

Hearts and Minds

Newsletter for Encounter Lutheran College

The real stuff

KELVIN GRIVELL | PRINCIPAL

As Term 3 builds momentum, I'm sure you've already noticed the early stages of our new Early Learning Centre emerging from the ground. In the coming days you'll also see concrete trucks heading down to the Block as they pour footings for our Middle Years Learning Centre. In addition to this, we are preparing for two demountable buildings to arrive, which will accommodate Year 7-12 Dance and Drama, as well as another to support our YMCA-led OSHC service. Finally, we are finalising quotes for the road which will extend from alongside our new oval, to the visitor information bay near the Urimbirra roundabout. By the time 2024 arrives (which it will before we know it!) we will see so many changes at Encounter to support student learning and our community.

Although all of this is wonderful and necessary I write this email preparing to jump on a bus to Adelaide with our Wakakirri performers. Just as I met Year 10-12 students at Adelaide Airport a few weeks ago as they excitedly awaited their ski trip in Queenstown, on the way to Norwood Town Hall there will be lively discussions, anticipation and energy bursting from every person aboard. This is the real stuff!

Even though it is easy to become caught up in the mundane activities of each moment, day or week, extracting yourself to catch a glimpse of what is important, purposeful and relational is what continues to light a fire in my heart.

As you look ahead to the remainder of the term I'm sure each and every student of Encounter has something to be excited about. Performing Arts, school sport, Exhibition, excursions, camps and engaging learning in unexpected places. I encourage you to embrace the preciousness of these moments as you help your kids to remain engaged, joyful and ready to embrace all that is before them.

Kelvin **PS** What a joy it was seeing hundreds of Encounter students, staff, parents and community members planting almost 1000 trees on Wednesday. It was a highlight of the year for me and such a wonderful reflection of our shared commitment to the environment and our future. Thanks to all of you for embracing this initiative; I think we've decided it will become an annual celebration.



What's On!

TERM 3 | WEEK 4

Monday 14 August

- Kouhoku Japanese School Visit

Tuesday 15 August

- UniSA Student Interviews
- Kouhoku Japanese School Visit

Wednesday 16 August

- Kouhoku Japanese School Visit

Thursday 17 August

- Year 1 Excursion—Victor Harbor
- Adelaide Uni Student Interviews

Friday 18 August

- Flinders Uni Student Interviews

TERM 3 | WEEK 5

Monday 21 August

- Year 4 Camp—Woodhouse

Tuesday 22 August

- Year 4 Camp—Woodhouse

Wednesday 23 August

- Prayer Breakfast, 8.45am
- Year 4 Camp—Woodhouse

Thursday 24 August

- Junior School Showcase

Friday 25 August

- Book Week Dress Up Day



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



thrive



connect



belong

DEVOTION

It's a good thing we are all different!

KYM KOOP | PERFORMING ARTS COORDINATOR F-6

This was my beautiful and gracious Grandma's response to every comment I ever made about the choices of other people. Especially when talking about my sisters. Good grief, why would they have done that thing or said that thing or made such a ridiculous decision? Instead of jumping on board the whinge-train with me, she would let out a half giggle and stick to the ever-impartial "it's a good thing we are all different!". Even as she reached the weightier stages of dementia and struggled with knowing one relative from another, she would catch me beginning to roll my eyes about something and she would say it again. Always with a twinkle in her eye.

When she passed away a couple of years ago, she left a tattoo of those words on my heart.

This year, as I have met and begun to get to know several hundred people in the Encounter community all at once, I appreciate more than ever that no two people are the same. And it's a good thing.

While we find it easier as humans to categorise and pigeonhole people and traits, nobody fits neatly into the exact same shaped box as another. Sometimes we might bend ourselves to try to fit but our most authentic self is a shape all its own.

The bad news in this is that humans can't be perfect.

The good news is – in being human, there is no perfect to be.

There is only our unique shape as it changes and grows, learns, reflects, and hopefully supports, celebrates and serves the shapes of others.

