



Important Dates

Pentecost Sunday
Sunday 5 June 2022

World Environment Day
Sunday 5 June 2022

Lumination Visit - Virtual Worlds for 7B Students
Tuesday 7 June 2022

7pm Family Information Night, St Francis of Assisi College
Wednesday 8 June 2022

Immersion Day - Yr 6 Our Lady of the River Students
Thursday 9 June 2022

Oakbank Cross Country - Secondary Schools Championship
Thursday 9 June 2022

Care IMPACT Specialist Workshop Module 17
Tuesday 14 June 2022

Immersion Day - Yr 6 St Albert's Students
Thursday 16 June 2022

5:30-7:00pm Open Community Night - Showcase of Learning
Wednesday 22 June 2022

7:15pm Family Information Night, Berri Hotel (Dining Room)
Thursday 23 June 2022

6:00-7:00pm Social
Event for Current
Families - Berri
Hotel (Dining
Room)
Thursday 23 June 2022

Pupil Free Day -
Reminder
Friday 24 June 2022

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From the Principal

National Reconciliation Week

I thank staff and students for their commitment to National Reconciliation Week. At the heart of reconciliation is the relationship between the broader Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. To foster positive race relations, our relationship must be grounded in a foundation of truth. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have long called for a comprehensive process of truth-telling about Australia's colonial history. Our nation's past is reflected in the present and will continue to play out in the future unless we heal historical wounds. National Reconciliation Week, 27 May to 3 June, is a time for us all to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia

Reconciliation Mass

This week we were able to celebrate our first Parish Mass at the College, and this will continue to be a regular occurrence on the first Wednesday of every month, at 9.30am.

This week's Parish Mass centred around National Reconciliation Week and was a significant celebration of Catholic Education in the Riverland. It was terrific to have several parishioners there to celebrate with our school community. This Mass was symbolic of local investment over many years of having an Early Years to Year 12 Catholic Education pathway for Riverland families.

Further to the significance of this celebration, Fr Paul Bourke sourced wheat from a Loxton family, and Ms de Winter and Miss Linnett's Religious Education Classes use some of this wheat to make flour, and unleavened bread, some of which was blessed and used as the Eucharist for Mass. The consecrated wine during Mass was home-made wine from a local Riverland family.

We thank one of our year 7 students, Max Cozens, who with the assistance of his father Tom, restored a wheat grinder donated by Fr Arno Vermeeren, and this was used to grind the wheat.

2023 Year 7 – 9 Enrolments

The early 2023 enrolment inquiries for year 7, 8 and 9 have been terrific, particularly for the early stage of the current school year. As Mr Cotter has outlined in this newsletter, we are currently in the middle of our first series of Year 6 Immersion Days for the year, and it has been wonderful to welcome the year 6 students and their teachers into our College and participate in a range of learning experience.

As enrolments are coming in quite quickly for 2022, to assist in our planning for 2023 we encourage families to contact College Enrolment Registrar, Claire Smith on 8595 4500 to gain further information and to confirm an enrolment conversation.

Nathan Hayes

Principal

Artists: 1. Riley Broad and Alissandra Finlayson 2. Quinn Taylor 3. Kaiden Nixon and Henry Dring, 4. Soren Warnett, Riley Halupka and Ethan Thomas



Religious Identity and Mission

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

Romans 13:8

Before anyone experiences a loved one's death someone else's grief is only a formality. Before you feel humiliated yourself, you can never know how painful the daily paper can be to those who find themselves in it. And only until your own reputation is at stake, can you look at another person's shame without the grace to turn away.

This struck me when Jack Charles, the aboriginal actor, said on the ABC's *Ahn's Brush with Fame*, "I do not know how to love, because I have never in my life experienced love. I have never felt loved. I have never had someone tell me they loved me. How can I be expected to know how to love another human being?"

We cannot experience night without experiencing day.

We cannot experience victory without a loss.

We cannot feel strong without having felt weak.

And without the experience of sadness, we can never experience happiness.

