



St Francis of Assisi College - Term 3 Week 2 - 2024

Important Dates

Year 8/9 Girls
Netball - Round 2
Monday 5 August 2024

Year 10 Volleyball
Carnival - Renmark
Tuesday 6 August 2024

Year 7/8 Knockout
Football
Tuesday 6 August 2024

SACE Information
Night
Wednesday 7 August 2024

Rowing Day Camp
(Senior & Junior
Squads)
Wednesday 7 August 2024

Wakakirri
Performance,
Norwood Concert
Hall
Friday 9 August 2024

Our Lady of the
River Catholic
Parish - 10th Year
Inauguration
Celebration
Sunday 11 August 2024

Knock Out Soccer
Tuesday 13 August 2024

Year 10 Outdoor
Education - Bike
Riding Camp - 14-
16 August
Wednesday 14 August 2024

National Day of
Action against
Bullying and
Harassment
Wednesday 14 August 2024

Catholic Schools
Open Week - 19-25
August 2024
Monday 19 August 2024

Principal's Twilight
College Tour
Monday 19 August 2024

College Board
Meeting
Monday 19 August 2024

Upcoming Events

Principal's Twilight Tour - Monday 19 August 2024

Date: Monday 19 August -
Monday 30 November

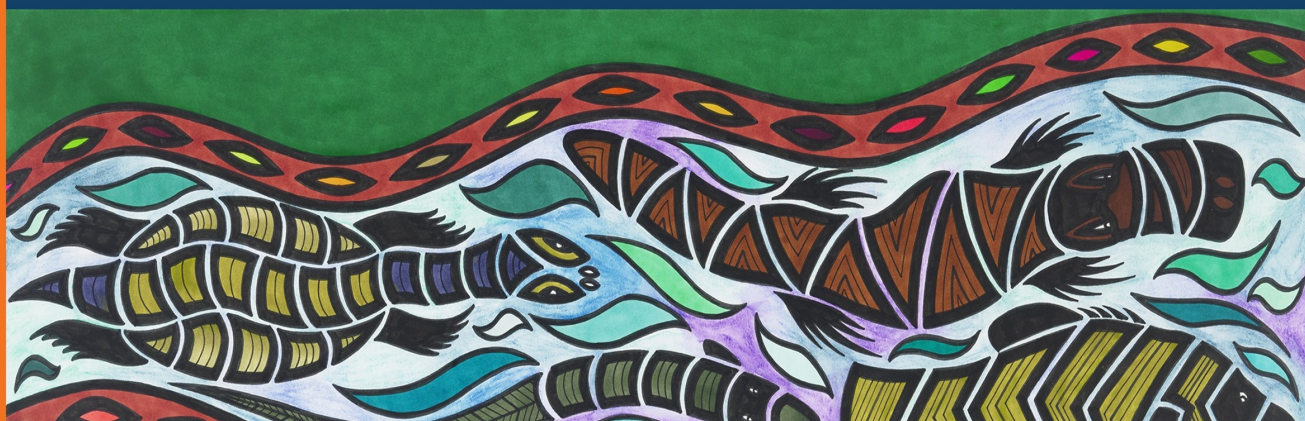
Venue: St Francis of Assisi
College - Renmark

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

Welcome Back

It has been another terrific start to the new school term!

At St Francis of Assisi College, we often talk about the importance of good starts, and finishes, and we have experienced a very settled start with outstanding learning underway from day one. I sincerely thank the efforts of our educators and students for their collective focus and engagement that has contributed this.

Already our students have been involved in a range of experiential learning opportunities, including:

- Year 8 Student Retreat Day
- Year 9/10 Boys Knockout Soccer
- Year 9/10 Girls Knockout Netball
- Rowing Program: Rowing Capsize Excursion
- Wakakirri Dance: Intensive preparation for their Adelaide performance in Week 3
- Year 10 RE: Community Outreach visit to Calvary St Catherine's Aged Care

The above are just some examples of the rich experience's students are participating in at any given time and again reflect the committed staff, student, and families to ensure these experiences are successful.

