



Hearts and Minds

Newsletter of Encounter Lutheran College



Dear Parents/Carers,

Although there will be a Final Assembly, Gratitude Dinner and other such fanfare for our Year 12 students next term, it is still rather sobering to think of their journey at Encounter coming to an end.

Last week I had the pleasure of being served lunch at our GPS Cafe by the Year 12 Food & Hospitality. The food was almost as good as the banter and our brief interaction reminded me of the many varied ways our students engage and learn across the College.

In recent weeks I've enjoyed the Year 6 Exhibition and Year 9 Community Project and, at the time of writing, I have my 'treddy' ready to go for the Year 1 bike ride to Chiton Rocks.

There can be no doubt that learning is not one dimensional and nor is it the same as it was in the 'good old days'. Thank goodness for that.

As you look to the final days of Term 3, I encourage you to talk to your kids about their favourite moments in the past ten weeks and celebrate the learning and the fun.

Have a wonderful spring break and I look forward to the sprint to the finish line when Term 4 commences on October 11th.

Kelvin

What's On!

Week 10 Term 3

Monday 20th September

- Early Learning Student Led Conference
- Fillinders UniTEST for Year 12's

Wednesday 22nd

September

- SAPSASA Girls Footy (Crows Cup)
- SACE Music Performance Impact Church @ 6pm

Friday 24th September

- Last Day of Term 3 - 3.15pm
- HOUSE
- Funky Socks Casual Day - Coorong

**Please join us on
Friday 24th
September for
Closing Shine @
2.30pm**



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FROM THE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Dear JS Families,

Since Encounter acquired Block 69, you may have heard, read about and witnessed the various ways your child has been engaging with their learning outside of the traditional four walls of the classroom. While many of these experiences have certainly occurred in Block 69, this engagement has also taken place at Urrumbirra, Nangawooka, the wetlands, the beach, the river and even the local churches. It has utilised kitchens, and gardens, yarning circles and 'living libraries'... the list goes on. But what doesn't change is the richness of the experience to which children are being exposed.

At Encounter, your child's teachers have embraced the opportunity to do what is inconceivable within the four walls of a classroom. They have taken the advantage of what is on our 'back door step' to redefine and bring to life, the learning for their students, in ways that connect them to the real world and make it possible to transfer their learning to a variety of contexts.

For example...

Foundations and Early Learners go to the Block each week for Bush Kindy. Here they listen to a story which then acts as a springboard for all manner of opportunities to be creative and imaginative. Whereas early on in the year, children were asking "What do we do?" and learning how to play in the space - they are now able to create, play, imagine, make, build, explore, test, climb, jump...

Whereas earlier in the year, children were struggling to share and get along, they are now collaborating, negotiating, discussing, compromising, agreeing, trading, sharing...

In Year 1, the children have been on a bike ride through different habitats (coastal, wetlands, grasslands, bush...) and explored the difference of living and non-living things. They have investigated the impact of humans on their natural surroundings and how sometimes they can harm their environment (erosion, pollution, introducing foreign species etc.) or help their environment by planting trees, fencing off revegetated areas, protecting threatened species, keeping dogs on leashes and picking up after them etc.

As mandated by the Australian Curriculum in Science, the Year 3's have been learning about the behaviour of heat. Traditionally, they may have lit a candle, watched some clips on Youtube about heat, maybe baked something to see how heat changed it, perhaps answered some questions and shared their learning via a 'product' of some description. Now? Your child gets to go down the Block to light fires and experience firsthand the 'behaviour of heat'. They can speak knowledgeably and confidently about the role of oxygen in fueling a fire, fuel sources that help build flames, radiant heat, igniting and extinguishing fire etc. What are they going to remember in years to come? Answering some questions about heat in a reading comprehension test or experiencing fire and all that goes with it, first-hand?

In Year 5 the students have been down in the Block investigating real-life issues and collecting data to support the claims they make in their different investigations. Students have researched such things as what plants will bring back the black cockatoos; or how many trees are needed to populate a designated space; where best to host their upcoming bush campout without damaging the fragile habitat around them or recording temperatures to find out the coolest and warmest places on the Block.

Year 6's have been learning about particle theory. They had to go down to the Block and conduct experiments using the things around them to demonstrate their understanding of matter and how it changes.

The possibilities are endless. The fun is real. The learning is happening. The genuine engagement is there.

Doesn't it make you wish that when you were at school, this type of learning existed?

How blessed are our children?

How much are we as your children's teachers, feeling grateful to work in such a place?