The human experience is one of struggle. Out of struggle we come to see what is important. No one comes out of suffering, the same kind of person they were before they went in. It's possible, of course, to come out worse. Struggle at times, turns into bitterness. But it is also possible, if we choose to reflect on it, to come out stronger and wiser than we were when it began. What is not possible, is to stay the same.

The biblical meaning of community invites us to consider the significant relationship between Jesus and us. Jesus intended to fuse people together in groups where they could grow in character and live generously. Community is about two or more people who make a deliberate choice to accept one another. To commit to each other in this context is no incidental event. It requires discipline, humility, selfless love, grace, and the heart of a servant. It demands staying power, flexibility, and loyalty.

This National Reconciliation Week, let us all be brave and make change for those in our community, who struggle and become inspired by the last line of John Denver's song 'Perhaps Love':

My memory of love will be of.....you!

Nanda de Winter

Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission

College Community Wellbeing

Student Transitions

The College have welcomed Year 6 students from St Joseph's School Barmera and St Joseph's School Renmark in the last two weeks as part of our Transition to High School Program. The students were immersed in a day of lessons including Science, Cooking, Coding, and Physical Education.

Immersion Day - St Joseph's Barmera Yr 6 Students



The College will continue to welcome Year 6 students during the remainder of Term 2 and Term 3 in the first stage of our comprehensive transition program. In Week 6, we welcome Our Lady of the River's Year 6 students before the St Albert's students join us in Week 7.

The four catholic primary schools have two Immersion days scheduled and students from non-Catholic schools will have two opportunities to be immersed in a day of learning at St Francis of Assisi College.

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

School	Day 1	Day 2
<i>St Joseph's Barmera</i>	Tuesday May 24 th	Tuesday August 16 th
<i>St Joseph's Renmark</i>	Tuesday May 31 st	Tuesday August 23 rd
<i>OLOR</i>	Thursday June 9 th	Tuesday August 2 nd
<i>St Albert's</i>	Thursday June 16 th	Tuesday August 9 th
<i>Non-Catholic Schools</i>	Thursday June 16 th	Tuesday August 2 nd

Pastoral Care

All students have been participating in a variety of specialised Coaching Clinics including Football, Netball, Soccer and CrossFit during Pastoral Care. Next week, we complete our four week cycle. Thank you to Mr Sampson and Mr Prokopec for their coordination.

	Ignis (HG1)	Terra (HG2)	Ventus (HG3)	Aqua (HG4)
Week 6	Soccer	CrossFit	Netball	Football

Immersion Day - St Joseph's Renmark Yr 6 Students





Become a

LifeChanger Mentor



**St Francis
of Assisi College**

Laudato Si'

Make a difference and help young people in our school community

LifeChanger is a preventative mental health and wellbeing non-profit that empowers young people to live thriving, resilient lives.

The LifeChanger Foundation will be running six workshops with the Year 7 and 8 students at St Francis of Assisi between the 1st July to the 23rd September. We're currently looking for any interested members of the community to become mentors for the Year 7 and 8 students taking part in the full Youth Program.

LifeChanger's Youth Program includes 6x90 minute interactive youth workshops centring on the Five Pillars of Health, Skills, Self, Purpose and Tribe.

These workshops are pre-emptive, holistic sessions that support sustainable growth in schools and communities to build self esteem, self awareness, positive self identity and resilience.

The Key Outcomes of the Mentor Development Program are:

- The importance and benefits of mentoring teenagers
- The psychology of teens
- Rapport building techniques
- The role of the mentor within the LifeChanger Youth Program
- LifeChanger Youth Program workshop content

Please note you will need a Working with Children's Check (WWCC) and Vaccination Certificate to be a mentor at St Francis of Assisi.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor please contact Amanda Schultz at: amanda@lifechanger.org.au



www.lifechanger.org.au

“We must seek progress over perfection. We must make mistakes in order to grow.”

