

Hearts and Minds

Newsletter for Encounter Lutheran College

Equipping for life

KELVIN GRIVELL | PRINCIPAL

With interest rate rises a recurring theme in the media and around kitchen tables in the lead up to the first Tuesday of each month, it is certainly a point of contention and stress for many. What will the Reserve Bank do next?

As well as COVID and other global factors, the economy is a tenuous matter at the moment and we all engage with this topic to varying degrees. Some of you may absolutely love the debate and discussion and others of you may be almost clueless as to the how and why. All most of us want is to have money in the bank to pay the bills, and perhaps to save for something special down the track too.

So what about our kids? Although the topic of financial literacy is covered to some degree through how mathematics is covered in the Australian Curriculum, I don't think anyone could claim that formal education fully prepares young people for the world beyond school and how to survive from a dollars and cents perspective. Perhaps I should be talking in terms of crypto currency.

What is tax? How much do I pay? Where does it go? What about insurance, investments, savings and all other considerations that are part and parcel of being an adult?

Although the discussion is very different with a 5 year old to an emerging adult, I encourage you to have some timely and critical conversations about money around the dinner table when the time is right. I don't believe our aim should be to raise the next billionaire, but we can all probably appreciate what it means to be under financial pressure. The more our kids understand the better we'll be equipping them for their future. Even more importantly, I hope our children will all have generous hearts and have the capacity to be generous to those in need.

Kelvin



What's On!

TERM 1 | WEEK 10

Monday 3rd April

- Year 10 Tertiary Studies Excursion
- Junior School swimming lessons continue

Tuesday 4th April

- Year 7/8 Immunisations Dose 1
- Year 5 Block Campout

Wednesday 5th April

- Year 11 Biology Excursion
- Bush Kindy, 8.45am

Thursday 6th April

- Encounter Quest
- Books Alive, 9.00am
- Easter Shine, 2.30pm (Kondole)

Friday 7th April

- **PUBLIC Holiday: Good Friday**

TERM 1 | WEEK 11

Monday 10th April

- **PUBLIC HOLIDAY: Easter Monday**
- Year 8 Melbourne Camp departs

Wednesday 12th April

- Year 5/6 Boys SAPSASA Footy

Thursday 13th April

- **Last Day of Term 1**
- Crazy Hair Day
- Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday 14th April

- **STUDENT FREE DAY**
- Parent Teacher Interviews

More at: www.encounter.sa.edu.au/calendar



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DEVOTION

Hope

ROCHELLE GRENFELL | LIBRARY COORDINATOR 7-12

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. "

- Romans 15:13

This year at Encounter we are focusing on the theme of HOPE with the idea that we may 'hope in God to recharge, rise and run'.

Hope is the simple belief that whatever we wish for could happen and as Easter approaches we are reminded of the gift of hope. Easter represents the ultimate triumph of hope over despair, as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the promise of new life.

In the face of adversity and uncertainty, hope can provide us with the strength and courage to persevere. It reminds us that even in our darkest moments, there is always the possibility of a brighter tomorrow.

Easter is an opportunity to reflect on the hope that we hold within us. Let us be grateful for the blessings we have, and let us pray for those who are struggling or in need of hope.

May this Easter bring us all renewed faith, optimism, and a sense of purpose. May we continue to spread hope and positivity to those around us, and may we never lose sight of the incredible potential that lies within us all.

Blessings to you and your family this Easter.

