

#### Important Dates

Father's Day

Sunday 1 September 2024

National Child Protection Week 1 -7 September 2024

Sunday 1 September 2024

College Official Opening - Stage 2 Build

Monday 2 September 2024

Father's Day Coffee and Muffin

Tuesday 3 September 2024

Student Free Day

Friday 6 September 2024

Rowing Regatta -Grade 2

Saturday 7 September 2024

Community
Wellbeing Week 9-13 September
2024

Monday 9 September 2024

**RU OK? Day** 

Thursday 12 September 2024

Riverland Field Day

Friday 13 September 2024

Riverland Field Day

Saturday 14 September 2024

College Board Meeting

Monday 16 September 2024

Student/Parent/Teache&tudent/Parent/TeacheWhole School

Learner

Conversations

Tuesday 17 September 2024

Conversations

Learner

Wednesday 18 September 2024

Assembly

Wednesday 18 September 2024

Year 8 Outdoor Camp - 18-20

Wednesday 18 September 2024

Flinders University Enrichment Day -Careers and Pathways

Thursday 19 September 2024

Grade Rowing Regatta #3

Saturday 21 September 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

# **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.



#### Official Opening Invitation



# Official Opening & Blessing Liturgy of St Francis of Assisi College Stage 2 New Buildings

Celebrated by Bishop Karol Kulczycki, SDS



Monday 2 September 2024

Please arrive at 11:15am for 11:30am start followed by light refreshments.

Extending an invitation to our College community to attend the Official Opening and Blessing Liturgy of the College Stage 2 new buildings. Please register: https://www.eventbrite.com/.../official-opening-blessing...

#### From the Principal

#### Appreciating our Education Support Officers

This week we celebrated 'Support Staff Week of Action'. This was an opportunity for us to recognise the significant contribution that our wonderful Education Support Officers make to our school community. Their work is wide and varied across our school. It ranges from

supporting children in classes with their learning and wellbeing to ensuring that our wide range of administration services run day to day. Without them our College would not function. With grateful hearts, may we all give thanks for our fantastic support staff.

A highlight of the week was the collection of personalised messages our ESO staff received from students and staff in the College. This specific feedback to each individual ESO highlights the significant impact on our students.

#### Season of Creation

This weekend we will enter the Season of Creation. The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to listen and care for our common home. The Season "Celebration" begins Sunday 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends Friday 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. This week you might like to ponder these questions as a family:

- 1. How can we live more sustainably? 'Less is more.' What does this statement mean to you?
- 2. How well do we listen to the cries of the earth? You might like to explore further information here:

Season of Creation - Laudato Si' Movement https://seasonofcreation.org/

#### Staff Retreat Day - Friday 6 September

Friday 6 September (Week 7, Term 3) our staff will attend our annual Staff Retreat Day.

Mrs Sheridan Bonney, our Assistant Principal of Religious Identity and Mission has planned a day of engagement and self-reflection.

The thread of the day will link to our College Motto; *Laudato Si'*, with a particular focus on 'Care for Self', and a connection to Creation also.

#### Wellbeing Initiative - Classroom Pulse 'Check-In'

As in past years, each term this year during Week 5 and 6 every student in a Catholic School in South Australia will participate in a simple online Classroom Pulse Check-In. This Check-In has been developed to ascertain how students are currently feeling about their experience in school. It is tailored to allow your child's teacher(s) to Check-In and provide immediate feedback and support to them. The Check-In will be carried out during the school day. There are a range of simple questions about your child's life at school, their identity as a person and a learner, their sense of belonging, safety, and friendships.

A sample of the Check-In can be found here: www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/classroompulse

# 'Every conversation matters.' - National Child Protection Week: September 1 to September 7

In 2024, the National Child Protection Week message that 'Every child in every community needs a fair go' will be complemented with the theme 'Every conversation matters'.

Conversations are powerful tools to keep children and young people safe and well.

Conversations can help us understand issues, craft solutions, value community knowledge, and build the brains and social connections of children and young people.

