



Hearts and Minds

Newsletter for Encounter Lutheran College

'It's all about the people'

KELVIN GRIVELL | PRINCIPAL

I can be somewhat of an opportunist in life. If I see something that looks like half a chance, I'll think quickly, decide if it's worthwhile, and go and get it. Some may call this tendency of mine initiative, impulse, ADHD or all of the above. It is, however, certainly applicable to many of my thoughts and actions.

Although far from life-changing, a recent example of being an opportunist was on Wednesday afternoon. I'd enjoyed two days with the Year 5 classes camping at Deep Creek and had just left Myponga where students were having a ball cycling and kayaking. Opportunity #1: I could drive the usual way home or detour a slightly longer way back and pop into Yankalilla Bakery. 'Hello, Tom Yum pie'. Opportunism is one trait of mine; gluttony for bakery food is another.

As I sat for a moment at Yankalilla Oval enjoying my lunch, I recalled five days earlier when I was goal umpiring a Junior Colts football game my son was playing in. The oval is in such a lovely setting and on Saturday I remember looking up to the hills, to the golf course and to everything else taking place on the ground and also on the netball courts where I'd been watching my daughter play.

On Wednesday, though, it was just me...and my pie. It was a moment that was peaceful, reflective and sunny. After a 5am start to my day at camp I soaked up the next five minutes and also pondered how much fun my time at Deep Creek had been with the Year 5 students. Yankalilla Oval, though peaceful, wasn't quite the same without the netball courts buzzing, the football ground full of kids racing around, nor the BBQ, canteen, coffee van, parked cars and people milling around chatting to each other. Really, it's all about the people.



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What's On!

TERM 2 | WEEK 6

Monday 5 June

- Open Boys Knockout Soccer

Tuesday 6 June

- Parents & Friends Morning Coffee Meeting, 8.45am-10am
- Year 1 Pt Elliot Beach Excursion

Wednesday 7 June

- Year 11 Flinders Assessment
- Year 7/8 Connect to Country Victor Harbor Library
- High School Musical Opening Performance, 7.00pm

Thursday 8 June

- Encounter Prayer Breakfast, 8.45am
- SSSA Cross Country
- High School Musical On Stage: 1.00pm and 7.00pm

Friday 9 June

- House Day (Sports Uniform)

TERM 2 | WEEK 7

Monday 12 June

- PUBLIC HOLIDAY: King's Birthday

Thursday 15 June

- Year 11 Music at Ridley Farm Studio
- Statewide 11/12 Knockout Boys Basketball

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



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DEVOTION

Fixing your eyes on Jesus

HEIDI KNOWLES | YEAR 2 TEACHER

Hebrews 12:1-3

Cross Country running has been on staff and students minds lately as the annual Encounter Lutheran College Cross Country event has just been run. Well done to all participants!

When we run the race, where do we fix our eyes? Do we look at our feet? Do we look behind us? Do we keep our eyes on the other runners? No. We keep our eyes on the finish line. For Christians, the finish line is Christ. As much as we might be seeking after short term rewards for our exact moment in the race, our real goal is a spiritual and eternal reward in Jesus Christ.

Jesus is the "Pioneer" in that he has made the path possible, in fact, He is the path. By enduring the cross, Jesus paid the price for our sins and made it possible for us to run to God. Before this, our sin disqualified us from even running the race. This reminds us that it is not our works that allow us to run this race, but His grace. He is the "perfecter" in that he is transforming us, evermore, with ever increasing glory, into elite athletes able to run with endurance. Before this, we were weighed down with the burden of sin and death, but through His death on the cross and His resurrection we have been set free from sin and are being transformed into His image, the



image of the perfecter, with ever increasing glory, so that we can win this race.

Its easy to want to look at our selves, our current spot in the race, or other people, but our call, as we run this race is to fix out eyes entirely on Jesus, knowing our destination and knowing the one who has enabled us to run in the first place.

God bless you as you run this race called life!

Heidi

Adapted from the Chinchilla Church of Christ

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At Encounter the three key aspects of our strategic direction relate to PEOPLE, PLANET, PURPOSE. I'm always reminded of the PEOPLE aspect, both in their presence and absence, I am, always drawn to the importance of the students, staff, parents, Board members, grandparents, friends, congregation and community members who connect to Encounter in such unique and critical ways.

Although eating a pie at an empty ground may have prompted me to reflect on how special

the people of Encounter are, it's far more frequently the daily interactions I enjoy greeting students, being on camp or speaking with families and colleagues that reminds me of how people must remain at the centre of every conversation and decision at Encounter.

I'm grateful we are a people place and I thank you all for your ongoing contribution, large or small, to ensuring we uphold that as a priority as we look to our future.

