

Important Dates

Athletics Carnival -Bridgestone **Athletics Centre** Salisbury

Monday 27 March 2023

College Board -**Annual General** Meeting

Wednesday 29 March 2023

Chrism Mass - Port Pirie

Wednesday 29 March 2023

LifeChanger Workshops Yr 7 & Yr 9

Friday 31 March 2023

Parent/Student/Home Parent/Student/Home Parish and College **Group Teacher** Conversations

Tuesday 4 April 2023

Group Teacher Conversations

Wednesday 5 April 2023

Wednesday 5 April 2023

Rowing Regatta -Masters and Grade Regatta at West Lakes

Friday 14 April 2023

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

College Athletics Carnival

The College Athletics Carnival, held on Friday 17th March was an outstanding day, showcasing individual excellence in sporting endeavours, perseverance, team spirit and fun.

Students and teachers have developed a strong sense of connection and identity to their house teams. Celebrations like this bring our whole school community together and provide the opportunity for students to come together in their house team and work towards a common goal.

Congratulations and thanks go to Mr Sampson and Mr Prokopec for their planning and organisation for the day, and to our student leaders for maximising participation in their house teams on the day.

A big thank you to our Athletics Day volunteers. Our volunteers helped to set up for the day, provided baked goods, cooked the barbeque, worked in the canteen, assisted with timing for the events, and made announcements over the PA. Everyone's efforts contributed greatly. \$278.15 was raised from the sale of goods for Project Compassion.

We look forward to the Combined Secondary Catholic Athletics Carnival on Monday 27th of March, and the School Sports SA Athletics Carnival in Adelaide on Wednesday 12th April.

Educators Professional Learning Day

On Friday 10th March, our College team participated in a day of professional learning with David Kelly from the Life Buoyancy Institute, where he facilitated sessions two and three of the three sessions.

The focus of our day was as follows:

Focus One: A Collaborative Professional Learning Based Culture at St Francis of Assisi College

Our team re-visited what it is we need to continue to focus on as a group to ensure our school culture supports outstanding opportunities for our students, in a way that is satisfying and sustainable for our staff. Our team also reviewed our 12-month priority areas and provided feedback to support this process. Finally, we reviewed student perception data to understand how we can better support students with their learning, and sense of ownership over their learning.

Sessions two and three were facilitated by David Kelly, focusing on shaping our Catholic Identity, encouraging staff to think creatively, without limitations around what we would like to be achieving over the next ten years.

Focus Two: Remembering the Future of Laudato Si'

Staff members were asked to consider a shared vision for the future of our College, by travelling back in time and considering the following:

It's 2030. You catch up with an old colleague from St Francis of Assisi College and reflect on the great things that you achieved together in the early years of the College.....

Focus Two: Blue Sky Thinking

Staff were encouraged to think big with no limits! In small groups we explored:

Care for Self, Care for Others, Care for Creation

Laudato Si' Ecological Conversation

Social and ecological justice: beyond recycling, worm farms and fundraising.

Staff News

We welcome Nicola Hoffmann to our SFOAC Team!

As Human Resources Officer, Nicola's main areas of work will be in HR and WHS, Nicola will also work the equivalent of one day per week providing Science laboratory support.

Nicola's current role is with Renmark Paringa Council, as WHS Risk Coordinator.

Nicola will start at the College on April 11th, and we will have the opportunity to welcome her personally to the College community!

Student / Parent / Teacher Conversations

Parents will have received information about the learning conversations in Week 10, including how to book an interview with one of your child's home group teachers. Home group teachers play a key role in supporting students pastorally at school, and this is why the initial conversions in Week 10 are with the home group teacher.

I do emphasise to parents that you are most welcome to contact the College if you would like to make a time to meet with a specific subject teacher, in addition to the home group teacher.

Please contact the College administration office with any queries.

Board Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 29 March, 7:00pm

Parents and carers are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting, held on Wednesday March 29th, starting at 7pm in the Collaboration Centre (Year 7 – 9 teaching building).

School community members are invited to attend.

