



St Francis of Assisi College - Term 1 Week 6 - 2024

Important Dates

Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
 Monday 11 March 2024

NAPLAN - Writing
 Wednesday 13 March 2024

NAPLAN - Reading
 Thursday 14 March 2024

NAPLAN - Conventions of Language
 Friday 15 March 2024

NAPLAN - Numeracy
 Monday 18 March 2024

Combined Catholic Secondary Athletics Carnival
 Tuesday 19 March 2024

Year 7 LifeChanger Workshops (3 & 4)
 Wednesday 20 March 2024

Harmony Day
 Thursday 21 March 2024

Year 7 & Yr 10 Immunisations
 Thursday 21 March 2024

National Closing the Gap Day
 Thursday 21 March 2024

SA Schools Athletics Carnival - Adelaide
 Monday 25 March 2024

Year 10 - Stage 1 Outdoor Education Camp 25-27 March 2024
 Monday 25 March 2024

Good Friday
 Friday 29 March 2024

Easter Sunday
 Sunday 31 March 2024

Easter Monday
 Monday 1 April 2024

Learner Conversations

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LifeChanger: Year 9 Program

LifeChanger: Year 7
Workshops 5-6
Wednesday 10 April 2024

Term 1 Finishes -
2:15pm
Friday 12 April 2024

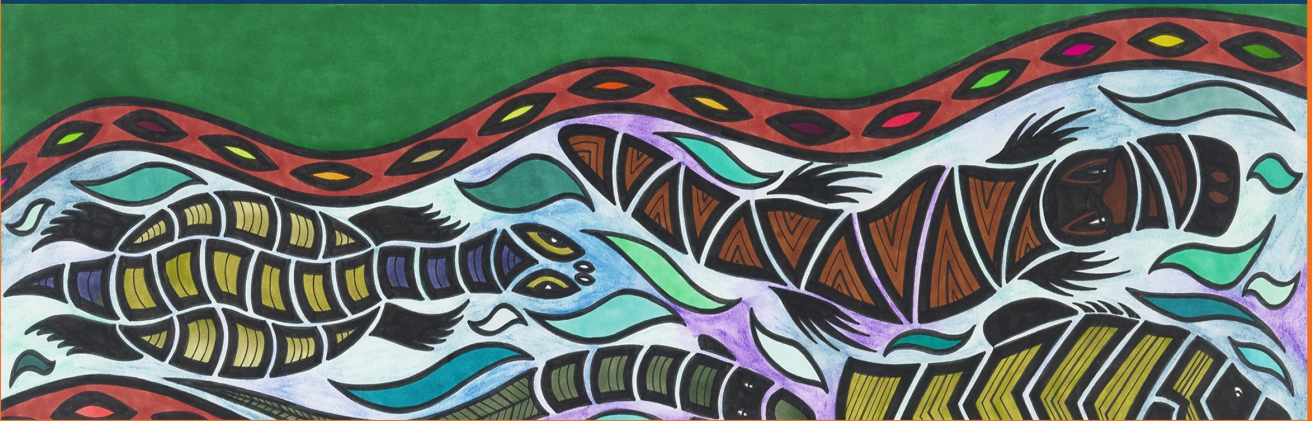
West Lakes Sprint
Rowing Regatta
Saturday 13 April 2024

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

SFOAC Educators Professional Learning Day

This Friday our staff gathered for a day of shared professional learning, with a focus on excellence in learning and teaching. These days provide the opportunity for teachers take a step away from the day to day of school, to collaborate, share expertise and learn from each other.

The day was broken into four sessions:

1. School Improvement: The application of the Clarity Learning Suite to improve student learning outcomes.

2. Assessment Design: Standards based assessment tasks aligned to Version 9 of the Australian Curriculum, linked to the Achievement Standards.
3. Assessment Moderation: Teachers collaborating to ensure consistency in A – E assessment grades.
4. Collaborative and Reflective Practice: Teachers reflecting on their professional practice to identify strengths and areas of professional growth for 2024.