Blessings for your week,

Kelvin

MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Ntaria Tour Reflections

PENNY MCKENZIE | HEAD OF MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL

Often, we see and hear portrayals of young people that are not positive or shine a light on their wrongdoing. There certainly are times when students make mistakes or make decisions that in hindsight, perhaps weren't the best option. Our role as teachers is to help guide our young people, showing grace and providing structures and guidelines for conduct as they navigate their way toward adulthood.

Last week I was privileged to spend time with a group of our staff and students from Year 10-12 in Central Australia. You may have seen the images from the incredible places we visited, including Alice Springs, Ntaria (Hermannsburg), Glen Helen, Ellery Springs, Uluru, Kata Tjuta, Simpson's Gap, and Emily Gap. How blessed we were to visit these significant places with our students. What wasn't captured in the photos was the engagement, collaboration, respect, and connection between the travelling group. I saw students work together setting up campsites, cooking together, packing up food, setting up and packing up tents, repacking trailers,



laughing, walking, singing, and sharing stories for 7 days. I was so proud to be part of the group and share the week with them. The photos were beautiful, but for me the most wonderful part of the week was the confirmation that the future really is in great hands. These students are motivated, resilient, empathetic, and kind. It is so important for us to shine a light on these young people. They, and many like them are a blessing.

Enjoy your week.

Penny



STAFF PROFILE

Introducing... **James Burrows**

Hi, I'm James Burrows and I'm a Year 7 Home Group, Maths, and Science Teacher at Encounter.

What were you doing before coming to Encounter? Enjoying the best year of my life serving as the primary carer for my two daughters, Marigold, and Penelope!

What drew you to Encounter Lutheran College?

Our family knew the Fleurieu Peninsula well thanks to many holiday experiences in the area. Encounter attracted my attention because it is a relatively young school experiencing growth which was something I was excited to become involved in. Teaching within the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program was also very appealing to me.

What were your first impressions of Encounter Lutheran College? I thought the natural environment was breathtaking and I loved how much of the campus appeared to be a work in progress. There was an unmistakably positive feel to the place too – something that is difficult to describe in words, but you know exists when you walk through the school.

What is your favourite thing about your job?

It is never boring!



What do you do for fun or relaxation? Cooking, golf, hiking, or walking along the beach.

What is your favourite place that you have ever visited and why? It would have to be Portugal – the people are very friendly, humble, and kind, the environment is stunning, the history is fascinating, and the food is delicious.

What is one fun fact / something you may not know about me: I have a metal plate and screws holding my collarbone together.

When you were a school student, what did you want to be when you grew up and why? A formula one driver or a journalist.

What are some words of wisdom you would like to pass on to current students? Treat other people as you would like to be treated and if you work hard, you will be rewarded.

James

Term 2 Prayer Breakfast

THURSDAY 8TH JUNE | 8.45AM - 9.30AM



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 this coming Thursday 8th June from 8.45am until 9.30am.

This will be an informal opportunity to continue 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.

COLLEGE NEWS



Encounter students take to the stage for 'High School Musical'

Forty-eight Encounter students will take to the stage next week at the Victor Harbor Town Hall as cast and crew members of the College's 2023 production of Disney's *High School Musical On Stage!*

"It's a fun show," says Elizabeth Bentley, musical director. "The songs are catchy and there is a lot of character development or in-depth dialogue wedged in-between vibrant musical numbers".

The key line of the show is spoken by Valentina Plisko (Year 11) who plays the Drama teacher

character, Ms Darbus, when she says, *"Anything's possible [in the theatre], Troy. You can be whoever you want to be. There's not a star in heaven you can't reach, but you have to allow yourself to risk."*

"The show speaks to those things we keep hidden from others – our secret loves and desires – because we are too afraid to show or share," said Mrs Bentley.

Valentina who plays the Character of Ms Darbus has loved the experience of performing in the musical and connecting with students and teachers of all ages and talents to create a wonderful production. "It is a unique experience that allows each individual to grow and thrive in

the theatre," said Valentina.

"We have a lot of talent at Encounter," said Mrs Hart. "Many of our dancers, musicians and actors are regularly performing with groups such as SCCAS (South Coast Choral & Art Society), Zest Theatre Group, Granite Band and local dance studios".

High School Musical On Stage! Will be performed for three shows only at the Victor Harbor Town Hall, with the opening show on Wednesday night at 7.00pm; a matinee performance at 1.00pm next Thursday 8th June, and the final performance at 7.00pm.

Good tickets are still available at www.trybooking.com/CHXIT

COLLEGE NEWS

VET Success Stories – Sienna Whittam (Year 12)

At Encounter Lutheran College we have many students who incorporate Vocational Education and Training (VET) into their SACE studies. Doing allows students to gain the skills necessary for work in the industry areas they wish to work in once they graduate while also gaining SACE credits for this training.