#### Conversations between

- ...children and their caregivers matter (from the very earliest days)
- ...children and their peers matter
- ...families with teachers, doctors, and other professionals matter
- ...friends or neighbours matter
- ...decision-makers and the communities they serve matter.

And, of course, conversations in the public realm and media matter...

So this National Child Protection Week we invite you to speak up – and speak together – about what needs to change for every child in every community to have a fair go.

This theme provides a platform to:

engage in important conversations,

- · promote the value of conversations, and
- equip us to have conversations that keep kids safe.

#### Mr Nathan Hayes, Principal

#### Religious Identity and Mission

#### Year 7 Faith in Action

As part of our Faith in Action initiatives, our Year 7 students have been researching cultural and faith gardens to prepare for designing and building our own at St Francis of Assisi College. Last week, we were fortunate to have Tony Sharley, Founder and Guide of Murray River Trails, as our guest speaker.

Tony shared his expertise on creating gardens that both reflect and support our local environment. He emphasized the importance of using native plants, which are adapted to our unique climate and soil conditions, ensuring a garden that thrives sustainably. Native plants not only meet our area's specific needs but also enhance the garden's cultural and ecological value.

In addition to Tony's insights, we are excited to welcome Sam Mitchell, who will offer a First Nations perspective on garden design, and local ecologist Heather Neilly, who will share her expertise with our cohort. We are deeply grateful for these expert locals who are generously sharing their time and knowledge with us, enriching our understanding and helping us create a garden that truly reflects our community and environment.

#### **Prayer - Season of Creation**

The Season of Creation typically runs from September 1 to October 4 each year. It begins on the feast of St. Gregory the Great and ends on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This time is dedicated to prayer, reflection, and action on behalf of the environment and our responsibility to care for creation.

#### Creator God,

As we near the Season of Creation, we thank You for the beauty and wonder of our world. Help us to care for the Earth and all living things with love and respect.

Guide us to live in harmony with nature and to protect Your creation for future generations.

Through Christ our Lord,

#### Amen.



#### Leader of Learning



#### Book Week 2024: "Reading is Magic"

Week 5 marked the much-anticipated Book Week, and this year's theme was "Reading is Magic". All year levels engaged in book week activities within Pastoral Care, either here at the College, or through primary school partnerships. Here's how each group celebrated:

The Year 7 students embraced their inner authors by crafting their own magical stories. With a prize on the line, they brought enchanting worlds and characters to life.

Our Year 8 cohort took a trip to St Joseph's Barmera, where they engaged in Book Week activities with the Reception to Year 2 students. It was a wonderful opportunity for the older students to inspire and share the magic of reading with the younger ones.

Similarly, **the Year 9 cohort** travelled to St Joseph's Renmark to join the Year 3 students in their Book Week celebrations. Students had various opportunities to read aloud to the class, take turns in paired reading, and create magical bookmarks. The Year 3 students loved showing off their fantastic costumes and had a great time listening to the Year 9's read.

The Year 10s took a nostalgic turn. Firstly, staff members shared their favourite childhood/teen books, and how they inspired their love for reading. It was then the students turn to share their childhood favourite books. This activity not only rekindled fond memories but also encouraged discussions about how these stories have shaped their imaginations over the years.

Book Week 2024 was a magical experience for all involved, reinforcing the idea that "Reading is Magic" at any age.

Thank you to Mrs Isabella Trudgian for organising this year 's engaging Book Week activities.

#### **Term 3 Student Progress Update Reports**

Student progress update reports will be released through SEQTA on **Thursday 5 September**. 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 for 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 **Tuesday 17 September and Wednesday 18 September** from 4pm-6pm at the College. These meetings will involve subject 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 subject teacher.

Mrs Natalie Meuret, Leader of Learning

# Year 8's visit St Joseph's Barmera to share story-time and bookmark-making with Year R's



Year 9's visited St Joseph's Renmark to join the Year 3's for Book Week celebrations.



#### College Community Wellbeing

#### Community Wellbeing Week

We invite all the families of our students to attend from 1:15pm on Thursday in Week 8 to enjoy the completion of Community Wellbeing Week.

