

Hearts and Minds

Newsletter for Encounter Lutheran College

Excitement for the future

KELVIN GRIVELL | PRINCIPAL

'It's all happening at the MCG!'

Although it's the catchcry of cricket commentator Bill Lawry and not intended for schools, we're about to enter a period at Encounter that might mean this phrase is the perfect fit.

Earlier this week we confirmed two major building projects to commence within weeks: our Middle School Learning Centre on Block 69 and a purpose-built Early Learning Centre.

The Middle School space will house a science lab, visual arts room, a kitchen and a digital technologies studio. This entire space will be able to function discreetly or collaboratively, while also lending itself to transitioning readily between indoors and the outdoor environment that we'll have at our fingertips. Our Early Learning Centre will double our current capacity for early learners and will also be a space that is innovative and aligned with our emerging pedagogy to best support pre-school children.

Our expectation is that both of these projects will conclude in the opening weeks of 2024 and I am so excited to share this news with you.

In the months ahead we will also construct a roadway through Block 69 to give us a second exit point for the College, along with two demountable buildings being established to better cater for Middle & Senior School Performing Arts and our Out of School Hours Care service.

All of these changes will have a short and long term impact on our car parking and traffic flow, so I thank you in advance for being patient and understanding there is a bigger picture in mind. We will communicate any changes to you with as much notice as possible and welcome any feedback as we introduce them.

Having overseen a great deal of change at Encounter over the past decade, it seems surprising to declare that the next 12 months may 'take the cake'. Although there will be inevitable challenges as we navigate the months ahead, I am confident all of what we are doing is in the best interests of the Encounter family and I'm grateful to be leading our College through such an exciting phase.

I hope you share my immense excitement for our future.

Blessings, Kelvin



What's On!

TERM 2 | WEEK 3

Saturday 20th May

- Ntaria/Central Aust Trip departs

TERM 2 | WEEK 4

Monday 22nd May

- Year 11 Museum Excursion
- Year 11/12 Boys Statewide AFL Knockout
- Year 7-12 Individual Golf Championships

Tuesday 23rd May

- Year 1 Hindmarsh River Excursion

Wednesday 24th May

- Sorry Day (F-3)

Thursday 25th May

- Sorry Day (4-6)

Friday 26th May

- Foundation Almost Sleepover
- SAPSASA Athletics (10-12 yrs)

TERM 2 | WEEK 5

Monday 29th May

- National Simultaneous Story Time

Tuesday 30th May

- Year 5 Camp (until Thursday)

Wednesday 31st May

- Yr 7/8 Boys Basketball Knockout

Friday 2nd June

- Encounter Cross Country

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



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DEVOTION

A Mother's Love

JESS ANDREWS | JUNIOR SCHOOL TEACHER

As we have just celebrated Mother's Day, I took some time to reflect on how much I truly love my children. Despite the daily arguing between them and feeling like I am banging my head against a brick wall at times – my children are wonderful; I love them with all that I am and I would give anything for them.

Motherhood can be hard! It looks like rocking a crying baby in the dark of night and holding a tearful teen in the depths of disappointment.

It's wiping bottoms, noses and floors over and over and listening to the same knock-knock joke on repeat!

Motherhood is a daily decision to fill ordinary moments with an extraordinary love. Much like the extraordinary love of Christ. This love does not always resemble perfection – it may look like the above. Or, like Jesus Christ hanging from a rugged cross.

1 John 3:16 reminds us that true love is filled with sacrifice. **"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son..."**



This love doesn't always feel natural, whomever we are. But, if we fix our eyes on Jesus and follow His example, we will grow into women with His glory and grace.

To all the mother's out there, whether married, coupled, single, mums to be, a mum who has lost or a dad who has to be a mum too – I encourage you to fix your eyes on the love and example of Jesus and find strength in Him as we truly love our children with all that we are.

Jess

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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 2 Prayer Breakfast

All parents and friends of the College are welcome to join us for our Term 2 Prayer Breakfast to be held in the Staff Lounge at Encounter Lutheran College on Thursday 8th June from 8.45am until 9.30am.