This week I want to highlight how one of our Year 12 students, Sienna Whittam, is using her training to help her achieve her SACE. Last year Sienna identified that she would like to pursue a career in Real Estate. She is a people person with excellent communication skills, and this industry really suits her strengths. Sienna demonstrated initiative and approached Harcourts at the end of her Year 11 studies to organise a traineeship for this year. She now attends school for 3 days a week and works at Harcourts on the other 2 days. When at school, Sienna is studying English, Business Innovation and Research Project. On the days she is at Harcourts, Sienna completes training modules towards her Cert IV in Real Estate, assists other agents, communicates with clients, and attends photo shoots and property appraisals.

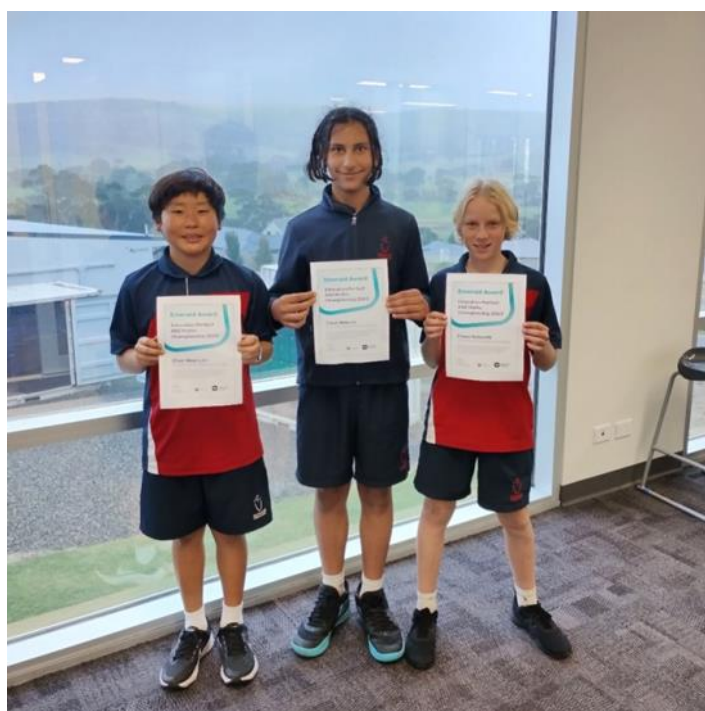


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Students who combine VET with school must balance their schoolwork with their training, but because Sienna's training counts as Stage 2 SACE credits, she is able to study a reduced number of subjects and will still achieve her SACE. It's so exciting that Sienna will leave school with both her SACE and a qualification she can use to start her career.

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)



Education Perfect Maths World Championships

The Year 7 cohort recently competed in the Education Perfect Maths World Championships where they earned points for participating in a variety of fun activities. The students answered 58,965 questions, earning 31,421 points which ranked them 33rd in the world, 20th in Australia, and 2nd in South Australia! Many students earned a range of individual awards based on points earned; 27 Credits, 6 Bronze, 4 Silver, 1 Gold, and 3 Emerald. We look forward to entering more competitions in the future.

Emerald Award Winners: Chae-Hoon Lim, Elliott Roberts, and Chase Ashcroft

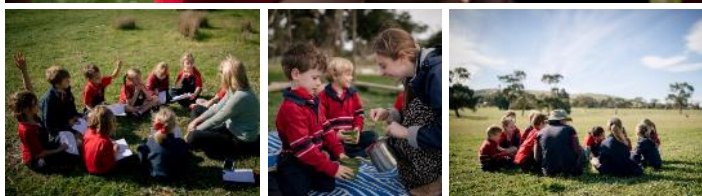
COLLEGE NEWS

National Sorry Day

Every year on 26 May, National Sorry Day remembers and acknowledges the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were forcibly removed from their families and communities, which we now know as 'The Stolen Generations'. National Sorry Day is a day to acknowledge the strength of Stolen Generations Survivors and reflect on how we can all play a part in the healing process for our people and nation.

Across this week our students have recognised the importance of Sorry Day. On Wednesday, Junior School classes gathered on the Block to write and share poems about the things they treasure about their families, which was inspired by the book 'Family' by Auntie Fay Muir. This activity then inspired a discussion about the hurt caused when First Nations children were taken from their families.

The students then concluded their activity around the campfire on the Block with damper and billy tea using the cups from their dilly bags.



Indigenous Artist, Amanda Westley's visits Encounter

This term the Year 8 English classes have been reading the novel *Crow Country* by Kate Constable with themes of justice and reconciliation. In celebration of this, on Monday as part of Reconciliation week, we were blessed to have local artist Amanda Westley visit Encounter. Auntie Amanda shared her story as a strong Ngarrindjeri woman as well as the stories of her art work that are displayed throughout Australia and internationally.

