

# elc newsletter

# Hearts and Minds

From the **PRINCIPAL**



Last weekend we had a legally appropriate number of friends around for a camp fire. The weather was absolutely spectacular and the time spent gazing into the fire as kids toasted marshmallows and as pizzas were cooked was simply precious.

Only the day before our Year 5 students had ventured into Block 69 for a fire and all sorts of fun, so it had me thinking...

What is learning and what is fun? Can the two live happily together? Of course!!!

Both at home and at school fires and other types of fun are not purely just fun. Learning is often intertwined, embedded, melded and aligned with those very things that seem like nothing else but good fun.

As we continue to unpack and explore how to best engage with our new backyard, I hope you too can see the very clear connection between joy and valuable teaching moments as all Encounter students soak up all that is on offer down in Block 69.

**KELVIN**



*Looks like school, feels like home...*

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## What's On !

### Term 2 Week 5

#### Tuesday 26th May

- \* Early Learning Photos

#### Wednesday 27th May

- \* Fraser Dash - 2.20pm Block 69

#### Thursday 28th May

- \* Volunteer Training - 6pm The Nest (max. 10 people)

#### Friday 29th May

- \* Volunteer Training - 6pm The Nest (max. 10 people)

### Term 2 Week 6

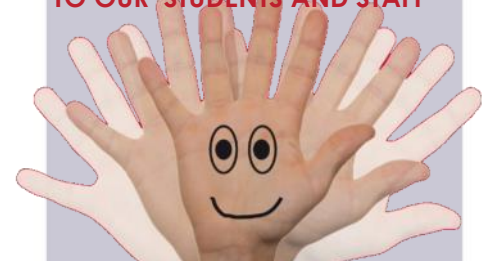
#### Tuesday 2nd June

- \* School Sport SA (SSA) Virtual Cross Country - 8.45am Block 69

#### Friday 5th June

- \* Encounter Cross Country - from 11.30am Block 69

**WE THANK ALL OF OUR  
GENEROUS VOLUNTEERS FOR  
THE SELFLESS ASSISTANCE  
AND SUPPORT THEY PROVIDE  
TO OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF**



**NATIONAL** 18-24 MAY 2020  
**VOLUNTEER**  
WEEK  
CHANGING COMMUNITIES.  
CHANGING LIVES.



## From the Head of Junior School

Over the last week or so, Kelvin and I have been undertaking enrolment interviews for 2021. A part of this process is talking to parents about the education we hope to provide their children. It is a tricky thing to distil our 'pedagogical' approach' (or the way we teach) into a quick bite-sized piece that will provide enough information to help parents understand what they are 'signing' their children up for, while at the same time, not confusing (or worse still - boring) them with educational jargon.

Those families who have been at Encounter for a while would know how important 'play' is in the Junior School. We believe that play is how children make sense of the world around them so these opportunities are intentionally embedded into each day. We believe that when learning 'is in the hands', so to speak, it is more likely to "stay in the head". Looking for ways to get concepts into children's hands in meaningful ways, is critical and the important work of teachers here.

Block 69 is a wonderful opportunity to see this in action. Over the last week, our Year 5's have learnt about heat, and its properties - how to produce it, maintain it and extinguish it, the reversible and irreversible changes that happen as a result of it and the care that needs to be exercised in order to minimise risk when working with it. All this made possible through the lowly campfire! Around the same time, Year 6's were busy learning about what makes for a sound construction, including sourcing appropriate materials, the strength and pliability that makes the selection of these materials good and viable choices. They also learned the importance of working together in teams, sharing resources and cooperating with each other to achieve a common goal. Year 2's investigated the concept of renewable and non-renewable resources found in the block while Foundation students were busy working on their communication and social skills with each other through adventuring into the block.

So as you can see - we have been busy. We are so excited to continue to explore links to the curriculum through 'play' or what we are coming to know better as 'real-life' learning on Block 69!

**TORI WEISS**

## From the Head of Middle & Senior School

This week Middle and Senior students have consolidated our return to fulltime face-to-face teaching. As we return to our normal routines, so to have our lunchtime clubs and organised activities. There has also been a steady stream of students accessing the 'block' at lunchtimes.

Last week also saw the commencement of Interhouse Sport – with the Year 11 and 12 students playing a basketball round robin. This week sees Year 9-10 games, and then next week Junior School students will be involved. Our College Captains and Junior School House Captains will be facilitating these activities on our new undercover court area.