This will be an informal opportunity to pray together for our College community, and for our 2023 theme of "Hope".

Light refreshments will be available upon arrival, concluding with tea and coffee at the end of the Prayer Breakfast.

For catering purposes, please RSVP via the following link and indicate your complimentary hot beverage preference.

RSVP: <https://forms.office.com/r/k6wH0Q7M7n> by Wednesday 7th June.

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Connecting

TORI WEISS | HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Interacting with students must be the best part of my job! Whether it's helping them put up a tent at camp, reading our littlest learners a story or as I did today, speaking to the Year 5's as part of their 'Living Libraries', nothing beats spending time with the students in the Junior School. It is such a privilege to witness their learning unfold as they make connections, draw conclusions, wonder about, explore further and test their growing understandings.

At the moment, Year 5's are learning about resilience and things that contribute to positive mental health and wellbeing. They heard about a range of issues to do with this from some visiting 'experts', including Pastor Riley Smith about spirituality, from Donna about healthy eating and from me about the importance of managing screen time.

In regard to screen time, according to the Australian Institute of Family Studies, 4–5 years old children average more than two hours of screen time per weekday. By 12–13 years old, this has doubled to more than four hours per weekday and almost five hours a day on weekends.

This means that up to 30% of a child's waking time is spent in front of a screen!

This same study also found that children who engage in physical activities that they enjoy will tend to spend less time in front of screens.

The concern about children spending so much time on screens has become so extreme that Richard Louv (child advocacy expert) has named the crisis 'nature deficit disorder'. His concern is that our children just aren't getting outside enough and therefore not getting the benefit being in an outdoor learning environment provides.

Latest research does show us that children who spend time outside achieve more academically, have great wellbeing, are more attentive and less anxious than children who spend their time on screens.



One of the things our students DO have lots of opportunity to do, is utilise outdoor spaces. This term, the Year 6's have been spending a whole day down on the Block. Teachers have reported better behaviour, calmer students, more engaged learning, more output in terms of work and improved relationships with each other.



You can see some of the benefits for our younger learners here:

<https://youtu.be/aTFDO4J5oco>

Have a great week ahead,

Tori

STAFF PROFILE

Introducing... **Sarah Wolverton**

My name is Sarah Wolverton and I am a Year 6 Teacher at Encounter. I first came to Encounter on a school tour, as a family. I found that Encounter aligned with my personal and professional philosophies, so I am very happy to send my children here and feel very blessed to teach here too.

What were you doing before coming to Encounter?

I taught in a range of schools in Victoria, mostly around the Geelong area. I held leadership roles in mathematics and student voice committees, which drives a lot of my passion in teaching today.

What were your first impressions of Encounter Lutheran College?

The sense of community was so welcoming and supportive. The staff are so passionate and engaged in what they do, and everyone works together collaboratively to support the whole child.

What is the favourite thing about your job?

That I get to watch the growth of students and empower them with their learning.

Describe yourself in three words:

Passionate, enthusiastic and innovative.

What do you do for fun or relaxation?

Being at the beach, whether it is surfing or a beach combing walk, you just can't beat it.

What is your favourite place that you have ever lived or visited and why?

Crete in Greece was amazing. We lived and worked there for 6 months and met the most incredible people, with such interesting stories.



What is one fun fact / something you may not know about me:

My husband and I formed our last name together through old family names from both sides.

What is your greatest accomplishment?

Besides having two beautiful children with my husband, it would be our walk across Spain, El Camino De Santiago. I would highly recommend it to everyone. A great way to challenge yourself, while appreciating the simple, yet necessary things in life.

