



# St Francis of Assisi College - Term 3 Week 4 - 2024

## Important Dates

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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

Year 7-9 Boys  
Netball Final

Tuesday 27 August 2024

Year 7-8 Knockout  
Football - Round 2

Wednesday 28 August 2024

Year 7-8 Knockout  
Netball Final

Wednesday 28 August 2024

Father's Day

Sunday 1 September 2024

College Official  
Opening - Stage 2  
Build

Monday 2 September 2024

Student Free Day

Friday 6 September 2024

Rowing Regatta -  
Grade 2

Saturday 7 September 2024

## Upcoming Events

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Principal's Twilight  
Tour - Monday 19  
August 2024

Date: Monday 19 August -  
Monday 30 November

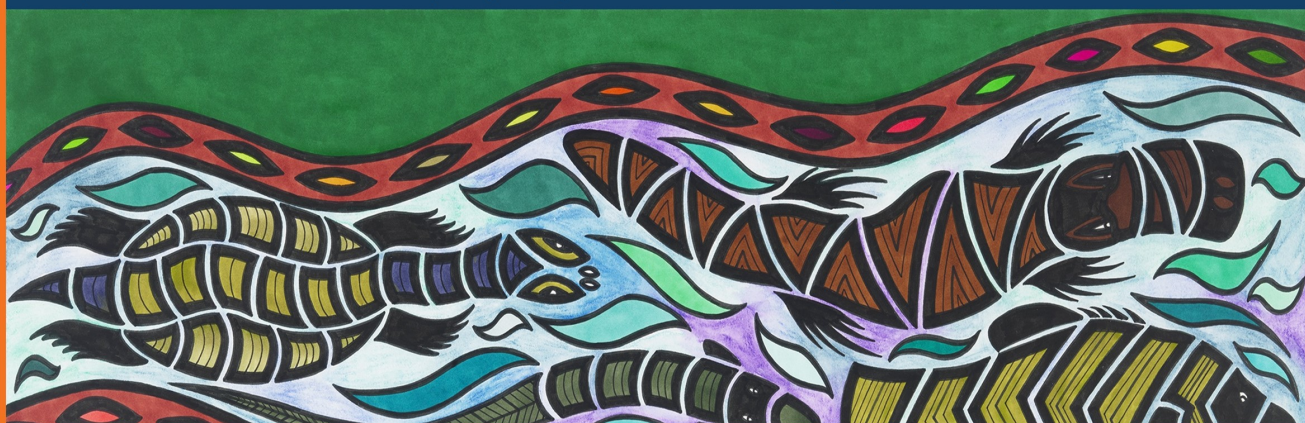
Venue: St Francis of Assisi  
College - Renmark

**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

### *Acknowledgement of Country*

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

### Senior Student Pathway Preparation

Towards the end of Term 3 and the beginning of Term 4, parent and student information sessions have been facilitated to provide information, and clarification around the opportunities for our students currently progressing through SACE. In general terms this has incorporated information around academic pathways for our students, and vocational pathways through VET and School Based Apprenticeship opportunities for example.

This is an exciting period in the growth of the College, and for our senior students, as they begin to consider more intentionally their potential pathway through the senior years and life beyond secondary school.

As we embark on the subject counselling and selection process for our 2025 year 10 and year 11 students, I encourage parents and carers to engage with their child in this process. It is not vital or necessarily realistic that students embarking on year 11 have a clear picture on their post school direction, it is important at year 11 level, that subject selections do incorporate considerations around possible tertiary and career pathways.

## **National Vocations Awareness Week**

Last week marked National Vocations Awareness Week, as Catholics, we believe that God has a plan for our lives. He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to consecrated life or to live as generous single people.

We all have a vocation. The word vocation comes from the Latin vocare, which in English means to call. God calls each one of us to holiness. Being called to holiness means being called to love God and others.

Someone's specific vocation is the particular path or the unique specific way that he or she is called to follow Christ, to be more like him, but with their own personality, and characteristics, their gifts, talents, weaknesses and circumstances. Following God's call is not about becoming someone that we are not, but about becoming more fully the ones He created us to be. As such we are all invited to reflect on how we are called to love others, making God's love present in the world.