From Romans 12:2 (NIV) - **"Do not be conformed to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will".**



Term 3 Prayer Breakfast

All parents and friends of the College are welcome to join us for our Term 3 Prayer Breakfast to be held in the Staff Lounge at Encounter Lutheran College on Wednesday 23rd August 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: www.trybooking.com/CJIMV
by Tuesday 22nd August

A poster for a Prayer Breakfast Invitation. It features the Encounter Lutheran College logo at the top left. The title "Prayer Breakfast Invitation" is in a large, white, serif font. Below the title, it says "You are invited to join us for an upcoming Prayer Breakfast at Encounter as we pray for our College community." Then, it lists "TERM 3 - Wednesday 23rd August" and "TERM 4 - Tuesday 21st November". Below that, it says "8.45am until 9.30am in the Staff Lounge. Refreshments available upon arrival, and concluding with tea & coffee." At the bottom left is a QR code. To the right of the QR code, it says "RSVP: www.trybooking.com/CJIMV" and "For further details, please email communications@encounter.sa.edu.au". The background of the poster is a dark blue with a white cross and some faint text.

MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Subject Counselling

PENNY MCKENZIE | HEAD OF MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL

This week we begin subject counselling in Middle and Senior School. This is a critical phase in a student's academic journey, where they begin to make important decisions that shape the future of their SACE. At Encounter we see this time as fundamental, partnering with our students and their families to create an individualised and preferred future.

Students should consider how their personal interests align with subjects and their future. There is certainly more motivation to learn when the subject area is already of interest! It is also important to ensure that student's aptitude for certain subjects is nurtured as well, to not only support academic excellence, but to also boost self-confidence and engagement.

Subject counselling goes beyond just academics. At Encounter, the holistic development of each student is paramount. We believe that students who have agency and engagement are well and do well – which then assists them in feeling empowered to make further decisions as they move beyond secondary schooling.



This year, Mrs O'Donnell, Mr Weiss and I are all working together to ensure we meet the needs of the students in our community. Bookings are available for the next three weeks. This week also has further opportunities for students in Middle and Senior School to demonstrate service across a range of areas in the College. Students are serving in the Arts by supporting our Junior School with Wakakiri and there is also a group demonstrating their commitment to the environment by supporting our National Tree Planting Day. What a blessing it is to be part of an F-12 connected community!

Blessings for your week.

Penny



2024 Curriculum Guides & Presentations

If you missed our Subject Selection & Careers Expo last week, the presentations and 2024 Curriculum Guides are now available to download from our website on the following pages:

- **Middle School:** www.encounter.sa.edu.au/learning/middle-school
- **Senior School:** www.encounter.sa.edu.au/learning/senior-school



STAFF NEWS

INTRODUCING... Georgia Martin

Hi, my name is Georgia Martin and I'm a Middle/Senior Science and Maths Teacher at Encounter.

What drew you to Encounter Lutheran College?

The extremely supportive working environment and the focus on Wellbeing for the staff as well as the students.

What were your first impressions of Encounter?

Encounter is so immediately welcoming. The staff are so supportive of each other, which allows us to create a positive environment for our students.

What were you doing before coming to Encounter?

Relief Teaching at Encounter and running practicals and tutorials for the first-year anatomy and physiology students at Flinders University.

What do you love most about working at Encounter?

Regardless of what your role is at encounter, relief teacher or contract teacher, you are welcomed and supported just the same. I love to see students being curious, engaged, and having fun.

What do you do for fun or relaxation? Spend time with my friends crafting, gaming, and getting far too emotionally invested in TV shows.

What is your favourite place that you have ever visited?

A few years ago, I spent a week in Rome. I loved the food, obviously, but I especially loved being so close to so much history.



What is your favourite animal? Cats. They're adorable, snuggly, and weird.

What is one fun fact about yourself?

At last count, I had over 600 novels on my bookshelves. That was about 6 years ago.

What are some words of wisdom you would like to pass on to our students?

Asking for help or admitting you don't know or understand something isn't a weakness. It's the best way to learn.

Cert IV in Student Support

Congratulations to four of Encounter's SSO's (Student Support Officers) who recently completed their Cert. IV in Student Support that AISSA offered 2 years ago. Pictured L-R: Sarah Jak (Co-Educator - Junior School), Cassandra MacLeod (Co-Educator - Junior School), Michael Duchow (Co-Educator - GPS Cafe), Marten Jak (Co-Educator - Middle & Senior School, Laboratory Manager).



Welcome to the Family!

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

DENNIS RICE | GROUNDS & MAINTENANCE

Dennis joins the team as a full time Ground & Maintenance Officer on Monday 14th August, bringing with him extensive construction and maintenance experience as well as a diverse range of technical skills. Welcome to Encounter, Dennis!