Senior Student Pathways

Prior to the Term 2 school holiday break, Mrs Amber Burgess facilitated our VET Information Night for our 2025 Year 11 students, and in Week 3, we are running our first SACE Information Night. These are both significant milestones marking our entry into SACE Stage 1 and Stage 2 in the coming two years.

There will be a range of communication and information emailed to parents, and distributed to year 9 and 10 students, providing information around senior school pathways and subject counselling opportunities. I urge parents and carers to engage with your adolescents to support their thinking around subject selections in readiness for 2025. Please be sure to contact the College for any clarifying information, key teachers are Mrs Natalie Meuret (Leader of Learning) and Mrs Amber Burgess (Careers and VET coordination).

CESA Community LLL Perception Surveys

By the conclusion of week five of term 3 all Catholic Schools in South Australia will complete the CESA Living, Learning, Leading Perception Surveys. The surveys are a product of a collaboration between Catholic Education SA (CESA) and Curtin University and are focussed on the development, validation, and use of a system-wide survey to examine the understanding of the vision and extent to which Catholic Education SA's Living Learning Leading Framework is taking place in schools as perceived by students, family and staff.

Each survey has been trialled, refined, and piloted in a range of CESA school settings and the development team is confident that schools will derive very useful information for planning and improvement.

2025 Enrolments

I am very pleased to see that the College is continues to experience significant demand in relation to enrolments. Current projections indicate our two year 7 classes will fill to capacity and parents planning to enrol their child are encouraged to do as soon as possible.

To assist with our medium and long-term planning I encourage parents to lodge an enrolment form with the school as soon as they have decided to enrol their child at the school.

Places for enrolment also remain open in years 8, 9, 10 and 11 for 2024.

Should you wish to discuss this further please contact our College Registrar, Claire Smith (phone 8595 4500, or email claire.smith@assisi.catholic.edu.au).

Mr Nathan Hayes, Principal

Religious Identity and Mission

Year 8 Retreat

Last week, Year 8 students had a special retreat filled with learning and activities.

The day started with a friendly welcome and a fun icebreaker game called "Blind Retrievers" to help everyone build connections. Following this, students took part in a reflective walk centred around active listening.

Students then learned about Laudato Si, a message from Pope Francis about taking care of others, ourselves and our common home.

This inspired them to think about how they can help protect our planet. Tony Johnston from Catholic Mission spoke about his work in Cambodia. His stories showed the importance of helping others and making a difference in the world.

In the afternoon, students created a time capsule, reflecting on their hopes and dreams for the future. The retreat was a great opportunity for students to reflect, connect, and learn more about caring for others and themselves.

Faith In Action

For Term 3, each year level has a special Faith in Action task.

Our Year 7 students recently went on a nature walk to explore how being in nature affects their feelings and to observe the plants and animals around them. They also discussed the impact humans have on the environment and brainstormed ways to care for it better. They will use these insights to create a cultural garden that includes elements of faith, different cultures, bush tucker, and symbols, providing a peaceful space for reflection and inviting all creatures.

Meanwhile, Year 10 students had their first visit to Calvary Nursing Home, where they began building connections with the residents. They are now planning activities for future visits to continue their engagement and enrich the lives of those they meet. This project underscores our commitment to community and empathy, helping students make a positive difference.

Prayer for Healing

Lord, we lift up to You all those in our community who are suffering from illness. As we see these challenges affecting many, we ask for Your comforting presence and healing grace.

Please bring strength and peace to those who are unwell and guide us to support them with compassion.

May Your love and care surround them, bringing hope and restoration.

Amen

Mrs Sheridan Bonney, Assistant Principal, Religious Identity and Misson



Leader of Learning

NAPLAN Reports

Individual NAPLAN reports have arrived at the College for year 7 and year 9 students and will be distributed in envelopes to families via students early next week. NAPLAN individual student reports provide information about what students know and have achieved in reading, writing, conventions of language and numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards.