The student leaders have been diligent in their preparation for the activities across the week. We look forward to our family activities on Thursday afternoon organised by the **Ventus student leaders** that includes a bake sale fundraiser and a range of competitive games during our extended lunch.



# 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 broad	er
community! Their next parent webinar is now open for registrations. Please see details below.	

openparachute\*

# SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD DURING & AFTER PARENTAL SEPARATION

A COMPLIMENTARY WEBINAR FOR CAREGIVERS



Discover actionable strategies for helping your children feel secure, loved, and resilient as they grow up in two homes.

Hosted by Clinical Psychologist and co-parenting Coach Tiffany Rochester, this engaging webinar will arm parents with simple techniques and strategies to improve co-parenting, decision-making and communication.

It offers a compassionate and practical guide to safeguarding your children's emotional and psychological wellbeing during and after separation.

Time: 7-8pm AEST

Date: Tuesday, 3 Sept 2024

**REGISTER NOW!** 

Scan the QR Code to Register



This webinar is proudly presented by Open Parachute®

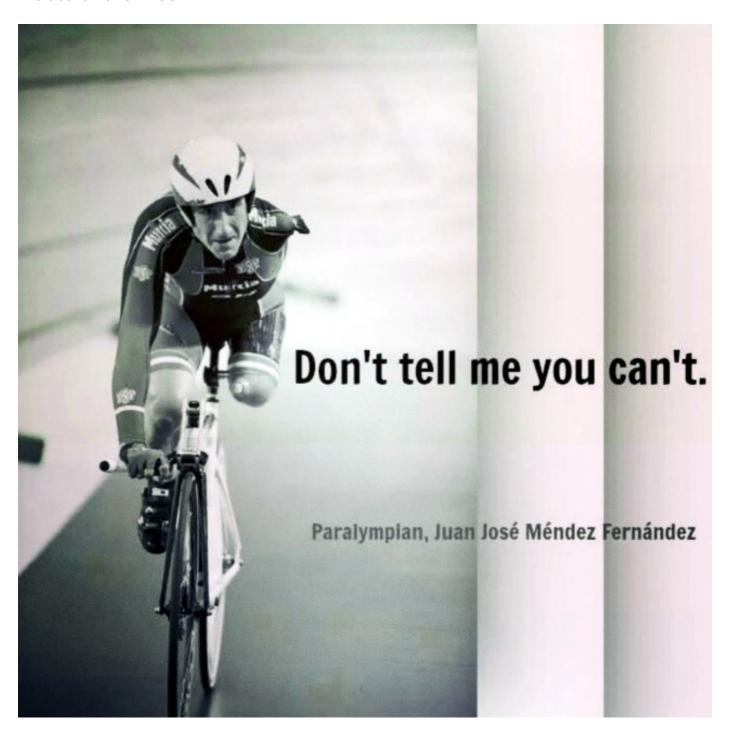
https://openparachute.com.au

#### 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



Mr Luke Cotter, Leader of Wellbeing

#### Year 10 Outdoor Education Bike Riding Camp

In Week 4, our Year 10 Outdoor Education students, accompanied by Miss Ruby Orchard, Mr. Luke Prokopec, and Mr. Adrian Hunt, embarked on a 3-day bike riding camp at Calperum Station.

Throughout the camp, students showcased their impressive camp craft, navigational, and organisational skills. They also had opportunity to engage in an educational session with an ecologist, gaining valuable insights into ecology, particularly concerning the Murray River and its surrounding areas.

Despite the challenges, our students displayed remarkable resilience and perseverance, making the most of their time at the camp.

A huge thank you to **Mr. Prokopec** and **Mr. Hunt** for their invaluable support in the support vehicle, ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone.



#### Year 7/8 Football



On Wednesday of Week 6, Mr. Sampson and Mr. Goodman took our Year 7/8 Boys Football team to Clare to play in Round 2 of the Statewide School Competition.

