

From the PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Carers,

I trust you all had a relaxing, sunny and enjoyable autumn break over the past fortnight. The weather was delightful!

I also extend a warm welcome to the fifteen new students joining Encounter at the beginning of Term 2. I'm confident you'll all settle well into our community and be embraced by our existing students and their families.

This week many of you would have received an email inviting you to take part in the Quality Schools survey, which is a unique tool implemented across all Lutheran schools in Australia. Conducted every two years, it intends to provide clear feedback for schools so they can listen, respond and plan accordingly to meet the needs of their communities.

While 'survey fatigue' can be a very real issue for some of us, I do ask that you take this opportunity to share your unique perspective so we can continue to meet the needs of the Encounter community as best we can. The results will be used to inform and frame the 'Beyond 25' strategy for Encounter our Board is developing throughout 2018. Our staff also have considerable, ongoing input, so we're confident our future directions will be clear, decisive and customised for the Encounter family.

God's Blessings

Kelvin



What's ON!

Week 2 Term 2

Tuesday 8th May

- * Year 9/10 Drama Performance
The Nest 6pm
- * Early Learning Photos

Wednesday 9th May

- * Year 9/10 Drama Performance
- * SAPSASA Sthn Fleurieu Cross Country

Thursday 10th May

- * Volunteer Training 6pm

Friday 11th May

- * P&F Mothers' Day Stall
- * Senior School Immunisations -
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- * Volunteer Training 9am
- * Shine - Year 4 Thiele

Week 3 Term 2

Monday 14th May

- * Year 10 Canberra Camp
- * Year 8 Melbourne Camp

Tuesday 15th May

- * Year 10 Canberra Camp
- * Year 8 Melbourne Camp
- * NAPLAN Years 3,5,7,& 9

Wednesday 16th May

- * Year 10 Canberra Camp
- * Year 8 Melbourne Camp
- * NAPLAN Years 3,5,7,& 9

Thursday 17th May

- * Year 10 Canberra Camp
- * Year 8 Melbourne Camp
- * NAPLAN Years 3,5,7,& 9

Friday 18th May

- * Year 10 Canberra Camp
- * Year 8 Melbourne Camp
- * NAPLAN Catch-up Day
- * SSSA K/O Open 5 a-side Indoor Soccer
- * Shine - Gallery students

Looks like school, feels like home...

From the Head of JUNIOR

A warm welcome back to Term 2. I hope that the break from school routine was a pleasant one and that you were able to enjoy some extra time with your children over the two week period. It has been wonderful seeing their smiling faces back at school and being regaled with all manner of adventures that have been had over the holidays. After a productive term culminating with Parent-Teacher interviews, I know the Junior School staff are raring to go and are looking forward to another action-packed term full of fun and learning.

It has been great to welcome some new (and returning) families to the Encounter community, with 15 new students commencing in the Junior School this term. Should you see any new faces around the College, please make them feel welcome.

In Week 3 of this term, Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will take part in the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing. The tests will take place on Tuesday 15, Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 May 2018. Any students with significant intellectual disability or conditions may be exempted from NAPLAN tests when requested by parents. Parents may also wish to withdraw their child from the NAPLAN tests for philosophical or personal reasons. **Should you wish your child to be exempted or withdrawn** from NAPLAN, formal notification is required, using a proforma which is available from the school. Please see Sue Zitterbart or Claire McKenzie in the front office (or myself) for a withdrawal notice. All student exemptions and withdrawals must be finalised by **Friday 11 May 2018**.

As many would know, we are facilitating a parent workshop presented by the Carly Ryan Foundation. It is designed specifically for the parents of children and adolescents and provides helpful information about how to help your child stay safe in online environments. This is really important, particularly as we have been made aware that quite a number of our students are accessing online games and social media platforms (that require a minimum age of 13+). Should you be unable to attend this session, you may wish to check out the Australian Government website *iParent*. https://www.esafety.gov.au/educationresources/iparent?utm_source=social&utm_medium=post&utm_campaign=iparent&utm_term=screensmarttour&utm_content=parents. This website has plenty of tips and practical resources so you can help your child explore safely and manage online issues when they arise. There is parent friendly information on a range of issues including: cyberbullying, online gaming, recommendations about screen time, social networking and privacy.

Blessings,

Tori Weiss

From the Head of MIDDLE & SENIOR

Welcome back! It certainly is wonderful to see our students return rested, happy and engaging in their learning. Term 2 signals a uniform change to winter uniform, including blazers which must be worn to and from school each day.

