

From the PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Carers,

As Term 1 rushes past like rains in the rivers (we're hoping to see), there are events punctuating every week to remind us of the many joys of Encounter.

Next Wednesday I'm joining the Year 6 student leaders for a young leaders' workshop with other students from Lutheran schools across South Australia. We value our student leaders highly and will seek opportunities to broaden their horizons. With this in mind, we are also introducing on-site workshops for all our R-12 leaders throughout this year.

With Year 12 formal a fortnight away, the precursor to that event is our Class of 2017 Reunion, where we get to catch up over a casual dinner our most recently graduating Year 12s. They may no longer officially be part of our College family, but we still love them. What a night that will be!

Finally, I'm heading to Brisbane on Sunday afternoon with Tori Weiss, Penny McKenzie and Tyna Newman, with our focus being on several school visits and structured time spent on strategic planning for Encounter as we look towards 2025. Merely drifting into the future gives us no confidence, so an intentional approach to where we are heading (and how we'll get there) is critical to ensuring we can continue providing the very best for Encounter families.

In our absence, Jacob Hambour and Jon Gear will be co-Acting Principals.

God's Blessings

Kelvin



Looks like school, feels like home...

What's ON!

Week 8 Term 1

Monday 19th March

- * Junior School Swimming :
Yr 1R, Yr 2W&K, Yr 4T&H, Yr 5C

Tuesday 20th March

- * Junior School Swimming :
Yr 1R, Yr 2W&K, Yr 4T&H, Yr 5C
- * Year 8 Immunisations Dose 1

Wednesday 21st March

- * Junior School Swimming :
Yr 1R, Yr 2W&K, Yr 4T&H, Yr 5C
- * Headspace Information Session 6pm

Thursday 22nd March

- * SAPSASA Boys KO Tennis - Aldinga

Friday 23rd March

- * SAPSASA Country Swimming
Championships
- * Shine - Year 4 Hambour
- * Class of 2017 Reunion -
The Beacc House Café 6pm

Week 9 Term 1

Monday 26th March

- * Junior School Swimming :
Yr 1R, Yr 2W&K, Yr 4T&H, Yr 5C

Tuesday 27th March

- * Junior School Swimming :
Yr 1R, Yr 2W&K, Yr 4T&H, Yr 5C

Wednesday 28th March

- * College Twilight Tour - 6pm

Thursday 29th March

- * Shine - Easter Service - 2.25pm

Friday 30th March

- * GOOD FRIDAY

From the Head of JUNIOR

Dear Parents,

I enjoyed another of my many Encounter 'firsts' since joining the team, at Sports Day last Friday.

What a fantastic day! The weather was perfect and it was great to see so many people from our community come together to support the students as they competed for their House teams.

Well done to Rosetta on winning Sports Day for the second year in a row, under the capable leadership of **Yu Cameron, Kate Lommon, Sophie Stratfold, Zac Martin and Leila Britton.**

Coordinating such an event is always a massive undertaking and a great deal of people worked extremely hard to ensure the day ran so smoothly. A big thanks to all the staff for their efforts, as well as the fabulous P&F who kept us fed and watered throughout the day. This year for the first time, also saw the Year 12 Food and Hospitality students prepare delicious breakfast burgers which were gratefully devoured by the early starters.

Learning across the Junior School is progressing well with the first Units Of Inquiry coming to an end and new units commencing. It has been fantastic to see such rich learning occurring in the classrooms and such engagement in the units by the students. Be sure to ask your children what they have been up to.

Enjoy your weekend,

Blessings,

Tori Weiss



From the Head of MIDDLE & SENIOR

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

One of the things that makes me proud to be part of the Encounter community is the wonderful sense of care that our students demonstrate towards each other. Those of you who were able to attend Sports Day would have seen the beautiful interactions between our younger and older students, and a fantastic sense of team that was evident in each of the Houses. Congratulations to Rosetta House on their victory, but most importantly, congratulations to all those who gave their all on the day.