Learner Conversations

Parents will receive information about the learning conversations in Week 10, including how to book an interview with your child's home group teacher. 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.

At St Francis of Assisi College, learner agency is valued, and we encourage students to attend and play an active role in these learner conversations, with parents / carers and home group teachers.

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 27th March, 7:00pm

Parents and carers are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting, held on Wednesday March 27th, starting at 7pm in the Collaboration Centre (Year 7 – 9 teaching building).

There are vacancies for the School Board and nominations sought for people interested in serving on the Board this year.

The School Board is responsible for the governance of the School in the areas of policy review, financial management, pastoral care (staff, students and parents), maintenance and development and strategic planning. Elected members serve a 2-year term on the Board and newly elected members will join the existing Board members.

The timeline for nominations and elections is:

- Monday 18 March, 2024 Nominations close 2:00pm
- Tuesday 19 March, 2024 Voting papers sent to parents if required
- Monday 25 March, 2024 Voting closes
- Wednesday 27 March, 2024 AGM of the School Board

Thank you for your time and attention given to the formation of the School Board for 2024.

College Athletics Carnival

The College Athletics Carnival, held on Thursday 7th March was an outstanding day, showcasing individual excellence in sporting endeavours, perseverance, team spirit and fun.

Students and teachers continue to develop 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.

We look forward to the Combined Secondary Catholic Athletics Carnival on Tuesday 19th of March, and the School Sports SA Athletics Carnival in Adelaide on Monday 25th of March.

Stage 2 Build Program

As the major component of the Stage 2 build program, it has been pleasing to see this remain on schedule throughout the build program. We can confirm that we will be utilising the learning spaces in the new building from the beginning of Term 2. We will be consulting with our year 10 students in the remaining weeks of Term 1 to set up agree expectations around how we will get the most out of this new space.

Wellbeing Initiative – Classroom Pulse ‘Check-In’

This week all students in Catholic Schools in South Australia participated in an online Classroom Pulse Check-in.

The purpose of the Classroom Pulse Check In is to find out how students are feeling about their experience of school.

Students will each be asked some simple questions about:

Identity

Learning

Relationships

Belonging

Our aim is simply to “check in” with our students and measure how they are feeling.

Your child’s responses will help us to identify any potential social, emotional, or learning needs that they may have.

They will also be used by Catholic Education SA to help highlight trends across Catholic Schools that may need to be addressed.

You can view sample Classroom Pulse Check Ins below:

https://www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/files/61884/Classroom_Pulse_Check_In_4-12.pdf

Mr Nathan Hayes, Principal

Religious Identity and Mission

Religion In Year 10

Our Year 10 RE classes have been learning about creation stories through different perspectives, cultures, interpretations and lenses. This week, we were lucky to have Sam Mitchell from Riverland NADOC visit our RE lesson and explain creation from a local Dreaming Story Perspective. Students took part in a cultural smoking ceremony where Sam explained the importance of washing away any negativity and connecting with our country and ancestors. He told the local Ngurnderi Dreaming Story related to the Murray and Malley regions. We are very grateful for this experience and we look forward to working with Sam and learning from him again throughout the year and into the future.





Project Compassion Term 1 Fundraising

Aqua House are organising a fundraiser this term to support Project Compassion. Their fundraiser is a **'guess how many lollies in the jar'** competition that will be running until Easter or until all squares have been filled. 50c for 1 square or \$1 for 3.

Aqua House Mass

Each month, our House Teams have the opportunity to celebrate Mass with Fr Hau and local parishioners. Members of the community are also very welcome to join these Masses. On Thursday, Aqua took part in a House/Parish Mass celebrated by Fr Hau. Thank you to all the students who helped with different parts of the Mass and to Fr Hau also with his message of helping others during Lent. He spoke of small sacrifices we can make in order to donate or help others and also to appreciate the things we are blessed with in life.

Loving God,

Who gives life to us and all creation,

Help us to share your love with others and care for your world.