Student achievement in NAPLAN for 2024 is reported using proficiency standards for each assessment area at each year level. The standards are set at a challenging but reasonable expectation of what students know and can do at the time of testing. There are 4 proficiency levels:

- **Exceeding**: the student's result exceeds expectations at the time of testing.
- **Strong**: the student's result meets challenging but reasonable expectations at the time of testing.
- **Developing**: the student's result indicates that they are working towards expectations at the time of testing.
- **Needs additional support**: the student's result indicates that they are not achieving the learning outcomes that are expected at the time of testing. They are likely to need additional support to progress satisfactorily.

The aim of the descriptions is not to describe each individual student, but to provide a fair summary of typical skills and understandings for a student at the level. If you have any concerns about your child's NAPLAN report, please contact your child's teacher. The College will analyse the data from the NAPLAN reports to inform our teaching and learning, however we understand that the tests are only one snapshot of a child's learning and therefore we also consider teacher assessment and every child's needs. We value all students for who they are and the qualities they bring to the college.

Mrs Natalie Meuret, Leader of Learning

College Community Wellbeing

Community Wellbeing Week

Our Student Leaders introduce Community Wellbeing Week from Monday 9th – Thursday 12th September in Week 8!

Community Wellbeing Week focuses on promoting the physical, mental, and emotional health of students, staff, and the broader community. The week aims to foster a supportive and positive environment, encouraging self-care and resilience among the entire school community and beyond, engaging families in the process.

There will be a range of activities across the week, run in Lesson 1 and 2 each day, where students are encouraged to wear their HPE uniform each day.

See below for a weekly outline, with further information to follow.



COMMUNITY WELLBEING WEEK

MONDAY

Meditation and Mindfulness

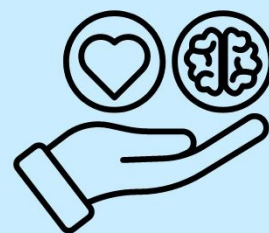


TUESDAY

Teamwork and Spirit

WEDNESDAY

Wellness and Health



Wear a
"Splash of
Yellow"

R U OK? THURSDAY

Lunch - All families welcome

The College has an educational partnership with Open Parachute to support the pastoral development of our students and now the broader community! Open Parachute have announced their second Parent Webinar Series for our community. Please see details below.

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UNDERSTANDING FRIENDSHIPS & BULLYING

A COMPLIMENTARY WEBINAR FOR PARENTS



Develop practical skills and strategies to best support your child in navigating the complex world of friendships and relationships.

Hosted by Vicki Martin, Psychologist and Founder of *Harmony and Growth*, this engaging webinar will provide parents and caregivers with insights as to the importance of friendships, their significance in children's lives, the typical challenges children encounter, and strategies parents can use to support their child to build healthy relationships.

Additionally, the presentation will address effective ways to recognise and manage bullying

Time: 7-8pm AEST

Date: Tuesday, 6 August 2024

REGISTER NOW!

Scan the QR
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This webinar is proudly presented by Open Parachute®