Sarah

COLLEGE NEWS

Staff News

We're excited to be welcoming the following new staff to the Encounter family:

- **JESS PATER** has stepped into Year 2 with Heidi Knowles this term as Fiona Vaughan takes long service leave. Jess made a fabulous impression as a relief teacher in Term 1 and we are fortunate to have her join us for the whole of Term 2.
- **JESS SAMMELLS** is replacing Yu Cameron's maternity leave for the remainder of 2023. Jess has lived and taught in Japan and with her wealth of knowledge is also taking on the role of Language Acquisition Coordinator 7-12.
- **HANNAH OAKESHOTT** commenced this week, teaching PE in the Junior School and taking on the role of Physical Education Coordinator F-6. Hannah has had extensive experience as a PE specialist that she brings to the Junior School team. Leah Reid will be handing over her PE responsibilities to Hannah and focussing on her role as Outdoor Engagement Coordinator.
- **LEONA REID** has been appointed to the position of Executive Assistant, commencing Tuesday 13th June. Leona is a high experience EA and will working closely with Kelvin across the College. Leona will take over from Lyndsey Speirs who is moving to a Finance Officer position.

Baby News

Congratulations to Yu Cameron and Adam Pfeiffer who recently welcomed Kailani Della into the world!

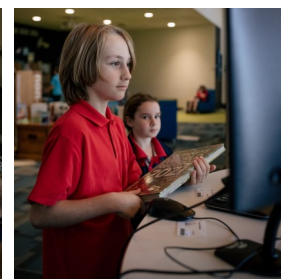
News from the Nest

"Library visitation is strongly related to student reading engagement in Australian students"

– Dr Margaret K. Merga - International expert in literacy, libraries, research methods and communication

We see this research in action every day when students visit the Nest. Along with literacy, students learn numerous other life skills in the library such as:

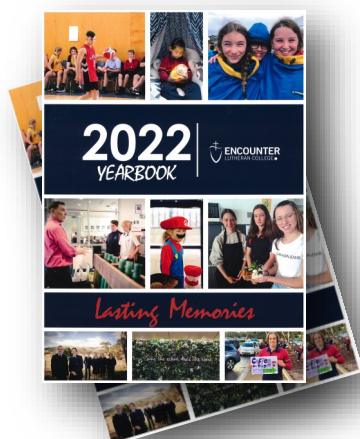
- **Research skills** - searching for books and borrowing them out with their own library number
- **Self-Management skills** – remembering library bags, taking books home and returning them on time
- **Communication Skills** – reading a variety of books for information and pleasure
- **Social Skills** – involvement in book clubs
- **Thinking Skills** - Critical literacy: determining fact from fiction and the author's purpose.



COLLEGE NEWS

2022 College Yearbook

The 2022 College Yearbook has now been distributed to the youngest child of each family. If your family did not receive a copy, please visit the Front Office where some additional copies are available.



Graduating students from the Class of 2022 are also welcome to collect their copies from the office.

2022 Community Service Honour Roll

CORRECTION: It has come to our attention that in the 2022 College Yearbook, some people's names who should have been in the Community Service Honour Roll were not listed. We have found that unfortunately, this occurred due to an administration error, and for this, we are very sorry for any heartache or issues this has caused. Below is the full list of students who should have appeared on the Community Service Honour Roll.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Year 7:

- Stella Williams
- Jedd Elbourne
- Tempany Hames
- Charlie Richards
- Luke Fegan
- April Styles
- Jack Congerton
- Bailey De Luca
- Luke Fenech
- Liliana Ferraro
- Caleb Hood
- Chester Kramer
- Daniel Scotton
- Nathan Smith
- Levi Stringer
- Reilly Weidenhofer

Year 8:

- Kael Grant
- Keane Jamieson
- Locky Lester
- Tobias Meeks
- Keira Bland
- Zoe Baker
- Alex Gager
- Leila Harrington
- Zara McCreanor
- Grace Rogers

Year 9:

- Abigail Andrews
- Eli Dunkley
- Tiani- Rose Jamieson
- Ella Keam
- Chantelle Kearton
- Amy Turley
- Henry Weiss
- Alexis Bruce
- Abigail Ellis
- Zach Paithaus
- Evie French
- Jack Van Rhoda
- Karly Wood

Year 10:

- Leila Britton
- Ella Cavanagh
- Molly Green
- Eve McLachlan
- Ebony Turner
- Clare Wright
- Molly Doon
- Abbey Howlett
- Jessica Jones
- Anna Keiper-Bament
- Valentina Plisko

Year 11:

- Devon Sugrue
- Rylee Hann



Cross Country

Block 69 | Encounter Lutheran College

Week 5 | Friday 2 June, 2023

Cross Country

Encounter's Cross Country will be held in Week 5 on **Friday 2nd June** (Week 5) at Block 69. (Please note the change of date which was previously published online).