We ask this through Jesus our brother, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Mrs Sheridan Bonney, Assistant Principal, Religious Identity and Mission

Leader of Learning

Student Free Day – Professional Development

On Friday March 8, the St Francis of Assisi staff gathered for a professional development day focusing on assessment task design and moderation. In our continuous endeavour to enhance the quality of education we offer, our dedicated team worked on crafting design standards-based assessment tasks, thoroughly aligned with the V9 Australian Achievement Standard. This alignment ensures that our assessments accurately reflect the curriculum objectives and provide meaningful insights into student learning. One key aspect of this development process has been the careful selection of cognitive verbs to incorporate into these tasks. By strategically choosing these verbs, we aim to empower our students to demonstrate their understanding and proficiency at various levels of performance standards - whether it be achieving at an A, B, or C level.

Our staff also actively engaged in moderating student work, a crucial step in ensuring the reliability and validity of our assessment outcomes. This process involved teachers from each year level and learning area coming together to review samples of student work across different grade levels, from A to E. During these moderation sessions, our staff analysed the samples, looking for evidence to support the assigned grades. This collaborative effort allows us to confirm or adjust the assigned grades based on concrete evidence, ensuring fairness and consistency in our assessment practices. It also serves as a valuable opportunity for providing constructive feedback to our teachers. By discussing the strengths and areas for improvement identified in the student work samples, our staff can further refine their teaching practices and tailor their instructional strategies to better meet the needs of our students.



Term 1 Student Progress Update Reports

Student progress update reports will be released through SEQTA on Friday 15 March. To access these reports, click on assessments and the relevant subject.

The aim of this report is to provide parents/carers feedback about their child's progress before a formal grade is given in the end of semester report. Feedback enables a student to monitor their learning and focus on areas of improvement. It also provides a starting point, for parent/carers to discuss their child's attitude to learning, to ask about your child's strengths and how they can be enhanced, to ask which subjects are most challenging for your child and why, and to focus on your child's learning growth and progression rather than the grade. We hope you find these progress reports valuable.

Learner Conversations

Learner conversations will occur over two nights, 2 and 3 April, from 4-6pm at the College. These meetings will involve home group teacher, parent and child. Your child is an important part of this conversation as they reflect on their strengths and needs as they become a capable learner.

Further details will be provided on how to make a booking with your child's home group teacher.

Mrs Natalie Meuret, Leader of Learning

College Community Wellbeing

Student Leadership Council Formation Day

Our Year 8-10 Student Leaders travelled to Adelaide last week for the GRIP Student Leadership Conference developing their skills and knowledge of what it means to be a great leader!

Our student leaders worked through sessions covering:

- Taking Steps Forward
- Sacrifices We Make
- How to Encourage Others to Follow
- Improving School Culture

In our meeting this week, we have reflected upon our learnings to guide our approach to 2024 as representatives for our respective year levels and houses!

We have decided as a group the our Top 3 Guiding Principles for the year will be:

Make it Fun!

We seek to have small wins and celebrate our successes to ensure we enjoy the role we are in.

