



Hearts and Minds

Newsletter of Encounter Lutheran College



Dear Parents/ Carers

You know you work in a school when you're driving to work and you notice people staring and you wonder why. Oh, that's right, it's Book Week dress up day and I'm dressed as The Flash.

Even though the winter months can have us all dragging our heels a little from time to time, it's days like last Friday when I'm reminded of the awesome privilege of working alongside young people and in community. Hundreds of staff and students arriving in costumes with smiles on their faces. Embracing the fun of the day and being content with wearing a silly costume because that's just what you do.

Although my intention is not to necessarily inspire you all to become teachers, you do need to know that life in schools is amazing. Exhausting, complex and challenging, but simply wonderful is what permeates and endures.

When speaking to a student recently who is hoping to begin at Encounter in Year 12 next year, she shared with us that she's heard great things about how much our staff care at Encounter. This is probably the fiftieth time, perhaps more, that I've heard this sentiment from a young person who just wants to learn, belong and to be cared for. What affirmation for our team!

I will be the first to acknowledge that we are far from perfect and we are on a journey to keep being better, but as we step into the final weeks of Term 3 I hope you can see clearly the many blessings of being part of the Encounter Family.

Kelvin

What's On!

Friday 3rd September

- STUDENT FREE DAY

Week 8 Term 3

Tuesday 7th September

- Early Learning Fathers' Day Breakfast
- Fillinders UniTEST for Year 12's

Wednesday 8th September

- Year 12 Biology Practice Exam
- Year 12 Legal Studies Practice Exam

Thursday 9th September

- Year 12 Psychology Practice Exam

Friday 10th September

- Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Year 10

Week 9 Term 3

Wednesday 15th September

- SSSA Zone 8/9 Boys/Girls 9aside Football
- SAPSASA Year 7 Basketball Metro Finals

Thursday 16th September

- Foundation Student Led Conference
- Year 10 Immunisation Dose 2

Friday 17th September

- Jamieson Ultra - Block 69



thrive



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belong

FROM THE HEAD OF MIDDLE/SENIOR SCHOOL

Well, it is hard to believe we are in Week 7 of Term 3. Year 12 students are deep into finalising learning and assessments in readiness for trial exams and their intensive revision week in Term 4. It has been such a privilege to meet with many students over the past five weeks for subject counselling and planning their pathways beyond Encounter. We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with students and their families through their learning journey.

This week our Open Boys and Open Girls basketball teams competed in the State Finals, what a wonderful achievement! I'm proud of their successes on the courts, but even more proud of the way in which they represent all Encounter students. Their respect, dedication and commitment to working as a team, helping each other achieve their best, is commendable.

In further news for 2022, students in Middle and Senior School will notice a difference in the way their learning day is structured to assist them in fulfilling their academic and wellbeing potential at Encounter. The school day begins and ends at the same time, however the structure has shifted to include:



- The capacity for longer learning blocks of 80 minutes where our focus on inquiry and critical thinking will allow students to grow deeper in their learning
- Three food and movement breaks throughout the day (studies have shown that breaks in learning can help consolidate understanding and also further enhance creative thinking)
- Dedicated wellbeing time which has been consolidated from 2021
- Home class will be straight after the second break of the day.
- Synchronised bell times across Junior, Middle and Senior School to further enhance our F-12 cohesiveness and House and extra curricular activities.

The new structure is as follows:

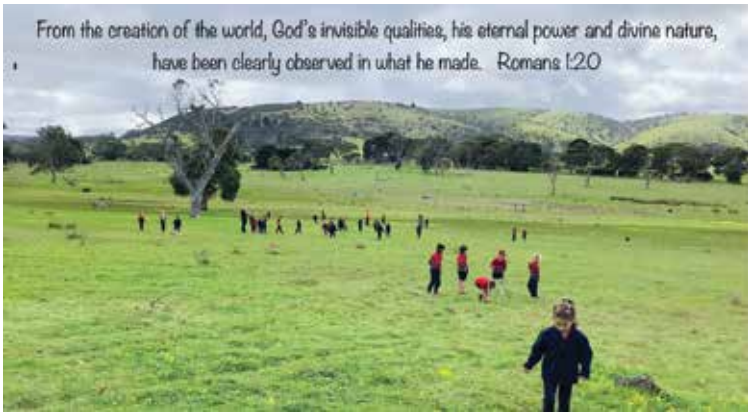
Lesson (MSS) Times

1A	8.40-9.20
1B	9.20-10.00
Food break	10-10.10
2A	10-10.50
2B	10.50-11.30
RECESS	11.30-11.45
Home Class	11.45-11.55
3A	11.55-12.35
3B	12.35-1.15
LUNCH	1.15-1.55
4A	1.55-2.35
4B	2.35-3.15

I wish you all blessings for a wonderful week.

Penny

From the creation of the world, God's invisible qualities, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly observed in what he made. Romans 1:20



Staff Devotion By Celeste Torok

Teaching Our Kids to Connect with God Through Nature

Nature is all around us... We were created with senses that relate to it. We feel the sunshine, the wind, and the prickles of a cactus.

We can hear the birds chirping and the rain pattering on the roof. We can see the vibrant colors of flowers, sunsets, butterflies, and the intricate designs of snowflakes and spider webs.

The smell of a dog or the scent of freshly mowed grass awakens our brains as well as the taste of a sour lemon or sweet bite of fresh watermelon.

All of these things were created by God. Every last one of them. By exploring such wonderful gifts we've been given teaches our kids to connect with God through nature.

Finding God in nature comes when we learn about it. Whether you live in a city, on a farm, or somewhere in between connecting with God through nature will never disappoint.

"Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better." ~Albert Einstein

Celeste

DECS Bus Update

ADVANCE NOTICE - DECS Buses Interruptions
Due to DECS Schools having a student free day on
MONDAY 6th September 2021:

All DECS Buses (ie Inman Valley, Hindmarsh Valley,
Waitpinga buses) will NOT be running on Monday 6th
September.

AND

Due to DECS Schools finishing early on FRIDAY 24th
September 2021 (Last day of Term 3) :
All DECS Buses (ie Inman Valley, Hindmarsh Valley,
Waitpinga buses) will NOT be running in the AFTERNOON for
our Encounter Students on Friday 24th September.
Please make alternative arrangements for transport.

Thank you

Sue Zitterbart



P+F Fathers' Day Stall & Coffee Van!

Thank You to those who were able to join us for a coffee and sweet treat as an early Fathers' Day celebration!

Students have been busy buying gifts at the P+F Fathers' Day stall that will bring plenty of smiles this weekend! We hope everyone can spend quality time together celebrating the Fathers, Grandfathers, Poppas and Carers in their families!



Book Club!

A friendly reminder that Book Club is due on the 6th of September!

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Girls Netball

Year 8/9 and Year 10 teams competed in the SVF/Statewide Pool A Netball. Year 8/9 team walked away with 1 loss resulting in them finishing equal first overall. The Year 10s played in a tough competition where they were able to hold their heads high after 1 loss finishing 2nd. The girls were able to work hard to fight back to finish the competition in high spirits. Well done Girls!



SAPSASA Hockey

Congratulations to **Grace (Year 7)** and **Kate Rogers (Year 5)** who competed in this week's SAPSASA hockey carnival. Great effort with the team coming third!



Year 9/10 Soccer

The girls did an amazing job at Year 9/10 5 aside soccer. Some of the students in our team were only in Year 8, but that didn't stop them coming 2nd over all. We were unbeatable till our very last game. Fantastic job by the team!



Community Service in Action!

As part of the College's Year 9 International Baccalaureate MYP Community Project Service Learning program, Year 9 student Taylor Biscoe chose to investigate the goal of providing an all terrain wheelchair to encourage inclusivity of physically impaired students. The all terrain wheelchair would allow accessibility for these students to participate in activities on the College's Block 69, at excursions and on outdoor education camps. The all terrain wheel chair can be utilised on the beach, undulating grounds and also can be used in the in the ocean.