Luke Cotter

Leader of Wellbeing

Leader of Learning

Feedback on Teaching

Feedback is a compelling influence on learner achievement. When teachers seek or at least are open to what learners know, what they understand, where they make errors, when they have misconceptions, when they are not engaged - then teaching and learning can be synchronised and powerful. Feedback to teachers makes learning visible.

Hattie, J. (2009). Visible learning, Oxford, UK: Routledge, p173

At the College we greatly value the importance of feedback and recognise that feedback for teachers from students is one of the best ways to develop a rich learning environment and set a standard of high expectations. Therefore, this week students have completed a feedback form for their teachers for each specific subject. By developing a continuous cycle of gathering and valuing student feedback it will lead to engaged students, responsive teachers, and collective efficacy. Collective efficacy is the shared belief that the school's staff can have a positive impact on student achievement, in spite of other influences. This feedback is aligned to the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers and will enable teachers to reflect on their teaching practice and gain greater clarity of their collective impact. Teachers will collaborate with other colleagues and use this data to identify a specific area which they can focus on as part of their professional development, leading to improved student engagement and learning outcomes.

Open Community Night

On Wednesday 22nd of June, from 5:30-7pm, the College will be holding an Open Community Night. This night will showcase students learning and their achievements. Please join us and celebrate in our students' successes.

Natalie Meuret

Leader of Learning

SSSA Swimming Carnival



On Friday 27th May, three of our students travelled to the Marion Aquatic Centre to compete in the School Sports SA individual category for swimming.

All students tried their best, with Hugh Riedel obtaining first and two second place positions from his five races. Imogen Lyons and Denver Kimberley also competed in their own age groups and, although they didn't place they represented the College proudly.

Thanks to parents, Janet and Mark, Lawrence, and John, for attending and supporting the team.

Year 8 Wood Technology

Our Year 8's having been utilising our St. Joseph's Technology Centre to learn about fundamental skills and safety requirements with Mr. Sampson and Adrian Hunt. Their first task was to create a rustic planter box using recycling pallet timber. Here are some of the finished products and students in action!



Rowing Program

This week we commenced our additional Come & Try Rowing sessions after school.

Year 7 & 8 girls unfortunately didn't make it onto the water on Monday due to windy conditions, however they did a great job on the rowing machines. We focused on correct sequence of the stroke and how to row hard.

Year 7 & 8 boys were lucky with the change in conditions and made it out on the water on Wednesday. Our focus was on communication and working as a team to manoeuvre the boat.

A reminder that if students are unable to make a session to please email Stephanie.Turnbull@assisi.catholic.edu.au or call the front office the morning of (at the latest). Rowing is considered an ultimate team sport, as we rely on our peers to form a crew to safely row a boat. Planning is required to ensure all participants get an opportunity to row and cox, as well as ensuring we provide adequate adult supervision and support based on numbers. If a student wishes to opt out of these sessions please advise.

Stephanie Turnbull

Rowing Coach



Pastoral Care Activities





Family Information Nights

7:00pm Wednesday 8 June 2022 at St Francis of Assisi College

7:15pm Wednesday 23 June 2022 at Berri Hotel (Dining Room)

Open Community Night - Showcase of Learning

5:30pm-7:00pm Wednesday 22 June 2022, St Francis of Assisi College

Register: assisi.catholic.edu.au/news-events/events

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Instrumental Lessons

Music Alive School of Music are now offering violin, piano, guitar, drum AND singing lessons at our school. Hire instruments are available if needed. Please call Music Alive for more information and to register for lessons starting soon!

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SCHOOL OF MUSIC
info@musicalive.com.au
ph: 8584 5561

The College has the opportunity to offer instrumental lessons through Music Alive, dependant on the level of student interest. Please make contact directly to Music Alive for inquiries.

In addition to instrumental lessons, with enough student interest Cathy from Music Alive can also support us with a College Band and Choir. Students interested in either participating in a school band or choir, please register your interest at the College Admin Office by Wednesday 8 June (at the latest).

