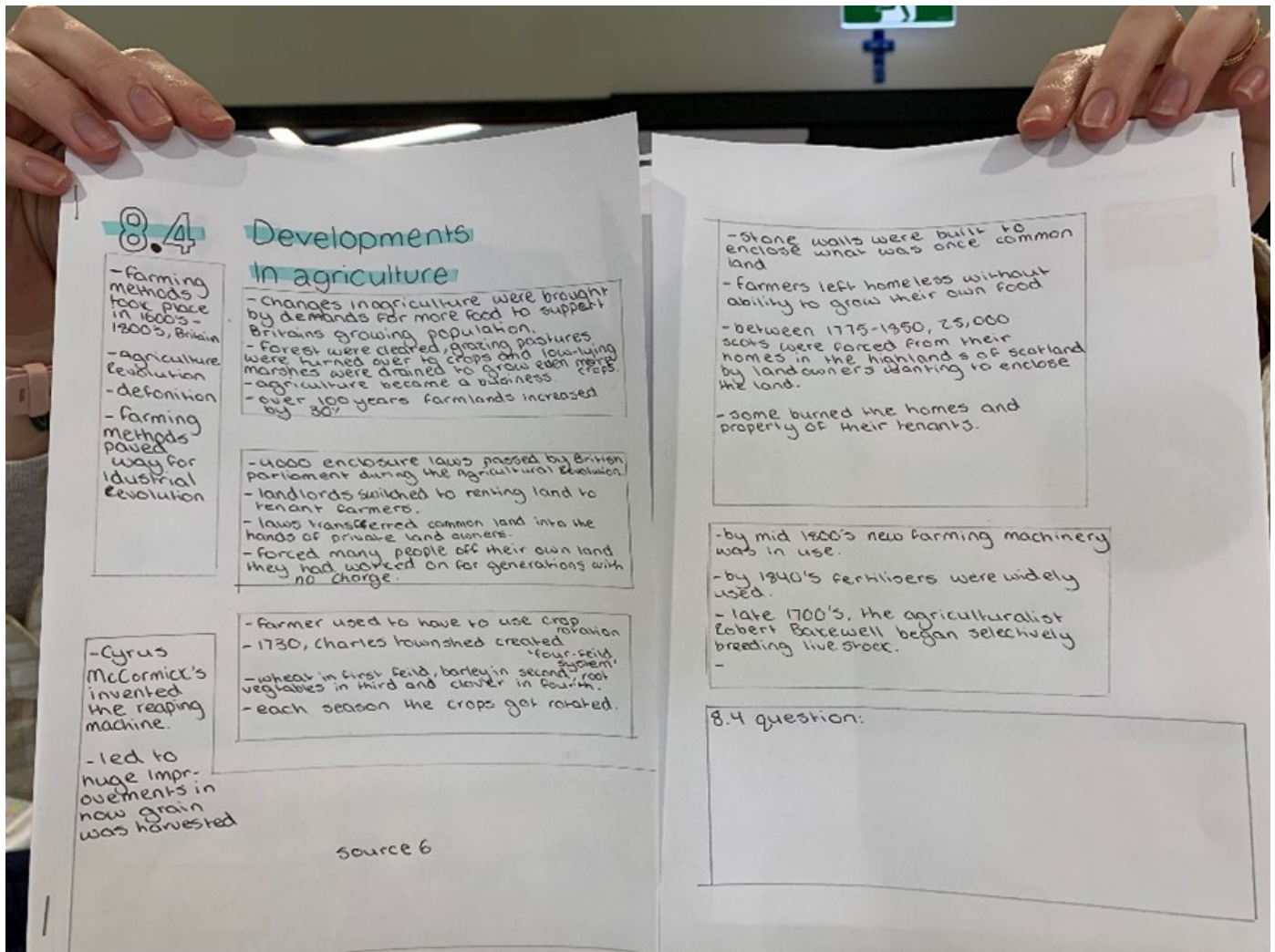
Norris Gleitman is a known author to me as I read a few of his books before. His books all seem to be similar to each other although I am basing that after only reading a few.

What I notice about the title and headings

The title is Once. This could be someone writing in a diary as the title is hand written. In the blurb Felix (maybe main character) has started short life stories all starting in the word Once.