During this week, we are invited to pray about how God is calling us to live your own vocation more deeply. We also pray for more and generous vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

## **Diocesan Vocations Prayer**

*Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd,*

*who is always mindful of your Church.*

*Watch over those who are baptised in your name,*

*and grant peace and harmony to all families.*

*We ask you to choose*

*from the families of our parish*

*many priests, sisters and brothers who will gladly spend their lives*

*in making you known and loved.*

*Amen*

## **St Mary of the Cross MacKillop**

On Thursday, 8 August we celebrated the spirit of one of Australia's saints, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. While we celebrate a rich legacy and a significant impact on the weave of Australian society, that commenced over 150 years ago. Just as Mary did, we too are also called to make a difference for our times, with a spirit of generosity and simplicity of life, open to the changing needs of society and prepared to stand with people in the ordinary circumstances of their existence.

## **The Assumption – Thursday 15 August**

Thursday 15 August was the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Feast of the Assumption commemorates Mary's entrance into Heaven, body and soul.

Mary is for Catholics a special symbol, reinforcing our confidence that death is not an end. In her assumption Mary is a wonderful sign of hope for us, because, after her Son, she is the first to be assumed body and soul into heaven. Just as Mary's Immaculate Conception is a symbol of what God is doing for all people, her Assumption is also a symbol of what will happen to all people in the 'ages to come' when everyone who has died will be given a new and different kind of life.

So, the Assumption is a feast of profound hope; a hope that inspires all we do as a Christian community, because, as reiterated by Saint John Vianney, "Jesus on the Cross said to the disciple whom He loved: "Behold your Mother!" How sweet are those words to the Christian who is able to understand what depths of love they contain!"

## **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.

**Mr Nathan Hayes, Principal**

# Religious Identity and Mission



## Recent ABC Radio Interview

In a recent ABC Riverland interview, Year 10 student Riley Broad and Sheridan Bonney discussed our new volunteering program. Riley

highlighted the importance of giving back to the community and staying connected, especially in a country setting. She also emphasised how valuable it is to gain real-life experience outside of the classroom. It was noted that, although the program is new, students are already growing and becoming more confident, showing genuine care and kindness.

During the interview it was explained that the program is inspired by our College's values and the Pope's call to care for each other and the environment. Each year level has a unique project, such as designing a cultural garden, teaching younger students, expressing important messages through sustainable artworks out of reusable goods.

**Year 7s-** Designing an ecological cultural garden (incorporating different faiths, cultures and the environment).

**Year 8s-** Teaching Beatitude values and building connections with Riverland Catholic Primary School Students.

**Year 9s-** Engaging in the wider community through sustainable and reusable art based on ethical justice. We will be holding an open twilight museum for the Riverland Garden Rose Festival on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October.

**Year 10-** Aged Care Support through Calvary St Catherine's Nursing Home

**Year 11-** (still in planning) Immersion Program

**Year 12-** (still in planning) Aiming to partner up with local charities to give back to our Riverland community.

These activities help students connect deeply with their community and make a meaningful impact.

### **Feast of the Assumption of Mary**

The Assumption of Mary is a Catholic feast day that celebrates the belief that the Virgin Mary was taken up into Heaven, body and soul, at the end of her earthly life. This event highlights Mary's special role as the Mother of Jesus and her unique connection to God's promise of eternal life. It is a day to honour her faith and to reflect on the hope of being united with God in Heaven.

## **OLOR Parish 10 Yr Celebration**

Our Lady of the River Parish celebrated our 10th Year Anniversary since establishment on Sunday 11 August, at St Mary's Church in Berri. The celebration began with beautiful Mass followed by a coming together of parishioners to enjoy lunch.

**Mrs Sheridan Bonney, Assistant Principal, Religious Identity and Mission**





## Science Week

CSI – Curious science investigators discovering the wonders of science!

On Wednesday, our Year 8 students celebrated National Science Week 2024 with Year 3 students from St Joseph's School Renmark by igniting their curiosity and creativity! A morning of fun and hands-on science experiments was enjoyed by over 60 students who came together in our new Science Labs to explore the chemistry and physics outcomes of the experiments. There were many gasps and shrieks of excitement as students created exploding bags, watched flying teabags and felt the textures of snow fluff and Oobleck! Other experiments that were created included storm in a glass, elephant toothpaste, lava lamps, burning cups, water fireworks and many

more.