In the first game vs. Balaklava HS, our boys played with great speed and confidence, linking up well with handball receives and moving the ball forward quickly. This resulted in a strong performance with lots of scoring shots.

St. Francis of Assisi College 7.12 54

Balaklava HS 2.2 14

Best Players: Jack O, Noah W, Jack F, Louis B, Harry L, Seb C.

Goalkickers: Noah W 3, Seb C 2, Yanni K 1, Louis B 1.

We then played straight away against Clare HS, who certainly had some very talented individuals in their team. Our boys worked tirelessly to slow them down and apply lots of pressure. Unfortunately, Clare HS were too good for us and deserved to come away with the win.

St. Francis of Assisi College 3.4 22

Clare HS 5.7 37

Best Players: Harry L, Samuel W, Jack O, Campbell D, Tejdeep S, Jenson S.

Goalkickers: Noah W 1, Seb C 1, Samuel W 1.

A big thankyou to **Mr. Goodman** and **Mr. Sampson** for their organisation and coaching on the day, as well as Henry D (Year 10) and Ivan A (Year 7), for their help as field and goal umpire on the day.

Mr Fraser Sampson, HPE Teacher



#### 7-9 Boys Knockout Netball 2024



In Week 6, the 7-9 Boys Knockout Netball team made their way to Netball SA Stadium in Adelaide to participate in the State-wide School Sport Knockout Netball Finals. The first two games against Blackwood HS and Modbury HS were tough games, with the team putting up a good fight in the second half of each game. The team got their first win on the board in a close game against Seaview HS (26-25) in the third match of the day. They came up against Seaview HS again in the 3 v 4 final, where they fought back in the last 10 minutes from 9 points down, to take out the win 28 -26! The whole day was a great showcase of individual skill, teamwork, and good sportsmanship!

#### Rowing Program Update



After a disrupted start to our training this term due to illness, we had our Senior and Junior squad returning to the water healthier. The focus is building our endurance and incorporating our learnt technical skills into longer, steady state sessions. We mixed it up and travelled downstream through the Paringa Bridge. Our squad is preparing for upcoming Regattas at the end of Week 7 and 9, both held at West Lakes, Adelaide.

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





We invite all dads, step-dads, grandparents, uncles, special friends to enjoy a coffee/hot chocolate/chai and muffin with your child/ren at our College Cafe in celebration of Father's Day.





# Reminder

Friday 6th September 2024 is a Student Free Day

Laudato Si'





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 mile 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.





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/

#### Junior Employment Opportunity - Tri State Graphics

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

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

Looking for someone who is available during school holidays.

#### Key Duties & Responsibilities:

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

#### Required Skills and Experience:

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

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

Manager

Tri State Graphics

216 Renmark Avenue

Renmark S.A.

85865815

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

# **STRONGER FAMILIES:**

#### A POSITIVE PARENTING CONFERENCE

PRESENTED BY



#### **OUR SPEAKERS**



HELP ME HELP MY TEEN



TEENS, PARTIES, ALCOHOL AND VAPES. WHAT DO PARENTS NEED TO KNOW?



BEING CALM IN THE EYE OF A PARENTING STORM

THE SANCTUARY ADELAIDE ZOO

1 PLANE TREE DRIVE

SATURDAY AUGUST 31

9AM REGISTRATION 9.30AM TO 3PM

\$25 + Booking Fee per person. Light lunch included

Tickets available at Humanitix www.events.humanitix.com/stronger-families-conference

### cspsa.catholic.edu.au/events

Catholic School Parents SA are delighted to share the **Parenting Conference** with you. **There is an outstanding line up of guest speakers**, who will touch on three different topics:

- Maggie Dent: Help Me Help My Teen.
- Paul Dillon: Teens, Parties, Alcohol and Vapes. What do parents need to know?
- Madhavi Nawana Parker: Being calm in the eye of a parenting storm.

#### Event details :

- Tickets \$25 including light lunch along with the fantastic line up of speakers
- Held at The Sanctuary Adelaide Zoo
- Term 3, Sat 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.

