

Hearts and Minds

Newsletter for Encounter Lutheran College

Fraser Dash

KELVIN GRIVELL | PRINCIPAL

On Thursday afternoon I found myself on Block 69 with about fifty students who were keen to see how quickly they could run the Fraser Dash.

With well-mown tracks (thanks Ken!) and just under a kilometre from start to finish, our Encounter athletes all did a remarkable job. Although ribbons were handed out and individuals were acknowledged, it was very much about participants getting into the sunshine, being active and having a go.

As we draw a close to Term 3, I do hope you're able to see the ways in which your children have invested time and energy, pushed themselves and simply tried their best.

While we recognise life can sometimes be focused on winners or losers, we must also hone in on what else is beneath the surface. I have seen ample evidence this term of many students striving, achieving and being wonderful in their own way. As you prepare for a delightful spring break, I hope you too can take time to see purpose, progress and opportunities to celebrate.

Kelvin



What's On!

TERM 3 | WEEK 10

Monday 25 September

- Year 9/10 Boys Statewide Basketball
- Early Learning Zoo Excursion

Tuesday 26 September

- P&F Morning Coffee Meeting, 8.45am

Wednesday 27 September

- Early Learning Student Led Conference

Friday 29 September

- Casual Day / Comfy PJs Day
- Closing Shine, 2.30pm
- **Term 3 Concludes, 3.15pm**

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Monday 2 October

- College Office Closure Week

Monday 9 October

- Office Reopens at 9.00am

Friday 13 October

- College Shop Open, 9am-3pm

TERM 4 | WEEK 1

Monday 16 October

- Term 4 Commences, 8.40am

TERM 4 | WEEK 2

Friday 27 October

- Term 4 Opening Shine, 9.00am

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



DEVOTION

Respect

CAROLYN HART | ARTS COORDINATOR 7-12

"Welcome with open arms fellow believers who don't see things the way you do. And don't jump all over them every time they do or say something you don't agree with—even when it seems that they are strong on opinions but weak in the faith department. Remember, they have their own history to deal with. Treat them gently".

— Romans 14:1 (The Message)

Society seems increasingly divided by opinions. Cancel culture, 'unfriending' and social media algorithms all encourage us to 'double down' on the beliefs we already hold, rather than approaching other perspectives with curiosity.

In our daily lives we encounter people from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and beliefs. It's essential we remember that our differences are what make our world colourful and rich, and that we are all part of God's plan. The verse from Romans encourages us to be understanding and compassionate towards those who may not share our beliefs or opinions. We must recognize that everyone is on their unique journey, and it's our duty to accept them for who they are, regardless of their faith or perspective.



As we move closer the referendum, it is more important than ever that we respect each other's opinions and feel able to form our own. While it is often fear that divides us, and it is true faith that endures in the face of doubts. Let us all live according to our faith and our conscience and make our College a shining example of Romans 14:1 in action. We do this by accepting one another with love, regardless of our differences, and creating a warm and inclusive environment where all students and staff feel valued and appreciated.

In the words of a song by Peter Scholtes...
"They'll know we are Christians by our love".

P&F Morning Meeting Invite

The next Parents and Friends Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 26th September at 8.45am** for a morning coffee meeting. All parents of the College are welcome to join us after the school drop-off in the Staff Lounge for great coffee from GPS Café, and a catch-up about what we have planned for the remainder of the year.



LINK SA Community Bus and DECS Buses Interruptions

Due to DECS Schools finishing early on FRIDAY 29th September 2023 (Last day of Term 3):

The Link SA Community bus and all DECS connecting Buses (ie Inman Valley, Hindmarsh Valley, Waitpinga buses) will NOT be running in the AFTERNOON for our Encounter Students on Friday 29th September.

Please make alternative arrangements for transport.

STAFF NEWS

INTRODUCING...

Harriet (Harry) Geater-Johnson

Hi, my name is Harry (Harriet) Geater-Johnson and I am a Art Teacher in the Middle and Senior School at Encounter.

What drew you to Encounter Lutheran College? The school has an excellent reputation in the community and a very welcoming and warm atmosphere. I was also really excited about the prospect of working so near to my own community of Port Elliot.

What were your first impressions of Encounter Lutheran College? It is a really welcoming and supportive school and the students are really friendly and inviting.

What were you doing before coming to Encounter? I was teaching art at Tatachilla Lutheran College, McLaren Vale (prior to that I was teaching in Townsville, Sydney, Victoria and the NT due to my husband's role in the RAAF).

What is the favourite thing about your job? Seeing students develop and produce their own ideas in art.

What are you most passionate about? I am passionate about future exhibitions and opportunities to showcase student work.

What is one fun fact about me: I was a contestant on Hot Seat Millionaire.