As part of her goal, Taylor approached Rotary about the possibility of assisting her fundraising efforts and in response the combined clubs of Victor Harbor and Morphett Vale collaborated to provide the funds and purchase the chair which was presented to the College on Wednesday 1st September by the Presidents of the Victor Harbor and Morphett Vale Clubs.

While the all terrain wheelchair will be housed at the College, members of the community are welcome to access the chair by prior arrangement by contacting the College directly.

The College is thankful for the generosity of the Rotary Clubs and looks forward to continued partnerships supporting our students to realise their community service goals through their MYP service learning.



Book Week Dress Up Day 2021

What a day! Book Week 2021 is over but it was so great to see everyone get involved in the dress up! The enthusiasm was fantastic to see across all year levels and the bar has been raised for years to come!





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PLAY & NATURE PLAY

Community Notice Board

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Port Elliot Tennis Club

Junior training commences on August 31st, 2021

4-5 pm, nominations for teams due by Sept. 13th 2021

**YMCA
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VACATION CARE PROGRAM
WEEK 1: 27 Sept - 1 Oct
WEEK 2: 4 - 8 Oct

Vacation Care
27th Sept - 8th Oct 2021

<p>Mon 27 September In-house</p> <p>Theatre Workshop</p> <p>And...ACTION! Spend the day laughing and playing as you learn to act like a SEAL with our very own Mackenzie.</p> <p>Outcomes: 1,2,3,5</p>	<p>Tue 28 September In-house</p> <p>Gardening Workshop</p> <p>Green Thumb ALERT! Plant seeds, pot-out succulents and learn about the water cycle and farming in this engaging 2-part workshop.</p> <p>Outcomes: 1,2,3,4</p>	<p>Wed 29 September Excursion</p> <p>Adelaide Zoo</p> <p>Get ready for an adventure! We're off to the Adelaide Zoo! Get up close and personal with the monkeys and other funny and feathered friends.</p> <p>Outcomes: 1,2,3,4,5</p>	<p>Thu 30 September In-cursion</p> <p>Basketball Clinic</p> <p>Join specialist coaches and talented players from Great Southern Swimmers as they teach you Basketball Skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shot Technique Dribbling & Ball handling Defensive Skills, and more. <p>Outcomes: 1,2,3,4,5</p>	<p>Friday 1 October In-house</p> <p>Sewing Workshop</p> <p>Snip Stitch! Sew! Engage in some sewing skills as Carlin and Bree teach you to make your very own Scrunchies and Diver Hat Pockets!</p> <p>Outcomes: 1,3,4</p>
<p>Mon 4 October CLOSED</p> <p>LABOR DAY</p>	<p>Tue 5 October In-house</p> <p>Candle Making Workshop</p> <p>Jessie Cricket! Candle making! Create your own moulds and candles to light up your room at home!</p> <p>Outcomes: 1,2,3,4</p>	<p>Wed 6 October In-house</p> <p>Cooking Workshop</p> <p>Learn the Tools of the Trade with Chef Breezal Chop, slice and dice as you bake some scrumptious treats to take home! Also Bake and decorate a Birthday Cake for Bree (from the 4th)</p> <p>Outcomes: 1,2,3,4,5</p>	<p>Thu 7 October Excursion</p> <p>Chop-It</p> <p>On the Road Again! This time we are heading up the road to a new local establishment, Release some frustration as you safely throw axes and engage in side games at Chop It.</p> <p>Outcomes: 1,2,3,4,5</p>	<p>Fri 8 October In-cursion</p> <p>Virtual Reality</p> <p>Adelaide VR will transform the Kondole into a Virtual Reality Zone! Step into the untouchable and unimaginable with this incredible experience.</p> <p>Outcomes: 1,2,3,4,5</p>

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