Whilst Sports Day was underway I was meeting with representatives from USA Education and the NCAA exploring pathways, both sporting and academic, for our students. I also had the opportunity to speak with Maxima about potential vocational traineeships and apprenticeships. Connecting with both overseas and Australian universities, employers and training providers on a regular basis ensures that our students are navigating their pathways with the most up to date and relevant information available to them. Every student's individual pathway is important at Encounter. We pride ourselves on ensuring we provide them with as much experience and information to make an informed decision. I hope you have a wonderful week.

Blessings,

Penny McKenzie



Scholastic Book Club

Orders are due
Wednesday 28th March.



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STAFF DEVOTION by Tracey East

Being part of a team

"Two are better off than one, because together they can work more effectively. If one of them falls down, the other can help him up. But if someone is alone and falls, it's just too bad, because there is no one to help him. If it is cold, two can sleep together and stay warm, but how can you keep warm by yourself; Two people can resist an attack that would defeat one person alone. A rope made of three cords is hard to break."

| Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Encounter's Sports Day last Friday was action packed with the setting up, the events, the catering, and the team celebrations – all elements of a successful event that can only be achieved through team work and team spirit.

Our College House system, comprising of the four Houses across R – 12, is at its most vibrant and competitive on Sports Day and House team-members band together to compete, cheer and encourage one another to achieve success and perform to the best of their abilities.

On this day we witness many acts of team spirit and "comradeship" and it reminds us of the importance of working together as part of a team and the satisfaction that can result from these interactions. Strong bonds that form through our House structure are at their greatest in the final years of schooling when Senior Home Classes are based on these four Houses. Senior students become true role models and "buddies" to the younger year levels as they interact and lead House meeting times.

Our students are blessed to be in an environment where a sense of belonging is of the utmost importance and to be able to rely on House buddies as well as immediate friendship groups ensures that there is always someone there to "help them up", "keep them warm" and feel as strong as three chorded rope and above all, loved.



INTRODUCING



MR MICHAEL KEOUGH

Wow! I can't believe that this is now my 7th week of teaching here at Encounter and what an action-packed 7 weeks it has been with huge events such as the Night on the Green and Sports Day thrown into the mix!

I graduated from Uni in 2009 and spent 2 years living and working in Newcastle in the UK where I taught Maths and PE. The beauty of teaching over in the UK was that I also managed to travel to over 25 countries before moving back to Australia at the end of 2011.

At the beginning of 2012 I secured a place at Pulteney Grammar where I taught a combination of Maths, Science and PE across Years 7-11. It was during this 6 year period that I met my wife Bridget, and also welcomed my two sons, Fergus (2 ½) and Flynn (6 months old).

I thoroughly enjoy teaching, especially when I am able to witness that moment when students experience a breakthrough in their understanding!

My family and I are starting to feel really settled into the local area and are looking forward to further immersing ourselves into the local and College community.

Victor Harbor Lutheran Church

Sunday Services: 9.30am

Lenten Services leading up to Easter:

Wednesdays 7.00pm



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From the SPORTS DESK

SAPSASA CRICKET

Last Tuesday 5th March, our Year 6/7 Boys Cricket Team participated in a Sapsasa Knock Out Match against Investigator College at Encounter Bay Oval. The boys enjoyed a great day of cricket, displaying excellent skills in bowling, fielding, batting and team work. Thank you to all the boys for their leadership and the parents helpers for coaching, umpiring and scoring.

Rochelle Grenfell - SAPSASA Coordinator



Interschool SURFING

On Friday the 2nd of March, Encounter Surf Club had its first round of interschool competition for the year. The first competition traditionally is always the biggest, and this year it included over 20 schools from as far as Kangaroo Island and York Peninsula. The students were stoked to arrive to a sunny day with clean, fun 3-4ft waves all day at Middleton Point.

The Whitewater Girls competition had a number of first time competitors, but it was **Tamzin Spooner** who used her experience in the water to progress through to the semi-finals. Both the Open Boys, and the U16 Boys had success during their early heats and progressed into the semi-finals. Overall, it was a positive result for the entire surf team, who only have one year of competition experience under their belt. Fingers crossed for good waves during the second round of competition coming up in the latter part of this term.

Tom Ling - Middle School Teacher



SPORTS DAY 2018



AROUND THE COLLEGE

Do you have any spare lego or duplo you could donate?

During lunchtimes in The Nest, students love playing and making creations with lego and duplo. We are currently seeking any donations to add to our collection. Any bits and pieces are greatly appreciated!