Auntie Amanda also guided the year 8s in creating art works, that tell their own individual stories. It was fantastic to see so many different techniques and styles in their beautiful artwork.

We look forward to having Auntie Amanda share with us again in the future.



NEWS FROM THE NEST



Above: The Year 4s have been learning about Australian Author, Mark Greenwood, and his love of writing Historical Fiction.

Valerie Taylor visits Encounter

What a privilege it was to welcome conservationist, diver, photographer and filmmaker, Valerie Taylor AM and artist Tim Johnston to Encounter yesterday morning as part of the Water People Exhibition in Victor Harbor. Students and staff loved hearing about her adventures and passion for protection and conservation of our ocean life. We look forward to supporting her cause and how our students can advocate for the Australian sea lion.



FAMILY: A collection of poems by Year 3s, 2023

FAMILY by Molly

Family, heart and home.
Family, walks on the beach.
Family, fun carnival rides.
Family, feeling sorry for a lost one.
Family, helping and support one another.
Family, the people you love most.
Family, heart and home.

FAMILY by Yuki

Family the best love
The times of laughing, hugging and dinner
The best time with my family time is going to bed
My family is my sister and my mother and father
My sister is funny
My father he spoils me because he lets me watch movies
Going for walks and watching tv
The best gift of all family.

FAMILY by Seb

Family
Place where I feel safe.

Family
Laughing on the way home.

Family
Sometimes the six of us other times more.

Family
Going on holidays.

Family
Playing games and dancing around the fire.

Family
All a kid needs.

SPORT SNAPSHOTS

Year 5/6 SAPSASA Australian Football Country Championships

Barrett Drive - West Beach

- **Division 1 Girls - 1st Overall** (Rafferty Scanlon)
- **Division 1 Boys - 3rd Overall** (Jasper Wegener, Joe Scanlon, Ethan Hood, Louis McCartney)



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/

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: 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

VICTOR HARBOR LUTHERAN CHURCH



CONFIRMATION @victorlutheran

Are you a student in Middle School or Senior School? Is your child in Middle School or Senior School? Have you ever wanted to explore the core teachings of the Christian Faith as presented by the Lutheran Church?

Pastor Nigel will be offering a confirmation class starting in June and finishing in mid November on selected dates.

Confirmation classes will give participants the opportunity to explore key teachings of the Christian faith as presented by the Lutheran Church with the help of the Scriptures and the Small Catechism while being surrounded by a growing circle of personal trusted relationships.

Classes are open to any student or adult in Middle School or older. (Students will attend with a parent or carer.) There will be nine sessions on selected Friday evenings (5.30pm – 7.45pm with a shared meal). The scheduled Fridays are: 30th June, 28th July, 11th August, 25th August, 8th September, 22nd September, 20th October, 3rd November and 17th November. Participants may then choose to celebrate their learning by participating in the rite of confirmation 9.30am on 26th November.

In order to guarantee your participation in the 2023 Confirmation program, please register by 10th June by [following this link](#) and filling out your details in the form provided.

For more information or to have your questions answered, please contact our College Pastor: Pastor Nigel, nigel.rosenzweig@encounter.sa.edu.au or phone 0490 889 108.

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

18 June

Armor of God

6 August

Feeding Frenzy



Victor Harbor

10 September

What is Family?

29 October

Messy Church goes Wild @ Block 69

3 December

Preparing for Christmas

Sundays from 3.30pm - 5.30pm

with meal provided



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Lutheran Church Centre, 21a Adelaide Rd Victor Harbor

E: messychurch@victorlutheran.org P: Church office 08 85525380

COMMUNITY NEWS



alexandrina libraries presents



Po:rlar Kaikulun Ngarrindjeri singing and stories for kids

Join Kyla for a story, song and dance session
in Goolwa Library



When: Thursday 8 June 2023 | 10:00 – 10:30am
Where: Goolwa Library 11 Cadell Street, Goolwa
For : preschool aged children and their parents/carers

FREE EVENT | *Bookings essential
www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/libraryevents



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Ngarrindjeri peranbun prap

(Ngarrindjeri sharing class)



Discovering the language and cultural
journeys of the Ngarrindjeri people

Kyla will lead us through common conversational language, look at pronunciation, help us to embrace the language and understand their deep cultural connection to country

Thursday 8th June 2023

12:00 noon – 2:00pm

Goolwa Library, 11 Cadell Street, Goolwa

FREE | Bookings essential

www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/libraryevents

mi:minar yanun lakrun workshop

Women's Talking and Weaving Workshop
with Kyla McHughes



Join Kyla McHughes who will be teaching us to weave bracelets to take home.

Whilst weaving she will share culture and connection to country in everyday life

THURSDAY 15 JUNE
5:00PM - 6:30PM

Goolwa Library Space

Free Event

Book through Eventbrite

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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
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