Finishing off the morning, all of the students came together to experiment with the College's Van de Graaff generator and what happens when we experiment with touching it – it was a hair raising!

Thank you to our incredible staff—**Mrs. Elizabeth Beech, Mrs. Emma Warner, Mr. John Lyons, and Mrs. Jean Booyesen**—for their guidance and support in helping students with their experiments.

Also, a special thank you to the Australian Science Teachers Association for providing a grant towards our National Science Week activity.



## SA Landscape Trust visit - Native Turtle Species

The theme for National Science Week 2024 was "Species Survival - More than just sustainability", emphasising the role of science and innovation in supporting the survival and flourishing of diverse species in our changing world.

On Wednesday, the Year 7s had a visit from some very special guests. Danielle from SA Landscape Trust brought in three native turtle species. Danielle presented information about the species and ended the session with an interactive booklet.

**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 the outline for the week, with further information to follow.



# COMMUNITY WELLBEING WEEK

**MONDAY**

Meditation and Mindfulness

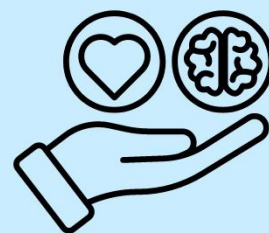


**TUESDAY**

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 the broader community! Open Parachute have announced their third Parent Webinar for our community. Please see details below.

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# SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH AUTISM & ADHD

A COMPLIMENTARY WEBINAR FOR CAREGIVERS



Develop practical skills and strategies to best support your child with autism and ADHD.

Hosted by neurodivergent Clinical Psychologist Adelle Sushames, this engaging webinar aims to build your understanding of different brain styles and how to support your neurodivergent child to experience success at home and school.

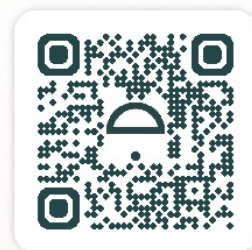
You will discover the power of shedding harmful labels and learn what practical strategies you can draw upon in anticipation of anxiety-provoking situations.

**Time:** 7-8pm AEST

**Date:** Tuesday, 20 August 2024

**REGISTER NOW!**

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Code to Register



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



We all have dreams. But in order to make dreams come into reality, it takes an awful lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline, and effort.

— Jesse Owens —

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Mr Luke Cotter, Leader of Wellbeing

## Wakakirri 2024



On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August, students travelled to Adelaide to participate in Wakakirri 2024. After weeks of hard work and rehearsals, the students produced an incredible dance performance “This Is Me” at the Norwood Concert Hall. Guided by the brilliant choreography put together by Keisha Barber, students portrayed a journey of a high school student overcoming adversity, finding hope and learning to accept, embrace and love who they are.

The performance captivated both the audience and judges, who praised the students for their excellent dance techniques and the great potential displayed by the cast. The students were honoured with several awards:

- Lead cast Award for Performance in Dance
- Ensemble Award for Dancing and Acting
- Ensemble Award for Choreography
- Storytelling Award for a Great Blockbuster Production Style
- Producers Award for Soundtrack

St Francis of Assisi College was celebrated with the **Spirit of Wakakirri Award**. This accolade recognised the students' excellent behavior, enthusiasm, respect, and overall spirit on the day of the performance. Choreographer, Keisha Barber, expressed her enthusiasm for the experience, noting how great the students were to work with and how fantastic it was to see their hard work come to life.

Our performance, ‘This Is Me’ also received a **State Award** and a **National Award Nomination!** This is an incredible achievement and the crew should be so proud of their efforts!

We'd like to extend our thanks to **Keisha Barber**, who made this an incredible experience for all students involved. Thank you also to **Mrs Sheridan Bonney, Miss Annika Newman and Mr Nathan Hayes** for all of the effort they put in to give the students this wonderful opportunity!





