Welcome back to Term 3!

I extend a special welcome to the many new families who have joined Encounter this week. I hope you all settle quickly into our family and feel very much at home.

Speaking of home, I’m glad to be back within the four walls of our home, albeit away from the gorgeous European summer.

Four weeks overseas was amazing, memorable and truly special. The first part of my trip was spent in Germany, accompanied by senior leaders across Lutheran Education Australia and visiting significant sites relating to Martin Luther.

From a cultural, historical and theological perspective it was eye-opening and such a privilege to be able to walk in the footsteps of someone who helped shape the 16th Century and so much beyond.

I look forward to sharing some little gems with students throughout the term ahead when I get the chance.

God’s Blessings

KELVIN
From the Head of Junior School

Welcome back to Term 3 to what is going to be another action-packed term!

It was great to start with Opening Shine which gave our students an opportunity to come together as whole school community in not only worship but also celebrating NAIDOC (National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee) Week.

NAIDOC is an Australian observance lasting from the first Sunday in July until the following Sunday and seeks to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Particularly special for the students in the Junior School was the chance for our JS leaders to be involved in the ‘official’ opening of the Yarning Circle and for the all of our students, the fantastic opportunity to learn about a significant and historical skill of the Ngarrindjeri women. (Look out for photos to follow later in this newsletter).

This week we also welcomed the Watoto Children’s Choir from Uganda and heard stories and songs from a different part of the world.

Such experiences are so important for our students and greatly assist them to develop what the Primary Years Program calls ‘international mindedness’. International mindedness, a way of viewing the world. It is a term that describes how people think about the world and how they see, react and respond to it. It is deeper and more profound than knowledge, it is about attitudes and values (mindedness). Being internationally minded helps our students to develop empathy, compassion, tolerance and respect.

Who doesn’t want that for their children?

Blessings
TORI WEISS

From the Head of Middle & Senior School

Welcome back!
It is wonderful to be back at Encounter, and to see students returned refreshed and energetic for the second part of the year.

Next Wednesday evening is our combined Subject Selection Evening and Careers Expo, which will be held in the Kondole. This has been combined to give students and their parents a chance to hear information from both the College and further education providers at the one event.

Students and families from Year 8-11 are invited to be seated by 6pm for subject selection information. Year 12 students and families are invited from 6.30pm, when Universities, TAFE, and other organisations will present course options and information to all students from Years 8-12.

At the conclusion of these presentations, families will have the opportunity to obtain more personalised information from these institutions. The evening should conclude around 8.30pm.

Subject counselling interviews with all students and parents/carers will commence on Friday 3rd August.

Individualised subject pathways and counselling are a hallmark of the Encounter journey, and I look forward to continuing this in 2018 with our community.

Procedures for booking appointments will be emailed to all families.

Blessings
PENNY MCKENZIE
“Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.”
Romans 15:7

Staff Devotion
by Narelle Camm

Welcoming new families to Encounter
More than ever we are welcoming new families into our Encounter family on a termly, even weekly, basis. These families, as did you, have made the choice that Encounter is the right school to nurture, care and educate their child or children - a place they can thrive. With this choice comes a nervousness of settling in, being able to connect, with the hope of making new and sometimes lifelong friends - not just the case for students but for parents and carers as well.

We believe that our Encounter community is one that allows people to feel welcomed and have the ability to effortlessly join in with groups and take on roles such as our Parents & Friends committee, classroom carers and College volunteers. A place they can belong.

It is sometimes easy to spot the new child/family as they navigate a new school yard, new routines and new procedures - however sometimes, in the busyness of our own lives, we just don’t pick the new faces.

Please keep your eyes out for the “new kids on the block” and show them some of that “Encounter kindness” that they have already heard so much about - this too is a reason they have made this significant choice for their family.

The Wrap - Sports News

SAPSASA Southern District Soccer Champs!

Congratulations to Tom Barnett, Fletcher Brunt, Tay Parker, Ty Hastings and Charlie Humphris (pictured with their team mates) who represented Southern District in the SAPSASA State Soccer Carnival. The boys finished higher than any previous Southern District side playing a huge 11 games over 5 days.

Soccer Champs in the Making!

Ben Roberts and Tom Barnett were in the State Talent Identification Program Competition for soccer over the school holidays. The boys were selected and played against players from across the entire state. Ben played in Wallaroo and both boys played at Angle Park.

Ben is pictured with his international coaches who came from the Arsenal Football Club.
Naidoc Celebrations

The beginning of the term saw Encounter’s celebration of NAIDOC with Opening Shine dedicated to the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and acknowledging specifically the contributions of indigenous women in line with this year’s NAIDOC theme of “Because of Them We Can”.

This was followed by the official opening of our Yarning Circle where we were joined by local Ngarrindjeri women Auntie Ellen, Auntie Noreen, Ellie and Jelina. The College was delighted these women could officiate the opening of our Yarning Circle and share the significance of such a meeting place with students and invited guests.

