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Hearts and Minds

From the PRINCIPAL



Next weekend Skye and I are heading to Canberra for a flying weekend visit to meet our newest nephew (number 5!).

Young Samuel has just ticked over two months and it seems long overdue that we're going to cuddle this gorgeous boy. Even though we haven't met him, we know it's going to be great. The new baby smell, his big brother's love, the shared experience of new birth amongst family members and celebrating life that is such a gift.

It's strange sometimes that we go into some events or experiences expecting the best...but at other times we probably expect the worst. How does it turn out? Usually how we first presume it to be.

At times our assumptions can be based upon previous experience, but often there are other factors too. Fear, tiredness, uncertainty, anxiety; the list goes on.

Perhaps the closing weeks of the year may be like that for you. Is my child going to finish the year well? Are they ready for the next year level? Will they be with their best friends and the teacher of our dreams in 2020?

Although some of these and other questions may be valid, I encourage you to look on the bright side, expect the best and seek to resolve any issues once (not before) they actually take place. It usually works out for the best, so let's trust the process, each other and look forward to a fun, frivolous and frantic final seven weeks of the year.

Blessings,
KELVIN

What's On !

Week 3 Term 4

Monday 28th October

- * Year 8/9 Girls KO Basketball - Round 2

Thursday 31st October

- * Year 3 Camp - Nunyara Belair
- * Year 6 Exhibition
- * College Twilight Tour 6pm

Friday 1st November

- * Year 3 Camp - Nunyara Belair
- * SHINE - Year 4

Week 4 Term 4

Monday 4th November

- * Year 12 Exams Commence
- * SAPSASA State Cricket Carnival
- * SAPSASA State Tennis Carnival
- * Encounter Beach Clean Up - Victor Harbor Foreshore

Tuesday 5th November

- * SAPSASA State Cricket Carnival
- * SAPSASA State Tennis Carnival

Wednesday 6th November

- * SAPSASA State Cricket Carnival
- * SAPSASA State Tennis Carnival

Thursday 7th November

- * SAPSASA State Cricket Carnival
- * SAPSASA State Tennis Carnival

Friday 8th November

- * SAPSASA State Cricket Carnival
- * SAPSASA State Tennis Carnival
- * CREST - Dr Richard Harris OAM Middle & Senior School presentation
- * SHINE - Year 2 Roberts

Barista Coffee & Tea
available from the College's
GPS Café Fridays from 8.45am

Looks like school, feels like home...

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From the Head of Junior School

It has been a busy start to the term in the Junior School and only looks set to get busier! Year 6s had their 'Big Day In' which is their first official experience with Middle School. They met the key people they will be having most to do with as they begin the transition into Year 7.

Across 4 sessions they covered such things as:

- Looking after yourself mentally - **Jo Ashcroft and Tom Ling (MS Wellbeing Team)**
- What to expect physically (Puberty) - **Donna Barnett**
- Fun games with the Year 7 teachers - **Dan Ruiz and Adam Pfeiffer**
- Introduction to Middle School including laptop program - **Penny McKenzie, Kelvin Grivell and Paul MacLeod**

The day concluded with live music and a free sausage sizzle in the Yarning Circle. The students loved meeting their new teachers and mingling with the older students. Despite some residual nerves, on the whole, they are really looking forward to the next stage in their schooling.

There will be further information coming out later in the term regarding transition for all other classes.

Transition for our brand new Foundation students commences in Week 5. All students will be spending time with their new classes and teachers on Monday and Tuesday of Week 9.

As with all new things, sometimes change can present challenges of a different kind. In this case, many of our students are already thinking ahead to classes for next year. I ask that you please trust the process and trust your child's ability to handle the classes they are placed within. The staff at Encounter have been carefully selected for their gifts, talents and genuine love and care for children. They will be there to support your child manage their concerns and help them transition successfully.