This Saturday, the College will be hosting SAT testing, as one of only two authorised sites in South Australia. The SAT test is an internationally recognised test, used for College entry in the USA. Most often, senior students applying for USA College scholarships (sporting and academic) undertake these tests. There are 15 registered participants (from all over the state) registered for this week.

On another similar note, Encounter offers other opportunities and pathways beyond the classroom for our students. This year, along with the 30+ SACE offerings, Encounter students are undertaking VET training. Some of these courses are: Certificate II in Electro technology, Certificate III in Agriculture, Certificate III in Christian Ministry (VETAMORPHUS), Certificate III in Early Childhood, Certificate III in Individualised Support (Aged Care), Certificate III in Fitness and Cert IV in Photography and Photo Imaging. The SACE today provides such a breadth of choice for our young people, and it is a privilege to provide each and every student at Encounter with an individualised pathway.

If you have any queries about our College offerings, please do not hesitate to contact the Front Office.

Enjoy your week!

Blessings,

Penny McKenzie

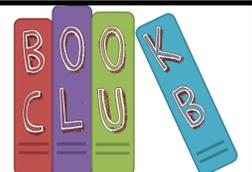
HOMEWORK CLUB - OPPORTUNITY FOR TUTORING/ ASSISTANCE

Did you know that a Homework Club is available to all Middle & Senior students Monday—Thursday 3.15-4pm in the Nest. Students are supervised and can seek assistance with assignments and study habits. Teaching staff are also available to answer any academic questions that arise during the applicable times.

Parents can book their child into the Club by emailing their homeclass teacher.

Scholastic Book Club

Orders are due
Friday 11th May.



STAFF DEVOTION by Tony Carbone

Perseverance

Perseverance is an important theme in the New Testament. Many people will follow Jesus for a short time, but only a few will keep following, even through trials and challenges. (see Mark 4:13-20). Many of today's proverbs look forward to these themes. Meditate on Mark 4:16-17.

God wants us to keep getting up when we stumble, but also to have compassion when our adversary stumbles.

This is a powerful example of how true Christians live in ways that are radically different from others. When people see these qualities in us — how we keep getting up after falling, and how we never delight in the falling of others, even our adversaries — they take note, because they are seeing the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

Pray for the Holy Spirit to increase these qualities in your life.

Personally, I have struggled and persevered most of my life to get things I've wanted and do things I've always wanted to achieve. Now close to retirement I believe it was perseverance that got me where I want to be.



Tony is pictured here with Ann Wills who is admiring one of his beloved "Timber Art" pieces from the recent Art Exhibition "VISUAL IDIOM - THE ART OF SELF EXPRESSION" held at "Artworx Gallery" during March and April.

INTRODUCING



Mr Craig Bottrill

I think I blinked and week one is almost gone. The students and staff have been really great and supportive as I settle in to life at Encounter.

I have worked in an amazing range of positions so come to Encounter with a range of real life experiences including adult education in the workplace which is sometimes more challenging than the school environment.

I graduated in 2000 and then decided to study further and achieve another degree in 2009, also in education. I have taught in a variety of schools and contexts from TRT to short term contracts, from Mawson Lakes to McLaren Vale and now here on the beautiful South Coast. I have taught Science, Biology, Mathematics and Music.

I have my own business, with twelve employees, which has been running for about nine years. In the last three years the bug to go back teaching has grown as the requirements of building the business have diminished. My wife and four children have encouraged me to return to the field of education recognising my love for seeing success and growth of knowledge in students.

In my spare time I enjoy sea kayaking and getting back to the Riverland. I also work with the Australian Airforce Cadets at 617 squadron (Unley) as their Executive Officer and Unit Safety Coordinator.

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From the SPORTS DESK

SAPSASA Netball

Congratulations to our SAPSASA Netball girls who had a fun day out this week at the Southern Fleurieu Netball Carnival winning their Pool and coming 3rd overall in their Division. Thank you to Alana Burdett and Sarah Raper for their support.



SAPSASA Football



The ELC SAPSASA Football Team participated in the Southern Fleurieu Football Carnival at Encounter Bay on Wednesday 2nd May. The Year 5-7 Boys displayed excellent spirit and skilful team work throughout the day, winning 3 out of 4 matches in their pool to finish fourth overall. Thank you to Coach Justin Riggs and parents for your support on the day.

Rochelle Grenfell - SAPSASA Coordinator

Encounter Sailing

During the April Holidays, Encounter's sailing team participated in the State Team Sailing Championships held at Goolwa. After a slow start to the competition due to lack of wind, our team came 10th out of 27 teams with an Encounter/Victor composite team coming 18th.