Tori Weiss

If you want to see how students are engaging with the Block in other curriculum areas, [click here](#) to see our Year 5 Students performing "This Little Light of Mine" in the Block. May their simple act of worship bless your day also.





STUDENT SERVICES UPDATE

DECS Bus

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.

QKR! APP

Can you please alter your child's year level when you next order Goods To Go as some students year levels are years behind. This will assist us having their orders available to students in their year levels. Thank you for your assistance.

Notice for late arrival or early departure

Parents/carers are requested to inform the College before 9am when their child is absent for the day or will be arriving late. This can be actioned by phone, email (admin@encounter.sa.edu.au) or through the College smartphone app under Absence. Students who need to leave early must bring a note from their parent/carer in their Communication Book or Diary. No student will be allowed to leave school without this consent. Students leaving early must be collected from Student Services after signing out. Senior Students with permission to drive to school will be allowed to leave upon producing the required consent from their parent/carer.

Face Masks

As per the regulations from SA Health and the South Australian Government. Students in Middle and Senior School are required to wear face masks unless the College has been provided with a medical exemption. It is the responsibility of the students to bring in their own mask with them each day as the College only has a small amount on hand for emergency situations.

If students are seen to continually request a mask from the front office, the College may have to begin charging for masks.

We thank you for understanding this stance given the environment we currently find ourselves in.

Departing Families

If you plan on leaving Encounter at the end of 2021, we advise you to formally let us know through email by the beginning of Term 4. Please contact Claire McKenzie at claire.mckenzie@encounter.sa.edu.au.

Staff Devotion

By Jane Hodge

Recently, the Year 1s (The Wonders), lived up to their namesake while on an excursion to Nangawooka Flora Reserve. We all had the time and space to do some very intentional *Wonderings* about what we were observing as we walked around the garden. It was such a precious time. We saw butterflies dancing together above a Thryptomene bush, bees busily gathering nectar from a Wax Flower and spiders hiding behind tree bark. Blue Fairy Wrens were happily hopping around in the mulch while Wattlebirds darted from branch to branch. I was so struck by the beauty of the place that I actually caught myself becoming a little emotional. As I reflected on the day, I knew I had been given a gift. Actually lots of gifts. The time to feel the breeze on my face, hear the chirping of the birds, see the butterflies flit above the flowers, watch the children discover secret gardens, smell the earthy scents of mulch and flowers. God in his kindness gave me those gifts to enjoy. I was so thankful to him that I had been given the time to do just that. C S Lewis helped me think a little deeper, however, about good gifts that come from God. He says,

"Gratitude exclaims... 'How good of God to give me this.' Adoration says, 'What must be the quality of that Being whose far-off and momentary coruscations are like this! One's mind runs back up the sunbeam to the Sun'."

In other words, what are God's good gifts telling me about God himself? So not only did I enjoy Gods amazingly diverse creation that day, I was reminded again about Gods character as a lavish giver of every good and perfect gift. John 3:16 tells me of the magnitude of his generosity, "For God so loved the world that He GAVE his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." The gift says a lot about the Giver and that day helped me deepen my 'wonder' of God himself.

Jane

Instruments Wanted

Do you have any electronic piano keyboards sitting at home, crying out to be used? We would love to build a collection of keyboards that could be sent home on loan to students in Year 8 Music for the purpose of practice. Must be in working order. If so, please drop to the Front Office or contact

Carolyn.hart@encounter.sa.edu.au for more information.

Mayors Short Story Challenge

Congratulations to **Ella Keam** (Year 8) and **Jasper Wegener** (Year 4) who were joint winners in the Mayor Short Story Challenge 2021 receiving \$1,000 prize money for books for our library!

The competition is open each year to all children who are schooled in the Alexandrina Council, City of Victor Harbor, or District Council of Yankalilla.

This year there were 589 entrants with seven students entering the Challenge from Encounter.

Congratulations also to
Isobel Palmer (Year 8)
Olivia Hutchinson (Year 3)
Micaela Andrews (Year 3)
Charlotte Barry (Year 3)
Caleb Hodges (Year 2)



Readers Rap 2021

Encounter Lutheran College library hosted an all-day fun-filled READERS RAP competition on Thursday 16th September.

Book lovers from years five, six and seven were put in to 16 teams representing Yankalilla Area School, Port Elliot Primary School, McLaren Flat Primary School, Willunga Primary School, Victor R-7 and Encounter Lutheran. The regional competition involved students reading books beforehand: *The Thing About The Oliver* by Deborah Kelly, *The Year the Maps Changed* by Danielle Binks and *The Friendly Games* by Kaye Baillie as well as watching the movie *A Wrinkle in Time*. Students participated in quizzes testing their knowledge about the books and movie and were very lucky to be zoomed in from Victorian-based author Danielle Binks who wrote *The Year the Maps Changed*.