Blessings,
TORI WEISS



From the Head of Middle & Senior School

As we farewell our Year 12s this week, I reflect on the incredible growth we have had since they began their journey through Middle and Senior school here at Encounter. We have been blessed by their presence, and their grace as they've grown with the campus.

As our Year 12s move beyond their secondary schooling, they move into a world where everything is constantly changing.

Once upon a time an apprenticeship or university degree secured future employment. We planned our 'career' early on, and entered into an industry that we would become a part of until we retired. Now, our young people, for the most part, do not stay in the same job – let alone career! McCrindle research states that the average tenure in a job is 3.3 years. So, for our graduating class, this may well translate into about 17 different employers in their working life. As the universities are moving towards changing their entrance processes – with the ATAR now not the only vehicle for university entry, it is important that we can continue to assist our young people in the development of 'soft skills' – such as interpersonal skills, enthusiasm and resilience. I too believe that the 'score' attained in Year 12 does not predict the worth or success of our young people. Their capacity to have empathy, resilience, critical thinking skills and demonstrate kindness is something that will determine their success – not only in the workplace but in their lives too.

I am confident the Class of 2019 are well equipped to deal with the journey beyond Encounter. We wish them love and God's blessing as they (and their families) move into this new phase of their lives.

Blessings for the remainder of your week,

PENNY MCKENZIE



STAFF DEVOTION

By Sara Bruce

THE GIFT OF GIVING

I receive such personal joy from giving, not only at Christmas but all year round.

The time spent searching for the right present, the joy in locating that perfect image for a photo frame, special words for a card, it is all so rewarding. Then of course the surprise, excitement and joy on family and friends faces when they open my gifts or card is wonderful. I would rather give because in return I get my bucket filled and a real sense of self-worth and pleasure.

"You don't need to be wealthy to possess a giving heart." This simple message really resonates with me. We can give in so many ways, it doesn't need to be a physical gift; a knowing smile to the mum struggling with a toddler in the supermarket, an ear to a friend who is troubled, kind words to a colleague having a difficult day or even just lending a hand to someone struggling with a heavy load of books. This year the highlight for me was my involvement with Wakakiri. I consider myself lucky to have been asked to be a part of this special event and able to give of myself for our students and our College in the 4th time Encounter had participated!

If you give, you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, and running over. Whatever measure you use in giving -- large or small -- it will be used to measure what is given back to you.



FROM THE SPORTS DESK

SASSA STATE SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to **Ty Hastings, Jake Ashcroft, Zach Martin, Tay Parker and Jonty Brunt** who were chosen to play for the Southern Fleurieu Soccer Team in the recent SAPSASA State Championships.

The team had a great week in Adelaide showing awesome sportsmanship and love for their sport, finishing third in their division.

PARKRUN ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to **Charlie Ellis** (Year 3) on his recent Parkrun PB of 19.58 min in his first sub 20 run. Not a bad effort for a 9 year old! Well done Charlie.





COLLEGE CAPTAINS 2020 CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following students on being elected as College Captains for 2020.

College Captains

Sam Baxter and Elouisa Thomas

Deputy College Captains

Georgia Riggs, Tahnee Buckley, Sam Tummel and Stuart Scott.



Junior School: Captains

Oscar Mulhern and Zoe Palmer



FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER FINANCE AND BUILDING NEWS

It is exciting to see our new Senior Centre starting to take shape. As a reminder, this project includes new learning areas, and adjoining break-out spaces, a dedicated kitchenette and study space for Yr 11-12 students and expanded office and collaborative spaces for staff. We are also refurbishing our Administration building to include a dedicated Student Services and a new medical treatment area for students. You will see a new Uniform Shop included in this build, with a view to expanding opening hours in the not too distant future.

