

# elc newsletter

# Hearts and Minds

From the PRINCIPAL



As we beg the rain to relent and the sun to stay, it reminds us a number of seasons are changing. For local sports stars, finals are upon us. Beyond the next month or so, winners will have grinned and will be looking to their summer sport of choice...or perhaps a Saturday sleep-in?

As parents, I wonder how often we stop and ponder the seasons within our family life and particularly for our kids. It is very easy for us to roll our eyes, raise our voice or mutter under our breath when our kids are struggling, making poor choices or simply falling short of our expectations. It is so critical, however, to recognise the seasons of childhood that are necessary to enable the fullness of life. A bad day is sometimes just a bad day, but it could also be a lesson, an opportunity for growth and a way to flourish tomorrow for the next day.

Just as spring is starting to spring, I encourage you to view your own kids similarly to the precious plants in your garden. It may be a prune or a good soaking of rain they require right now, but done with love and paired with the important partnership we share with you as Encounter staff, we can look with hope as we see our children thrive.

Blessings,  
KELVIN

## What's On !

### Week 7 Term 3

Tuesday 3rd September

- \* Early Learning Photo Day
- \* CREST FORUM -

Rebekha Sharkie (MP)

Wednesday 4th September

- \* Year 2 Narnu Farm Camp

Thursday 5th September

- \* Year 2 Narnu Farm Camp

Friday 6th September

- \* **STUDENT FREE DAY**

### Week 8 Term 3

Tuesday 10th September

- \* Year 11 Drama Production
- \* Year 8/9 SSSA Boys/Girls Football Carnival

Thursday 12th September

- \* Year 4 Student Led Conference

Friday 13th September

- \* CREST FORUM -  
Dr Moira Jenkins
- \* SHINE - Year 3 Jericho

#### \* P&F MOVIE NIGHT

5pm - Early Learning - Year 2  
PAW PATROL (G)

(parent Supervision required)

7pm - Year 3 - Year 6

THE GREATEST SHOWMAN (PG)



Barista Coffee & Tea  
available from the  
**College's GPS Café**  
each Friday from 8.45am

**BOOK CLUB DUE:**  
Friday 13th September

Looks like school, feels like home...

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## From the Head of Junior School

Kelvin and I spent an all-too-short visit with the Year 4's at their camp at Woodhouse in the Adelaide Hills, earlier this week. While we were there, it was easy to get swept up in their excitement about all they had seen and done in the short time since they had left school. ("We saw four real-life koalas, Mrs Weiss! In the trees - just outside! Come and look! And three kangaroos which we actually saw hopping just over there! So close!! And we saw one possum - although that doesn't really count because it was in the museum in Hahndorf and it was stuffed and it was a bit creepy! And guess what? We have lasagne for tea tonight. It's my absolute favourite!")

As we drove away, my heart was full of their stories and smiles and I felt enormous gratitude for the teachers and parents who forgo their own need for a good night's sleep (and hot showers, good coffee and other creature comforts) so that our students can have a memorable learning experience that goes beyond the classroom walls.

It got me thinking about the other benefits of school camps, benefits we see that make camp worth the nerves and anxiety (and tiredness that comes after):

- Social - children need to interact with each other in a different setting and different environments to help improve their social skills. Spending 6+ hours a day at school is one thing but eating meals together, travelling together and sharing dormitories teaches children the worth of working together and treating each other with respect.
- Away from family - Breaking out of that family environment for a short period of time teaches our children about the diversity of others and gives them insights into how to do some things differently.
- New - new things, new opportunities, new skills, new friendships....
- Independence - It is important for your child to occasionally break the bonds of a family group to build their independence and ability to operate on their own or with different people. A JS camp, whilst not offering total independence, places your child in a position where they have to have a greater degree of independence about how their day unfolds.

Next week the Year 2's will have their chance to do this too. Blessings

TORI WEISS



## From the Head of Middle & Senior School

Welcome to Week 6!

Last week our students and staff heard from our College student leadership applicants for 2020. We are very blessed to have such passionate, strong and servant hearted leaders in our student body. Successful applicants for our College and House Captain positions will be announced next newsletter. We are grateful for all students who have expressed their desire to serve our community in these leadership roles.

Subject counselling and selections is now complete. We are grateful to be able to offer our students the subjects that are relevant to them on their journey through secondary schooling. We have a number of new subjects for 2020 as a direct result of student interest and staff capacity and the desire to see our young people truly engaged in their learning.

Our current Year 12 students are now beginning to finalise their school assessments and undertake their revision for trial exams, which are held in Week 2 of the school holidays. Staff are engaged heavily in not only preparing our young people in the classrooms, they are also undertaking professional learning and curriculum review as part of the International Baccalaureate evaluation process. This extra level of accountability for our teaching and learning ensures our students are engaged in a curriculum that develops internationally minded, critical and creative thinkers. The evaluation process culminates in a visit from the International Baccalaureate next August. I look forward to sharing the process with our College community. I hope you have a blessed fortnight.