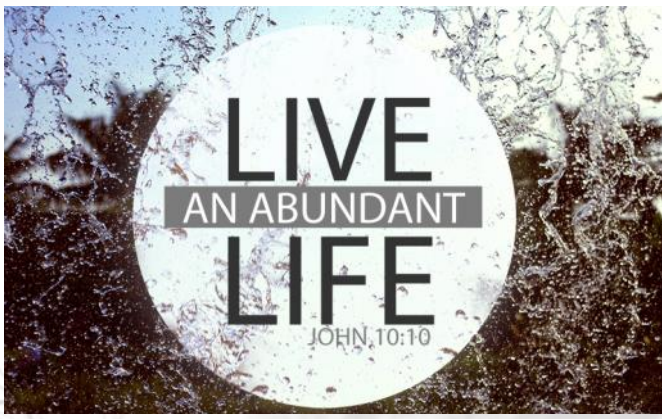
As we move towards the middle of the year, our Faculty Coordinators have been busy collating subject information for 2021 with distribution occurring early in Term 3. This year Curriculum Guides and subject information will be available digitally as well as university and course information and entry requirements.

Course and subject counselling will occur from Week 4 in Term 3, and will be informed by students' gifts, talents and preferred future pathways. In the meantime, feel free to visit our Encounter Careers Page which may help with beginning discussions. The web address is: <https://www.encounterlutherancareers.com/>

With the weather becoming increasingly cold, a gentle reminder that winter uniform must be worn appropriately. PE uniform is only applicable on days of practical sport lessons. Any extra garment worn for warmth (t shirt/long sleeve thermal) should not be visible.

Blessings for your fortnight.

**PENNY MCKENZIE**



## STAFF DEVOTION

By Jess Andrews

### LIVE YOUR LIFE TO THE FULLEST AND FILLED WITH JOY

I don't know about your family, but my family LOVES Bluey. Maybe the adults more than the kids at times. My favourite episode(s): 'Here come the grannies...!' When Bluey and Bingo dress up as grannies they certainly live life to the fullest - cheekily grabbing some beans, taking the car for a spin, laughing and filled with joy! Actually in almost every episode the Heeler family live their lives filled with joy!

God wants us to live our lives to the fullest. Jesus said in John 10:10 *"I came that they may have AND enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, 'til it overflows)."*

If we live our days filled with an overflowing joy, this joy will spill into the lives of others.

Recently, during the bonus of 'a lot' of family time, I found I had more joy in myself as I watched my children filled with joy and laughter as they were able to just be, just play and just enjoy the things that they love to do!

My encouragement to you as we find ourselves slipping back into 'normality,' don't forget to take the time to do what brings you joy; and to allow your children time to do what brings them joy, and live your lives to the fullest!

**God bless everyone!**



## INTRODUCING .....

### STEPHEN MANNERS

Hi my name is Stephen Manners and I am a Year 7 teacher this year. Encounter Lutheran College is no stranger to me as I once was a student here so I feel extremely blessed to be back in the Encounter community as a teacher.

I grew up locally, in Waitpinga, I went to primary school here at ELC and finished my high schooling at Immanuel College near Glenelg. Following school I studied and travelled overseas as much as I could.

Outside of school I enjoy playing sport with my mates and surfing. On any given afternoon the surf is filled with Encounter students and teachers sharing waves which is something I find very special.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the energetic start to the year and I look forward to the year to come.

## VOLUNTEER TRAINING

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## INSTRUMENTAL TUITION VACANCIES

Don Crook currently has vacancies for drum tuition through our Instrumental Program at Encounter.

Please contact Don on 0419807441 if your child is interested in drum lessons.



## THE LEARNER PROFILE AT ENCOUNTER - Courageous

### IB Definition of Courageous:

As part of the Learner Profile, the IB defines a Courageous Learner as follows:

*"IB Learners approach uncertainty with forethought and determination; they work independently and cooperatively to explore new ideas and innovative strategies. They are resourceful and resilient in the face of challenges and change."*

It has been wonderful to see the students at Encounter enthusiastically engage with Block 69. Through accessing this space, students are provided with many opportunities to enrich their learning. The possibilities truly are endless! Since the Block has been accessible at lunch times, student interest in exploring this space in a free, open-ended way has been incredible. To see students from Foundation right through to Middle and Senior school connect with this space in many ways has been wonderful.