Junior school students were then able to spend time with the women and learn their traditional art of weaving throughout the day.

From the Nest

Book Week 2018
18-24 August

This year’s Book Week theme is “Find your TREASURE” and we will be holding our annual Book Week Dress Up Day on Friday 24th August and we encourage students to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book.

Junior School Book Club

Join Encounter’s Junior School Book Club! Register by emailing: thenest@encounter.sa.edu.au and you can enjoy sharing books such as “The Elephant” by Peter Carnavas with your children.

Thank you

We would like to thank both Woolworths Victor Harbor and Bakers Delight Victor Harbor for their generous donations towards morning tea as part of our NAIDOC celebrations.
GPS Café

Soup’s Up!

Michael in the GPS Cafe is now serving ‘soup in a cup’ at recess to all College students for only $2.00. Pre-orders and payment are made during home class via class trays (Junior School) and MS and SS can order directly through the Cafe before lesson 1. The soup changes regularly and provides a healthy mid morning meal to get through to lunch, a great option if you run out of things to pack for kids recess snack.

A great start to the day!

‘Kick Start For Kids’ breakfast program is now entering its fourth year here at Encounter, providing students of all year levels with fruit, cheese toasties and weetbix to get them off to a positive start in the morning. Breakfast is available from 8.30 to 8.45am. Upon supply and availability, the fruit is available throughout the day for students to snack on when they get peckish.

Café Open for parents & carers

The Café is available to parents to purchase a coffee after Shine/Assembly on a Wednesday (MS/SS) or Friday (JS). Feel free to meet with friends in the Yarning Circle and enjoy “real” coffee or even a chai latte!

Subject Selection Information Night & Careers Expo - Years 8-12 2019.

Next Wednesday evening we will be holding our Subject Selection Info Night and Careers Expo in the Kondole from 6pm.

Parents and students (who will be entering Years 8-12 in 2019) are encouraged to come along to be informed of the subject offerings for 2019 and relevant SACE information so that students are selecting subject patterns to ensure success.

It is also important that students begin to consider how they can best select subjects that suit their gifts, talents, and are relevant to their preferred future pathway. With this in mind we have invited Tertiary Institutions such as Flinders University, Adelaide Uni, ADFA, TAFE, SAPOL, and AIE.

Year 12 students are encouraged to attend from 6.30 pm, to hear from the further education providers.

Further information will be sent out later this week regarding this evening and subject selection interviews that will be conducted for each student with Penny McKenzie this term.

Performing Arts Showcase

On Thursday 23rd August (Week 5), we will be presenting our Encounter Dance Showcase “Full of Life” at the Victor Harbor Town Hall.

Dance students from Junior School through Year 12 will be performing at this Showcase. Tickets are $5 each and can be purchased through Trybooking by following the link below. We look forward to seeing you there.

https://www.trybooking.com/406498
14 excited students embarked on 3 days of fantastic skiing, boarding and snow based antics at the beginning of July. The first day’s action was at Coronet Peak, and day 2 and 3 were at the Remarkables, a unanimous favourite amongst the group.

We were blessed with fantastic weather, perfect snow conditions and awesome ski runs throughout the week. It was wonderful to see the confidence grow in many of the students who had never been to the snow. It did not take long for negative thoughts such as “I hate this” and “I can’t do this” to quickly change to excited exclamations of “did you see me! I only stacked twice” and “let’s go again!”

In the evenings students were kept busy exploring beautiful Queenstown, and our last night was spent braving the famous haunted house “The Fear Factory”. Our Queenstown Trip was topped off with the “must have” Ferg Burger on the last day.

I would like to sincerely thank both Penny McKenzie and Dan Ruiz for coming along and helping out on the ski trip, and to the parents who supported not only their students but the staff throughout the preparation and... at the airport ;).

A very special thankyou goes out to all the students who attended.

I was very proud to be able to be a part of such an adventure with 20 amazing young women and men of Encounter Lutheran College, and I can’t wait to do it again in 2020!

Adam Pfeiffer
Middle School Teacher
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NEXT STEP PROGRAM
2018 Program

5-8 year olds | $90
Tuesday 2 October, Alberton Oval
9am – 10pm OR 3pm – 4pm
Restricted to 100 registrations per session.

9-14 year olds | $200
Wednesday 3 October & Thursday 4 October, Alberton Oval | 9am – 2pm each day.
Maximum 150 registrations.

Each participant will receive:
Personalised Guernsey, football, SANFL Macca’s League Grand Final Family Pass & other awesome goodies.
Register before 1 August, for your chance to be one of the 2018 Grand Final Medal Presenters.

Registrations close Tuesday 7 August

SA School Art Show 2018
Opening by Lucy Robin Friday 24th 5.30-7.30 (Invitation Only)
Opening Hours: 24th 9-3, 25th 10-4, 26th 11-4, 27th 9-3

Aug 24-27, Victor Harbor R-7 School, The Parkway, Victor Harbor

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