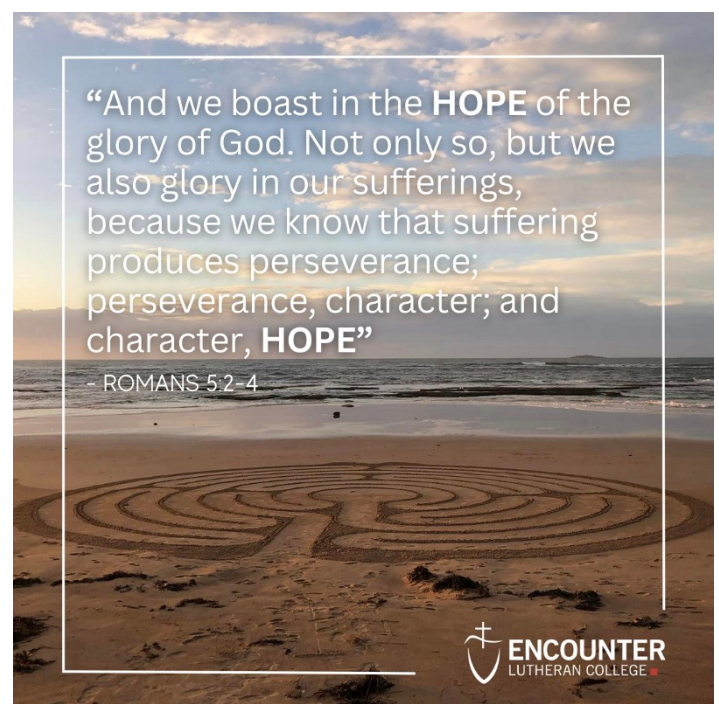
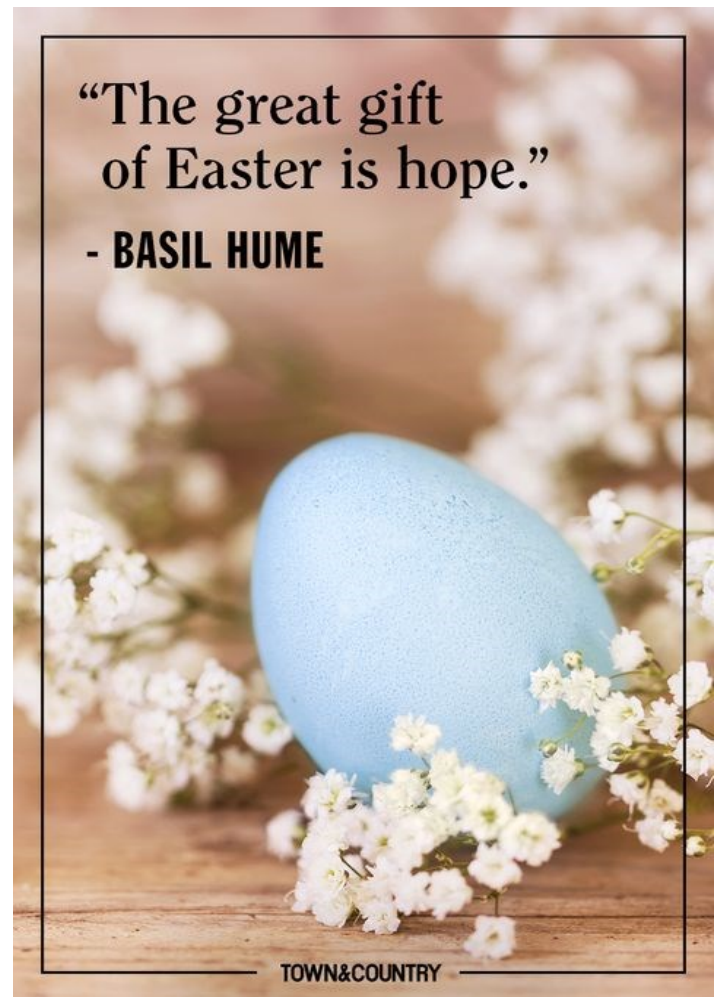
Rochelle Grenfell

Sunday Hope

As an inspirational way to start your week, we'd like to share with you a hopeful verse or quote to carry you throughout the coming week.

If you have a photo from across our local region that you would be happy to share with us, or a favourite verse or quote on Hope, we invite you to email it to us at:

communications@encounter.sa.edu.au



MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

What If?

PENNY MCKENZIE | HEAD OF MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL

What if ... we redefined the learning experience for our young people to better prepare them for their life beyond the classroom?