A large part of engaging in this space is providing students with opportunities and experiences that they may not have readily available elsewhere. Students have been collecting sticks and other materials to build various constructions, climbing trees, running freely, hiding from each other, playing other imaginative games or just having a moment of quiet connection with friends. There are many skills and attributes that students are learning from having these experiences, along with the learning experiences facilitated by teachers. One such attribute which is being developed through the use of Block 69 is being **Courageous**.

Access to Block 69 affords the Encounter community with many opportunities to build problem solving skills, resilience, grit, cooperation and social and emotional skills in the young people that are here. These are important to being Courageous, an attribute that is transferrable to many situations and is vital as our younger learners grow into adults. We are blessed to have this amazing resource at our doorstep, that will be one important part of developing Courageous learners at Encounter.

**ALICIA PUIATTI**  
PYP COORDINATOR



**ADAM PFEIFFER**  
MYP COORDINATOR



# AROUND THE COLLEGE

## ENCOUNTER CROSS COUNTRY EVENTS

Our Encounter Community are very excited about the up-coming trail events on Block 69, including the **Fraser Dash** - a sprint from the most south-easterly point to the roundabout corner on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May** for students from Years 3-12; our annual **Cross Country** where all classes will participate in various courses marked by trees and fences to be held on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June**; and the final event will be an Ultra running event, to be held on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August** in Term 3.

In addition School Sport SA are offering a Virtual Cross Country event where serious running competitors have the opportunity to complete the longer distance cross country course as outlined by SSSA. Mr Wegener and I will host the event on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 8.45am for students from Year 4-12 who are currently in training. Students need to complete the distances based on their age group and the times will be recorded and sent into SSSA. Nomination forms will be available to the students this week. A reminder that unfortunately parents are unable to attend these events due to our current COVID-19 restrictions.

Alternatively students may run their own virtual cross country course out of school hours between the competition dates of June 1-8. Parents are encouraged to photograph evidence of the run and send through an entry to SSSA based on the rules outlined. Please see the information below for links to upload the distance covered for their age group and the time achieved. It is open for all students from 5 to 18 years. We would love to hear about your running experiences.

Please refer to the adjacent table to see required distances according to age.

For even more information, follow the link below:

<https://www.encounter.sa.edu.au/sports/schoolsportsavirtualcrosscountry/>

Good luck!

**Mrs Rochelle Grenfell**  
SSSA Coordinator



## REQUIRED DISTANCES FOR AGE

Please note: Students are allowed and encouraged to enter more than once throughout the competition to achieve their best possible time.

Age Group	Year of Birth	Distance
10 years	2010	2000m
11 years	2009	3000m
12 years	2008	3000m
13 years	2007	3000m
14 years	2006	3000m
15 years	2005	Boys - 4000m Girls - 3000m
16 years	2004	Boys - 5000m Girls - 4000m
Open (17-19 years)	2001 - 2003	Boys - 6000 Girls - 4000

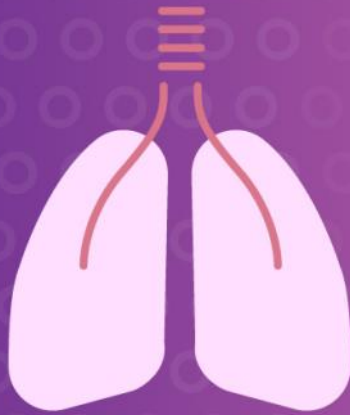
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# CYSTIC FIBROSIS AWARENESS

## FRIDAY 22ND MAY IS NATIONAL CYSTIC FIBROSIS DAY

Hi, we are Caitlyn and Rachael from Year 9 and for our Community Project we are trying to raise awareness about **Cystic Fibrosis (CF)**.

Cystic Fibrosis is a genetically inherited condition which requires daily and ongoing treatment, it mainly effects the lungs and digestive system.

There are over 3,000 people living with Cystic Fibrosis in Australia and at this point and time there is no cure for CF.

### Did you Know?

- The average life expectancy of someone living with Cystic Fibrosis in Australia is approximately 38 years.
- 1 in 25 people carry the CF gene. That's more than 1 million people!
- Cystic fibrosis is one of the most common lung diseases in children.
- Regular physical exercise is an essential part of a CF patient's daily routine.

We look forward to presenting our entire project at our Community Project Exhibition in Week 6 of Term 3.

Please keep those living with CF in your thoughts especially tomorrow on their National Awareness Day.

