



Hearts and Minds

Newsletter of Encounter Lutheran College



The ABC news app tends to be my first source of news multiple times throughout the day as I aim to remain engaged and aware of local, national and global updates. It also means I don't have to turn the TV on and risk my own kids seeing a daily dose of violence, scandal and negativity that tends to be the narrative of mass media.

In recent months I've noticed a button at the top of the ABC app which enables you to access a 'COVID-free news zone', which I'm more and more inclined to set as my default. It seems each and every day that daily case numbers and deaths are the first piece of news we see and discuss and I've found myself wondering when we will see a day when COVID is not mentioned in our daily news cycle. Will it be mid to late next year perhaps, or perhaps that is wishful thinking?

Rather than waiting and wishing for things to be different, the reality is I have choices about what I click on, read or discuss with peers and friends. If I want to have a day that is COVID-free, I can do something about that. I know of people who have had similar reflections about social media and have chosen to detox those influences for a period, to clear their heads, gain perspective and focus on what is good, true and full of joy in their lives.

As Term 4 continues to gain momentum towards Christmas (60 something days away) I encourage you to step away (physically, mentally, spiritually, socially) from those influences that might be less than helpful in your life. There is so much to celebrate in the days between now and 2022 and I hope we are all able to be the best example to our kids as we choose kindness, compassion and calm as we march through the remainder of the year.

Blessings for your day,

Kelvin

What's On!

Week 2 Term 4

Friday 22nd October

- Year 12 Final Assembly
- SSSA SVF Year 8/9 Basketball

Week 3 Term 4

Monday 25th-27th October

- Year 12 Intensive Revision Week

Thursday 28th-29th October

- Year 3 Camp - Nunyara Belair

Friday 29th October

- MS English Literary Festival @ Immanuel
- SAPSASA Year 6 Metro Basketball Finals

Week 4 Term 4

Monday 1st November

- Year 12 Exams commence

Wednesday 3rd November

- JS Instrumental Music Evening @ 6pm

Friday 5th November

- Year 1 Excursion/Sleep Over



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FROM THE HEAD OF MIDDLE/SENIOR SCHOOL

Each year the staff at Encounter experience a range of emotions as we farewell our graduating Year 12 students from their formal secondary schooling. Friday this week offers the wider Encounter student community a chance to honour these wonderful young people as they begin their intensive exam preparation. A formal farewell is held at our Gratitude Dinner at the completion of these exams.

Each cohort brings with it a range of gifts, talents and experiences. Whilst Year 12 is seen as 'the pointy end of schooling', it is important to note the personal growth and range of experiences that have contributed to their secondary schooling journey. Subject study aside, whilst at Encounter these young people have experienced interschool and interstate sporting and cultural events, outdoor and interstate camps and activities, overseas travel, a robust "house" culture, state of the art buildings, and more recently a global pandemic. Apart from wishing our graduating students the best for their academic results, we sincerely hope that they leave with a love of learning and they can walk away knowing what matters, and that is, to be a person who contributes meaningfully to the world beyond the classroom.

Elsewhere in Middle and Senior School this term, teachers are preparing a range of extracurricular learning programs for our students. Australian Business Week is held in Week 8 this term, an enterprise program that engages our 'emerging adults' in Year 10 into the virtual world of business for a week. They undertake real world decision making, and learn vital business, workplace and life skills throughout the week. They also earn 10 Stage 1 SACE credits. As entrepreneurial skills are now recognised as crucial for navigating the world of work, this program is further evidence of our commitment to educating the 'whole' student in the world beyond subjects and grades. Week 8 will also see an interactive, real-world learning experience for our Middle School students. Further details will be provided later in the term.

I wish you all a wonderful and blessed week.

Penny





Staff Devotion By Alicia Puiatti

Worry. It is something that affects all of us sometime during our lives. While on a shopping trip during the holidays, I came across a magnet about worry that made me smile. It said: "Worry is like a rocking chair. It gives you something to do but it doesn't get you anywhere." Yet worry can be something that takes up so much of our time. When it comes to worry, studies have found the following statistics:

- 40% of the things we worry about never happen
 - 30% of the things we worry about have already happened.
 - 12% are needless worries such as what people think of us.
 - 10% are unimportant or unrealistic
 - 8% of our worries are 'legitimate. Of these, 4% are beyond our control, and 4% we have some control over.
- So, what are you worried about today? Is it about your relationships with you children, family, friends or situations in your workplace? Jesus speaks about worry in the gospel of Matthew 6: 25-34. I will share verses 25-27 with you:

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not reap or sow or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?"

The next time you have a sleepless night or feel anxious about a situation, I encourage you to trust in this promise from Jesus. We are so blessed to have a Heavenly Father who cares for us enough to save us from our sins, and who provides everything we need.

Alicia

Scholarship Applications Open

A reminder that 2022 Scholarship Applications are now open for Middle School/Senior School students. Scholarship applications are available from the Front Office.