What if ... the curriculum was framed around the six elements that the SACE board has identified as required for a thriving learner, rather than the fixed focus of an ATAR at the completion of secondary schooling?

What if ... we redefine our learning experience for students at Encounter so that they have agency over their future and a real preparedness for an emerging work world?

The leadership team at Encounter have been pondering these very questions. We know that the medical profession has recognised that students learn best by working collaboratively on real-world problems. This has been part of their coursework for many years. This type of learning can be called 'project-based learning'.

This style of learning identifies that knowledge is best gained by being tested against a problem to be solved. There is further evidence of how effective this style of learning is across many industries, with apprenticeships, traineeships and other university courses all containing an element of practical, hands-on experience.

Whilst work experience and other forms of experiential learning have always been a key part of the Encounter secondary experience, it is now time to create further experiential learning opportunities across all year levels for our students to ensure they 'thrive' in their lifelong learning journey.

This year, our Year 7 students have experienced a full day of experiential, project based learning each week. They have been exploring the aquaponics cycle and working in teams to explore how this relates to sustainability. As these learners' progress through Middle and Senior School at Encounter, we are committed to ensuring that these type of learning experiences do not disappear as the curriculum becomes more explicit. We are currently working hard to



develop such opportunities in the future for our more senior years, where we hope this will include industry partners and community organisations engaging in this process with our learners from Year 10. These experiences will form part of a rich and engaging SACE pathway, with the opportunity for students to transfer their own individualised learning into SACE credits and, if applicable, the ATAR. This transformation of a journey will look significantly different from their parents' schooling experience. However, it is urgently required to ensure that school continues to be an environment where students want to learn, and most importantly, discover their passion for life beyond the classroom. Stay tuned for more information and updates as the year progresses.

Blessings for your week.

Penny

Easter Shine: Thursday 6th April

All parents are invited to join us for a very special "Easter Shine" to be held on **Thursday 6th April** at **2.30pm** in the Kondole.

Please note that there will not be a Closing Shine on the last day of Term 1.



STAFF PROFILE

Introducing **Judy Fincham**

Ask anyone who knows me and they would say that I'm a kind and friendly person with a good sense of humor. Ever since I was a child I've always wanted to be a teacher. I remember subjecting my younger sister to imaginary games of 'school' where I practiced my teaching skills. After leaving school I worked in child care for 15 years and this gave me a wonderful opportunity to observe child development. At 30 years old I went back to school to learn how to become a real teacher (one of those 'mature students' who sat in the front at lectures and asked lots of questions).

The bulk of my teaching career has been overseas where I taught in years Foundation to Year 4 at international schools in eight different countries including: South Korea, Pakistan, Philippines, Dubai, Kuwait and Indonesia. Living and working in different parts of the world has given me so many amazing opportunities for travel and learning about the unique culture of each country.

Now I am fortunate to be part of the amazing community at Encounter Lutheran College. I started off as a relief teacher however, I was offered the opportunity to become a full time



teacher working with two amazing teacher partners and a wonderful cohort of enthusiastic learners. Recently I bought a unit in Encounter Bay and I now live happily with my black poodle Frankie who loves to run off with my slippers and take long walks. I have a 28 year old son who is also a teacher and lives in Queensland.

I'm looking forward to what this school year brings and I will always do my very best to meet challenges and care for the incredible student at Encounter Lutheran College.



Prayer Breakfast Invitation

You are invited to join us for an upcoming Prayer Breakfast at Encounter as we pray for our College community.

TERM 2 - Thursday 8th June

TERM 3 - Wednesday 23rd August

TERM 4 - Tuesday 21st November

8.45am until 9.30am in the Staff Lounge. Refreshments available upon arrival, and concluding with tea & coffee.