# Breakfast CLUB

**FRIDAY'S - 8.15 - 8.40AM**

At the canteen

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**



*All students are welcome to come along and enjoy a tasty breakfast before starting the school day!*



Breakfast Club is held on Friday mornings at the canteen before homegroup, with students welcome to pop in between 8.15-8.40am to enjoy a bite to eat before starting their day. Breakfast provisions including toast, cereal, juice and fresh fruit are available for all students. Over these cooler months, hot milo has been a popular choice for students to enjoy to keep them warm!

We appreciate the support provided to our College by Foodbank Riverland who contribute towards our breakfast program. Fresh fruit is also made available to students on regular occasions.



## Year 9 Kitchen Garden

In Year 9 Kitchen Garden, students engage in hands-on learning by planting seeds in preparation for the upcoming spring season. As they eagerly anticipate the growth of their new crops, they also take the time to harvest the last of the winter vegetables.

This activity not only teaches them about the seasonal cycles of plants but also fosters an appreciation for sustainable gardening practices. By working directly with the soil and plants, students gain valuable skills in horticulture and a deeper connection to the food they grow and consume.

**Mrs Burgess**



## Stage 1 Child Studies

In Stage 1 Child Studies, students explore the dynamics of child development, focusing on various stages from infancy through early childhood. As part of their "Life with a Baby" unit, students are tasked with caring for a simulator baby, giving them a hands-on experience of the responsibilities involved in nurturing an infant.

This exercise allows students to gain practical insights into the challenges and rewards of parenting. By reflecting on their experiences, they develop a deeper understanding of the physical, emotional, and social needs of a baby, as well as the impact of caregiving on

everyday life.

**Mrs Burgess**



## Year 10 Work Experience

We are pleased to share the success of our recent Year 10 Work Experience Program, which provided students with invaluable opportunities to explore potential career paths and gain practical workplace skills.

During Term 2, our students were placed in a diverse range of industries, including healthcare, education, hospitality, and technology. Feedback from both students and employers was overwhelmingly positive, with many students expressing newfound clarity in their career aspirations and employers commending their enthusiasm and adaptability.

This experience has not only enhanced our students' understanding of the working world but has also strengthened our school's connections with the local community. We are proud of our student's achievements and look forward to continuing this important program in the years to come.

**Mrs Burgess**



# TRY A TRADE

**St Pat's Technical College, Adelaide**



## **October School Holiday Sessions:**

### **Automotive**

Wednesday 2 October 2024 - Term 3 holidays

9:30am to 3pm (arrive 9:20am)

Year 8 - 10

### **Civil Construction**

Wednesday 2 October 2024 - Term 3 holidays

9am to 12pm (arrive 8:50am)

Year 7-10

### **Bricklaying and Tiling**

Tuesday 1 October 2024 - Term 3 holidays

9am to 3pm (arrive 8:50am)

Year 7-10

### **Food, Hospitality & Industry Pathways**

Tuesday 1 October 2024 - Term 3 holidays

9:30am to 3pm (arrive 9:15am)

Year 8-10

**Register here: <https://stpatstech.sa.edu.au/try-a-trade/>**





Our Year 10 Food and Hospitality students are taking their learning to the next level by running their own coffee shop. This hands-on experience allows them to apply their culinary skills in a real-world setting, serving up delicious coffee and treats to the school community.

As part of this initiative, the students are also working towards earning a micro-credential in barista skills, equipping them with valuable knowledge and expertise in coffee making, customer service, and business management. This project not only enhances their practical abilities but also prepares them for future opportunities in the hospitality industry.

**Mrs Burgess**



# New College Piano



We would like to acknowledge the Renmark Senior Citizens Club for their kind donation of a beautiful Beale upright piano to our College music program - thank you so much! Our music students will enjoy being taught how to play on this piano in the music room, learning the keys, scales, notes and more.



Donations of musical instruments that are in sound working order and in tune would be greatly received by our College. If you would like to make a donation to our College music program we welcome you to make contact with our music teacher, Miss Graney.

## Rowing Day Camp



During Week 3 our first Rowing Day Camp for the season was held. This included rowers who will compete in upcoming RowingSA Regatta's – Seniors (Yr 10), Juniors (Yr 9) and our program coxswains. The weather was perfect, plenty of sunshine and only a little wind through the afternoon.