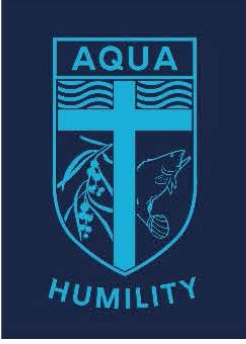



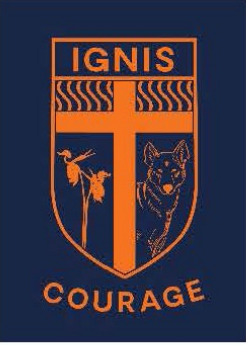



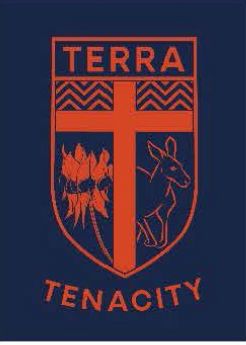

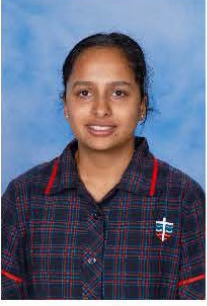

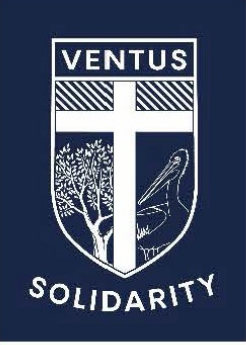



Have a Shared Intent

We will listen to the broader student body to identify a common goal we can work on together.

Role Modelling

We will be role models that leave a legacy and act appropriately to set an example of expectations and culture.



	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
	TBC	 Ruby	 Archie	 Hugh
	TBC	 Sebastian	 Anu	 Cleo
	TBC	 Avreet	 Jessica	 Ael
	TBC	 Eloise	 Henry	 Riley

Student Leadership Applications

I thank all Year 7 students who have applied for a leadership position. The broader student leadership team are excited about the possibility of who our new members will be and look forward to adding the final touches to the group for 2024.

There will be four successful Year 7's (one from each House – Aqua, Ignis, Terra, and Ventus). These four students will be selected by Leadership staff through the below process:





- Reviewing Applications.
- Shortlisting to a minimum of two students per House who will be notified by Friday Week 6,
- Shortlisted students undertaking an interview (notes allowed) in Week 7.
- The broader student body voting on their preferred shortlisted candidates,
- College staff consultation.

Please note that successful applicants will be selected based on their application, interview, vote results and staff consultation.

The successful applicants will be notified by Monday Week 8.

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.

House	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

College Athletics Carnival

St. Francis of Assisi College – 2024 Athletics Carnival Results

Championship Shield

1 st	Aqua	1025
2 nd	Ignis	1000
3 rd	Terra	917
4 th	Ventus	775

Team Games Shield

1 st	Ventus	110
2 nd	Aqua	105
3 rd	Terra	100
4 th	Ignis	90

Team Spirit Shield

1 st	Terra	25
2 nd	Aqua	24
3 rd	Ventus	22
4 th	Ignis	19

U13 Boys Champion

Sebastian Coote	58
Ivan Atsaves	50
Jenson Sheene	40

U14 Boys Champion

Samuel DePalma	70
Jaxon Curtis	42
Jack O'Bryan	40

U15 Boys Champion

Ethan Thomas	50
Ashton Carr	46
Harry Pfeiffer	38

U16 Boys Champion

Ryan Prokopec	48
Aaron Kurian	38
Riley Halupka (U15)	36
Armaan Khaira (U15)	36

U13 Girls Champion

Ruby Steutzel	50
Sandra Nguyen	38
Charlize Pearce	34

U14 Girls Champion

Amber Matulick	66
Ruby Malinovski	62
Shynae Pittman	40

U15 Girls Champion

Blossom Kimberley	56
Via Naong	54
Billie Aughey	50

U16 Girls Champion

Rhianna Thorpe	68
Imogen Lyons	54
Jerlina Kingson (U15)	40

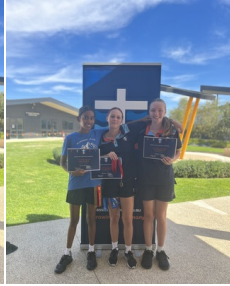
Our Athletics Carnival on Thursday was a great success! Congratulations to Aqua for winning the Championship Shield, Ventus for the Team Games Shield, and Terra for the Team Spirit Shield. Congratulations also to the individual age champion winners, but most of all congratulations to all the students who participated in any way during the day.