Stage 2 Build Program

Mossop's Construction are now onsite, beginning to set up their site on the north end of the College, alongside Bookmark Creek. Initially, Stage 2 of the program will begin with:

Year 10-12 teaching building;

two additional senior science buildings;

the first addition to our productive garden

The second side of the Technology Studies Centre, with a focus on metal work.

Nathan Hayes, Principal



Religious Identity and Mission



Stations of the Cross

On Thursday 6th of April at 2.35pm (lesson 8), all RE classes will be participating in acting out all stages of the cross. The Stations of the Cross call us to remember the suffering of Jesus as he carried his cross to Calvary. Today many people in our World continue to carry the Cross of Christ, whether it be the burden of living in poverty, the lack of access to basic human rights or the fear of living in a world where there is no hope for the future.

The Way of the Cross is a pilgrimage: a journey that follows Christ's path of suffering and death. Pope Francis encourages us to set out on a pilgrimage of conversion to become kinder, more generous people. Today our Way of the Cross focuses on the suffering of Mother Earth and its creatures. The earth, along with all of creation, is on a critical journey as we are challenged by poverty and climate change. Will we set out on a path of mercy, adjusting our patterns of consumption to lessen our carbon footprint and give Mother Earth a chance to heal? Will this journey become a pilgrimage towards sustainability, and ultimately resurrection?

Lenten Programme

Our Lady of the River Parish has created its own Lenten programme this year. It is called **Encounter 'Sitting with Jesus'** All catholic schools in the Riverland were invited to read and record the gospels for the programme. We were given the 'Passion of Jesus' gospel for Palm Sunday and student leaders joined in with this recording.

When attempting to understand the title of this year's program the word **Encounter** can simply mean as a casual meeting with someone. 'Sitting with Jesus' is much harder to define because it can be so different for each of us. So, this is the **challenge** that is being offered as we move through Lent of 2023. Lent, our forty days of preparation for the Lord's Resurrection at Easter always coincides with autumn, the season of beautiful mild weather after our hot summer days and nights. Finding time to 'Sit with Jesus' can be an enormous challenge, but this year's Lenten Program is suggesting that it is by no means impossible.

An important component of **Encounter 'Sitting with Jesus**,' is that each of the six gospels (the 6 weeks of Lent) are linked to a key quote that was selected from Pope Francis's most recent Apostolic Letter of June 2022 (Desiderio Desideravi) which focuses on the wonder and beauty of the Mass. These quotes have been chosen to challenge us that little bit more as we 'Sit with Jesus' and reflect on the gospel and the sacredness of the liturgy of the Mass.

During Lent our catholic schools in the Riverland have been participating in this programme, next week (week 9) four of our students will participate by recording our session an uploading to our Facebook page. You will be able to watch this session on Tuesday 28th March at 4pm via our Facebook page. Please join our students as they contribute to our OLOR Lenten programme **Encounter 'Sitting with**

Leader of Learning

Student/Parent/Home Group Teacher Conversations

Student/Parent/Home Group Teacher conversations will occur over two nights, 4th and 5th of April from 4-6pm at the College. These meetings are a wonderful opportunity to discuss your child's current progress with their teacher.

This term these conversations will occur with only your child's home group teacher. If you wish to have a meeting with one of your child's specific subject teachers, please contact the college or the subject teacher directly.

When making a booking, please only select one of your child's home group teachers.

Home Group	Teachers
IGNIS (HG 1)	Mr. Luke Cotter
	Mrs. Amber Burgess
TERRA (HG 2)	Mr. Fraser Sampson
	Miss Mae Camporeale
VENTUS (HG 3)	Mrs Isabella Trudgian
	Mr. Nathan Hayes
AQUA (HG 4)	Mr. John Lyons
	Mrs. Natalie Meuret

Bookings are made online through School Interviews

To log on, please use the following link

https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/vk3wr

If you have any questions or if you are unable to book an appointment but would still like to meet with a teacher, please contact the school on 8595 4500.

SEQTA Online Continuous Reporting

What is it?

Continuous reporting or progressive/ongoing feedback refers to the process of teachers providing timely and targeted feedback to students about their learning progress in a subject. At St Francis of Assisi College this is achieved through our learning management system - SEQTA. This term all teachers have been working hard to utilise this function in SEQTA by providing assessment information and specific feedback for assessment tasks. This is visible to students through SEQTA Learn and similarly to parents through SEQTA Engage.