Students participated in three on-water sessions. The first focused on technical drills, learning how they are incorporated into a rowing session to help develop and improve skills and overall boat speed. With the addition of another safety boat, crews were able to take advantage of 1:1 coaching, coaches filming segments and providing video analysis post sessions. Crews were then able to put feedback into practise when they hit the water for the second session; the goal for which was longer, steady rate rowing, incorporating drills into the session. Students responded well, showing technical improvements and understanding. During our final session of the day, crews took part in two 1000m time trials. This gave coxswains an opportunity to rotate through the boats, steer at a high speed, and make race calls for the teams.

Mrs Morath facilitated a team building session after lunch. It was well received and enabled squads to set clear expectations of each other. Students put some key takeaways into practise during the final on-water session of the day.

As a leadership group, we are extremely proud of how these young rowers managed themselves. They were open to feedback, made solid technical changes and developed skills in working as a cohesive team. This was evident during their time trials at the end of the day, overcoming fatigue and working together to achieve a shared goal. Well done to all rowers!!

**Stephanie Turnbull, Molly Gibbons, Mae Camporeale**  
**Rowing Program Leadership**





## Year 7/8 Knockout Netball



On Monday of Week 3, the Year 7/8 knockout netball team travelled to Tanunda for the second round of the Knockout competition. The girls played exceptionally well and secured a well-deserved victory with a score of 37-14! They will now advance to the Grand Final in Week 6, which will be held at Priceline Stadium in Adelaide, where they will compete against two other schools.

A big thank you to **Miss Fenwick** for umpiring and **Miss Graney** for coaching the team. Great job, girls!

## 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](mailto:accounts@tristategraphics.com.au)

Manager

Tri State Graphics

216 Renmark Avenue

Renmark S.A.

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## Principal's Twilight College Tour



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](http://www.events.humanitix.com/stronger-families-conference)

**[cspsa.catholic.edu.au/events](http://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

## Life Without Barriers - Become a Foster Carer



## Share your world

### Become a foster carer

It's the little things that matter most – like having a safe place to call home, someone you can smile with and the right support.

You can make an extraordinary difference in the life of a young person by sharing those ordinary, everyday moments.

We are looking for compassionate individuals, couples and families to become foster carers to provide a safe and supportive home for vulnerable children and young people. We'll support you 24/7 and provide all the training you need.

If you have a spare bedroom and time to share, we'd love to hear from you. Contact us today and be the positive change in a child's life!

**1300 592 227**

[lwb.org.au/foster-care](http://lwb.org.au/foster-care)

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BARRIERS**



# 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

Pondi  
FORTNIGHTLY FROM JULY 28

NO SET DAY

The Judy's  
MONTHLY TBC

FURTHER DETAILS AND REGISTRATION  
VIA LINK OR QR CODE





For more information on RYT visit their website

[Home • Riverland Youth Theatre \(ryt.org.au\)](http://ryt.org.au)