We wish to thank

- St. Joseph's Renmark and Barmera (for generous use of equipment)
- Mr Prokopec (hours of organisation, marking out the oval)
- Ivan Smith (fixing things, hours of work setting up and packing up, supplying radios)
- Parents/Volunteers (generosity, time, creating a great community culture)
- Staff (flexibility, understanding, support)
- House Captains (organisation with individual and team nominations)
- Students (dedication, participation, support for one another)

Mr Sampson Fraser, HPE Teacher







St Francis
of Assisi College
Laudato Si'

ATHLETICS DATES TO NOTE

- 12TH MARCH – 18TH MARCH: ADELAIDE ATHLETICS LUNCHTIME TRAININGS
- TUESDAY 19TH MARCH: CATHOLIC ATHLETICS CARNIVAL, ADELAIDE
- MONDAY 25TH MARCH: SA SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL, ADELAIDE

Rowing Program



School Premiership Series Regatta, West Lakes Sat 24th Feb

Our Senior rowers travelled to West Lakes recently to compete in the School Premiership Series Regatta. We entered a Schoolboy Yr 10 4x+ and Schoolgirl Yr10 4x+.

This was the first regatta for our boys as a full crew, as we faced an injury during Term 4. They managed to compete in the heat, while not their best time, it was still an opportunity to learn. However due to an illness on the day they were forced to scratch their final's race. They were faced with some very stiff competition in their division, with crews displaying a lot more race experience than us. This is something we will continue to build on as a program.

Our girls crew, like the boys, faced the same challenges racing against some quick crews with lots of experience. They managed to improve their race from heat to final, finishing up in 5th place in their division, a field of 7 boats. It is also worth noting that they improved their race time by a whopping 46 secs since the Riverland Regatta in December.

A big thank you to Adelaide Rowing Club and St Ignatius' College/Riverside Rowing Club for supporting us with the use of their equipment.

Rowing Training

After competing in our recent regatta, students have enjoyed some time on the water in smaller boats. This provides a great opportunity to develop boat feel, confidence and also work solely on personal technique. They have been great sessions and all students have shown huge growth! We look forward to getting back into our quads next week to see how this translates into crews.

They also thoroughly enjoyed the freshly painted Renmark Rowing Shed and new signage, highlighting the 'Home of the St Francis of Assisi Rowing Program'. Another incredible milestone for us all.

Mrs Stephanie Turnbull, Rowing Program Coordinator, Rowing Coach & Learning Support



Secondary Schools Swimming State Championships

St Francis was well represented with seven students swimming in the Secondary Schools Swimming State Championships held at the SA Aquatic & Leisure Centre on 26 February 2024.

All swimmers performed very well, both in and out of the pool, with Ruby, Harper and Hugh having some outstanding performances. Our Team was also really fortunate to catch up with Kyle Chambers, a proudly SA born Olympic medalist!

Well done to all the swimmers, Charlize P, Ruby, Sophie, Harper, Daniel, Louis and Hugh, and a big thank you to the parents who provided transport to Adelaide.

Mrs Janet Riedel, Parent Swimming Support



College Second Hand Uniform Facebook Group

The College has set up a Second Hand Uniform Facebook Group to enable parents and caregivers to buy, sell, swap or giveaway second hand uniforms. For these transactions parents and caregivers will deal directly with each other, with the Facebook Group merely acting as a way to connect families disposing of, or wanting, second hand uniforms.

The group is for members only and the following group rules apply:

- it is the parent/caregivers responsibility to liaise directly with each other for the purpose of buy/swap/sell/giveaway of second-hand uniforms
- detailed information about the College's uniform policy is available on the College website www.assisi.catholic.edu.au/enrolment/uniform and can be referred to as required

Please use the link if you would like to join the group

www.facebook.com/groups/sfoacrsecondhanduniform

Riverland Special School's



DISABILITY EXPO & Open Day

 **Wednesday 27th March 2024**

 **2:30-5:30pm**

- ✓ Access to information from a wide range of services that support people with disabilities of all ages
- ✓ Tours available of our wonderful school
- ✓ **FREE** Sausage Sizzle from 3:30pm

Booking is NOT essential; however if you would like to register your interest to attend, feel free to contact the school:



-  **12A Stadium Drive, Berri SA 5343**
-  **8582 1258**
-  **DL.0962.info@schools.sa.edu.au**
-  **facebook.com/riverlandspecialschool**

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RIVERLAND FL WOMEN

2024 ALL NEW THURSDAY NIGHT SEASON



Ever thought about playing footy?