Encounter's growth and development is thanks to you as parents who have trusted Encounter with the learning and care of your child/ren. We also continue to develop the grounds and play spaces and you can see two new covered courts being constructed in recent weeks. We have also been able to extend the oval a little. New shade sails for the play spaces will arrive over the next couple of weeks and we have commenced developing a Senior School Oval with the view to more work continuing in 2020. It certainly has been all systems go. Our ongoing plans include refreshing our Junior School, with carpets and furniture and the painting of the buildings.

It is cause for celebration that we are able to keep the fee increases to an absolute minimum in 2020, with very minimal changes through Junior and Middle School and no change at all to Senior School fees. With strong enrolment growth and classes reaching capacity in some year levels it is enabling Encounter to give back to our loyal families in this way. There have been no increases to bus fares and most camp fees have remained unchanged. On average Encounter gives back to our community 18%-20% of Tuition Fees by way of sibling discounts, remissions, bursaries, scholarship and school card applications.

Scholarships are now open, so please do contact the Administration Team for further information with applications closing 29th November 2019.

Tyna Newman

DUE: MONDAY 28th October



JAPAN TRIP 2019

AN UNEXPECTED 24HRS IN HONG KONG -

By Georgia Perry and Makayla Mann

Hong Kong was an adventure; to say the least. On the 22nd of September, the 2019 Japan trip crew arrived at the Hong Kong airport; mentally preparing ourselves for a 5-hour stopover. However, things changed drastically within an hour of being at the airport. Typhoon Tapah decided to leave us stranded in Hong Kong. No accommodation, no spare clothes, the protesters and worst of all, no baggage! Hours had passed, and accommodation was finally found. Once we arrived at the accommodation, we realised that it wasn't so bad after all. Thanks to Mr. Grivell, we had the once in a lifetime opportunity to stay in a 5-star hotel. Exploring the hotel, we found a luxurious pool (that we couldn't use of course, due to no bathers), a gym looking over the city, and spacious bedrooms. After arriving at the hotel, we ventured to experience the famous cable cars in Hong Kong. This included a 360-degree view of Hong Kong surrounded by mountains and beautiful waters; eventually leading us to a monastery with The Big Buddha. We also couldn't forget Mr Grear's face as we travelled further from land with a glass floor, to look at the hundreds of meters of sea and land below us. After a night's sleep with a full tummy in the comfiest bed, we struggled to pack our incredibly small carry-on bags to the airport and board our long-awaited flight to Japan!



HOMESTAYS - by Mackenzie Lambell

One of the most significant events throughout the whole trip was our visit to our new sister school, in Kohoku, Japan. Throughout our approximate 2 and a half day-long stay in Kohoku, we learnt many things about the culture and lifestyle of the Japanese residents.

HOMESTAYS - cont.

The first day consisted of tours of the local area, a warm welcome from the council and an opportunity for the students to participate in traditional Japanese activities such as dances, flower arranging and a tea ceremony. On the second day, we experienced a day in the life of a Japanese student, attending various "classes" where we participated in an activity, usually traditionally Japanese or themed, each period. For example, we participated in: Japanese Calligraphy, Kendo (martial art), and building a Lampshade. We even took part in an English lesson, where they interviewed us and our interests. The last day simply consisted of a farewell, a rice factory tour and a visit to the local mudflats. Each night we stayed in Kohoku, we did so in the home of one of the students, who warmly welcomed us, provided for our needs and encouraged us to experience their culture. We are extremely grateful to those who offered to take part in the homestay as they made the experience so much more enjoyable.



KYOTO - by Meesha Whittam

The few days we spent in Kyoto gave us some of the most magical experiences on the whole Japan trip. The Kinkaku-ji and Ginkaku-ji Temples we visited on our first full day in Kyoto were so gorgeous, and the gardens surrounding them were breathtaking. The zen garden we visited that afternoon was also amazing, and the time we had to rest and think there was certainly a highlight. The walk up Mt. Inari at the Fushimi Inari Shrine was beautiful; the path was lined with hundreds if not thousands of Tori gates, and the natural waterfall near the summit made it well worth the hike. The walk through a simulation of Buddha's belly at Kiyomizu-dera Temple was enlightening for some of us, though traumatizing for others. The tea ceremony we participated in as guests was also a highlight of our time in Kyoto; the host was amazing and we were all feeling very zen when we left. The culturally-rich, though short, time we spent in Kyoto provided us with so many experiences, many of which will stay with us for years to come. I am so grateful we were able to visit Kyoto and learn more about the beautiful and more aged parts of Japan, and the origins of Japanese traditions.