Congratulations to **Nick Pannell, Harry Lawson, Jaxon Morgan, Kai McCallum, Josh Biscoe, James Rowland, Akaysha Morgan and Briony Pannell.**

These students worked extremely hard and well together and definitely have their sights set on Nationals for next year!

Jen Biscoe



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AROUND THE COLLEGE

Basketball Program Expansion

Thank you for your amazing ongoing support of our Elite Basketball Program. The excitement around the program has led to a strong influx of applicants, therefore, it is with great pleasure that we announce the expansion and restructuring of the program to include a Development Squad. The new program will be structured as follows;

Name	Abbreviation	Target Age Group
Intensive Training Squad	(ITS)	Year 8 – 12 students
Development Squad	(DS)	Year 5 – 7



The Development Squad (DS) will begin in Week 3 of Term 2. Invitations to join this program will be sent shortly. 90-minute practical sessions will run every Thursday afternoon from 2:30 pm, finishing at 4:00 pm. We are very excited about the development and future of our Encounter Basketball programs and we thank you for your ongoing support and involvement.

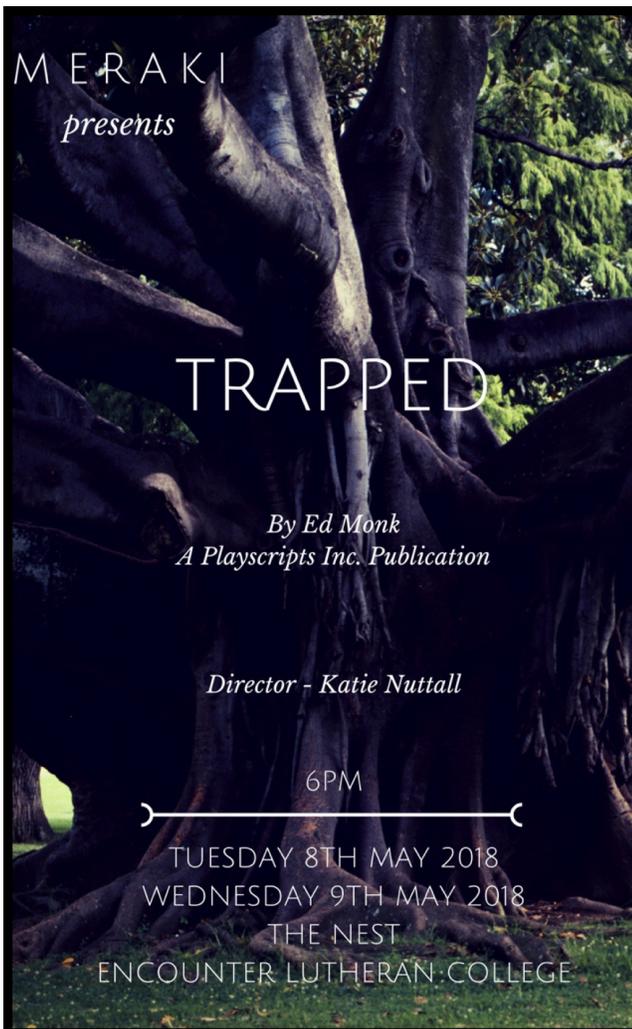
Troy Wegener
Basketball Program Coordinator

DRAMA PRODUCTION - GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

The year 9/10 Drama class (MERAKI) are proud to present their first ever production. 2 one act plays will be performed in The Nest at 6pm Tuesday 8th May and 6pm Wednesday 9th May 2018.

Tickets are \$5 and available through trybooking.com <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=366647>

Both plays are recommended for audiences aged 12 and over.



MERAKI PRESENTS

ANONYMOUS

BY ALLISON GREEN
THEATREFOLK PUBLICATIONS

DIRECTORS - KATIE NUTTALL & MOLLY PEIER

7 pm
Tuesday May 8th 2018
Wednesday May 9th 2018
The Nest
Encounter Lutheran College



AROUND THE COLLEGE

Roadworks - Agnes Gillespie Dve/Adelaide Rd

Construction on the Agnes Gillespie Dve/ Adelaide Rd intersection has now begun in earnest.

Attached is an image that outlines the traffic management approach that is being adopted to ensure the project flows safely and efficiently until its conclusion in June some time.

I am certain all our patience will be tested as we adapt to the detours and congestion, but look forward to a far better outcome in a few short months when traffic around our College will be far more manageable.

Thank you
Kelvin