Give it a go and join your local club this season.
Find out more by contacting your club below



BERRI

Kelsee Langford
0457 223 730



BAR-MON

Kayla Mudge
0429 626 885



LOXTON NORTH

Emma Hogg
0488 022 120



RENMARK

Brett Blackwell
0432 361 096



WAIKERIE

Sam Whittington
0467 241 097



RIVERLAND FL WOMEN

2024 ALL NEW THURSDAY NIGHT SEASON



All in trainings/Come n Try

Come and try footy at all-in trainings.
Players from all clubs will be training together at different venues.

DATES

- Monday, March 4 @ Barmera
- Wednesday, March 13 @ Renmark
- Monday, March 18 @ Loxton North
- Monday, March 25 @ Waikerie

All trainings will commence at 6pm.
For further details, contact Kayla Mudge on 0429 626 885





RENMARK OLYMPIC SOCCER CLUB

2024 INFORMATION



REGISTRATION DAYS

Please come along to our soccer shed on **Wednesday 13th March** or **Wednesday 20th 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 **Friday 5th April**.

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. All players need to be registered to play otherwise they will not be able to take the field due to insurance reasons.

****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 'SVoucher24' along with your Medicare number, including your child's reference number on the card (this should be a total of 11 numbers).**

TRAINING TIMES

Training for all **Junior** grades U6, U8, U10, U12 & U14's will commence on **Wednesday 20th March**, at the Steve Poutakidis Sports Grounds (Renmark Soccer Grounds opposite the Alan Coulter Rec Centre).

U6 & U8s - 4pm to 4.45pm

U10s - 4pm to 5pm

U16s and Senior Men - Tuesdays 6.15pm

U12s - 4pm to 5pm

U14s - 5pm to 6pm

Open Women - Wednesdays 6pm

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 will be available to order from the start of the season.

PLAYING KIT

Playing tops will be given to all Coaches/Team Managers before the start of the season along with their Coaches bag. All tops will be given to players before **Round 1**. Please make sure you return your top at the end of the season to your Coach/Team Manager. This season we have **NEW** playing kits for all grades, HUGE thanks to our Sponsors who have come onboard. New shorts will need to be purchased and socks will be available at the soccer shed. More information to come on the cost of the shorts and socks. EFTPOS only available at the shed.

VOLUNTEERS

Parents will be rostered on to work in the canteen, coffee van or on the gate. We only have 4 x home games during the season and by doing an hour or two will be a huge help. We are also looking for more committee members to join our successful club. **MORE HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!!**

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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SA Premiers Reading Challenge 2024

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

As a college, we will be participating in the SA Premiers Reading Challenge in 2024. The Premier's Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program that was introduced by the Premier in 2004 to encourage students to read more books and enjoy reading, as well as improve overall literacy levels. The Challenge requires students to read 12 books between the beginning of the school year and early September (6th of September 2024).

To complete the challenge, students are required to read a combination of books from the Challenge booklists and books of their own choosing.

- *Year 7- 9 students need to select at least 4 books from the Premier's Reading Challenge booklist and 8 books of their own choice.*
- *Year 10-12 students can select 12 books of their own choice at an appropriate literacy level.*

The booklists are available on the Premier's Reading Challenge website. [Book List | Premiers Reading Challenge SA](#)

We understand that each student at our college will have different entry points due to various reasons when it comes to reading. However, we strongly encourage all students, no matter their reading ability, to participate and find personal confidence and enjoyment in reading. There are a range of strategies and tools that can be used to support reading, and we encourage all students to communicate with their English teacher to choose appropriate books to their reading level, as well as find other platforms that can support them to complete this challenge.