For further details, please email communications@encounter.sa.edu.au

Term Dates



Term 1

- Good Friday: Friday 7th April 2023
- Easter Monday: Monday 10th April 2023
- **Concludes Thursday 13th April 2023**
- Parent Teacher Interviews: Friday 14th April

Term 2

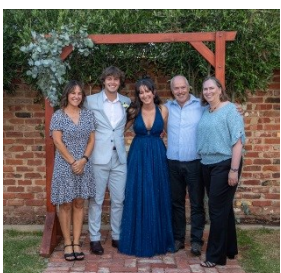
- Commences Monday 1st May 2023
- Public Holiday: Monday 12th June 2023
- Concludes Friday 30th June 2023

For further details, visit

www.encounter.sa.edu.au/calendar

YEAR 12 FORMAL

Friday 17th March | Blues Restaurant, Middleton



COLLEGE NEWS

A new sign-in Parent Lounge is coming to Encounter



Encounter Lutheran College is expanding its online experience to our parent community with the addition of the following new features:

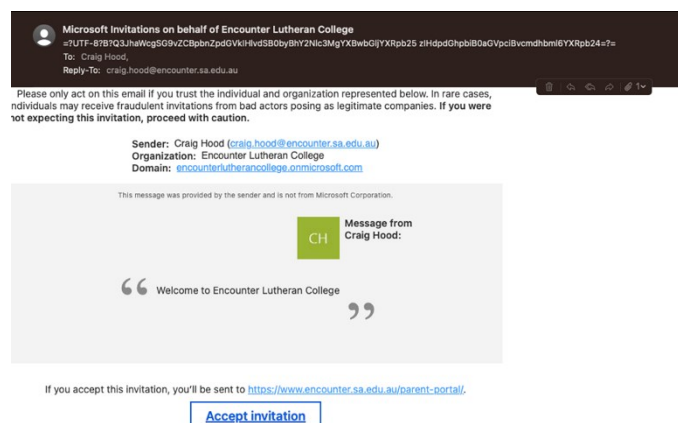
- A new integrated online booking system for our upcoming Parent Teacher Interviews.
- A new online College Calendar with up to the minute information of College activities and events.
- Update Parent Details and Contact Details online.
- A new College App is also set to be launched which will require a login for access to additional integrated features.
- Single Sign-On (SSO) to online College services, including SEQTA Engage, TASS Parent Lounge and the new College App.

The next steps...

As part of the next steps for this rollout, parents should have now received an email from **"Microsoft Invitations on behalf of Encounter Lutheran College"**.

Upon receiving the email, click on the **"Accept Invitation"** button and you will be redirected to sign into Microsoft Account.

There are several options, Microsoft Authenticator App, Email Code or Create Password (click on 'Forgot Password' and follow the instructions).



Parent Teacher Interviews

Encounter's Parent Teacher Interviews for Term 1 will be held on the following days and times:

- **Thursday 13th April** (Last day of school): 3.45pm until 8.00pm
- **Friday 14th April** (Student Free Day): 8.30am until 3.15pm

Bookings for this round of Parent Teacher Interviews will open at 9.00am on Monday 3rd April (until Friday 7th April) by using the new login to our Parent Portal (instead of the SOBS booking system which was previously used).

Once you have set up your Microsoft login to the new Parent Portal, follow these steps to make your booking:

- **Step 1** - On Monday 3rd April from 9.00am, sign in to the Parent Lounge at: <https://tass.encounter.sa.edu.au/parentlounge>
- **Step 2:** Click on "Parent Teacher Interviews" tab from the Parent Lounge menu.
- **Step 3:** Select the applicable Parent Teacher Interview Conference listed on the "Book Now" button once it is available.
- **Step 4:** Select your child that you would like to book the interview for.
- **Step 5:** Select the relevant teacher/subject that you would like to book an appointment for in the action column and click on "Book an Appointment" link.
- **Step 6:** Choose the appointment time that you would like to book and write an applicable comment if required.
- **Step 7:** Click the "Confirm" button to confirm your appointment.
- **Step 8:** Bookings can be printed by clicking on the printer icon link.

A video tutorial is also available which will guide you through each of the steps: <https://tassweb.vids.io/videos/d49bdab4181be5c65c/booking-parent-teacher-interviews-in-parent-lounge>

COLLEGE NEWS

A new Encounter App is coming

With the addition of our new Single Sign On to the online Parent Lounge, we are also set to launch a brand new College App in the coming days.