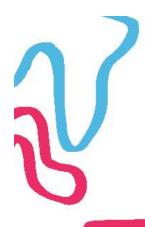
We are looking for compassionate individuals, couples and families to become foster carers to provide a safe and supportive home for vulnerable children and young people. We'll support you 24/7 and provide all the training you need.

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

LIFE WITHOUT BARRIERS





# TERM 3 AT RYT

# WEEKLY CLASSES



MONDAYS

MONDAYS

TUESDAYS

Music and Movement
FROM JULY 22

Dungeons and Dragons
FROM JULY 22

Teen Ensemble FROM JULY 30

TUESDAYS

WEDNESDAYS

THURSDAYS

Online Creative Club: Art Experiments FROM JULY 30 Online Creative Club: Poetry & Performance FROM JULY 31 3rd Place FROM JULY 23

# FORTNIGHTLY/MONTHLY CLASSES

FRIDAYS

SUNDAYS

NO SET DAY

The Alternative Club FORTNIGHTLY FROM JULY 26

Pondi
FORTNIGHTLY FROM JULY 28

The Judy's MONTHLY TBC

FURTHER DETAILS AND REGISTRATION
VIA LINK OR QR CODE







For more information on RYT visit their webiste

Home • Riverland Youth Theatre (ryt.org.au)







#### "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

Date: 15 May 2024

Renmark Paringa Council in partnership with Mental Health First Aid Partners have secured grant funding from the State Emergency Relief Fund to bring Resilience First Aid Training to the Riverland at the end of October 2024. More information as to what Resilience First Aid Training is, when the courses are taking place etc, details can be found on Council's Engage RPC Platform <a href="https://engagement.renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au/resilience-first-aid">https://engagement.renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au/resilience-first-aid</a>

The 2-day courses available are wonderful professional development opportunity and best of all they are FREE. Following the River Murray Floods 2022/2023, the aim for this program is to equip front facing professionals in our community with tools that enable and build resilience.



South Australia Police are hosting a Business Security Conference in Berri in order to engage with Riverland business owners about security, cybercrime, and reporting. SAPOL senior management from the Murray Mallee will also be in attendance for questions.

The details of the conference are as follows:-

WHERE: Berri Hotel, Riverview Drive, Berri

WHEN: Wednesday, 2 October 2024

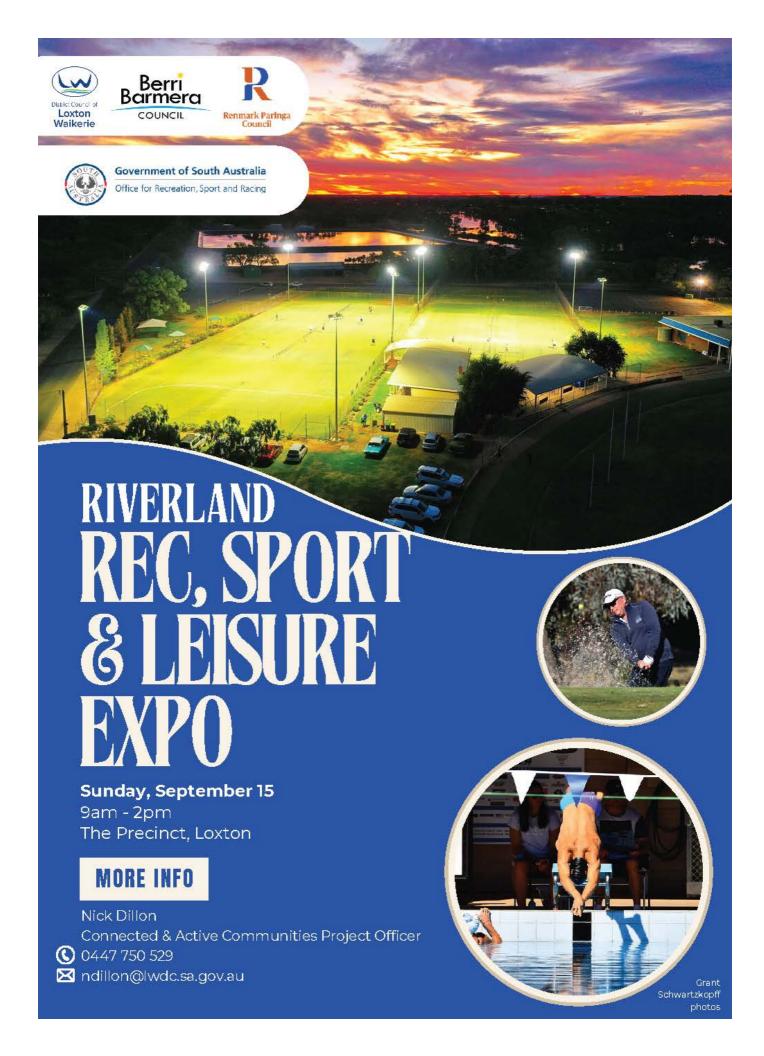
**TIME:** 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