What is the advantage?

The main advantage of continuous reporting is that students and parents receive feedback in a 'timely' manner about how the child is progressing. End of semester reports are often seen as too little, too late, with not enough targeted feedback and time for the student to improve their learning. Research shows high-quality feedback that is specific and on-going has immediate feedback on learning progress.

What is your role as a parent?

Continuous reporting not only allows students to constantly reflect on their progress and make improvements as they go but involves parents more in their child's educational journey as they receive frequent updates of their progress. If any situation arises where you, as a parent have a concern or question regarding the feedback provided, it is critical that as a parent you:

1) Initially discuss the feedback with your child.

- 2) If required, encourage your child to seek further clarification from their subject teacher.
- 3) If this is ineffective, or you have any major concerns with your child's learning progress, then please utilise our normal channels of communication through the relevant subject teacher.

Supporting your child to take ownership of the feedback provided is critical in assisting them to develop into reflective and independent learners.

Natalie Meuret, Leader of Learning

College Community Wellbeing

Home Group

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.

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IGNIS	Mr. Luke Cotter	luke.cotter@assisi.catholic.edu.au
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	Mr. Nathan Hayes	nathan.hayes@assisi.catholic.edu.au
AQUA	Mr. John Lyons	john.lyons@assisi.catholic.edu.au
	Mrs. Natalie Meuret	natalie.meuret@assisi.catholic.edu.au

Student Achievement

We would like to recognise the effort, skill and quick thinking from Year 8 student, Sophie Robertson, at Rowing training in Week 7. At the end of the training session, a teacher from St Joseph's Renmark was returning home and was bitten by a snake in her front yard. Sophie acted immediately to apply first aid with support from Miss Camporeale. Thankfully, the teacher is well and paramedics remarked on how well Sophie applied correct first aid.

Great work Sophie! An excellent example of showing Care for Others!

We will formally acknowledge Sophie's efforts later this term.

Harmony Week

The SLC organised a range of activities to acknowledge and celebrate Harmony Week at the College this week.

Activities included Koolchee (a First Nations game), Takraw (a game similar to volleyball from Thailand), Watermelon Chess (a Chinese strategy game), a cultural quiz through Kahoot!, and a First Nations art experience from local man Daniel Giles. On Wednesday, Year 8 student Luca Blackwell had his winning cupcake design featured in our bake sale through Zynski Bakes. We made over \$160 which will be donated to Project Compassion!

Well done to our student leaders for their organisation and thank you to all students who participated in the activities!





Expressions of Interest - Laudato Si' Action Group



Laudato Si' Action Group

If any students are interested in joining the Laudato Si' Action Group, please complete this 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	

Wellbeing Article

Hosting a teenage party

With our College community getting a little bit older this year, parties are likely to begin occurring among our young people and their social circles, both in and outside of the College. The Alcohol and Drug Foundation have a good article to assist in understanding your legal requirements as well as suggestions on how to host a party successfully.

Parties are an important part of a teenager's social life. While the prospect might seem daunting, it's possible to host a fun and

memorable party that everyone is comfortable with.

If you're hosting a party at home, you have a legal duty of care to keep guests safe.

Read more

SafePartyPlanner.pdf

"When we practice generating compassion, we can expect to experience the fear of our pain. Compassion practice is daring. It involves learning to relax and allow ourselves to move gently toward what scares us."

- Pema Chodron

Luke Cotter, Leader of Wellbeing

What's Cooking



Year 8 Food Technology have finished off their cultural food inquiry with a practical assessment. Students chose a country to focus on and made a dish that best represented a fusion between the culture and Australia. Some of the countries students chose included: America, Japan, Mexico and Italy. Everyone pushed themselves outside of their comfort zones and produced some amazing food.

Leading up to this practical assessment students completed a research task, recipe card, food order and mise en place. A very well done to everyone involved!

This week was BIG for practical assessment! The Year 9 Food Technology class put their culinary skills to the test and celebrated with a High Tea Party! Students worked in groups to design, make, and critique their very own High Tea and were set the challenge to produce appropriate finger food options. This is an extremely hard working and organized group of students who mastered all of their recipes. The delicious food was shared with staff and students at the college.