Congratulations to the winning team from Willunga Primary!



A big thank you to South Seas Books & Trading for sponsoring the event!

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Basketball

It's been a busy fortnight of College Basketball, with 6 teams playing over 3 different events.

On the 27th of August our Year 10 teams competed in the State Knockout qualifiers at Morphett Vale Stadium. The Girls brought a strong game and were successful for the second consecutive year, winning the day and progressing to the State finals. The Boys unfortunately lost at the last hurdle to a strong Woodcroft team. The Girls will now move on to the State Finals in term 4.

On the 30th of August we had both our Open teams journey to their Pool A State Finals. The new system saw them play a new combination of teams from around the State. Both teams brought a style of basketball that made them had to play against, with our young Girls team taking it right up to the might of Immanuel College. The boys were unlucky across the day with a serious ankle injury, and consequential missed the crossover semi-finals by a close loss in their last pool match. The boys finished 5th overall and the girls 7th. These results are our best ever finishes by a Boys and/or Girls teams in a Pool A competition. Congratulations to Ryan Byrne and Rachel Grant for their hard work and ongoing support of our students.

Wednesday the 15th of September finished off a busy second half of the term with both our Year 7 SAPSASA basketball teams heading to St Clair to play in their State Finals. The event is a big day on the School Sports Calendar as it brings together the top 16 finalists from all corners of the metropolitan area in one place for one day. Our College have not had a team attend the finals in recent history, so to have two competitive teams on the road brought great excitement. Across three pool matches and 2 crossover play-off matches, the Girls were unlucky late in the day with a loss to Edwardstown, but went on to finish a strong 7th. The Boys finished 3rd in their pool losing to the eventual winners, a classy Concordia College. They managed to regroup in the afternoon and string together strong back to back wins in their last two crossover matches to finish 9th. Thanks to Rachel Grant, Heidi Zadow and Oscar Eldridge for their amazing support across the day, on and off court.

Specialist Basketball Coordinator
Troy Wegener



9-A-Side Football

On Wednesday, our Open Girls and 8/9 Boys travelled to Encounter Bay to compete in the 9-A-Side Football competition.

With the results not going the way our teams hoped, they took the opportunity to enjoy the competition and giving it their best!

A big well done to all involved!



Community Notice Board



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

Vacation Care
27th Sept - 8th Oct 2021



Port Elliot Tennis Club

Junior training commences on August 31st ,2021

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

Victor Harbor Cricket Club

The Victor Harbor Cricket Club is looking for Boys and Girls interested in playing in Our under 12s team.

The game is suited for 8 to 12 year olds. The match is modified to suit the age group. The match is played on Friday nights starting at approx 5pm.

Practice is on Tuesday nights starting at approx 4pm at the Victor Harbor oval cricket nets which are located at the Northern end of the oval. The club has good coaches and facilities so if you are interested give Tony a call on either 85543594 or Mob 0407398982 or contact by e-mail On anthony.eden@y7mail.com

<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 STAR 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 furry and feathered friends.</p> <p>Outcomes: 1,2,3,4,5</p>	<p>Thu 30 September In-house</p> <p>Basketball Clinic</p> <p>Join specialist coaches and talented players from Great Southern Slamers as they teach you Basketball Skills: - Shot Technique - Dribbling & Ball handling - Defensive Skills, and more.</p> <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 Caitlin and Bree teach you to make your very own Scrunchies and (Pica) Heat Packs!</p> <p>Outcomes: 1,3,4</p>
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<p>Mon 4 October CLOSED</p> <p>Happy LABOR DAY</p>	<p>Tue 5 October In-house</p> <p>Candle Making Workshop</p> <p>Jinny 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 Bree! Chop, slice and dice as you bake some scrumptious treats to take home! Also Bake and decorate a Birthday Cake for Bree! (from the den)</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-house</p> <p>Virtual Reality</p> <p>Adelaide VR will transform the Konsole 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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Encounter Bay Cricket Club

2021/22 Season

Junior Training Commences Thursday 30th September 2021 at 4:00pm

All existing and any new players welcome

For further information please contact Jen Thompson 0418 855 249 EBCC Junior Coordinator.

Adelaide Basketball Camp

Presents: **IN THE PAINT**

FRIDAY OCTOBER 1ST 9-4PM
SATURDAY OCTOBER 2ND 9-12PM
LOCATION: CEDAR COLLEGE
UNDER 14S AND UP (BOYS AND GIRLS)

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL JENNIE:
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