

# Hearts and Minds

Newsletter for Encounter Lutheran College

## Encounter On Stage!

**KELVIN GRIVELL | PRINCIPAL**

Last week *High School Musical* took centre stage at the Victor Harbor Town Hall as the cast, crew, staff and families enjoyed the culmination of months of learning, rehearsals and effort.

For many of the six hundred people who soaked up the three performances, there would have been a student or two they had a special eye on. A son, daughter, grandchild or friend who they were watching with pride and joy.

When musicals finally hit the stage there are always key characters who truly shine. They have God-given gifts which are on full display and it is so precious to see these students in their element and bursting with enthusiasm, talent and energy.

While there was certainly a 'WOW factor' from some shining lights last week, a great privilege for me was to gain a few special glimpses from side or back stage during one of the performances. One moment was watching the back stage crew working carefully and quietly as a team to ensure each scene change was smooth and seamless. Another was observing students for whom stepping onto stage was an achievement in itself; their confidence emerging and their 'glow' so obvious as they overcame fear or uncertainty.

Although a stage is physically different to a classroom, in many ways the learning, challenges, collaboration and growth is the same. Perhaps at times even more rich.

There were so many stories to celebrate and I've spent the days since last week reflecting with such gratitude that I could see it from my unique perspective.

Congratulations to all involved and thanks to the many Encounter family members who continue to value and promote The Arts.

**Kelvin**



## What's On!

### TERM 2 | WEEK 8

#### Sunday 18 June

- Old Scholar Reunion for the Class of 2020, 2021 & 2022

#### Monday 19 June

- Year 11 Exams (until 21/06)

#### Wednesday 21 June

- Year 6 Excursion
- Year 11 Research Project Planning (until 23/06)

#### Thursday 22 June

- Year 5 Student Led Conference
- Year 10 Exams (until 21/06)

### TERM 2 | WEEK 9

#### Monday 26 June

- Year 10 Mock Interviews (until Tuesday 27/06)
- Year 11 Canberra Camp (until Friday 30/06)
- Year 12 Trial Exams (until 30/06)

#### Wednesday 28 June

- Year 1 Student Led Conference
- Year 6 Victor Harbor Excursion

#### Thursday 29 June

- International Mud Day (JS)
- Year 7/8 Basketball Div 1 Finals

#### Friday 30 June

- Last Day of Term 2
- Funky Sock Day
- Closing Shine, 2.30pm

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More at: [www.encounter.sa.edu.au/calendar](http://www.encounter.sa.edu.au/calendar)



**thrive**



**connect**



**belong**

# DEVOTION

## How to stay plugged in

DAN SAWADE | CHRISTIAN STUDIES COORDINATOR 7-12

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing".

– John 15:5

Have you ever tried to use an electrical item, but the power cord simply doesn't reach the power point? This can be so annoying, can't it? We need to get something done, but the cord just won't stretch long enough, I usually find this when I am vacuuming the house, I can't quite get it done by being plugged into the one power point, I have to switch halfway through. (I know, first world problems!)

The important point to the above question is that the appliance needs to *remain* plugged into the power source, and our daily power source is none other than Jesus. The phrase in the Bible verse '*remain in me*' is like a phrase that Paul uses over 75 times in the New Testament and that is *in Christ*. This phrase instantly makes me think about one of my favourite worship songs "[In Christ Alone](#)" and one of the lines from the song links perfectly with the theme of being connected to Jesus:

*"In Christ alone, my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song"*

Paul uses the phrase *in Christ* to emphasise the importance of being plugged into the power source, not trying to stretch beyond our means and do things in our own strength, but in His strength. The phrase is deeply personal and describes an intimate connection between us and Jesus, so much so that Paul talks about the idea that when Jesus died, we died with Him, but when He rose from the dead, we also rose as new creations.

So how can we make sure that we remain connected to the power source of Jesus daily? Here are some helpful tips from [www.crosswalk.com/faith/bible-study/what-jesus-means-by-i-am-the-vine-you-are-the-branches.html](http://www.crosswalk.com/faith/bible-study/what-jesus-means-by-i-am-the-vine-you-are-the-branches.html)



**Inventory:** At the end of each day, good, bad, or indifferent, reflect on where you were trying to get your power, was it Jesus or was it something else?