COST: \$13.50 (plus booking fee)

Includes finger food, with tea and coffee.

To book visit eventbrite.com.au and search "SA Police"

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









**FREE** girls footy clinic at the Riverland Recreation, Sport & Leisure Expo!

Ages 11 - 16

Meet & be coached by current SANFLW players from the West Adelaide Football Club!

New & returning players welcome.

- September 15th
- The Precinct, Loxton
- 9am 10am

Skill practise to build your confidence, kicking challenge & a mini game to finish the session.



Register your details here to attend

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY





REC, SPORT & LEISURE EXPO

PLAY





A GRADE, B GRADE, U16S, U12S AND WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST

AT THE RENMARK OVAL COMPLEX.

BBQ & DRINKS PROVIDED.

# 2024/25 SEASON LAUNG!

FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CONTACT
PRESIDENT
TROY HENDERSON
0400 842 355

SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 10AM-12NOON



# U12S CRICKET

**SEASON 2024/25** 

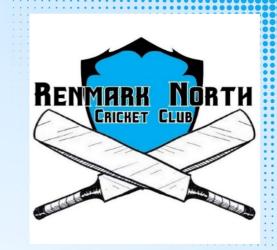
WE'RE LOOKING FOR PLAYERS TO JOIN OUR TEAM THIS SEASON!

GAMES WILL BE PLAYED ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

Come out for a bat & a bowl at our season launch on Saturday 14th September, 10am-12noon at the Renmark Oval Complex. Gear provided or bring your own.

For more information contact U12s coach, Darren Schwartzkopff: 0407 951 853

renmarknorthcricketclub@gmail.com







Come out for a bat & a bowl at our season launch on Saturday 14th September, 10am-12noon at the Renmark Oval Complex. Gear provided or bring your own.

For more information contact U16s coach, Blake Henderson - 0428 195 886 renmarknorthcricketclub@gmail.com





# OODLES OF FOODLES NIGHT



food making & food based games

Saturday,
September 14th
6pm - 9pm
Living Waters Church,
Loxton

\$2 for food and a drink







For High School Aged Youth Events contain some Christian content

For more details call or text 0488 444 240.

@reachargeyouth



REACHarge Youth





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



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









Lessons & activities



Books & supplies



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 Enquire online at saverplus.org.au Smith Family. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

#### To find out more:

Email saverplus@bsl.org.au Call 1300 610 355



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

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

Terms, conditions and eligibility criteria apply.







#### The Ways We Communicate



# **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 aro



#### **FACEBOOK**

St Francis of Assisi College Facebook page features exciting event updates and general information. We share school sporting results, student achievements, along with many photos and videos of our students and activities both inside and outside the classroom.



#### **NEWSLETTER**

The Newsletter is sent out fortnightly via email. You can also find our newsletter link on our webpage. In our newsletter, we share what's happening in the College community, upcoming events and general notices.

Absentees to be notified via: SEQTA Engage, absent@assisi.catholic.edu.au, or call 8595 4500



Don't hestiate to contact the College office on 8595 4500 if you have any difficulty with the various mediums used by the College to commuicate with families. Or alternatively complete the form below.

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