From the Wellbeing TEAM

Encounters Wellbeing Team strives to partner with parents to support the positive mental health & wellbeing of students. We would like to invite you to:

HeadSpace Parent Information Session: Promoting positive mental health in your young person.

WHEN: Wednesday 21st March, 6:30 - 8:00pm

WHERE: The Nest

Suitable for all Middle & Senior School Parents

HeadSpace is the National Youth Mental Health Foundation providing early intervention mental health services to 12-25 year olds, along with assistance in promoting young peoples' wellbeing.

Did you know? One in four young people have experienced a mental health issue in the past 12 months – a higher prevalence than all other age groups.

Come along for an informative, interactive session covering topics such as:

- What is mental health & the mental health spectrum
- Common mental health challenges in adolescence and their impact on the young person
- Vulnerability & resilience
- Warning signs & when to seek help
- Tips for parents

For further information or to register your attendance please contact Jo Ashcroft
jo.ashcroft@encounter.sa.edu.au or admin@encounter.sa.edu.au .

AROUND THE COLLEGE



ENCOUNTER
LUTHERAN COLLEGE

5th March, 2018

Dear parents/carers,

Once again, we are delighted to provide students with the opportunity to enter the University of New South Wales ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) competitions. Below is a list of competitions and their corresponding sitting dates.

Please look carefully at this list and make selections regarding the competition in which your child/ren will participate. In making this decision it is important to consider your child's strengths and whether they would benefit from entering a competition. Each student is presented with a 'Participation' certificate. Awards are presented to those who receive Merits, Credits, Distinctions and High Distinctions.

Competitions are for **students Year 2 – 12.**

Please return the enrolment form and fees by **Friday 23 March.**
This will allow time for all the enrolment forms to be processed and forwarded.

Tori Weiss
Head of Junior School

Penny McKenzie
Head of Middle/Senior School

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University of New South Wales Competitions

Due to the **Front Office** with payment **Friday 23 March, 2018.**

Student name Year Level

Competition and date held	Cost	Mark to participate
Science Tue 29 May	\$9.90	
Mathematics Tue 14 August	\$9.90	
English Tue 31 July	\$9.90	
Spelling Wed 13 June	\$13.20	

Total enclosed: Parent signature:

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AROUND THE COLLEGE

ELC Parents & Friends

BUSINESS DIRECTORY 2018

APPLICATION FORM



The College Business Directory has been a success over the past couple of years, not only for the local businesses but also for the Parents & Friends fundraising. We would like to offer it again this year with a slightly different look, making it a single sheet rather than a booklet.

This offer is only available to families attending the College and will include trades & services as well as retail & online businesses.

The aim is for the directory to be distributed to the College community through email, P & F Facebook page and a printed copy available from the office and provided to new families.

If interested, please deliver the completed form and payment to the front office by **Friday 30th March.**

Enquiries directed to Jessica Clapp – 0414 253 585 or jesse33@hotmail.com

Renew listing - \$20 fee

Please advise any changes to your listing from 2017

New listing - \$30 fee

BUSINESS NAME [Grid for Business Name]
Contact Name [Grid for Contact Name]
Address [Grid for Address]
Phone Number [Grid for Phone Number]
Email [Grid for Email]

Goolwa / Port Elliot Football Club



Come and be involved at the Goolwa Port Elliot Football Club. Home of the "Mighty Magpies". Whether you are a player, trainer, coach, volunteer or just enjoy your local footy, we would love to welcome you to the club.

Teams:

Men's—A Grade, B Grade, U17.5's, U14.5's, U12's, U8's. Auskick

Women's—Open, U16, U13

For playing enquiries please contact Football Director Fraser Cooper on 0439854435 or Women's Coach, Lauren Dart via email goolwafcwomens@outlook.com. For any other club query please contact Ryan Bridges on 0414379528



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Key Dates:

Thursday 15th of March—Junior Registration Night, 5pm at Clubrooms

Sunday 18th of March—First Round of GSFL Women's Competition

Saturday 7th of April—GPEFC Season Launch. 4pm til late at Clubrooms

Saturday 14th of April—Round 1 of 2018 GSFL Season