**Listening:** Make sure to spend time listening to Jesus' voice each day and hear what He has to say to you.

**Gratitude:** Giving thanks and having gratitude for the numerous blessings in our lives can really help change our perspective, but also help us re-connect with the source of the blessings.

**Stillness:** Try to spend 5-10 minutes (or more) in stillness, free from the distraction of phones, laptops etc. Spend this time simply in Jesus' presence.

**Prayer:** Dear God, we thank you and praise you that you are a personal God, who makes a home in our lives through your Son Jesus. Help us, as your body to seek our strength from you alone and not try to stretch ourselves too thin and do things in our own strength. Help us to remain connected to you and others this day and always. In your name, we pray. Amen

Dan

# JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

## School Reports

TORI WEISS | HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Staff across the College are deep into report writing mode at the moment. You will receive your child's report at the end of this term. As is usual practice in all Australian schools, we are required to report formally to parents/carers, twice a year. At Encounter, we choose to do this at the end of each semester.

The school report will help you understand how your child is progressing academically and should be read in conjunction with your child's learning journal on Seesaw. If they receive an 'A' in Maths for example, you can have a look at the Maths based work samples in Seesaw and better understand how the teacher has arrived at that judgement.

In the Junior School, teachers plan, teach, assess and report students' learning using the Australian Curriculum. The Australian Curriculum sets high standards for what all young Australians should be taught and what they should know and be able to do as they progress throughout their schooling journey.

Each learning/curriculum area has 'achievement standards'. These standards describe in plain language what students should typically know, understand and be able to do, by the end of each year level.

Achievement is graded as required by all Australian schools along a 5-point continuum. We choose to represent this using A-E grades.

A - Your child is demonstrating **excellent** achievement of what is expected at this year level.

B - Your child is demonstrating **good** achievement of what is expected at this year level.

C - Your child is achieving **what is expected** at this year level.

D - Your child is demonstrating **partial** achievement of what is expected at this year level.

E - Your child is demonstrating **minimal** achievement of what is expected at this year level.



It is important to remember that information about your child's learning comes from a range of places. As well as having an emerging understanding about progress from Parent Teacher interviews, you are also given access to work on Seesaw, through dialogue with your children at Student-Led Conference, via teacher meetings and finally summarised in your child's report.

What is really important to us in addition to grades is dispositions our students show to their learning. We encourage you to celebrate effort over achievement with your children.

As always, teachers are available and happy to support you with any questions you may have about your child as a learner here at Encounter.

Warmest regards,

**Tori**



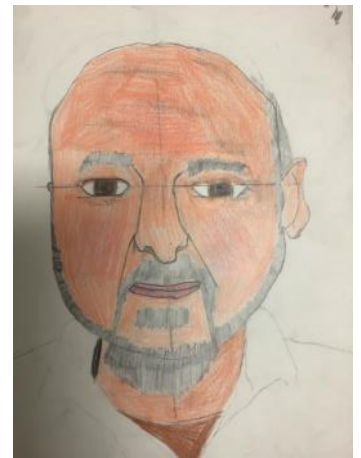
# JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

## Art in the Junior School

At Encounter, students have been exploring Art through a range of contexts and on many occasions, Art has been linked in authentic ways to Units of Inquiry. Different materials are used to produce art pieces and techniques are taught so that students can communicate their ideas effectively.

### Year 6

Students in Year 6 have been working on their sketching skills while focusing on the human portrait. Students have explored different face shapes, sectioned the face into quarters and used shading and portion control to build in each facial feature. The TV show Anh's (Do) Brush with Fame was used as inspiration as students created their own portraits. The portraits were based on an interview conducted in the holidays and this also formed the basis of historical fiction writing. A photo of Zoe's mum was used for her portrait while Milan interviewed his neighbour for inspiration.



### Year 1

In the Sharing the Planet unit the students were researching one of four local native animals, the Sedge Skipper, Yellow Tailed Black Cockatoo or Bearded Dragon. After researching what the animals needed in their habitats, the students worked in small groups to design and construct their animal's habitat out of natural collage materials. These collages were used as the illustration in student's non-fiction books on the habitat pages.