Questions I have about the text

Why is the word Once being used all across the title and blurb? Who is Felix? Is Felix a Nazi? Is Felix a Jew? Why is there piles of books being burned in a field on the covers? Why is the back cover burning books in black and white?



8.4 Developments in agriculture

- farming methods took place in 1600's - 1800's, Britain
 - agriculture revolution
 - definition
 - farming methods paved way for industrial revolution

- changes in agriculture were brought by demands for more food to support Britain's growing population.
 - forests were cleared, grazing pastures were turned over to crops and low-lying marshes were drained to grow even more crops.
 - agriculture became a business
 - over 100 years farmlands increased by 30%

- 1800 enclosure laws passed by British parliament during the agricultural revolution.
 - landlords switched to renting land to tenant farmers.
 - laws transferred common land into the hands of private land owners.
 - forced many people off their own land they had worked on for generations with no charge.

- farmer used to have to use crop rotation
 - 1730, Charles Townshend created 'four-field system'
 - wheat in first field, barley in second, root vegetables in third and clover in fourth.
 - each season the crops got rotated.

- Cyrus McCormick's invented the reaping machine.

- led to huge improvements in how grain was harvested

source 6

- stone walls were built to enclose what was once common land

- farmers left homeless without ability to grow their own food

- between 1775-1850, 25,000 scots were forced from their homes in the highlands of scotland by landowners wanting to enclose the land.

- some burned the homes and property of their tenants.

- by mid 1800's new farming machinery was in use.

- by 1840's fertilisers were widely used.

- late 1700's, the agriculturalist Robert Bakewell began selectively breeding live stock.

8.4 question:

Digital Essentials

Handish

66 Word Summary – Paraphrasing

Think about the key points in your reading. Complete the table by inserting ONE word into each box. You must use all 66 boxes, no more, no less.

The	world's	glaciers	are	Melting	at
a	rapid	pace	which	is	faster
than	scientists	were	expecting.	They	believe
two	thirds	of	glaciers	will	disappear
by	2100.	If	that	did	happens
the	seas	would	be	expected	to
go	up	by	11.5cm	with	a
low	of	9cm	and	in	the
world +	case	16.6cm.	To	find	out
this	information	scientists	used	simulations	to
calculate	how	much	ice	would	disappear.

Homework – SEQTA Dashboard

The screenshot shows the SEQTA Dashboard interface. On the left is a navigation menu with options: WELCOME, ASSESSMENTS, COURSES, DASHBOARD, DIRECT MESSAGES, DOCUMENTS, FOLDS, NOTICES, REPORTS, SETTINGS, and TIMETABLE. The main content area is titled 'Dashboard' and shows 'UNRESOLVED ABSENCES FOR [redacted]' and 'HOMEWORK FOR [redacted]'. Under 'HOMEWORK FOR [redacted]', there are three assignments:

- Year 7 Future Thinking**
Maths: Best Caramel Cake Investigation
Science: Ensure notes are ready for Classification test on Friday
Maths: Notes for Test on Monday (see Friday lesson resources for a template)
- PA: Drama**
Complete your 44 character page by Friday, June 17

The use of SEQTA at the College provides a connected learning community, involving the teacher, students, and families. It enables learning and progress to be visible, including homework. As a parent, you can view the homework set for your child through SEQTA, by accessing the dashboard. Similarly, students are able to access this through their SEQTA learn platform.

College Community Wellbeing

Student Transitions

The College will welcome Year 6 students from all corners of the Riverland during Term 2 and Term 3 in the first stage of our comprehensive transition program. The four catholic primary schools have two Immersion days scheduled and students from non-Catholic schools are invited to be immersed in a day of learning at St Francis of Assisi College.