This assessment required research, an action plan, recipe card, food order, mise en place and of course the practical component. Amazing efforts by all, well done!

Mrs Burgess, Food Technology

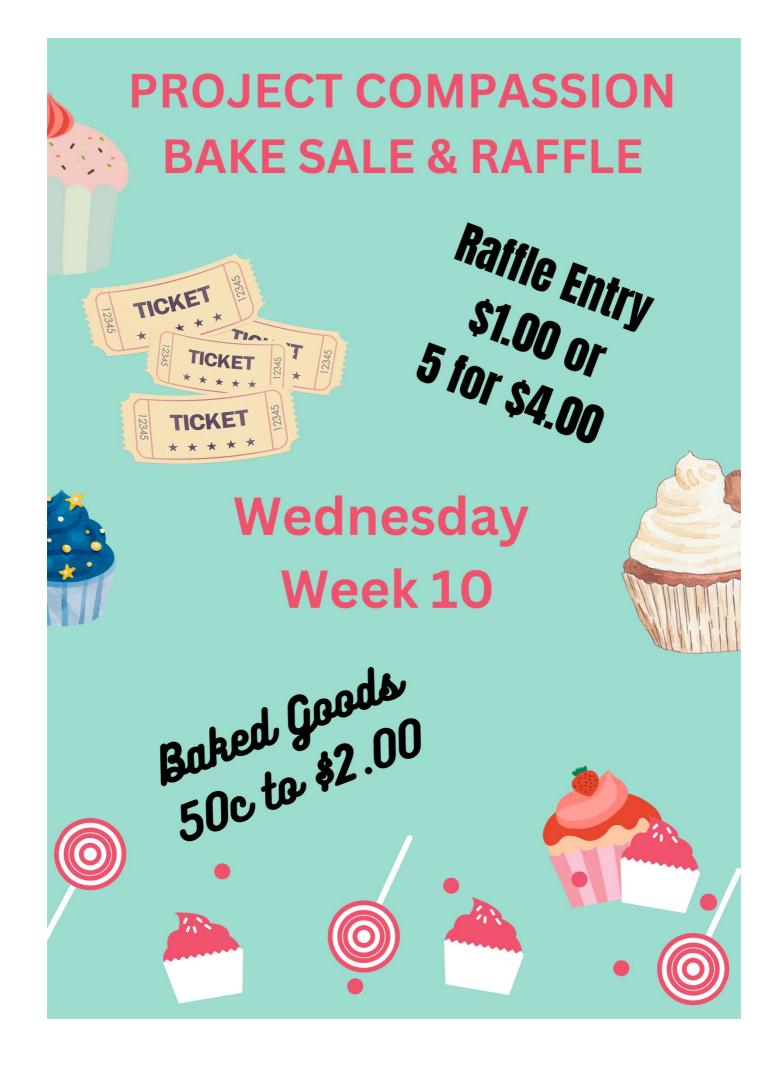


Rowing Program Update



We have continued to see improvement in our on-water skills, excitingly getting 5 boats out on Monday night! The boys tested out the training sculls in near perfect conditions, while the year 8 and 9 girls continued to build on their team skills in quads. With only a few

SLC Bake Sale and Raffle - Wednesday 5 April







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.

2023 AFL, AFLW, SANFL and SANFLW Premiership Cups!





On Thursday the College was lucky to host a visit from the 2023 AFL, AFLW, SANFL and SANFLW Premiership Cups!

This was a great chance to get close to this year's football premiership cups. Students (and teachers) were keen to have their photos taken with the cups



Landscape South Australia Murraylands and Riverland



NEW Education Officer - Murraylands

We'd like to introduce you all to our new Murraylands Education Officer - Rosheen Blumson!

Rosheen is a graduate of the University of South Australia, where she obtained a Bachelor of Science. While undertaking a Master of Teaching and working in schools, she become passionate about making environmental science accessible and engaging to people of all ages and abilities. Her passion lies in engaging young people and the wider community in their local environment, to help foster greater connections with nature and the landscape around them. With her enthusiasm for sustainability, Rosheen is dedicated to helping create healthier communities and landscapes.