### Year 4

In Year 4 students have been exploring forces through their How The World Works unit. This knowledge of forces was combined with abstract art to produce some interesting pieces. Students used gravity and friction to roll paint soaked marbles across a page to create abstract paintings. Magnets were also used to show magnetic fields and the patterns they can produce, creating some spectacular pieces.



# STAFF PROFILE

## Introducing...

### Sarah Zadow

Hi, I'm Sarah Zadow and I'm a Year 7 Home Group Teacher at Encounter.

#### What drew you to Encounter Lutheran College?

What drew me to Encounter was the sense of community that it offered.

#### What were you doing before coming to

**Encounter?** I was a Year 5-7 Teacher at Port Elliot Primary School.

#### What were your first impressions of Encounter

**Lutheran College?** Beautiful, caring and a highly organised place to be!

#### What is your favourite thing about your job?

Building relationships with my students

**What are you most passionate about?** Art, painting, drawing, making earrings; love it all, when my busy schedule permits!

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

I am a qualified nail technician and I have my truck licence.



#### What is your greatest accomplishment?

Completing my Bachelor of Primary Education completing online and having my children see me graduate.

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

Exmouth with my family last year and swimming with the Whale Sharks!

**What do you do for fun or relaxation?** Travelling in our caravan with my family, reading and doing art!

**Sarah**



## 2023 Term Dates



### Term 2

- Concludes Friday 30th June 2023

### Term 3

- Commences Monday 24th July 2023
- Concludes Friday 29th September 2023

### Term 4

- Commences Monday 16th October 2023
- Concludes Friday 8th December 2023

## Borgas Shield House Update



Borgas Shield House Points Update as at Term 1, Week 7:

- Granite** = 78
- Rosetta** = 72
- Coorong** = 68
- Yilki** = 58

## 2023 College Photo Day

The 2023 College Photo Day will be held in Week 1 of Term 3, Thursday 27th July for all class photos, portraits and sibling photos. Stay tuned for further details.



# HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL





# MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

## Year 10 Canberra Trip

Students in our Year 10 cohort have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage, and democracy. Sites visited included the Australian War Memorial, Parliament House, and the Museum of Australian Democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australian being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$90 per student under the Parliament Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

As seen from these photos the Year 10's enjoyed the experience of Canberra.



## VET Success Stories – Tay Parker

During his Year 11 Subject Counselling in 2022, Tay Parker identified that he was interested in a career in hospitality. So, we looked for a nationally recognised training course that would provide Tay some hands on, practical skills. Tay enrolled in a Cert II in Food Processing at Regency TAFE. As part of his Year 11 SACE studies, Tay attends TAFE every Tuesday and is learning how to become a baker. In the first semester this year, Tay has learned a lot about pastries and sweet doughs, such as pies, tarts, and hot-x-buns, and is looking forward to next semester when the focus will shift to breads. His TAFE trainer, Ashley, says that Tay "has a great attitude and makes good products. He works well with the other students in the class on group activities. He asks lots of questions and is a pleasure to have in class." Tay is loving what he is studying so much, that he would like to continue his training in Year 12 next year by completing a school based traineeship as a baker.



If you are interested in completing VET as part of your Year 11 or 12 SACE journey, please make an appointment to speak with Mrs O'Donnell.

**Mel O'Donnell** (SACE & VET Coordinator)

# COLLEGE NEWS

## SCHOOL STUDENT BROADBAND INITIATIVE

### Support your child's education with free internet at home

The Australian Government has established the School Student Broadband Initiative to provide **free home internet** for one year for up to 30,000 unconnected families with school aged students.

This is a targeted affordability measure to boost education opportunities and narrow the digital divide. NBN Co is leading implementation of this initiative.

#### How can the School Student Broadband Initiative help your child?

Children who can access online learning at home as part of their education are more likely to engage in classroom activities.

Access to fast internet at home can also support children to build their digital skills, learn how to safely use the internet and participate in a world that is more reliant on digital technology.