What is your favourite place that you have ever lived and why? My favourite place I have lived is Albury Wodonga, it was amazing being so close to Melbourne and then the wine and snow regions.



Departing Families 2023 EARLY LEARNING AND COLLEGE

Departing Families If you plan on leaving Encounter Lutheran College at the end of 2023, we advise you to formally let us know through email by the beginning of Term 4.

Please contact Claire McKenzie at claire.mckenzie@encounter.sa.edu.au to avoid any penalty fees being charged.

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

PYP Exhibition

TORI WEISS | HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Last week there was much to celebrate in the Junior School as we presented this year's Year 6 PYP Exhibition to the wider school community. This special event is the culmination of learning that has been undertaken throughout the Junior School years.

The PYP Exhibition is a process that challenges students to explore real-world issues that matter to them. Throughout the Exhibition process, students work collaboratively to investigate these issues from multiple perspectives, seeking solutions and exploring ways they can make a difference in their communities.

As many of you would know, at the heart of the PYP Exhibition lies inquiry. Our students had the freedom to select a topic related to the unit "Who We Are" to inquire into an area they felt passionate about. As with all good inquiry units, students started by formulating questions, investigating authentic sources, then gathering information to deepen their understanding of their chosen issue.

Taking Action - The PYP approach goes beyond acquiring facts; it emphasizes the significance of taking action in response to their learning. As part of the Exhibition process, students identified areas where they could contribute positively. Whether it's by raising awareness of their chosen issue, collaborating with local organisations or individuals, or changing their own behaviour as a result of their learning, our students show their commitment to becoming responsible global citizens.

Collaboration plays a pivotal role in the PYP Exhibition and also represents one of the skills we seek to develop to prepare students for life beyond school. Students have opportunities to work in groups, using each other's strengths and perspectives to research and share their understanding of some complex issues. They learnt the value of active listening, empathy, and collective decision-making. Together, they worked through challenges and celebrated their achievements, strengthening their social and communication skills.



Communication - Effective communication is key to creating an impact. Our students learnt to share their ideas and discoveries confidently. They utilized various mediums such as presentations, interactive pieces and creative displays to share with the school community, parents, and invited guests during the Exhibition days. This opportunity also helped to develop public speaking and presentation skills. It takes courage to engage others!

Reflection - The PYP Exhibition is not just about the end result; it's about the process. Reflection is an integral part of this. Students were encouraged to consider their goals, challenges faced, and identify areas for improvement. Through self-assessment and feedback from teachers and peers, students gained a deeper understanding of themselves as learners.

The culmination of this incredible learning journey was the Exhibition. It was indeed a celebration of their hard work, dedication, and creativity. As well as showcasing their knowledge and skills it hopefully inspired others to take action and create positive change in their own lives and communities. We really believe this is a critical point in your children's education and are already planning what it may look like for our next class of Year 6's.

Warm regards,

Tori

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Year 6 PYP Exhibition



HyperGym

During Week 8 and Week 9 of this term, Encounter Lutheran College had the pleasure of welcoming HyperGym specialist gymnastics coaches to the school. Students in Foundation to Year 4 had the privilege of learning gymnastics skills and refining fundamental movement skills from experienced, passionate coaches, who brought in specialised equipment. It was enjoyed by all involved and lead to a lot of positive growth, memories and inspiration. We thank the visiting coaches for their hard work, time and effort they put into the program, and thank the students for their persistence, determination and courage during these lessons.



MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Year 9 Flinders Camp

ANDREW WEISS | YEAR 9 BOYS CAMP COORDINATOR

Last week the Year 9 boys ventured to the Flinders Ranges to participate in the second Year 9 camp week. They based themselves on a station 10kms South of Blinman called Gum Creek Station.

Tuesday consisted of mountain biking parts of the Flinders Bike Trail (the whole trail is 200kms in total) and a service component which included planting gum trees in and around Gum Creek Station to help Bill the station owner.

Wednesday the Year 9 boys walked in and around Wilpena Pound. Some of the walks the boys enjoyed included Wangara Lookout Hike, Bridle Gap Hike and the Boom and Bust hike.

Thursday the Year 9 boys took a walk back in time. Dr Felicity Coutts, an Ediacaran Palaeontologist gave an educational talk and walk through part of Brachina Gorge explaining the geological significance of the Flinders Ranges. Felicity showed the boys fossils of the Earth's oldest sponges, ancient Stromolites, using special putty to find fossils in rocks and a significant geological landmark called the Ediacaran Golden Spike which showed a distinct rock formation indicating the end of the ice age. The boys are now all budding geologists after a very interesting and informative session.

Despite warm conditions the boys enjoyed experiencing the Flinders Ranges in several different ways.



COLLEGE NEWS

Australian Mathematics Competition

Several of Encounter's Year 7 to Year 9 students sat the Australian Mathematics Competition about a month ago.