School	Term 2	Term 3
<i>OLOR</i>	25 th May (Week 4)	3 rd August (Week 2)
<i>St Jo Barmera</i>	1 st June (Week 5)	10 th August (Week 3)
<i>St Albert's</i>	8 th June (Week 6)	17 th August (Week 4)
<i>St Jo Renmark</i>	15 th June (Week 7)	24 th August (Week 5)

The College will share further communication via your child's classroom teacher at all four catholic primary schools. If your child is enrolled at a non-Catholic school, please contact the College on (08) 8585 4500 or via email info@assisi.catholic.edu.au

Wellness Hub

Exciting news! This term we have commenced running a Wellness Hub, focusing on Women's Health. Each Tuesday lunch time, pop up sessions are held to promote positive body image, confidence, health, and overall well-being for our students. This week, students made their own delicious smoothies with ingredients of their choice!



Expressions of Interest - Laudato Si' Action Group



Laudato Si' Action Group

Members of the Laudato Si Action Group have worked with a group of interested students to start up our first student club!

Dungeons & Dragons

The Dungeons and Dragons Club will meet every Monday and Friday lunchtime to play the game in the Multipurpose Room. Students are invited to join by registering their name at the student noticeboard.

If any students are interested in joining the Laudato Si' Action Group to start their own student club, please complete the form using the QR code above, or [click here](#)

Laudato Si' Action Group	
Bookmark Creek	Peer Support
Inclusion and Diversity	Arts Development
Student Clubs	Community Outreach

Sleep in Teenagers

Dr Moira Junge (Health Psychologist) and Dr David Cunnington (Sleep Physician) host the monthly podcast, Sleep Talk – Talking all things sleep.

Why do teenagers have trouble with sleep? What can be done about it? To help answer these questions we talk with Assoc Prof Margot Davey, Director of the Melbourne Children's Sleep Centre at Monash Children's Hospital.

[Read & Listen Here](#)

Links mentioned in the podcast:

- [World Sleep Day](#)
- [Teens and Screens](#) – podcast episode
- [FitBit validity against polysomnography](#) – Journal of Sleep Research
- [FitBit validity outside the laboratory](#) – Journal of Sleep Research
- [Media article on FitBit research](#)
- [The Magic of Sleep](#) – book

"Be happy in the moment; that's enough. Each moment is all we need, not more."

– Mother Teresa

Luke Cotter, Leader of Wellbeing

Reece's Trailer Donation



During the holidays Reece Clark was busy building a trailer to fit our College gator. Under the guidance of his grandfather, Ivan Smith, Reece spent about 30 hours constructing the trailer using recycled and second hand materials! The materials were sourced from a number of local businesses, to whom we are very grateful:

- Darran Vanderwoude, River Murray Auto Wreckers
- Dean Smart
- Jack Gale, Jack Gale Welding and Sand Blasting
- Trevor Thorpe, Hoops Auto Pro

This trailer will be towed by our College gator and used to move heavy equipment and sports gear around the College grounds for sports

carnivals and other special events. Reece compiled a power point presentation to show the various steps of the building process. We extend our thanks to Reece (and Ivan) for their generous donation and fantastic efforts!

Parish and College Mass

The whole school and members of the Parish community came together on Wednesday of Week 1 to celebrate Mass. Thank you to Fr Hau, Mrs Booyesen and students of 8B for preparing for a beautiful Mass.



ANZAC Day 2023

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old;

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them. Lest we forget.

Our College was well represented at this year's various Riverland ANZAC Day services. Brodie Hunt and Principal Nathan Hayes attended the Renmark Dawn Service. Seb Coote and Denver Kimberley attended the Dawn Service at Barmera. Madeline Warren and Cloe Doecke attended the Renmark Morning Service.



Mountain Bike Teams Championship

This Thursday and Friday Year 7, 8 and 9 students completed in the Mountain Bike Teams Championships. Full details will be published soon, in the meantime checkout this short video and enjoy photos from Thursday's event.

Mountain Bike Teams Championships



Rowing Program Update

New Term Rowing

This term we are offering rowing once a week, predominately on water, as a way of further developing our skills through the off season.

We have also welcomed a new group of Year 8 and 9 students who expressed an interest in rowing. This is a great opportunity to not only grow our team, but to allow others to try the sport again or maybe for the first time!

We held our first session last week in the Multipurpose Room, where new students practiced the sequence of the rowing stroke on the erg's and familiarised themselves with some key rowing language. We then hit the water this Monday, and while it was cold, all students did well.