Public libraries across South Australia strongly support the Premier's Reading Challenge. They play an integral part in the program by providing books for students to borrow. Many of the books in the booklists can be downloaded for free or borrowed in hardcopy format through the statewide OneCard [library catalogue](#). Your OneCard allows you to borrow and return Premier's Reading Challenge books to any of the public libraries across South Australia.

→ Join online and search the library catalogue at libraries.sa.gov.au/join

→ Read parent and family information about the PRC at libraries.sa.gov.au/prcparents

→ Access the digital services, including PRC ebooks and audiobooks at libraries.sa.gov.au/digital (*Libby and BorrowBox are recommended free apps that have a large collection of e-books and audiobooks*)

If you have any further questions about the challenge, please email your child's English teacher, or contact the front office and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Isabella Trudgian

Learning and Wellbeing Coordinator

Natalie Meuret

Leader of Learning



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ART CLASSES

Young people will learn how to draw and paint with specialised teaching.

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Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday after school
Commencing 6th February through to 10th April

3:30-4:30 (8 to 9 year olds)
4:40-5:40 (10 to 12 year olds)
5:50-6:50 (13+ year olds)

Monday Venue: Our Lady of the River Art Room, Berri
Tues & Wed Venue: St Joseph's School Art Room, Renmark

Contact Greg Reeks for further enquiries on:
Phone: 0403 697 315
Email: gregorygreeks@gmail.com

ONLY 10 STUDENTS PER CLASS

RZ6501



Catholic School Parents SA is pleased to present:

Middle to High School Cool

presented by Madhavi Nawana Parker

Tuesday March 12 2024
6pm - 8pm (in person or online)

Nazareth Catholic Community
344 Findon Road, Kidman Park

This Parent Engagement Evening, hosted by Catholic School Parent SA, welcomes all parents and carers of children in Catholic schools.

During this period of psychological change and growth, pre-teens and teenagers want to fit in. This practical workshop will give you an insight into the minds of this age group and how best to respond to their social and emotional needs to prepare them for the next stage of their education.

Madhavi Nawana Parker, Director of [Positive Minds Australia](#) is one of Australia's leading experts on Mental Health and Wellbeing.

Register via the [CESA Registration Centre](#) or go to the [Events page](#) on the Catholic School Parents SA Website.

cspsa.catholic.edu.au

Catholic School Parents SA Info Session – attend in person or online

Tuesday 12 March, 6.00pm – 8.00pm

No matter what we say to young people about not caring about what others think, this is the age where they care the most. During this period of psychological change and growth, pre-teens and teenagers want to fit in. This workshop will help you understand what's going through their minds, how to help, and the importance of staying connected.

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Cost: Free

Register via the CESA Registration Centre - <https://registrationcentre.cesa.catholic.edu.au/event-5602363>

NETBALL TRIALS

JUNIOR TRIALS



RENMARK NETBALL
CLUB

Wednesday 6th March
Wednesday 13th March
Wednesday 20th March

Renmark Netball Courts

11U 4-5PM

13U 5-6PM

15U 6-7PM

17U 7-8PM

Junior Competition Age

11U 2013/2014

13U 2012/2011

15U 2010/2009

17U 2008/2007

Enquires to

Renmarknetballclub@gmail.com

or Rachael 0405 305 836



Receive up to \$500 from ANZ for your 2025 back to school costs

Achieve a savings goal for 10 months and ANZ will match it up to \$500. You need to:

- ✓ Be 18 years or older
- ✓ Have a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- ✓ Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- ✓ Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- ✓ Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

Terms and conditions apply.



Many families are experiencing cost of living challenges as well as increased education costs.

Saver Plus supports eligible families to take some control of their finances by offering a matched savings incentive and financial education workshops.

If parents commit to saving up to \$50 a month for 10 months, ANZ will match their savings up to \$500 for families to put towards school uniforms, stationary, camps, laptops, sports fees and music lessons.

*The program accepts Child Support, Carers Payment and Cash in hand as regular income.

If families join in February 2024, they can claim their matched savings in December 2024 in time for 2025 school costs.