Rosheen is full time based in our Murray Bridge office and excited to be supporting our Murraylands schools (and the Education program in general!). We are sure you will be seeing her very soon!



Week 9:

Karoonda Farm Fair Friday 31 March and Saturday 1 April

Visit us at the Karoonda Farm Fair - at Site 17 and 18 Stokes Road.

Come and say hello to Rosheen! Learn about our programs and check out the animals too.

Week 10:

Riverland YEL Forum - still time to register!

THURSDAY 5 April, 10 am - 2 pm, Wilabalangaloo, Berri

Students will participate in activities learning about healthy natural landscapes and will have the opportunity to meet Bill the Murray-darling carpet python and speak with the RMMAC Rangers.

Register your school group to attend now: rlt1YEL2023.eventbrite.com.au

Contact for this event: cindy.kakoschke@sa.gov.au

https://www.landscape.sa.gov.au/mr/native-plants-animals/native-plants





RENMARK OLYMPIC SOCCER CLUB

REGISTRATION DAYS

Please come along to our soccer shed on Wednesday 8th March or Wednesday 15th March from 5-6pm to register your child's name in their age group and receive information about this upcoming season.



PLAYER REGISTRATION

Don't forget to register online with the national registration system. This can be done via this link https://www.playfootball.com.au or by scanning the QR code on this page. A flyer on how to register can be collected from our soccer shed. Registrations will need to be completed by Wednesday 29th March.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Payment options: **CREDIT CARD/DEBIT CARD** only, this will need to be paid at the time of registering online. Player fees are available to view at the time of registering. Player fees will need to be paid before **Round 1** otherwise you will not be able to take the field due to insurance reasons.

NO PAY, NO PLAY

**Don't forget the \$100 Sports Voucher is on offer from Reception – Year 9 students only, so please enter the voucher code when registering online 'SVoucher23' along with your Medicare details, including your child/s reference number on the card!

TRAINING TIMES

Training for all Junior grades U6, U8, U10, U12 & U14's will commence on **Wednesday 22nd March** at the Steve Poutakidis Sports Grounds (Renmark Soccer Grounds opposite the Alan Coulter Rec Centre).

If you are unable to attend training or game day due to work or being unwell, you **MUST** notify your Coach/Team Manager by text or phone call (*it's the least we can do for our volunteers*). Coaches contact details will be given out to parents once we have confirmed all our coaches.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

All orders are to be made online with Tri-State Graphics website.

https://www.tristategraphics.com.au/renmark-olympic-soccer-club
or call into their shop and place your order with them.

Merchandise forms will also be available at our shed, so you can see what is on offer this season.

PLAYING KIT

Playing tops will be given to all players at the last training before Round 1. Playing shorts can be purchased for \$20 each and socks for \$10 a pair at the soccer shed.

Please join our Facebook page Renmark Olympic Soccer Club to keep up to date with the latest information!