Receive instant information, push notifications for urgent updates, school newsletters and more.

Key features of the new Encounter Lutheran College app will include:

- **Notices:** The Notices module provides Encounter Lutheran College with the ability to keep you informed with important information, with push notifications for urgent school notices
- **Newsletter:** Access the current and all previous College newsletters from the Newsletter module.
- **Calendar:** The Calendar module displays all events occurring in the current week or those that are up-and-coming. Events can easily be subscribed to, shared and saved for later.
- **Links:** Access all of the most frequently used services and documents from Encounter.
- **Contacts:** Access the contact details for Encounter Lutheran College, including each staff member.
- **SEQTA Engage:** Easy access to our Learning Management System, SEQTA Engage.
- **Seesaw:** Easy access to our Junior School Learning Management System.
- **Business Directory:** Support our parent community with the Encounter Lutheran College Business Directory.

The new Encounter App will be available for all Apple iPhones, iPads and Android phones and tablets.



Stay tuned for launch details coming soon!

Introducing Consent2Go

Our paper-based camp and excursion forms are going digital

Consent2Go is a digital camps and excursions system that assists Teachers with planning, coordination, evidence-based risk assessment, and student support.

Parents will have access to event information and provide participation consent using the Consent2Go App. Check out the full range of functionality as www.2goschools.com/

Benefits to parents

- Provide paperless consent for your child to attend excursions and events.
- View event information and requirements at any time.
- Review and update your child's medical information.
- Book events into your personal calendar.

Timeline for the rollout

- Email to all parents by the end of Term 1 with instruction on how to download the App and confirm student profiles.
- System and administrative updates during Term 2, with some designated trial events using the App.
- Staff training in Term 2, Week 10.
- Full transition to Consent2Go in Term 3 for all College excursions and camps.

consent2go

COLLEGE NEWS

Student Achievements

Little Athletics State Representative

Congratulations to Tempany Hames in Year 8 who has been chosen for the SA Little Athletics Nationals in Victoria in 3 weeks.

Tempany won two Silvers and a Bronze at the State Championships last weekend, smashing her 200h best by 2 seconds and jumping 10.77 in Triple jump. (She also jumped 9.80 at Sports Day!)

Hockey State Representative

Congratulations to Grace Rogers in Year 9 who has been selected in the State team for under 15 Hockey. Many trials took place over summer and 17 girls will travel to Darwin in April to take part in the National tournament. What a wonderful achievement!



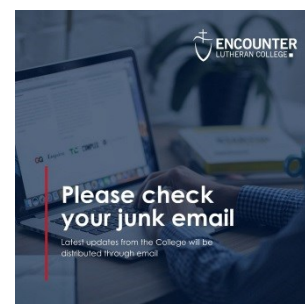
Grab your Coffee @ GPS Café

Encounter's GPS Café is open before every Junior School Shine from 8.40am until 9.00pm. If you're heading in to join us at Shine, why not grab a great coffee before-hand! The Café is located near the entrance of the Kondole, closest to the rear car park.



Junk email reminder

A reminder to check your Spam or Junk email folder. Sometimes emails sent from the College will finish up in these folders. To ensure that you don't miss any important communication, please remember to check these email folders regularly, whitelist or mark any emails from @encounter.sa.edu.au as a safe sender.



College Shop Opening Hours

Opening hours during Term time:

- Monday: 8.30am – 9.30am
- Tuesday & Thursday: 8.30am – 9.30am and 2.30pm – 3.30pm

School Holidays Opening Hours

Open on the final Friday of each school holiday period from 9.00am until 3.00pm.

- **Friday 28th April:** 9.00am – 3.00pm

For more information about the College Shop, including Uniform Guidelines, visit:

www.encounter.sa.edu.au/college-shop

NEWS FROM THE NEST

Guest Author: **Charlotte Barkla**

Our Year 3 and Year 4 students attended a virtual workshop hosted by Brisbane-based Children's author, Charlotte Barkla.