HIROSHIMA - by Max Burgess

On the 7th day of our eventful journey, our group had the wonderful opportunity to visit the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park. After staying the night at a hotel and a quick stop for breakfast, we walked about 1.5km to the Atomic Bomb Dome. The Atomic Bomb Dome is the remains of an industrial promotion hall which was destroyed by the atomic bomb during World War II. The bomb exploded 600m above the dome, marking the approximate epicentre of the explosion. From there we made our way to the Children's Peace Monument, where we were met with the colourful display of paper cranes, and the quiet, reflective atmosphere.

We then continued along the river to the Peace Bell, and after ringing it, we walked back through the park to the Memorial Hall for the Atomic Bomb Victims. This was the most emotional and moving part of the experience. Inside the hall, we encountered the terrifying and saddening stories of the victims, and most notably the stories of the suffering children. Children like us, same age, going to school, with families and friends. Underground, in the centre of the Memorial Hall, was the Hall of Remembrance. a place for quiet reflection and contemplation.

It is a memory I won't forget, us students each sitting in a circle, in silence, each reflecting on our experiences.

After this, we explored the Peace Memorial Museum. Another time for reflection, as you walked through seeing and hearing the stories, pictures and artefacts from the explosion.

The Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park was an experience I will not forget, and one which I would recommend.



TOKYO - by Alexandra McPhail

Brought to view by a Shinkansen (Bullet train) was the beautiful city of Tokyo where the elegance of tradition met the bustling, modern city. Our whole trip had been leading up to this. As we exited the train station, I was overwhelmed with the night lights and busy people of Tokyo. We then proceeded to enter the busy Shibuya crossing for the first time- yes, many photos were taken and no, no one got lost!

A new day saw the birth of an incredible birthday (mine), a long-awaited shopping outlet at the colourful and quirky Harajuku as well as a beautiful shrine.

TOKYO - cont.

On the second of October, everyone braved the separation of their beds in exchange for an experience of a lifetime: *Disneyland*. After eagerly waiting for the gates to open, we were released to endless possibilities facilitated by the seven lands; Adventureland, Critter Country, Fantasyland, Toontown, Tomorrowland, Westernland and the World Bazaar. As we perused the happiest place on earth, we endured many rides including; Space Mountain, Pirates of the Caribbean, and Splash Mountain. The experience concluded by a spectacular light parade full of the shining characters that filled our childhoods.

Tokyo was the perfect way to close a wonderful trip and has given us memories that will last a lifetime!



DISNEYLAND - by Molly Peier

On Wednesday the 2nd of October, we awoke at an absurd hour of the morning to embark on one of the biggest adventures of our trip. Thirteen already-exhausted pairs of legs faltered onto the early train to Urayasu. Personally, the excitement within me had not reached a physical form but soon began to manifest as the buildings in the horizon approached. There we first set our eyes on the 'happiest place on Earth', a phrase we would understand within two minutes of entry. Jaws dropped at the first sight of the fairytale-like buildings, stunning architecture and attention to detail. Armed with maps and a newfound child-like wonder, we dispersed into the magical land. The joys of the day only heightened from there.

We made our way around to numerous sights, marvelling at the signature flavour of popcorn in each 'land'. The smell of maple pumpkin churros blended with the collective sense of joy wafting through the air. A favourite sight of mine was seeing three familiar faces, filled with excitement, wandering through the crowds; it was Mrs Weiss, Mr Gear and Ms Cameron, donning their matching glittery mouse ears, smiling wide.