This involved sitting a mainly multiple choice (with some short answer) test for 75 minutes. We have just had the results and certificates returned.

The students who scored a Proficiency Certificate (a student received a pre-set score that would show they are competent at mathematical problem solving to Australian standards), a Credit Certificate (top 55-20%) or a Distinction Certificate (top 20-3%).

■ **Year 7:** Proficiency to Isaiah Brayford, Tara Cross, Alexis DeLuca, Charlie Ellis, Jaime Loxton, Alice Riggs, Elliott Roberts.



- Credit: Layne Jamieson, Anais Keenan, Emmett Lewis
- Distinction: Chae-Hoon Lim (Best in School)
- **Year 8:** Proficiency to Macauley Grivell and Tom Sullivan
- Distinction: Caleb Hood and Frankie Welk

■ **Year 9:** Proficiency to Kael Grant

- Credit to Jakob Cronin
- The Best in School award goes to Chae-Hoon Lim who scored in the top 4% of students in Year 7.

Congratulations to all students who participated.

Student Absence / Late Arrival Early Departure Procedure

A reminder that parents/carers are requested to inform the College before 9.00am when their child is absent for the day or will be arriving late. This can be actioned by phone, email (admin@encounter.sa.edu.au) or through the College smartphone app under Absence.

Students who need to leave early must bring a note from their parent/carer in their Communication Book or Diary. No student will be allowed to leave school without this consent.

Students leaving early must be collected from Student Services after signing out. Senior Students with permission to drive to school will be allowed to leave upon producing the required consent from their parent/carer.

Fraser Dash

Yesterday afternoon 55 students from Years 4-10 participated in the Fraser Dash on Block 69. The Fraser Dash challenges students to have fun running as fast as they can from one end of the Block to the other, no matter the natural obstacle in their path.

Congratulations to Charlie Ellis (Year 7) who broke the College Record by 5 seconds, with a time of 2 mins 57 seconds!

COLLEGE NEWS

NEWS FROM THE NEST

Book Fair 2023

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair... we are thrilled to share this year's Fair was our biggest yet! Our students will be involved in selecting more books for our library and classrooms when we receive more than \$2,000 in proceeds for hosting the Book Fair.



Borgas Shield House Update



Borgas Shield House Points Update as Week 9

- **Granite** = 150
- **Coorong** = 124
- **Rosetta** = 118
- **Yilki** = 110

College Business Directory

Join our new College Business Directory – coming soon!

Through the development of a new College mobile app, we are excited to soon be launching a new Encounter Lutheran College online Business Directory. This new community initiative serves to connect families, old scholars, staff and supporters of our College throughout our community in a practical and mutually beneficial way. The Directory provides a unique opportunity for businesses to promote themselves directly to our community.

To participate in the Directory, please complete and submit the online form located at:

www.encounter.sa.edu.au/business-directory/



COLLEGE SHOP NEWS

Recycling Bin returns next term

Encounter Lutheran College has once again partnered with Red Nose Clothing Collections & Recycling in South Australia for a textile recycling fundraiser. Clean out your closets now and dispose of unwanted clothing and out-of-date uniform items in a sustainable way by recycling and avoiding landfill.

From **Thursday 19th October**, simply drop your unwanted items into the Red Nose Clothing Collections & Recycling bin in our car park at the end of the kiss n drop zone.

For more information, visit www.rednose.org.au/recycle

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 13th October: 9.00am – 3.00pm**

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

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



DONATE your pre-loved clothes and household goods

Every item you donate will generate funds for **Encounter Lutheran College** and help save little lives!!

DONATE YOUR ITEMS HERE

Date:
19th October until 2nd Nov 2023

The Red Nose donation bin is in the car park for you to deposit donations

 Thank You!!

rednose.org.au/recycle



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



CHOIR EXTRAVAGANZA

FEAT.
AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR

Saturday 23 September, 2023

3:00pm - 4:30pm

Investigator College PASC

Investigator College is proud to welcome the Australian Girls Choir for a special free performance in the Performing Arts and Sports Centre (PASC).

**Accompanied by the Encounter Lutheran College
Middle & Senior Vocal Group**

and the Investigator College Junior School Choir, we invite students, parents, caregivers, friends and family members to join us for a choral extravaganza!

Free Entry • Bookings Essential

Book your tickets! Scan the QR Code below, or visit:

www.trybooking.com/1118465



COMMUNITY NEWS

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Scout Peak Award



Quinn Nightingale (Year 5) recently achieved his Peak Grey Wolf Award with Victor Harbor Sea Scouts. He had to undertake a variety of badge work, camps, attend a leadership course and design plan and run a 4 hour adventurous journey for his Cub group.