#### Is my family eligible for the School Student Broadband Initiative?

To be eligible you must:

- ✓ Have a child living at home that is enrolled in an Australian school in 2023.
- ✓ Not have an active National Broadband Network internet service at home. Having a mobile internet service does not affect eligibility.
- ✓ Be referred by a nominating organisation. This will include consideration of whether the child has access to a device and the digital skills to use the internet safely.
- ✓ Live in a premises that can access the National Broadband Network via a standard connection - this will be checked for you.



An Australian Government Initiative

#### How does the School Student Broadband Initiative work?

Families will be identified and contacted directly (via parents/carers) by participating schools, education authorities, charities and community organisations in the initiative -these are nominating organisations.

If you are eligible, the home internet service will be provided at no cost for one-year through a participating internet provider over the National Broadband Network. These internet providers will have their own step-by-step process to get you connected, which may involve you providing identification.

Once you sign up, the internet provider will help you to set up your connection. The initiative does not include devices such as a computer or tablet. Other members of the household can use the internet service provided through this initiative.

The one-year period will start from the day your service is activated with your chosen participating internet provider. At the end of the one-year period, you should not be placed onto a paid service by your internet provider without your consent. The Australian Government is considering options beyond the one-year free period.

#### Where can I find additional information on the initiative?

For more information on the School Student Broadband Initiative, visit [www.infrastructure.gov.au/SSBI](http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/SSBI)



# COLLEGE NEWS

## Block 69 Grass Roots Grant

Wednesday was the first day of planting to action the Grass Roots grant awarded to Encounter from Landscape South Australia Hills and Fleurieu. This grant will provide opportunities across the College for students to take part in the regeneration of the existing creek line on Block 69.

To begin the day, families from Bush Kindy enjoyed the sunshine to plant out the area, followed by Year 11 Earth and Environment students and the Year 6 cohort finished the day's planting.

Over the coming weeks other groups in our College will take part in this project.

Encounter Lutheran College will also shortly be initiating a 'Friends of Block 69' volunteer group, for members of our community to support the regeneration of the Block. Stay tuned for details.





# SPORT SNAPSHOTS

## Year 5/6 Boys SAPSASA Football

On Friday 2nd June, Encounter's Year 5/6 Boys Football team travelled to Aldinga to play in the first round of the Statewide Football competition. In our first match, we played against Seaford Rise Primary School. After an even first quarter, the boys then started to take control of the game with some excellent running off half back and a forward line that was starting to look dangerous every time the ball went our way. With a 7 goal final quarter, we eventually ran out comfortable winners: ELC 15.8.98 def SRPS 2.6.18.

The boys then had to back up with another game straight after against Aldinga Payinthi College. With Aldinga enjoying a rest between games, they looked the fresher side and by half time were up by 5 goals. However, the Encounter boys dug deep and showed great fighting spirit to get the game back on our terms and we started to see the results on the scoreboard tip our way. Down by 3 goals heading into the final quarter, our midfield were controlling the game, repeatedly pushing the ball into our forward line. Two goals in the final 3 minutes saw the game go down to the wire, but unfortunately when the final siren went (and with a double check of the scores), we had lost by one point: APC 9.5.59 def ELC 9.4.58

The Year 5/6 boys played outstanding football and showed excellent sportsmanship, teamwork and effort throughout the day. A special thanks to senior students, Tyler McCreanor and Otis Althorp who came along to support the team with goal umpiring and assistant coaching.

Joshua Koop



## South Australia Soccer Knockout Competition

On Monday 5th June, 13 students from Years 10,11 and 12 competed in the Boys Soccer Knockout Competition at Seaford Rangers Soccer ground.

The first match was against Aberfoyle Park and Encounter was leading by 2 goals. Aberfoyle Park fought back and the game ended with the scores tied at 4 all so it was down to penalty shots.

Unfortunately Aberfoyle Park scored the winning penalty goal. In the second game Encounter played Seaford and with only 6 minutes left in the game; the scores were tied. However Encounter rallied to score the winning goal and are now through to the second round of the knockout competition. congratulations on your team work and a well deserved win.