Parents are welcome to come along and spectate as per the following times for each sub-school:

- **Middle/Senior School:** 9.10am until 11.10am
- **Junior School:** 12.45pm until 2.45pm
- **College Presentations:** 2.45pm

Download the full schedule for the day at:
www.encounter.sa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Encounter-Cross-Country-2023.pdf



-  Fence
-  1500m Track
-  1000m Track
-  850m Track
-  500m Track
-  300m Track
-  Marquees
-  Scorers Tent
-  Toilets
-  First Aid/Water

COLLEGE NEWS

Year 11 Careers & Employment Excursion

On Friday 12th May, the Year 11 students visited the Careers & Employment Expo at the Adelaide Showgrounds.

With over 150 exhibitors, it was an excellent opportunity for students to investigate options for training and further education beyond school. Students will use their findings from this excursion in some career conversations with our Career Development Coordinator, Andrew Weiss, from Week 3 this term.

More formal discussions around subject selections will occur after Encounter's Career Evening in Term 3.

Mel O'Donnell, SACE and VET Coordinator



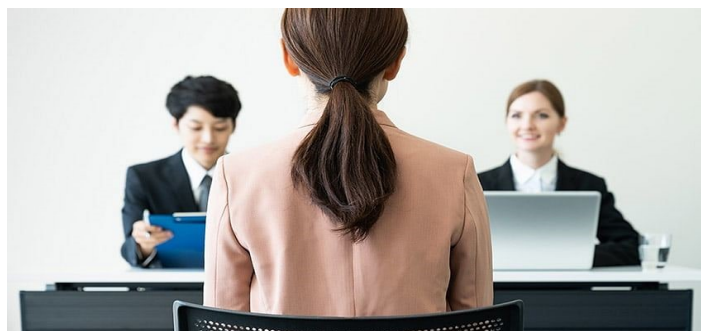
Borgas Shield House Update



Borgas Shield House Points Update as at Term 1, Week 3:

- **Granite** = 72
- **Rosetta** = 68
- **Coorong** = 60
- **Yilki** = 48

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS Year 10 Mock Interviews



Dear Encounter Families and Supporters:

FOUR MORE VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We are in the process of organising the annual Mock Interview program for our Year 10 students and we were hoping that members of our community with experience in interviewing for staff, might be willing/able to assist us with this program?

We are still looking for four more business-people to assist with the following timeslots:

- **Monday 26th June, 9.00am-11.20am**
- **Monday 26th June, 12.00pm-2.20pm**
- **Tuesday 27th June, 12.00pm-2.20pm**

If you would like to be a part of Encounter's Mock Interview program, please email julian.schubert@encounter.sa.edu.au.

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7-8 June 2023
VICTOR HARBOR TOWN HALL