His brother, Phelan (Year 2) also achieved his Peak award for the Joey section too (Joey Scout challenge Award) and had to do exactly the same as Quinn but his adventurous Journey was only 2 hours, he arranged a hike/ treasure hunt around Myponga Reservoir.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Has your child recently competed in a State or National competition, or been recognised by a community organisation or club? Share the news with us and our College community by emailing the details together with a couple of photos to communications@encounter.sa.edu.au

12.10.2023 12 - 2:30 PM

Blue Light SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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8-13 Years \$10+

* INCLUDES ADMISSION TO MOVIE DISCO, LUNCH AND A DRINK.

THE SUPER MARIO BROS. MOVIE

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CALL HILLS FLEURIEU POLICE ON 8398 1752

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Government of South Australia

Neighbourhood Watch SA a safe and connected community

variety

RECYCLE BATTERIES HERE!

DON'T SEND THEM TO LANDFILL!

ENCOUNTER FAMILIES AND STAFF BRING YOUR OLD BATTERIES TO THE JAR LOCATED AT THE FRONT OFFICE!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Spring into School Holiday Gymnastics!



KinderGym (0-4yrs)

Parent involved guided play
and group time



Tuesday October 10th 2023
9.30am - 10.15am
\$12pp



Gymnastics Fun (5-15yrs)

Semi-Structured lesson with
supervised free time!

Tuesday October 10th 2023
10.30am - 12pm
\$20pp

Contact Tabatha:

0450 950 753

admin@hypergym.com.au

Or find us on Facebook!

**BOOKINGS
ESSENTIAL**



HyperGym Gymnastics
61-63 Hill St, Port Elliot

Dads Tuning in to Kids Group program

**Are you a dad with a child between
3 and 12 years old?**

We are running a
free parenting
group for men!

YOU WILL LEARN TO:

- help your child manage when things get tough
- connect with your child
- support your child to learn social and emotional skills.



Program Details:

Dates: Starting Tuesday 24th October - 5th December

Times: 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Creche available, food provided.

For further information or booking's contact:

David at Goolwa Childrens Centre
Phone 8555 2509



Goolwa Aquatic Club Sailing - Junior Learn to Sail

Goolwa Aquatic Club Sailing are pleased to announce that bookings are now open for the junior Learn-to-Sail course on 10-13 October 2024.

We will be running two classes, mornings or afternoons, 3 hour sessions for 4 days with Qualified Australian Sailing Instructors at The Goolwa Aquatic Club.

This very popular course covers the basics of dinghy sailing and is specifically designed for kids in the 7 to 15 age bracket. Participants will learn the theory and practical aspects of sailing a dinghy - and have a whole lot of fun in the process.

All equipment is supplied including the PFDs ("life jackets"), helmets and boats.

For booking and further information see below:

[Junior Learn to Sail October 10th -13th 2023 - Goolwa Aquatic Club Sailing - revolutioniseSPORT eplyForward](#)

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

29 October

**Messy Church
goes wild!**

3.30pm-5.30pm at the
Lutheran Church Centre
...with meal provided!



Victor Harbor

3 December

**Preparing for
Christmas**

3.30pm-5.30pm at the
Lutheran Church Centre
...with meal provided!



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Lutheran Church Centre, 21a Adelaide Rd Victor Harbor
E: messychurch@victorlutheran.org P: Church office 08 85525380

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ST CLAIR RECREATION CENTRE

9 - 10

**ST FRANCIS DE SALES COMMUNITY
SPORTS CENTRE**

11 - 12

PORT ADELAIDE BASKETBALL STADIUM



Victor Harbor Cricket Club

The Victor Harbor Cricket Club is looking for Boys and Girls interested in playing in our under 12s & 14s team. The games are suited for 8 to 14 year olds. The matches are modified to suit the age group.

The matches are played on Friday nights starting at approx 5.00pm (for U12s) and Saturday at 8.45am for U14s.

Practice is on Tuesday nights starting at approx. 4.00pm at the Victor Harbor Oval cricket nets which are located at the Northern end of the oval. (U12s) Tuesday and Thursday nights 4.00pm for U14s.

The club has good coaches and facilities so if you are interested give Tony a call on Mob 0407398982 or contact by email to anthony.eden@y7mail.com

Fundraise for Encounter Lutheran College with Red Nose!



Recycling Fundraiser

Clean out your closets, save the planet, help save little lives AND raise money for our school!

What a great idea!

How it Works

Simply drop off your donations in the Red Nose bin between Thursday 19th October and Thursday 2nd November.

Red Nose will collect and pay us for the items!

Get Involved!

Clear out your closets and rid yourself of all the things you never use!

Donate anything made of textiles; clothing, bedding, towels, rugs, as well as any shoes, toys, games and bric-a-brac!

rednose.org.au/recycle



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