Or contact us via email: renmarkolympicsoccer@gmail.com









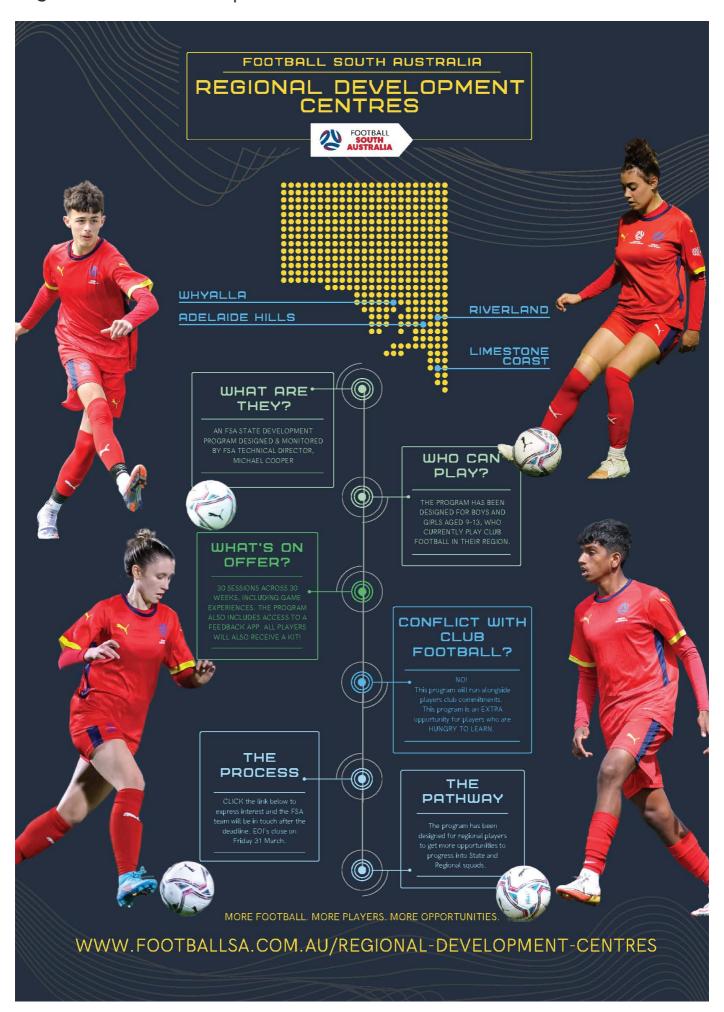


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Renmark

9am to 3pm

Thursday, 27 April

More Information

Tuesday, 18 April

9am to 3pm

Berri

james.wallace@footballsa.com.au

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9am to 3pm

Wednesday, 26 April



G1 Youth is Riverland Central Church's NEW Youth Ministry

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Term 1 Dates

PLEASE NOTE: We will be meeting at 11 Mortimer Road, Berri fortnightly from 7pm with pick up between 8:45–9:00pm (unless otherwise specified)

Week 4- 25th Feb Youth Service

Week 6- 10th March Launch Party

Week 8- 24th March Connect Groups

Week 10-6th April Thursday Easter Service

Week 11- 14th April Quiz Night

RIVERLAND CENTRAL

Open to ALL High-School aged young people.

A safe, fun, engaging Christian Youth Group.

For more details contact the Riverland Central Church Office on: 0478243685 or message through our FB, Insta pages. Or parents can turn up on the night to register your young person(Emilie Menadue G1 Youth Leader).

RIVERLAND CENTRAL CHURCH, 11 Mortimer Road, Berri SA 5343



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.



回緣織回 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





Mosquito bites can cause serious diseases that can make you very sick.

Do these things to prevent mosquito bites:



Wear long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing.



Use an insect repellent containing the chemical DEET, Picaridin or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus (PMD).



Remove water around your house to stop mosquitoes breeding.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.SAHEALTH.SA.GOV.AU/FIGHTTHEBITE

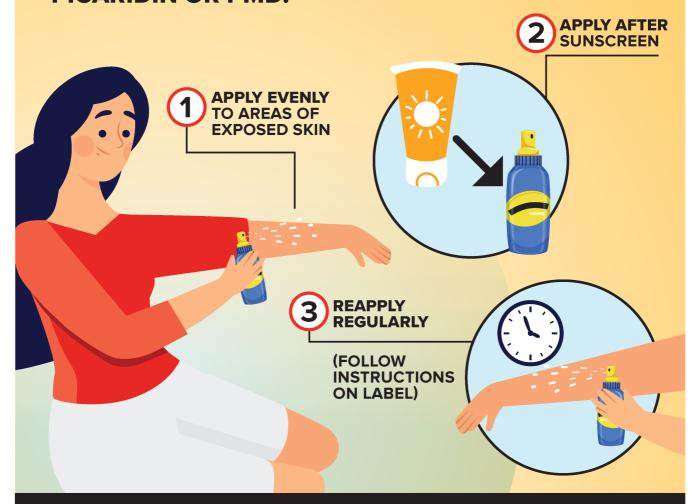




HOW TO CORRECTLY APPLY MOZZIE REPELLENT



FOR THE BEST PROTECTION, USE A REPELLENT CONTAINING EITHER DEET, PICARIDIN OR PMD.





FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.SAHEALTH.SA.GOV.AU/FIGHTTHEBITE