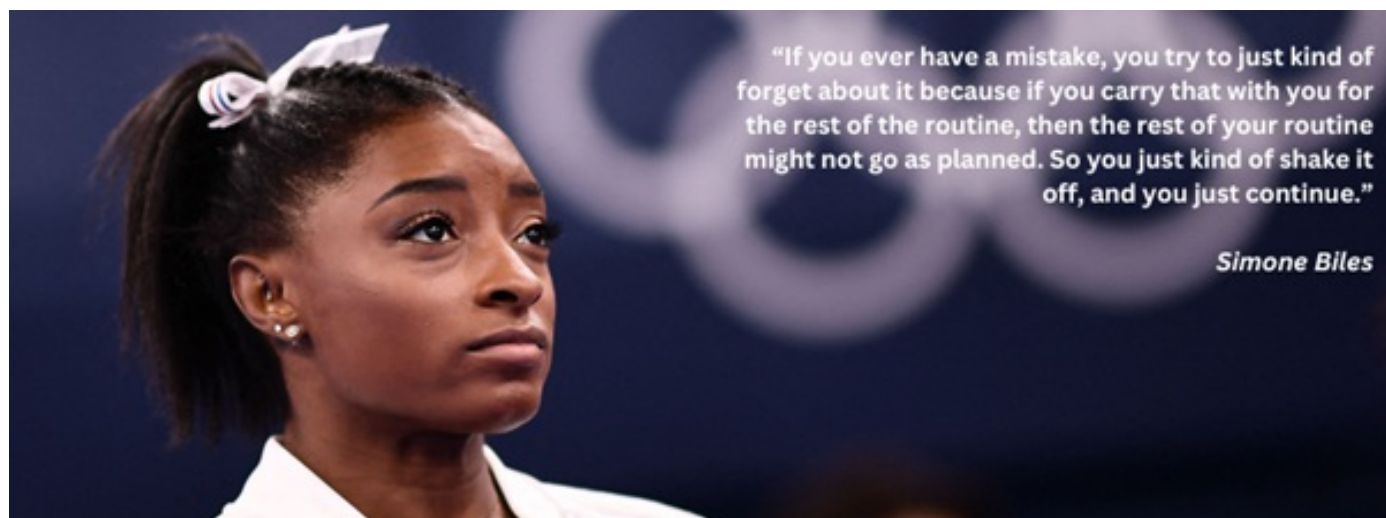
<https://openparachute.com.au>

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

SACE Information Night

The poster features a dark blue background with a large, wavy orange shape in the center. The text is primarily in white and dark blue. In the top left, there is a yellow square with the SACE logo. The main title 'SACE Information Night' is in large, bold, dark blue letters. Below it, there are three paragraphs of white text. At the bottom left is the St Francis of Assisi College logo, and at the bottom center is the event date and location in large, bold, dark blue letters.

SACE
Stage1 & Stage2

SACE Information Night

Transition to Year 11 is a significant milestone and can be complex and potentially confusing.

Therefore, it is important for families and schools to work together to make informed decisions that best meet each student's educational and career needs.

We have scheduled a SACE Parent/Student Information Night on Wednesday 7 August, 6-7pm in the Connection Centre (Year 10-12 Building). The aim of this night is to explain the subject selection process and SACE Certificate requirements. We highly recommend that both parents and students attend.

6-7 pm Wednesday 7 August
Connection Centre (Year 10 - 12 Building)



St Francis
of Assisi College
Laudato Si'

Farewell to Julie and Perrine

We were fortunate to have Julie and Perrine join us for two months during Term 2 and Term 3 as our first exchange students. At the end of week 1, we bid farewell to both the girls as they were to return to France that weekend. Julie and Perrine formed strong bonds with many of our Year 10 students during their time with us and not only learnt a lot from us they also left our students and staff with a greater understanding of their culture and educational experiences.

We thank Julie, Perrine, their families, and their host families for choosing to spend their time in Australia continuing their education at our school. We look forward to hosting many more exchange students in the future!

If you are seeking an international exchange for your child or interested in learning more, please get in touch with:

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand

ABN: 49 101 489 356

Office: 1300 135 331 / (02) 9997 0700

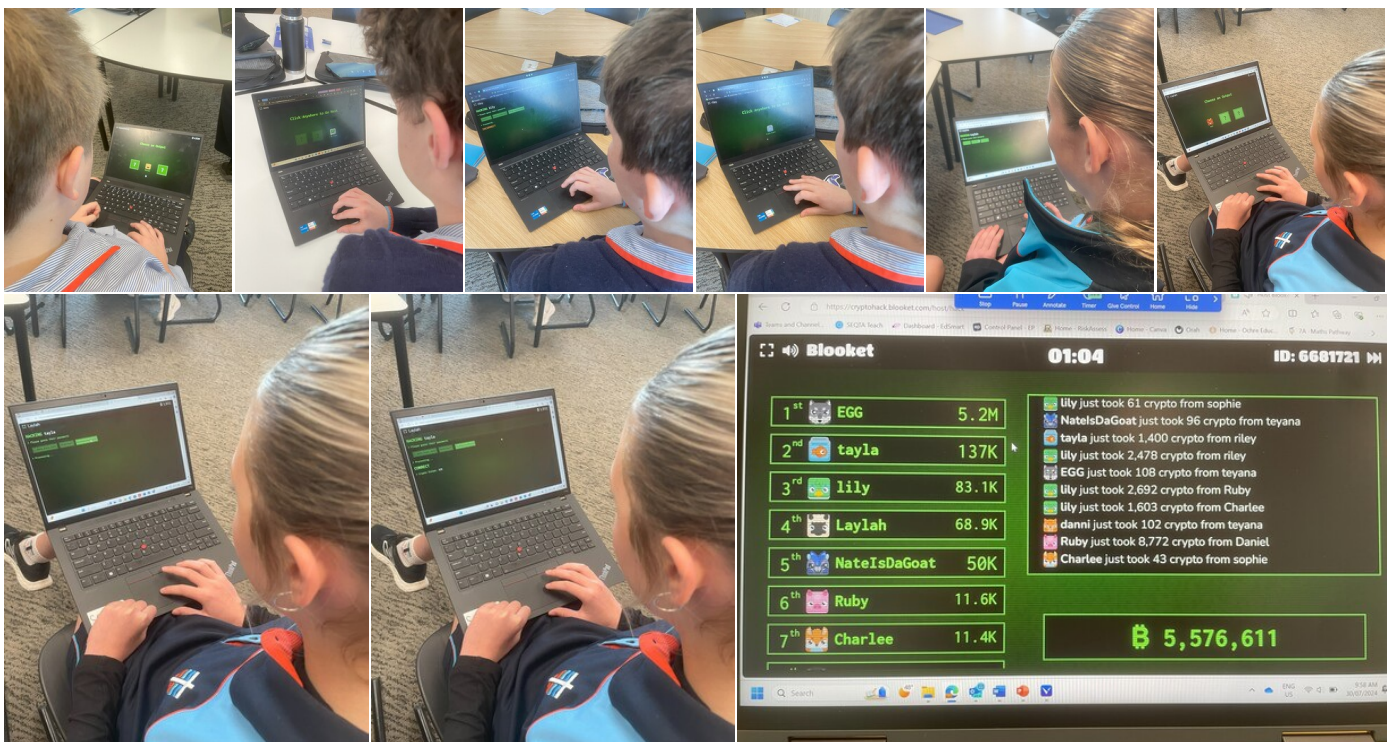
Fax: (02) 9997 0701

Email: info@studentexchange.org.au



Mathematics - 7A Class

Miss Modlinski's Year 7A recently engaged in an interactive Blooket game to consolidate their Probability Unit. This dynamic activity allowed students to test their understanding through fun, competitive quizzes and real-time feedback. The experience not only reinforced their grasp of probability concepts but also fostered teamwork and enthusiasm for learning in a vibrant classroom setting.



Kitchen Garden - 7B Class

Year 7B has begun their exciting Kitchen Garden Elective unit with Miss Modlinski, diving into bush tucker, weeding the school veggie patch, and cooking up a variety of delicious dishes. This term promises hands-on learning, from exploring native ingredients to mastering culinary skills, fostering both practical and environmental awareness.



Rowing Program Update



Rowing Program students travelled to West Lakes on Monday 29th July to participate in a controlled boat capsize event.

An important part of our program is ensuring students know what to expect and how to manage a capsize. This is performed in single sculls, as these boats possess the greatest chance of capsize due to instability. Some students even challenged their balance and stood up!





On Monday 8th July, Riley, Ruby and Noah took part in the Riverland NAIDOC Week March through the streets of Berri, stopping at the riverfront for the flag raising ceremony. They joined many other children, students, families, business and organisation representatives and community members who walked to recognise and celebrate NAIDOC Week in our region. This event marked the beginning of Riverland NAIDOC Week celebrations with a calendar full of events held throughout the region.



Junior Employment Opportunity - Tri State Graphics

Tri State Graphics are looking for a junior staff member to work after school hours.

3.30pm to 5.30pm, 3 nights a week plus two – three Saturday mornings per month, plus extra hours.

Looking for someone who is available during school holidays.

Key Duties & Responsibilities:

- Regular cleaning & dusting of the showroom and office area.
- Assisting sales staff with shop displays
- Pricing stock
- Refilling clothing racks
- Answering phones occasionally.