Yr 7 HPE Rowing

This term our Year 7 students are learning to row as part of HPE. Students were introduced to the sport during Week 1 and spent some time practising the sequence of the rowing stroke on the ergo's in the Multipurpose Room. They also had a play around with some sculling oars, learning how to handle them during the rowing stroke.

This week, both classes had their first on water practical down at the Renmark Rowing Club, the conditions were perfect! Students that went on the water did exceptionally well, with each crew finishing the session rowing all together. While groups on the land were put through a Strength and Conditioning circuit and time on the ergo. Both of which play a key role in our College Rowing Program.

Here is a short video: [Yr 7 First on Water Rowing](#)

First Rowing Regatta

At the start of the last school holidays, 11 of our students travelled to West Lakes to take part in their very first regatta!

We were very fortunate to have Rowing SA assist in organising equipment for us to use on the day. A special thank you to Unley High School, Norwood International High School and Riverside Rowing Club who lent us boats and oars. This plays a large role in supporting our program as it reduces the workload required to transport our own equipment. The crews that raced were:

3W4x+ (3rd Grade Women's Coxed Quad Scull) & NW4x+ (Novice Women's Coxed Quad Scull)

Crew 1: Billie Augey, Imogen Lyons, Riley Broad, Blossom Kimberley, cox: Harry Pfeiffer

Crew 2: Sophie Heywood, Sophie Robinson, Chelsea Docking, Denver Kimberley, cox: Max Hunt

NM2x (Novice Men's Double Scull)

Brodie Hunt, Harry Pfeiffer

NW2x (Novice Women's Double Scull)

Billie Augey, Imogen Lyons

NM1x (Novice Men's Single Scull)

Brodie Hunt

Students each had the chance to participate in two races, with all learning and improving from their first race to their second. This was a worthwhile experience and a great way to end what was a challenging start to our Rowing Program, with students unfortunately spending a large chunk of the season off the water due to the floods.

Rowing Yr 8 & 9s Term 2 2023



First Rowing Regatta Experience - Term 1 2023



Year 7 Rowing - First On Water Experience



State Go Kart Titles

The State Go Kart Titles this year was held in Morgan over 4 days, 4th-7th May. Over 305 drivers competed in races made up of 14 different classes. Our own Sienna Reichstein and Declan Swart completed!

Sienna entered in the Junior Heavy class, she raced in a group of 30 Junior's and only the top 20 make the finals. There are 4 heats (6 laps per heat) and a final (8 laps). Sienna made the finals and was overall crowned SA #12.

Declan entered in the Junior light class which also had 30 entries. He competed under the same format as Sienna. Declan also made finals and was crowned SA #13

Congratulations to them both, they gained lots of experience and had the best time racing with kids from all over Australia.

(Declan's kart number is #69 and Sienna's is #98)



River's Athletics

Despite some injury challenges River Dowing has performed very well in recent athletics competitions.

River came 5th in the Under 14 100m at the Australian Little Athletics Championships in Melbourne in the second week of the school holidays. Amazing effort considering he was coming off an injury (hip flexor) and had not run for over two months in the lead up to the comp, even up to the day of the event he had not run a full 100m sprint.

Because of his injury River's Team coach pulled him from his favourite 200m event, that he was scheduled to run the day prior. This was to give him the best chance at the 100m sprint. River's 100m sprint times prior to unjury were mid 11 seconds and on the day he ran 12.12s. A great result considering he had to refrain from running and training in the lead up.

Disappointingly, due to his injury, River had to pull out of the Australian Track and Field Championships in Brisbane held in the first week of the school holidays.

College Uniform Update

Yates Menswear supply our College uniforms directly to families. Jenny, from Yates, has let us know they have the following knitwear and softshell jackets available:

Softshell jackets sizes: 10, 12,14,16, XS, S, M and L

Rugby knit jumper sizes: XS, S,M,L,XL and XXL

Knit jumper sizes: 12, 16, 18, 20 and 22

A number of other winter uniform items are due for delivery to Yates in two - three weeks time.

2024 New Enrolments



ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR 2024

We anticipate our Year 7 enrolment capacity will fill quickly for 2024! To ensure your child's position at the College, please contact Claire Smith on 85954500 or claire.smith@assisi.catholic.edu.au

Enrolments can be made for students in Years 8, 9 and 10!