COLLEGE NEWS

CHILDREN'S
BOOK
WEEK
2023

**READ
GROW
INSPIRE**



The illustration features a young girl with dark hair, wearing a headband with various colorful flowers (purple, red, pink, and yellow). She is lying down, reading an open book. The book's cover is pink and has the text 'Book Week Dress Up Day Friday 25th August' on it. Above her, a hand is holding a green watering can, pouring small green seeds into the air. The background is a stylized landscape with blue hills, a black crescent moon, and white stars. There are also white daisies and a green butterfly in the foreground.

**Book Week
Dress Up Day
Friday 25th August**

Come as your favourite book character

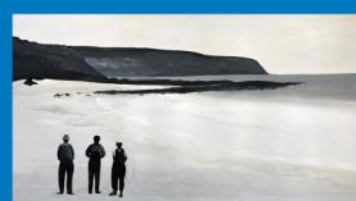
COLLEGE NEWS

SALA Schools Art Show

Encounter Lutheran College - Goolwa Children's Centre - Goolwa Primary School
Goolwa Secondary College - Investigator College - Port Elliot Primary School
Victor Harbor High School - Victor Harbor Kindergarten - Victor Harbor Primary School

Venue - Investigator College: 9 Bacchus Rd. Victor Harbor

Opening Hours: Sat Aug 19th 10am-4pm Sun. Aug 20th 10am-2pm



Sponsors: Victor Harbor Council, Alexandrina Council, Rotary Victor Harbor, The Strand Gallery, Goolwa Central Meats, Taronga Almonds, Alexandrina Cheese Company, Lilyarra Artisan Cheeses, Peninsula Providore, Paris Creek Farm, RAW Bulk Wholefoods, Bunnings Mountain Fresh Juices, The Joinery Wine Room - Charlotte Dalton and Cooke Brothers Wines, Odd Fellows Wines, Smiling Samoyed



Book Week Dress-up Day Friday 25th August

**Dress up as your favourite
book character**

** Recycled / environmentally-
friendly creative costumes
encouraged!*

COLLEGE NEWS

Grandfriends Day 2023

SAVE THE DATE | FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

Grandfriends Day is returning again in 2023 for all of our Junior School students in Week 8. Mark **Friday 15th September** in your calendar and be sure to let your child's grandparents or older special friends know about this very special day!

Photo Day Orders

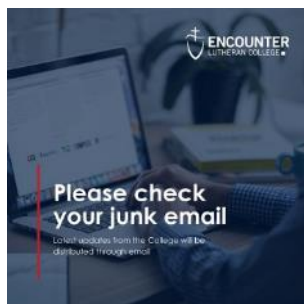
Online orders have now closed for individual portraits, sibling photos and class photos, with photos being available in the coming weeks.

Extra-curricular photos will be available for ordering in the coming weeks, with parents receiving a link to preview the photos and then the ability place an order with a 20% off offer for 2 weeks at that time.

advancedlife
school photography & print specialists

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.



Sustainable School Shop

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM TRADING

We are delighted to inform you of the College's new initiative to provide parents with the ability to trade these second-hand items via the Sustainable School Shop website:

www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

The College is providing this service to our community; when registering on the Sustainable School Shop you need to nominate Encounter Lutheran College to receive your subscription.

All enquiries should be directed to the Sustainable School Shop on: 0438 743 444 or help is also available through 'Contact Us' on their website at

www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au.

For the best results:

- Register on the Sustainable School Shop website
- List your items for sale
- List wanted ads for those items you are looking to buy
- The school's uniform lists are loaded into the system to make listing ads easy
- The system matches the ads of buyers with sellers and notifies the buyer via email
- Buyers contact sellers and arrange where and when to trade
- The second-hand uniform stocktake report the system provides is very helpful
- Parents are well supported via Sustainable School Shop's telephone (0438 743 444) and email help lines
- The system is simple and easy to use - If you don't have a computer, internet access or an email address, please call the Sustainable School Shop for assistance.

For easy reference, the Sustainable School Shop links are also listed on our College Shop website at: www.encounter.sa.edu.au/college-shop

PARENTS & FRIENDS



Next P&F Meeting: Monday 14th August, 6.00pm

All parents of the College are welcome to join us for our next Parents & Friends Meeting, to be held on Monday 14th August at 6.00pm in the Staff Lounge at Encounter (enter via Student Services at the Front Office).



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/

P&F Father's Day Raffle

Due to the success of our Mother's Day raffle, the P&F are hoping to celebrate Father's Day with a similar raffle, spoiling the men in our lives with some amazing prizes!