Required Skills and Experience:

- Ability to work independently and within a team
- Reliable and committed
- Willingness to learn
- General knowledge of computers
- Polite phone manner
- Good Communication skills
- Position to start Mid-August.

If this sounds like the position for you, please present your resumé and cover letter to our business manager in person or email a copy to: accounts@tristategraphics.com.au

Manager

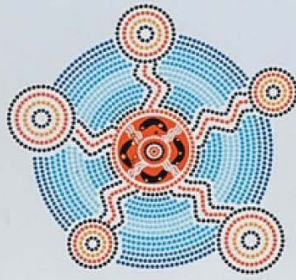
Tri State Graphics

216 Renmark Avenue

Renmark S.A.

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Riverland Aboriginal Drug & Alcohol Council - Community Lunch - Thursday 8 August



ABORIGINAL DRUG & ALCOHOL COUNCIL
RIVERLAND SA

Riverland ADAC would like to invite you to our **Community SEWB Lunch**

This is a great opportunity to come down to the Riverland ADAC building for some food, drinks, and a yarn a in a relaxed, welcoming environment. The staff at Riverland ADAC hope to see you there!



23 Cornwall st Berri-
Riverland ADAC office



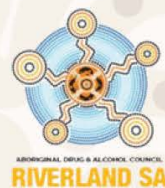
Thursday 8th August



12:00pm - 2:00pm



This is a drug and Alcohol Free event!



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

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



St Francis
of Assisi College
Laudato Si'

PRINCIPAL'S TWILIGHT COLLEGE TOUR

5:45 pm Monday 19 August 2024

Register online:

[www.assisi.catholic.edu.au/news-events-
calendar-events/events](http://www.assisi.catholic.edu.au/news-events-calendar-events/events)

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

STRONGER FAMILIES: A POSITIVE PARENTING CONFERENCE

PRESENTED BY



**Catholic
School
Parents**
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

OUR SPEAKERS



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

**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 31st Aug 2024
- 9:30am – 3:00pm

TERM 3 AT RYT

WEEKLY CLASSES

MONDAYS

Music and Movement
FROM JULY 22

MONDAYS

Dungeons and Dragons
FROM JULY 22

TUESDAYS

Teen Ensemble
FROM JULY 30

TUESDAYS

Online Creative Club:
Art Experiments
FROM JULY 30

WEDNESDAYS

Online Creative Club:
Poetry & Performance
FROM JULY 31

THURSDAYS

3rd Place
FROM JULY 23

FORTNIGHTLY/MONTHLY CLASSES

FRIDAYS

The Alternative Club
FORTNIGHTLY FROM JULY 26

SUNDAYS

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FORTNIGHTLY FROM JULY 28

NO SET DAY

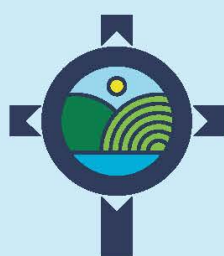
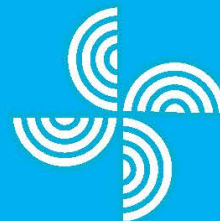
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FURTHER DETAILS AND REGISTRATION
VIA LINK OR QR CODE