To learn more about Saver Plus attend an online Information Sessions: [Register here](#).

Saver Plus supports people to develop life-long savings habits. It's been running for over 20 years and more than 58,000 Australians have participated. It's delivered by Brotherhood of St. Laurence, The Smith Family and Berry Street. It's funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services.



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saverplus.org.au



Recharge Youth - Chill and Chat



RECHARGE Youth

Chill & Chat

Living Waters Church, Loxton

4-6pm

Come play board games or just hang out with others at our Chill & Chat sessions.

Meet new people and make friends.

Saturday 16th March

Saturday 20th April

Saturday 18th May

Saturday 15th June

Saturday 20th July



GI Youth

Term 1 Dates

Years 7-12 | 11 Mortimer Road, Berri

7pm Start | 9pm pick up



Instagram



Facebook



Spotify

➡ For more information, check out our socials or contact us on 0435 000 398

Week 2 ~ 09/02/24

2024 Launch Party

We are super excited to be back! Let's kick off the year with a partayyy!

Week 3 ~ 16/02/24

GI Tribal Games

Bring your competitive side, and get hyped for TRIBAL GAMES!

Location: Rivergum Christian College

Week 4 ~ 23/02/24

Connect Groups

Bring your favourite snack, your bible, and a friend!

Week 5 ~ 01/03/24

'Chose Your Own Adventure'

What will you chose? Come along to find out!

Week 6 ~ 08/03/24

Connect Groups

Bring your favourite snack, your bible, and a friend!

Week 7 ~ 15/03/24

Op Shop Formal

Hit the op shops, and come dressed up in your best suit & tie or fanciest ball gown. **\$5 Dinners.**

Week 8 ~ 22/03/24

Connect Groups

Bring your favourite snack, your bible, and a friend!

Week 9 ~ 29/03/24

Easter Service

Open to all families & parents. **\$5 Dinners.**

Week 10 ~ 05/04/24

Connect Groups

Bring your favourite snack, your bible, and a friend!

Week 11 ~ 12/04/24

Movie Night

Come dressed in your pjs & bring your favourite movie snacks.



RIVERLAND
CENTRAL
CHURCH

friends and learn more about who they were created to be. Plus, we have a LOT OF FUN!

"Do you complain there is nothing to do in the Riverland? No bowling alleys, cinemas, frozen yogurt shops?"

Well, G1 Youth provides a fun program on Friday nights during the school term for high school aged students. We welcome everyone from all ages, gender identities, religions, home situations and Riverland regions!

Stay Connected



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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

2024 College Athletics Carnival

St. Francis of Assisi College – 2024 Athletics Carnival Results

Championship Shield

1 st	Aqua	1025
2 nd	Ignis	1000
3 rd	Terra	917
4 th	Ventus	775

Team Games Shield

1 st	Ventus	110
2 nd	Aqua	105
3 rd	Terra	100
4 th	Ignis	90

Team Spirit Shield

1 st	Terra	25
2 nd	Aqua	24
3 rd	Ventus	22
4 th	Ignis	19

U13 Boys Champion

Sebastian Coote	58
Ivan Atsaves	50
Jenson Sheene	40

U14 Boys Champion

Samuel DePalma	70
Jaxon Curtis	42
Jack O'Bryan	40

U15 Boys Champion

Ethan Thomas	50
Ashton Carr	46
Harry Pfeiffer	38

U16 Boys Champion

Ryan Prokopec	48
Aaron Kurian	38
Riley Halupka (U15)	36
Armaan Khaira (U15)	36

U13 Girls Champion

Ruby Steutzel	50
Sandra Nguyen	38
Charlize Pearce	34

U14 Girls Champion

Amber Matulick	66
Ruby Malinovski	62
Shynae Pittman	40

U15 Girls Champion

Blossom Kimberley	56
Via Naong	54
Billie Augey	50

U16 Girls Champion

Rhianna Thorpe	68
Imogen Lyons	54
Jerlina Kingson (U15)	40