Hours passed in a flash as we tried as many rides as we could, barley taking time to catch a breath. By the end of the night, the day's adventures were beginning to catch up with us, but the exhilaration lingered as we took the time to watch the final light parade.

As the train pulled into our final stop, we strolled back to our hostel, all filled with new stories, adventures and contentment. My head finally hit my pillow as the clock struck midnight, still buzzing with the surreal feeling I will always hold close to my heart: **I've been to Disneyland!**



OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS (OSCH) NEWS

A NEW PROVIDER IS ARRIVING!

Encounter is excited to announce **YMCA** as our new provider for OSCH and Vacation care effective the **12th December** when Vacation Care commences. Bookings open **28th October**. YMCA provides quality Out of School Hours Care (OSCH) for students aged 4-12 years of age. To learn more and to enrol, please visit www.sa.ymca.org.au/osch.

YMCA
OSHC

Encounter Lutheran College

Before School Care	6.30am - 8.45am
After School Care	3.15pm - 6pm
Vacation Care	6.30am - 6.00pm
Pupil Free Day	6.30am - 6.00pm



For bookings call **8200 2516** between 9:30am - 5pm

ORANGE BALL TENNIS CARNIVAL

The Orange Ball Carnivals encourages our younger players to play tennis in a non-competitive environment against other young players who is just starting out. They play on $\frac{3}{4}$ size courts, with slower balls and lower nets to give them the opportunity to play matches they would otherwise not have been able to play.

When: 9th November 2019
Where: Victor Harbor Tennis Club
Time: 10:30am

Format: Players will be randomly divided into doubles teams where they will play a 6-game match against another team. After the 1st round has been completed the teams will be shuffled and everyone will play another match.

Extra: Sausage sizzle, Ice blocks and chocolate milks will be provided for lunch at 12pm

Christmas Gift Drive

IT'S IN THE BAG

Providing women in need the daily essentials.

In lieu of the Encounter Year 11 Drama class charging admission for their Group Production, the class wish for the school community to donate items and handbags for this worthy cause. Ask yourself, what would a homeless woman need? Chances are, she needs the same personal care and sanitary items all other women need. Because nobody should go without. Items that can be donated include Good Quality Handbags you may have in your closet. Items to go in the handbags can include Sanitary Products for women (new and in original packaging), sample and full sizes of unused/new hand cream, deodorant, face cream/wash, soap, toothpaste/brush, hairbrush, shampoo/conditioner, body wash and other daily items women may use.

There are 85,000 homeless women in Australia who need your help this Christmas. Many have fled domestic violence or experience extreme poverty. We want to make them feel special. You can help us help them. It's simple and it makes a big difference in a women's life.

Thank you. x The Year 11 Drama class x

**DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT AT
THE FRONT OFFICE
BY THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER.**



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PRESENTS

EXISTENCE



DANCE SHOWCASE

THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER
VICTOR HARBOR TOWN HALL

6PM \$10 PER PERSON

BOOKINGS : <https://trybooking.com/549888>



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Thursday October 31st

1:30-2:30pm School Community

**5-6:30pm Year 6 Family &
Friends**

Hosted in the Kondole and NEST



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BEACH CLEAN-UP

Monday 4th November

4.00pm – 5.30pm



**With special guest rubbish collectors
Rebekha Sharkie MP and Mayor Moira Jenkins**

- Please complete the attached attendance form and return to school by Wednesday 30th October. **Parental supervision is essential on the night.**
- Students are to wear school uniform, bring your own gloves, hats, sunscreen and a bucket/bag to put rubbish in. Please wear shoes in case of glass or sharp objects.
- Meet and register your attendance on the night from **4.00pm** by the horse stables next to the Granite Island Causeway.
- Please meet back at **5.30pm** for a group photo on beach by Causeway.