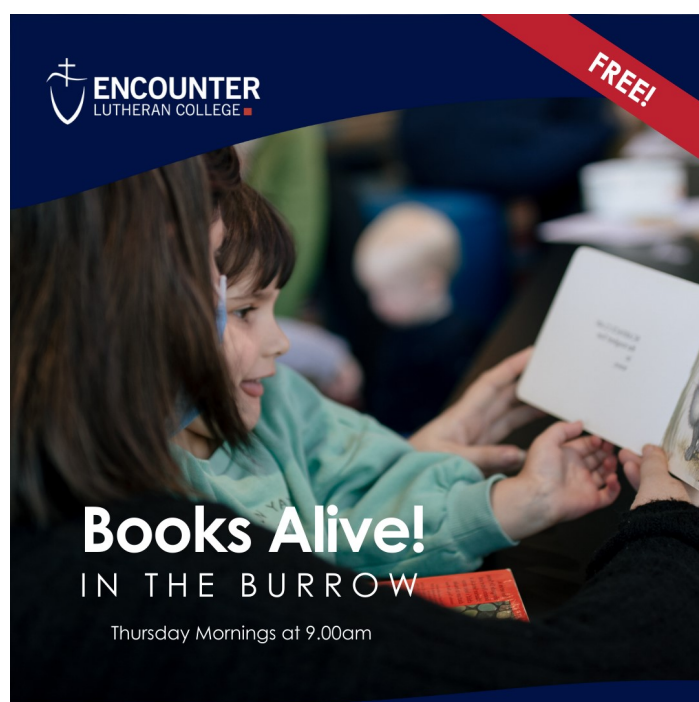


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FREE!

Bush Kindy
ON THE BLOCK

Wednesday Mornings at 8.45am



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FREE!

Books Alive!
IN THE BURROW

Thursday Mornings at 9.00am

PARENTS & FRIENDS

Next P&F Meeting

Due to the success of our recent trial P&F Morning Meeting, we invite you to come along to our next morning meeting on Tuesday 6th June at 8.45am.



Join us after school drop off on Tuesday 6th June from 8.45am-10.00am 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/

OLD SCHOLARS



1+ Year Reunion

Calling all past students from the **Class of 2020 | Class of 2021 | Class of 2022**

Encounter Lutheran College invites students from the Graduating Classes of 2020, 2021 and 2022 to join us for a 1+ Year Reunion.

WHEN: Sunday 18th June 2023, 2.00pm-4.00pm

WHERE: SALT at the Elliot, Hotel Elliot

Grazing platters and 2 drinks provided upon arrival | No cost to attend

RSVP: <https://forms.office.com/r/xUGQNSpCmw> by Friday 9th June

Spread the word: www.facebook.com/encounterlutherancollege/events

COMMUNITY NEWS

100 YEARS

VICTOR HARBOR GIRL GUIDES

Are you interested in finding out about Girl Guides?
This year it is 100 years since Girl Guides were established in Victor Harbor.

Come and Try!

Sunday 28 May, 11.00am-3.00pm
Victor Harbor Guide Hall & grounds
Hindmarsh Road, Victor Harbor

There will be historical information, photo albums, activities, stalls, sausage sizzle and Devonshire tea available.

Everyone is welcome!!

Contact victorharbor@girlguidessa.org.au for more information on the celebration or joining girl guides.

Girl Guides SA and Victor Harbor Girl Guides acknowledge the generous support of Lifecycle Plus www.lifecycle.plus



WINTER WHALEFEST VICTOR HARBOR 26 MAY - 25 JUNE 2023



A month-long festival of fun and thought provoking events, celebrating the annual migration of whales to the Fleurieu Peninsula.

EVENTS INCLUDE

- Free Willy screening at Victa Cinema
- World renowned conservationist, photographer and film maker Valerie Taylor exhibition, Q&A and documentary screening
- Snorkel Granite Island (Kaiki)
- Leafy seadragon guided scuba dives
- Walking tours of Granite Island (Kaiki)
- Guided tour of SA Whale Centre
- Granite Island Run
- Welcoming of the whales ceremony
- Beach combing
- Great Barrier Reef VR experience
- Winter Whale Fest expo
- Junior Whale Spotter training
- Art classes
- Ocean-themed yoga for kids
- Citizen science programs
- Ocean film festival
- and MORE

More information and bookings at www.winterwhalefest.com.au



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18 June

Armor of God

6 August

Feeding Frenzy



Victor Harbor

Sundays from 3.30pm - 5.30pm

with meal provided



[victorharbormessychurch](https://www.facebook.com/victorharbormessychurch)

10 September

What is Family?

29 October

Messy Church goes
Wild @ Block 69

3 December

Preparing for
Christmas



Lutheran Church Centre, 21a Adelaide Rd Victor Harbor

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