OLOR Youth and Family Ministry Team is organising a Youth (FFF)

**Our Lady of the River Parish
Youth and Family Ministry Team present:**

FAITH feed FUN

Join St Joseph's
Barmera students
for the celebration
of Sunday Mass

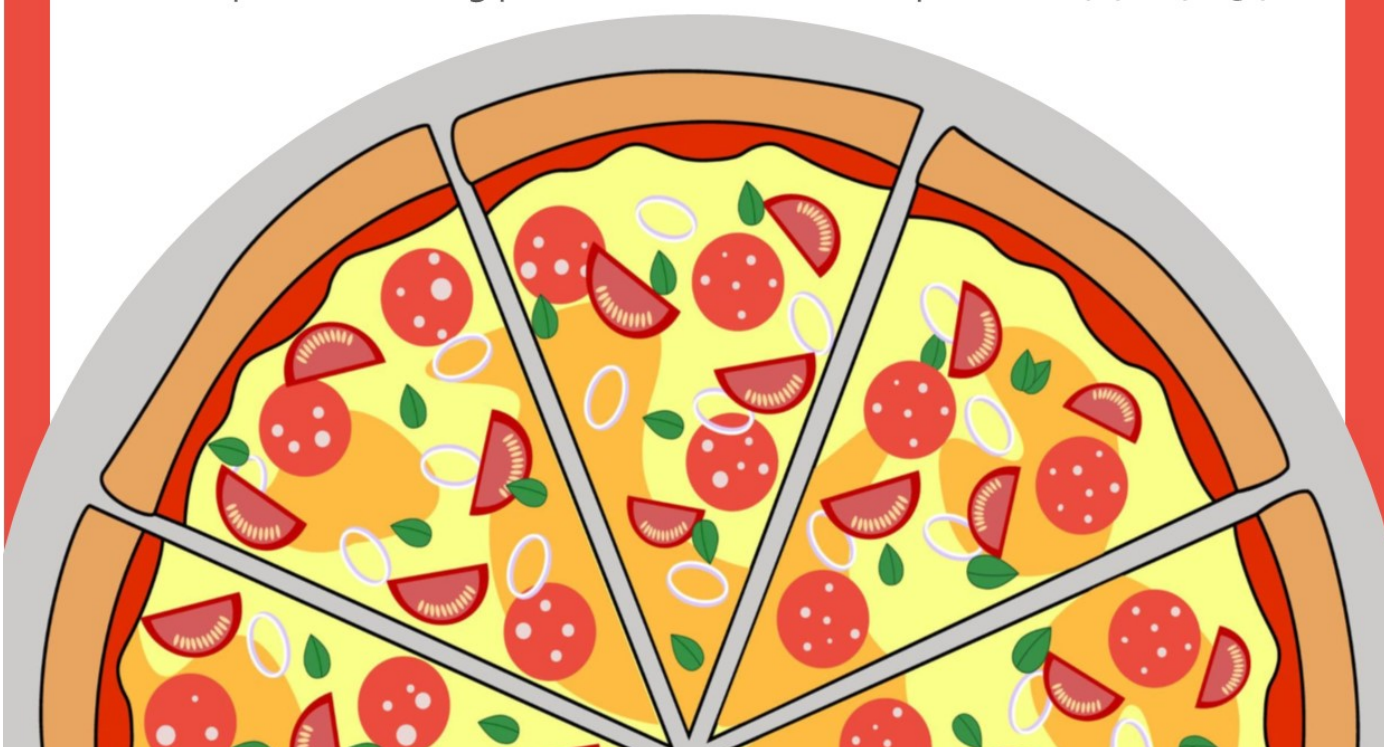
Hot Pizzas, Pies,
Pasties and a cool
drink supplied

Join in Circus fun
and games after
mass at St Joseph's
School, Barmera

- on:** Sunday 19th June beginning with 6pm Mass
at: St Francis Xavier's Church, Langdon Terrace, Barmera
after mass at St Joseph's School, Barmera
for: Circus fun and games and share a meal and drink.