MID NORTH CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
AVIATION COURSE
OPEN DAY
9 AUGUST • 11AM-1PM



**Mid North
Christian
College**

**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



Health Of
The River



AUSTRALIAN
LANDSCAPE
TRUST

"HEALTH OF THE RIVER" 2024 ROTARY YOUTH FORUM

MONDAY 23rd – FRIDAY 27th 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

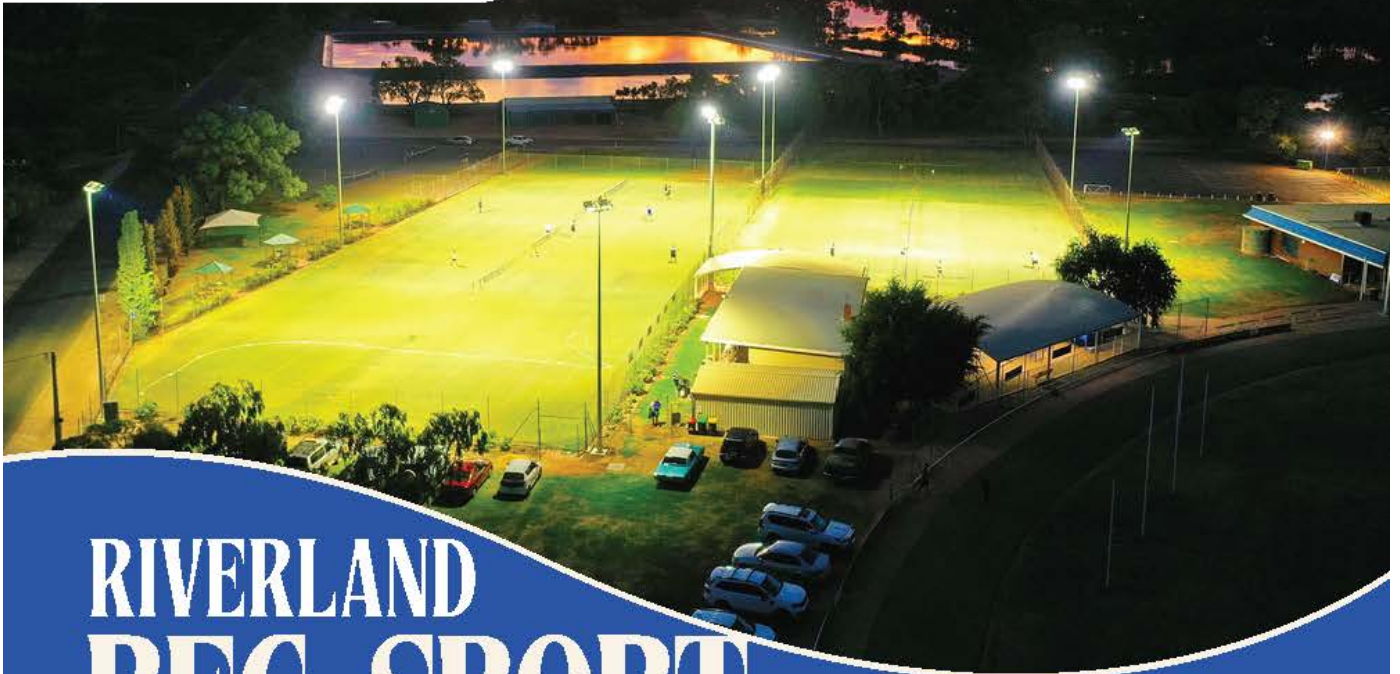
Riverland Rec, Sport & Leisure Expo - Sunday 15 September 2024



**Berri
Barmera**
COUNCIL



Government of South Australia
Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing



RIVERLAND REC, SPORT & LEISURE EXPO

Sunday, September 15
9am - 2pm
The Precinct, Loxton

MORE INFO

Nick Dillon
Connected & Active Communities Project Officer

☎ 0447 750 529

✉ ndillon@lwdc.sa.gov.au



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Schwartzkopf
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REACHARGE

Join Us for

Youth

BONFIRE

Winter Night

SATURDAY, 3RD AUGUST, 5:00 – 8:00PM

at Schober's Fruit Block, Pyap
Meet at 74 Milich Road, Pyap SA 5333



\$2 for food & a drink. Please note the earlier starting time so it isn't completely dark when you arrive.
Bring a chair & wear warm clothing.

For High School Aged Youth - Events contain some Christian content



For more details call or text 0488 444 240.

@rechargeyouth



REACHarge Youth



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



Your savings, doubled

www.saverplus.org.au

saverplus

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).

It is delivered in partnership with not-for-profit organisations The Smith Family, Berry Street and BSL.

ANZ and the Department of Social Services fund it.

saverplus.org.au

Terms, conditions and eligibility criteria apply.





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 around upcoming events.



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 hesitate to contact the College office on 8595 4500 if you have any difficulty with the various mediums used by the College to communicate with families.