Students currently attending the College do not need to re-enrol.

Sports Videography Opportunity

Are you interested in Sports Videography? This may be an opportunity for you!

Dartfish film local sport in the Riverland and have vacant part time positions for at least two students or parents/teachers keen on some part time videography.

These are paid positions and may include some editing for interested media personnel (note Dartfish currently employ approx. 200 personnel in similar positions).

Football is one area Dartfish film every Saturday in all the various towns.

For more information contact;

John Douglas, Dartfish National Manager - Australia

M: 0414 192 324

E: john.douglas@dartfish.com

<http://www.dartfish.com>

FREE Parenting Program (part of a research trial)

About the parenting program

The program is designed to support parents of teenagers struggling with school attendance (often called 'school refusal') due to anxiety and/or depression. The program is self-guided and completed entirely online.

The program is called Partners in Parenting – Education ('PiP-Ed'). PiP-Ed is a new, updated version of the award winning, evidence-based parenting program 'Partners in Parenting'. PiP-Ed provides parents with personalised and practical parenting strategies to respond to their teenager's anxiety, depression, and school attendance difficulties, with the aim of improving their parenting confidence and supporting their teen's mental health and education.

You can find out more information about the program on our [website](#)

Who is the program for?

The program is designed for parents/guardians of teenagers aged 12 to 18 who:

Have difficulty attending school due to anxiety, depression, or emotional distress

Live in Australia

Are proficient in English

Have regular internet access.

The program is not recommended as a sole source of support for young people experiencing 'school refusal'. We recommend parents seek professional support from a mental health and/or education professional alongside completing this program. Although any parent can take part, please also note that the program content is not tailored for parents of teenagers living with Autism Spectrum Disorder or an intellectual disability.

Free to join

The PiP-Ed program is completely free. If parents complete the optional evaluation survey at the end of the program, they'll be reimbursed with a \$20 e-voucher to thank them for their time. Some parents may also be invited to complete an optional interview about their experience with the program, for which they will receive an additional \$20 e-voucher.

To sign up and access the program as a parent or professional, follow [this link](#).

STOP OCEAN PLASTIC POLLUTION

**We need to help save
the ocean so that we
and future generations
can enjoy a fun and
healthy enviroment.**



WHAT WE CAN DO!

- . USE AND BUY NUDE FOOD
- . RECYCLE AND REUSE
- . BUY REUSABLE PACKAGING
- . PICK UP ANY RUBBISH AROUND YOU
- . SUPPORT ECO FRIENDLY BUSINESSES
- . PURCHASE ECO FRIENDLY PRODUCTS/ITEMS



**RUBY
MAEGAN**



Renmark Paringa
Council

Youth Sponsorship



ARE YOU:

- An individual aged 24 years and under and live in the Renmark Paringa area?
- Participating in events representing the District, State or the Country within South Australia, Australia or internationally, for example sport and recreation, the arts eg visual, creative, performing, music, dance; debating; youth leadership eg youth parliament, youth forums; community, culture and heritage; First Nations; environmental; technology and innovation; events or workshops that develop personal or professional skills and experience; leadership programs or conferences or something else?
- Looking for funding to help you attend your event?

Renmark Paringa Council offers youth sponsorship funding to assist youth attend these type of events. All you need to do is complete the application form and submit to Council to be reviewed and assessed.

Download the application form at

www.renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au/community/grants/youthgrants

Contact Emma Warner or Laura John for more information - 8580 3000 or grants@renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au



Mental health support for children and young people impacted by the River Murray flood

Families living in the River Murray flood affected areas, who have a child or young person experiencing severe and/or complex mental health concerns, are encouraged to contact their GP or other Health Practitioner.

They will help direct you to the most appropriate service for your child. Where that is the Child Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), please call 1300 222 647 during office hours.

CAMHS offers appointments through its Berri and Murray Bridge offices, outreach locations and telehealth.



For any urgent injuries, illnesses or mental health, contact the Child and Adolescent Virtual Urgent Care Service, 7 days a week, from 9am to 9pm.

For more information visit wchn.sa.gov.au/camhs



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Women's and Children's
Health Network