Please note applications close on the 12th of November.

Book Club due

A friendly reminder that Book Club is due on the 1st of November!

Junior School Instrumental Music Evening

Our Junior School Instrumental Music Night is being held on Wednesday 3rd November at 6pm in The Nest. Please note, all performers are required to stay until the end of the program.

If you learn an instrument out of hours and would like to be included please contact our Instrumental Music Coordinator at rochelle.grenfell@encounter.sa.edu.au

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.

A reminder that it is the responsibility of the students to bring their own mask with them each day as the College only has a limited supply on hand for emergency situations.

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

Ecumenical Shine

Encounter Lutheran College would like to extend an invite to the Pastors/Ministers/Church Leaders in the South Coast community to join us for an Ecumenical worship service on Friday 26th November from 8:55-9:40am.

The Service is part of our regular weekly Junior School Shine worship time, in which we would like to acknowledge the contributions that these parishes provide to our school and wider community. We look forward to introducing you to our Junior School students.

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

SAPSASA Results

Congratulations to the following athletes for their outstanding achievement at SAPSASA State Championships last term:

Charlie Ellis (11 Yr Boys) – 1st 1500m, 1st 800m

Kate Rogers (11 Yr Girls) – 2nd 800m, 3rd 4x100 Relay

Frankie Welk (11 Yr Old) – 3rd 4x100 Relay

Grace Rogers (13 Yr Girls) – 1st 800m, 1st 200m, 2nd 100m, 2nd 4 x 100 Relay

Eli White (13 Yr Boys) – 2nd High Jump, 1st 4x100 Relay



SAPSASA Selections

Congratulations to the following students that have been selected for SAPSASA State Carnivals this term in Adelaide:

SAPSASA Girls State Football (18-20th Oct) –

Maddison Dinh (Year 7)

SAPSASA Boys State Cricket (1st - 4th Nov) -

Year 6

Reilly Weidenhofer

Levi Stringer

Daniel Scotton

Oliver Riggs

Caleb Hood

SAPSASA Girls State Cricket (1st - 4th Nov) -

Year 7

Kirra Donaldson

Matilda Edmonds

FROM THE NEST Borrowing Deadline

Please be advised that the last week that Students can borrow books from the Nest will be week 5 and all books are then due back at the end of week 6.

Mayors Short Story Winners

Joint winners from the Mayor's Short Story Challenge 2021 **Jasper Wegener** (Year 4) and **Ella Keam** (Year 8) visited South Seas Book Shop in Port Elliot to spend their \$1,000 prize money on resources for upcoming book clubs, units of inquiry as well as selecting books of their choice to add to our library collection.

The students were excited to spend the prize money from our councils in our community supporting local business.



Wellbeing Update

With the current media attention around the Netflix series 'Squid Game' - the Wellbeing Team would like to share the following article for parents/caregivers. It highlights the importance of conversation and how parents/caregivers can engage in positive talks with their children about the series.

Follow [this link](#) to view the article.

Student Highlight

A huge Congratulations to Ida Rose Melia for being accepted into the Australian Ballet School.

By being accepted, Ida is now part of the ITProgramne for gifted young dancers. She will be trained by international ballet teachers where they will support and guide her whilst monitoring her potential to become a professional dancer by being invited as a full time student boarding at the Australian Ballet.

Ida will be attending the school for training at weekends and for special events.

We wish Ida all the best with this massive goal in her dance journey. The future is so bright and exciting for you.



Community Notice Board



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THE WEEKEND TRADITION



PORT ELLIOT NIPPERS

Both school aged Children & Parents are invited to a Come & Try Day Saturday 6th Nov. 1.00 - 2.30 pm before our Season "swims off" on the 13th Nov. at our normal session times.

For further information & updates visit our web page www.portelliott.com.au or email Chris.nippers@portelliottslsc.com.au



South Coast Choral & Arts Society
PROUDLY PRESENTS
their very own Concert Band

SCCAS
Band

**one night in
NOVEMBER**
Conducted by: TOM SULDA

NEWLAND CHURCH VICTOR HARBOR
13th November 2021
doors open at 7.00 pm

Admission \$15, U14 Free
Try Booking, RAA Victor Harbor or at the door

trybooking  in memory of MICK MCKINLAY

ARTISAN MARKET

31st Oct 21 • 9am - 4pm • Ocean St, Victor Harbor
Selling Treasures, Antiques, Crafts & More!!
[CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR STALL!](#)

Artisan Market

On the 31st of October, the Artisan Market will be held in Ocean Street Victor Harbor!

Featured this year is a kid friendly treasure hunt that proceeds go to support the Granite Island Fairy Penguins. There will be bags to purchase on the day, Sunday 31st October 2021 – or pre-purchase at South Coast Realty office to avoid disappointment!

Also at 1pm on the day, we are hosting The Great Penguin Waddle Race with 1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes in 4 age group categories and participation chupa chups for everyone.