**This is a OLOR Youth and Family event
- All Families invited to join in the fun.**

To help with catering please RSVP via SMS or phone : 0417 827 634



Riverland Youth Theatre - Term 2 2022

TERM 2 CLASSES

Day	Event	Topic	Age	Time	Cost
Monday	Practical Music and Movement	BENMARR	10-15 year olds	6:00am - 8:45am	Costs vary
Monday	Tales Puppet Play	BARBERA	5-7 year olds	3:30pm - 5:00pm	\$50
Monday	Tales Puppet Play	BARBERA	8-10 year olds	4:30pm - 6:00pm	\$50
Monday	Art Classes: Drawings & Clay	BENMARR	10-15 year olds	4:30pm - 6:00pm	\$88
Tuesday	Tales Puppet Play	BENMARR	5-7 year olds	3:30pm - 5:00pm	\$50
Tuesday	Tales Puppet Play	BENMARR	10-15 year olds	4:30pm - 6:00pm	\$50
Wednesday	Tales Puppet Play	BARBERA	5-7 year olds	3:30pm - 5:00pm	\$50
Wednesday	Tales Puppet Play	BARBERA	10-15 year olds	4:30pm - 6:00pm	\$50
Thursday	Tales Puppet Play	BENMARR	5-7 year olds	3:30pm - 5:00pm	\$75
Thursday	Tales Puppet Play	BENMARR	10-15 year olds	4:30pm - 6:00pm	\$75
Friday	Tales Puppet Play	BARBERA	5-7 year olds	3:30pm - 5:00pm	\$75
Friday	Tales Puppet Play	BARBERA	10-15 year olds	4:30pm - 6:00pm	\$75
Every 2nd Sunday	Colour Me Happy: Painting	BENMARR	10-15 year olds	10:00am - 11:00am	\$70
Every 2nd Sunday	Colour Me Happy: Painting	BENMARR	15-18 year olds	11:30am - 1:00pm	\$70

ABORIGINAL YOUTH CONNECTIONS
WITH KATISHA JACKSON AND DANIEL GILES

Riverland Youth Theatre
64 Ral Ave
Barrowport
Every 2nd Sunday
From May 15, 2022

Connection to culture
Workshops with
Elders and artists
A safe space to be you.

RIVERLAND YOUTH THEATRE & COLOUR ME HAPPY WITH JO GREATHEAD

STARTING SATURDAY 14TH MAY TO CELEBRATE YOUTH WEEK
PARENTS/GUARDIANS ENCOURAGED TO COME AND JOIN IN

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ART AND CREATIVITY? DO YOU WANT TO LEARN SOME HEALTHY WAYS TO EXPRESS YOURSELF? COME AND PLAY AND ENJOY THE PROCESS OF CREATIVE ART MAKING WITH ARTIST AND COUNSELLOR JO GREATHEAD.

54 RAL AVE RENMARK
EVERY SECOND SATURDAY
MAY 14 & 20, JUNE 11 & 18, JULY 9

TERM FEE \$70. ALL MATERIAL PROVIDED

2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH FAN CLUB

A space to write, draw, scream, jump and cry about all the things that make up your fandom. Come along and write, draw, make and talk about all the things that make you love everything about your favourite fandoms.

DATES: Saturday May 14th and June 11th, 4:00pm - 5:30pm

WHERE: Part of Things Barmera 4 Barwell Ave, Upstairs

ENQUIRIES: admin@ryt.org.au 8356 3427

COST: \$8 per session

RIVERLAND YOUTH THEATRE

A fun filled night of board games and laughs. Meet new people, bring a game of your own or learn something new and fun.

WHEN: MAY 14TH & JUNE 11TH 8:30 PM TO 8:30 PM

WHERE: RIVERLAND YOUTH THEATRE 54 RAL AVE RENMARK (ENTER VIA JAMES AVE)

Enquiries: admin@ryt.org.au

<https://ryt.wufoo.com/forms/fan-club-and-table-top-time/>

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