PENNY MCKENZIE



## STAFF DEVOTION by Tanya Brooks

### Daddy, I Love You

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*You held me up when I was weak.  
You hugged me close when tears I'd weep.  
When things got hard, you pushed me through.  
You always showed me you loved me true.  
I know there were times I made you cry, and to this day, I don't know why.  
For without you, where would I be?  
I am thankful God gave you to me.  
Thanks, Dad, for you are one in a million.*

Father's Day is a time to celebrate the special Dad's in our lives. It's a time to let these special people in our lives know how much we love them. The children in Early Learning have been talking about what is special about their Dads and some of the responses have been so beautiful I love my Dad because: He makes LEGO with me, He always buys me yoghurt, He always shares film stories about when he was young, He lets me help in the garden, He hugs me, He does a flip over with me in the pool'

He tips me upside down and lets me have mints in the car, Every year we celebrate Father's Day by having a pancake breakfast in Early Learning with the children and their special Dad's.

Mr Grivell and other staff Dad's cook pancakes for the Early Learning father's. It is a fantastic celebration of our Dads and the children love being part of the festivities Lets celebrate these special people on September 1st and let them know what they mean to us.



## BOOK WEEK 2019

### "WHAT IS YOUR SECRET SUPERPOWER?"

This year it was fantastic to see so many students from not only Junior School, but Middle and Senior also, participate in our annual Book Week Dress Up Day.

Staff also enjoyed the opportunity to bring out their inner superpower for this fun day!





## FROM THE SPORTS DESK

### SAPSASA FOOTBALL CARNIVAL

On Wednesday, Encounter students participated in the SAPSASA football carnival at Encounter Bay. Students played four consecutive games before playing their fifth game in a playoff for third place. Encounter ended up finishing in fourth position in the Division 1 Pool, losing to Investigator College 8.3 to 6.1. Both teams played well; however, the Encounter students stepped up their effort and played their best game for the day.

Special mentions need to go to Noah Williams (Year 10) and Rhett Grenfell (Year 9) for coaching the team and to Matawai Scarvelis and Max Fancsali for captaining the team. I also want to acknowledge Keane Jamieson for taking on giants, Reed Fancsali for taking special marks with his gecko hand, Lily Baxter for tackling every boy on the field, and Ollie Martin for his bravery.

We were impressed by the way our Encounter students conducted themselves on the field and off the field. Their sportsmanship and respect for others was commendable.

DAN RUIZ



### SAPSASA NETBALL

On Wednesday the 21st of August a squad of Year 5-7 girls competed in the Netball SAPSASA competition at Victor Harbor.

We had a wonderful day in the sunshine playing 9 different games against teams from all around the Fleurieu. The girls represented the College with good sportsmanship and a fighting spirit. They were determined and displayed huge potential for the coming years. Well done girls!

Thank you to those parents who supported us with cheering, scoring and team management.

### SCHOOL SPORT SA

Congratulations to both Lily Baxter and Rhun Williams who recently represented South Australia in Basketball and Hockey respectively, competing in 12 and under National Sporting Championships. Lily's basketball team came home with a bronze medal after the finals round and Rhun's hockey team finished up in equal 3<sup>rd</sup> place, also receiving a bronze medal. Well done to these sporting stars!



### INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Henry Round and Delia Althorp on their results for the RSL AMEB music accreditations. Henry achieved his Grade 5 in Guitar with a Merit and Delia has achieved Grade 6 in Vocals also with a Merit. Awesome work!





## FATHER'S DAY



8:30-11:00am

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> of August  
in 'The Nest'

All gifts just \$5

(available afterwards in the Administration office)



# FREE

come and try  
Karate lesson

**Training Here**

Goolwa P/S  
Tuesday Nights

Pt Elliott P/S Gym  
Wednesday Nights

Victor Harbor  
Encounter Lutheran  
School Gym  
Thursday Nights



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Friday 13 September



5:00pm **Paw Patrol Mighty Pups**

6:00pm **Dinner**

7:00pm **The Greatest Showman**

Pre purchase a pizza slice for your free movie ticket  
Includes popcorn & a juice box (order forms to be sent home)

**PARENTS RETREAT**  
BYO Wine  
Cheese platters  
available

**SNACK BAR**  
Lolly bags  
Assorted Drinks  
Baked Goods

**PLEASE  
DONATE  
BAKED GOODS**

All Students to be signed in/out from Kondole  
5pm session for EL - Y2 - Adult supervision required  
7pm session for Y3 - Y6 (Movie is PG rating)

# RAFFLE

MAJOR PRIZE: Middleton Accommodation & Dinner Package



Other Prizes include:

- ❖ Vittoria Coffee Machine
- ❖ Soma Health & Beauty Voucher
- ❖ Essential Collective Co - doTERRA Essential Oils Voucher
- ❖ Victor Harbor 4WD Centre Voucher
- ❖ Kombi Surf Lesson Voucher
- ❖ Dan's Outdoor Services Voucher
- ❖ Folly's on Ocean Voucher
- ❖ Charlie & Jack Voucher
- ❖ Middleton Tavern Bar & Bistro Voucher
- ❖ Vicia Cinema Voucher
- ❖ Caffe de Carlo Voucher

**Tickets  
\$2.50**

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