# "Health of the River" 2024 Rotary Youth Forum



Health Of  
The River



AUSTRALIAN  
LANDSCAPE  
TRUST

## "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](mailto:healthoftheriver@rotary9510.org)**

Date: 15 May 2024

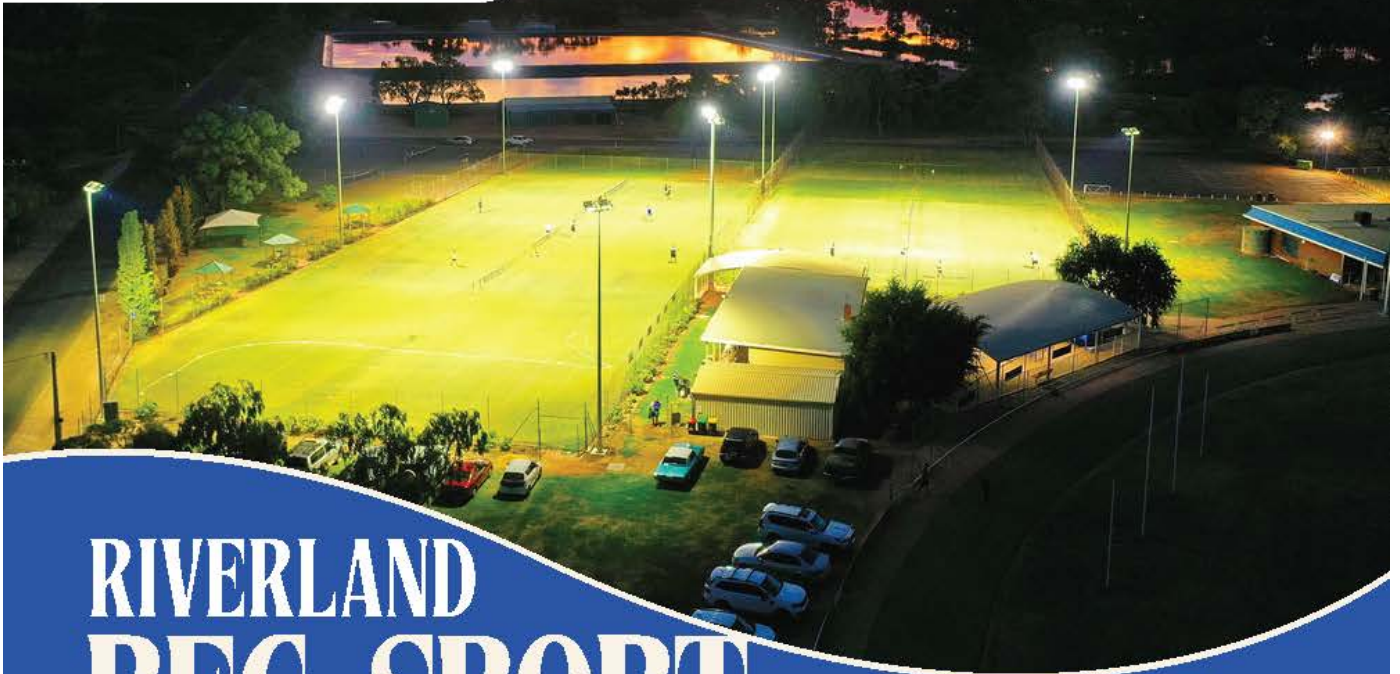
Riverland Rec, Sport & Leisure Expo - Sunday 15 September 2024



**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](mailto:ndillon@lwdc.sa.gov.au)



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photos

## Government Funded Program: Saver Plus – Assisting families with education costs

# \$500 towards you or your children's education



Saver Plus is a free financial education program that matches your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500

## What can the \$500 be used for?



Laptops & tablets



Lessons & activities



Uniforms & shoes



Books & supplies



Vocational education



Camps & excursions

## To join Saver Plus, you must meet all of the below criteria:

- Be 18 years or over
- Have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself
- Have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner)
- Have a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- Be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment\*

\*Many Centrelink payments are eligible

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street and The Smith Family. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

### To find out more:

Enquire online at [saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au)  
Email [saverplus@bsl.org.au](mailto:saverplus@bsl.org.au)  
Call 1300 610 355

Delivered by:



Many children will have a positive experience starting school or moving from primary to high school and despite some initial nervousness, most will settle in very quickly. However, we know some parents/carers may be very concerned about the upcoming

changes e.g. buying uniforms, books or devices and that's where we can help.

What is Saver Plus: Saver Plus is a free online money skills program for people on lower incomes and matched savings program. It's about strengthening financial skills, to build and develop (and keep) good savings habits.

Saver Plus encourages parents to **save \$50 a month** (for 10 months). Savings are then matched - a **free \$500 for education costs**.

Now accessible to any eligible Australian – no matter where they live.

**To be eligible for Saver Plus, you must have all of the following:**

- Centrelink payment\*
- Hold a Health Care Card/Pensioner Concession Card
- Be in school yourself OR have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)\* /Carers Payment / Child Support or Cash in hand.
- Be 18+ years old
- Not have completed the program previously.

\* Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible, see the **Saver Plus terms and conditions** for more information [saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au)

If families would like to check their eligibility and receive a call back please include our enquiry link

<https://www.bsl.org.au/services/saving-and-managing-money/saver-plus/> or they're welcome to call our national number 1300 610 355 and a local coordinator will contact them directly.

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](https://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](mailto: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. Or alternatively complete the form below.