Kerry Brinkman





# SPORT SNAPSHOTS

## MR Team Surfing Trials

Last Wednesday, Encounter competed in the MR Team Trials surfing event held at Goolwa Beach. The event was to select a team to represent South Australia at the National Titles held in Victoria later this year. We were greeted with small, offshore waves and our surfers made the most of the fun conditions. We are happy to announce that our surfers placed 2nd in the state for U/19 boys and U/19 girls. We also made the final for U/16 girls and semi final for U/16 boys. Well done to all of our competitors for a fantastic effort at the MR Team Trials!



## Statewide Knockout Basketball

It's Statewide Knockout sport season, with many of our teams currently competing in various competitions within our region.

On Thursday morning, Encounter was happy to host the Year 7 & 8 Statewide Knockout Basketball. Encounter defeated Sacred Heart College 49-39 in the Kondole at Encounter. It was great to have Encounter graduate Nick Baxter (Class of 2020) back at the College umpiring for the match too!





# ENCOUNTER 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:** This Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> 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>

**Spread the word:** [www.facebook.com/encounterlutherancollege/events](https://www.facebook.com/encounterlutherancollege/events)

If you have a child or know of someone who graduated from Encounter in the past 3 years, please pass this information on to them.

## Encounter Old Scholar Facebook Groups

Encounter Lutheran College has Facebook Groups for graduating classes to stay connected with each other, and to share news of upcoming events and old scholar reunions.

### Class of 2020

[www.facebook.com/groups/encounterclassof2020](https://www.facebook.com/groups/encounterclassof2020)

### Class of 2021

[www.facebook.com/groups/encounterclassof2021](https://www.facebook.com/groups/encounterclassof2021)

### Class of 2022

[www.facebook.com/groups/encounterclassof2022](https://www.facebook.com/groups/encounterclassof2022)



# PARENTS & FRIENDS

## P&F FUNDRAISING DRIVES

### Pie Drive Fundraiser

Special thanks to all those who have made purchases to support our Pie Drive! Orders closed at 3.00pm today, Friday 16th June.

All pre-ordered pies must be collected in-person from the "Music Bass" building at the end of the Junior School Kiss n Drop on Friday 23rd June between 3.00pm and 5.00pm.

### House Donut Day Fundraiser

The Encounter Lutheran College Parents & Friends are holding a DONUT DAY as a lunchtime treat to celebrate the last day of school before the holidays, on Friday 30th June.

Order your House colour donut for \$3.50 and receive a delicious chocolate iced donut with your House colour sprinkles from Ocean Street Bakehouse!



Orders can be placed online at:  
[www.trybooking.com/CJFLS](http://www.trybooking.com/CJFLS)

## Stay up to date

- P&F Email List: [Click Here](#) to subscribe
- P&F Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/ELCParentsandFriendsCommittee](http://www.facebook.com/groups/ELCParentsandFriendsCommittee)
- Email: [encounterlutherancollegepandf@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:people@encounter.sa.edu.au) and we will arrange an additional timeslot for you.

Further information is available at:

## DONUT DAY

Who can raise the most?  
Friday 30 June

R-12 PRE ORDERS ONLY!



ROSETTA

YILKI

GRANITE

COORONG

OCEAN STREET BAKEHOUSE  
\$3.50 LUNCH TIME  
LAST DAY OF TERM TREAT

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Donate supplies to the RSPCA



### We gratefully accept:

- Blankets
- Towels
- Dog beds
- Dog food
- Collars/harnesses
- Dog toys
- Flea / worm treatments



### Things we can't accept:

- Open pet food
- Anything with stuffing
- Anything with buttons
- Partially used products
- Dirty litter trays

Donations can be taken to the front office and left in the box provided. All donations are greatly appreciated, and will be taken to the RSPCA shelter in Lonsdale.



Organised by year 9 community project students  
Leila, Matilda and Fen

## 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](http://www.winterwhalefest.com.au)

A fun, family friendly church for all ages valuing hospitality, creativity and celebration

**18 June**

Armor of God

**THIS SUNDAY!**

From 3.30pm until  
5.30pm at the Lutheran  
Church Centre,  
21a Adelaide Road

**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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