



THE SPIRIT



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL

Parent Information Night

The annual Parent Information Night was held on Tuesday night. This was an opportunity for families to come into the school environment, meet members of staff and see what their children get up to for a large part of their week. I always find this night such a blessing and love the chance to see parents and families.

Over the last couple of years, I've particularly appreciated the families who make such an effort to come in from Naracoorte, Lucindale or other far-flung parts of our school community. I think these families make a particular effort due to not being able to easily get to school at other times and knowing they will be able to meet the majority of their children's teachers in one hit.

Another feature of the information night in Middle and Senior school this year was a presentation by Sophie Bouchier from Substance Misuse Limestone Coast. One of the things I really picked up from her session talking about factors in alcohol and drug use in young people, is how much of a difference it makes when young people regularly spend time with their families. The statistics about drug and alcohol misuse were dramatically different for teenagers and young people who regularly spent time with their family (much lower obviously).

In a similar way I think we are different people when we are spending time with our Heavenly father. The more time we spend in talking with Him through prayer and reading His word, the more we are transformed to the people He wants us to be.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. (Romans 8:14-17)

Damian Bradley | Head of Middle School



UPCOMING DATES

Friday 26 February

- Middle/Senior School Standards Day

Monday 1 March

- Year 11 Tourism Excursion

Tuesday 2 March

- Middle/Senior School Athletics Day

Thursday 4 March

- Junior School Athletics Day
- Year 9 Rite Journey Sleep Over

Friday 5 March

- Student Free Day
- Year 9 Rite Journey Calling Ceremony

Monday 8 March

- Public Holiday

Tuesday 9 March

- Student Free Day

Wednesday 10 March

- Year 8 Camp Cape Bridgewater
- Year 9 Camp Halls Gap
- Clean Up Australia Day

Thursday 11 March

- Year 4 Excursion Port MacDonnell
- Foundation Open Classroom

Friday 12 March

- Schools Music Program

T20 CRICKET TOURNAMENT

Open boys cricket team perform well in local tournament

On Monday, the College's open boys cricket team participated in the SSSA T20 tournament.

The team performed well, winning their match against Mount Gambier High School in the last two balls, after an earlier loss to Tenison Woods College.

Results

Game 1 v Tenison Woods College

Tenison - 6/190

St Martins - 6/114

Game 2 v Mount Gambier High School

Mt Gambier - 7/86

St Martins - 6/88



BOANDIK BUDDIES

Partnership continues despite contact restrictions

The College is excited to continue our partnership with Boandik Crouch Street in 2021.

Unfortunately, due to contact restrictions, our 'Boandik Buddies' are still unable to visit the Lodge. So, students in Years 2 and 5 took the time to draw pictures and make and write cards to their Elderly buddies.

Recently, the College's Junior School Captains, Sophie and Liam, personally delivered bunches of flowers and the handmade cards to the residents.



VETA MORPHUS

First Veta Morphus retreat of 2021

This year, seven St Martins students have signed up to do Veta Morphus - a Certificate III course in Christian Ministry and Theology. As part of the course, they were taken across the border into Nelson to participate in a weekend retreat that would help them to connect with each other, learn about what they have signed up for, and learn a little more about the Bible.



Mr Buckland facilitated the weekend's activities, which included accessing some devotions and videos made especially for the nationwide-yet-local retreats, and a Zoom call with the other peer groups who were also participating in their own retreat.

The students greatly appreciated the opportunity to connect with their peers, to hear more about how to understand the Bible, and to see students from around Australia who had also signed up for Veta Morphus in 2021.

After two nights at Karnkendi, it was soon time to return to their homes, invigorated and ready to tackle the coming year.

It was a pleasure for me to be able to facilitate this retreat, and I look forward to taking the students for an additional two retreats later in the year, hopefully with other groups able to join us in person.

Jason Buckland | Teacher



SECONDARY MUSICAL

A Shrektacular Production

The cast for this year's secondary musical, Shrek, have already started rehearsing - and they are sounding great! All your favourite characters are there, such as Shrek, Fiona, Donkey, Lord Farquaad and a host of other larger-than-life fairytale creatures. Students will be rehearsing regularly to bring you our biggest, brightest and most hilarious musical yet - you won't want to miss it. Pop the 19th and 20th August into your diaries and we'll see you at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre for this Shrektacular production!

Andy Ahrens | Drama Teacher

STUDENT SERVICES OFFICE SURVEY

Please provide feedback on the student services office

For the beginning of this year, the College has been trialling the concept of providing all student services and reception services from the Front Office.

As we near the halfway point of Term 1, we would like your feedback on this trial.

If you have a few minutes could you please complete a short two question survey [here](#).



LIBRARY NEWS

Library Lovers Week

Last week, students enjoyed various activities around the theme of 'Library Lovers Week' - which was being celebrated in libraries Australia wide. Many students enjoyed their *blind date with a book*. Books were wrapped in paper and the student did not know what they were going to get until after they had borrowed the book!

Thank you to everyone who registered for the BIRTHDAY BOOK PROGRAM. We have received many fantastic and popular books for our library. The children who have donated Birthday Books will be presented with them at the next assembly in Week 5.

The Library Team



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Library Lovers Week

The South Australian Premier's Reading Challenge will be launched at the College at the start of March. It was introduced in 2004 to increase literacy standards. Students will be encouraged to read 12 books over the next seven months. The challenge ends at the beginning of September. Some of the College's students are not yet reading. However, books they listen to as audio books or books that are read to them can be included. Please [Click Here](#) to access the reading challenge website or contact the library for further information.

Next week, students will receive a form from their class teacher. It should be kept in a safe place as they can list their books on the form ready to return to the library when they complete the challenge. When forms are completed students will receive points for their House. Students will also be given a badge which is placed on our 'Wall of Fame' behind our borrowing desk. At the end of the year students completing the challenge receive an award from the Premier.

We can't wait to see who will be first on our special wall behind the borrowing desk!

The Library team



NOTICE BOARD

Latest notices and community events

Please [click here](#) to access the Community Noticeboard for posters and Information of upcoming events and activities within the College, and the wider community.

TERM PLANNER

Keep updated with the upcoming College events

Please [click here](#) to access the College Term Planner for all important dates and upcoming events.