Mr Menswear Victor Harbor has kicked it off with a very generous \$250 gift voucher.

If you have a business and can donate to our raffle, please get in touch via the P&F Facebook Group at www.facebook.com/groups/ELCParentsandFriendsCommittee or email encounterlutherancollegepandf@gmail.com

The Father's Day Stall will be held on Thursday 31st August. Stay tuned for details!

COMMUNITY NEWS

POSITION AVAILABLE

Intergenerational Community Engagement Officer, Victor Harbor **Permanent Part Time (0.3FTE), days negotiable**

Victor Harbor Lutheran Homes, in partnership with Victor Harbor Lutheran Church, is seeking an Intergenerational Community Engagement Officer. This person will build intergenerational relationships and offer a structured program to bring together the residents of the Homes, Encounter Lutheran College students and the wider community, to develop and maintain joy in living.

Ideally the successful applicant will begin in mid-October 2023.

[Click here](#) to view the position description and application details.

Applications close
Thursday 31 August 2023



COME & TRY TENNIS DAY

Sunday 27/08/23
2pm - 4:30pm
Registrations
Uniform orders
Free BBQ
Fun and Games on Court

ALL AGES AND ABILITY WELCOME



GOOLWA BAND

LIVE
IN CONCERT 2023

"The Magic of Music"


26 AUG 27 AUG
SAT 7:30PM SUN 2PM

All tickets \$15
events.alexandrina.com.au
or 8555 7000

**CENTENARY HALL
GOOLWA**
Cashless event, EFTPOS available



OPEN DAY



GOOLWA TENNIS CLUB

Registrations will be open for the Junior and Senior Competitions.

Date: Sunday 27 August
Time: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Venue: 22 Goyder St, Goolwa

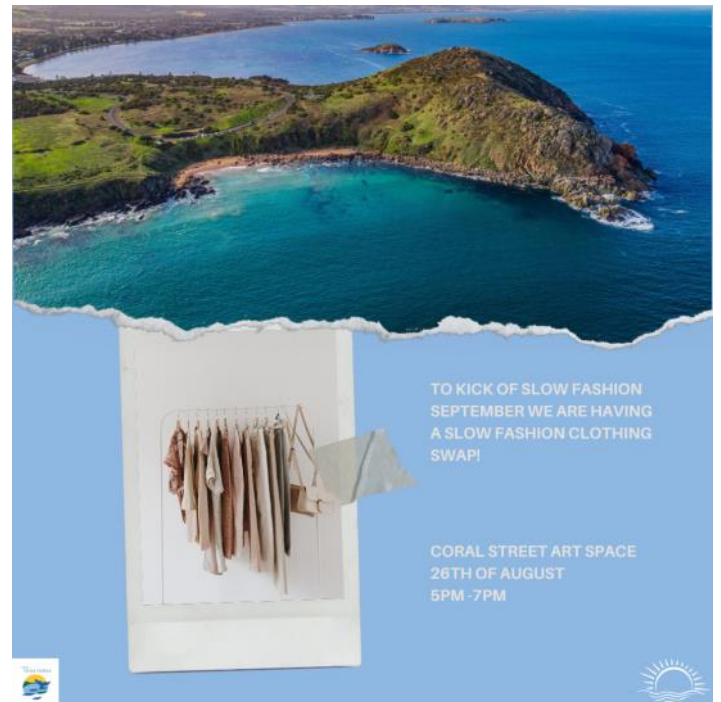
play.tennis.com.au

COMMUNITY NEWS



Roller Disco

On Saturday the 2nd of September we are hosting a family friendly Roller Disco! We have a skate skills workshop from 4:30pm – 5:00pm to learn some new skills, and the disco will be starting from 5:15pm, this is being held at the Victor Harbor Recreation Centre. If you don't have skates, we will have some spares for you to borrow for the evening. Helmets are a must! This is a free event, please register by scanning the QR Code!



Slow Fashion Clothing Exchange

On the 26th of August Victor Harbor Youth are having a Slow Fashion Clothing Exchange from 5pm – 7pm at the Coral Street Art Space, come with a bag of clothes to get rid of and walk away with a bag of new ones! This is a free event for young people between the ages of 12 -25 and is a great opportunity to support sustainable fashion. Come and enjoy some free food and live music while you shop sustainably! No need to register, but if you need more information contact Dan from the City of Victor Harbor.

P: 0418 811 780 | E: dwestern@victor.sa.gov.au