Charlotte discussed her books below and guided students on generating their own story ideas for writing.



PREMIER'S READING Challenge

Premier's Reading Challenge

For students wishing to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge this year, please refer to the website:

www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au to download the [Student Reading Record](#).

Click on the tab '[HOME EDUCATION FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS](#)' and follow the instructions.

Please note Encounter Lutheran is not an administrator for the Challenge in 2023.

Bush Kindy

Join us every Wednesday morning from 8.45am for Bush. No payment or booking required, just turn up. Our Bush Kindy group meets outside of The Nest near the creek area in the Junior School. All preschool-aged children are welcome to join us together with a parent.

Find out more at: www.encounter.sa.edu.au/learning/play-learn-birth-to-4-years-2/

Books Alive!

Books Alive runs from 9.00am until 9.45am, every Thursday morning throughout the school term. Meet in The Nest at the Junior School. No payment or booking required, just turn up.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

Next P&F Meeting

As a trial to make our Parents and Friends meeting times more accessible, we will be trialling a new day and time for our next meeting!

**NEW TRIAL TIME
with FREE COFFEE!**

8.45am
Tuesday 9th May



Join us on Tuesday 9th May at 8.45am after school drop off in the Staff Lounge for a quick meeting, followed by freshly made barista coffee from Encounter's GPS Café!

Stay up to date

- **P&F Email List:** [Click Here](#) to subscribe
- **P&F Facebook:** www.facebook.com/groups/ELCParentsandFriendsCommittee
- **Email:** encounterlutherancollegepandf@gmail.com

Volunteer Orientation

Volunteers support the College through a wide variety of roles. If you have been unable to attend a recent Volunteer Orientation Session, please contact Lauren McKee at people@encounter.sa.edu.au and we will arrange an additional timeslot for you.

Further information is available at:

www.encounter.sa.edu.au/volunteer-with-us/

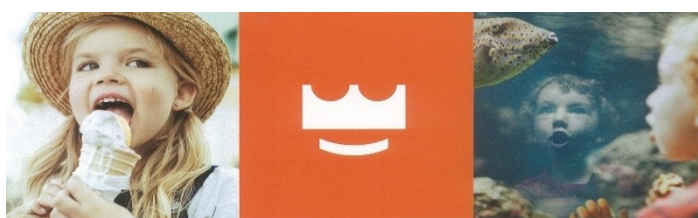
Please note: We no longer have a COVID-19 vaccination policy, so any restrictions based on vaccination status have now been removed.

Mother's Day Stall

Calling all parent volunteers to assist with our Mother's Day stall which will take place on **Thursday 11th May**.

If you are able to assist, please contact Brooke Fishlock or Kim Baker via

encounterlutherancollegepandf@gmail.com



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Good Friday 7 April 9.30am @ VHLC



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Easter Day 9 April

6.30am @ Kent Reserve

9.30am @ VHLC

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A Messy Easter

7 May

Who is Jesus?

18 June

Armor of God

6 August

Feeding Frenzy



10 September

What is Family?

29 October

Messy Church goes
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3 December

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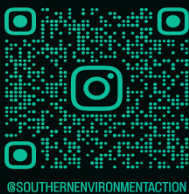
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Thursday Afternoons
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MIDDLETON WINERY

Front Yard Festival



Easter SATURDAY
Gates Open 12pm

8th April

MUSIC - FOOD - WINE - BREWS

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The Mac (The Fleetwood Mac Experience)
Young Sawyer Ciaram Granger Motty Music
FRONTYARD All Stars & Hosted by Andrew Baldino


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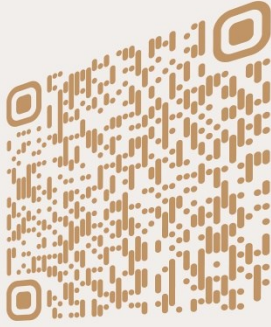
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