

Hearts and Minds

Newsletter for Encounter Lutheran College

Bringing Learning to Life

KELVIN GRIVELL | PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Term 4

I'm sure many of you saw the images from Japan on social media in recent weeks. I can assure you it was even more amazing in real life!

Having the pleasure of being one of the staff who accompanied the students abroad, I have so many funny, rich and heartfelt stories I could share with you. I'm sure the students have been regaling their families with their own versions of events that will surely endure in their memories for a lifetime.

When we first proposed our inaugural Encounter trip to Japan in 2015, and for subsequent trips since, there is a significant emphasis on culture and language. Given we learn Japanese, this trip brings learning to life and highlights the meaningful ways in which language acquisition benefits individuals and broadens perspectives.

What surprises me most about this sort of trip, however, is the genuine connection and confidence that is established in this unique environment. Away from the familiarity and comforts of home, family, friends and everyday life is something so precious that flourishes. I am certain for most of the students it has been life-changing.

For some it was the experience of being welcomed into the home and family of strangers, or the way in which the school and the entire Kohoku community embraced us, cared for us, fed us, thanked us. For all of our students, there were new friendships made within our own group. Conversations and connections across year levels and other boundaries that were suddenly irrelevant. In two short weeks it was almost as if we were in a time warp and we fast-forwarded 6-12 months.



What's On!

TERM 4 | WEEK 2

Friday 27 October

- Term 4 Opening Shine, 9.00am
- House Meeting (Year 12 final)
- Year 5/6 Boys Knockout Cricket

TERM 4 | WEEK 3

Wednesday 1 November

- Year 7/2024 Big Day In
- Year 7/2024 Information Night, 6.00pm

Thursday 2 November

- Year 12 Breakfast, 7.30am

Friday 3 November

- Year 12 Final Assembly, 9.00am
- Outdoor Classroom Day

TERM 4 | WEEK 4

Monday 6 November

- Year 12 Exams Commence
- Year 3 Excursion - Adelaide City

Wednesday 8 November

- Junior School Music Recital Evening, 6.00pm

Thursday 9 November

- Year 2 Student Led Conference

Friday 10 November

- Year 11 Science Excursion

TERM 4 | WEEK 5

Thursday 16 November

- Year 12 Gratitude Dinner

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

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Bringing Learning to Life

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The maturity, self-assurance, kindness and grace our Encounter students extended to each other and beyond was humbling to watch. From a front-row vantage point I was privileged to see 21 young adults being their best.

This is why we do what we do in providing these 'over and above' opportunities for our students. Whether it's our Japan, Ntaria or Queenstown trips, or simply our annual camp experiences which are rich and rewarding in and of themselves, I hope you can see why we offer these extra offerings. I fully appreciate that some students (and perhaps some parents too) find it difficult letting go, allowing independence and sitting in the squirm of tears, fear and uncertainty. However, if we can all push through those understandable emotions and reservations and allow our students to cross that threshold, you will absolutely be amazed at who and what you see on the other side. As we plan for 2024 and more experiences like those I've mentioned, I know all staff would join me in welcoming 100% attendance on school camps. You can do it!!!

Finally, to the 21 Year 10-12 students, to Jen Biscoe and Jess Andrews, thank you for allowing me to experience Japan 2023 alongside you. It was something I'll never forget.

Kelvin



DEVOTION

Forgiveness and Hope

JEN BISCOE | INCLUSIVE LEARNING COORDINATOR 7-12

As I look back on our recent trip to Japan, especially our visit to Hiroshima, I'm deeply touched by the powerful messages of forgiveness and hope that have left a lasting impact on all of us.

In Colossians 3:13, we're reminded to *"be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."* It's a simple reminder to show forgiveness and love to others, just as God has shown His forgiveness and love to us.

Our visit to Hiroshima was a truly emotional experience. We stood in a city scarred by a devastating event, and we witnessed the incredible spirit of forgiveness and humility shown by the Japanese people, particularly the survivors known as Hibakusha. They shared stories of resilience, compassion, and their unwavering commitment to peace. It was a humbling experience that made us appreciate the strength of the human spirit.

Throughout our time in Hiroshima, we were reminded of our shared desire for peace and hope in the world. We learned that real peace and hope are rooted in forgiveness and humility. These values have the remarkable power to heal the deepest wounds and inspire positive change in our lives and the lives of those around us.



During a survivor talk, the speaker extended a heartfelt apology to Australia for the past treatment of Australians by the Japanese. They acknowledged the suffering, pain, and loss experienced by both sides during the war. This sincere act of reconciliation was a powerful lesson in forgiveness. If Japan, in all its suffering, can find it in their hearts to forgive past grievances, then surely we, too, are capable of forgiving and letting go of our own grievances.

Let us carry the lessons of forgiveness and humility with us, and may we be inspired by the strength and grace of the people we encountered in Hiroshima. By practicing forgiveness and embracing humility, we can contribute to a more peaceful and hopeful world, one small step at a time.

Jen

Term 4 Prayer Breakfast

Families, friends and supporters of the College are invited to our Term 4 Prayer Breakfast as we pray for our College community.

**Tuesday 21st November,
8.45am until 9.45am in the Staff Lounge.**



RSVP to www.trybooking.com/CJIMV

Refreshments available upon arrival, concluding with tea and coffee.

2024 Principal's Scholarship

2024 Principal's Scholarship Applications are now open for Middle School/Senior School students. Scholarship applications are available from the Front Office, or [click here](#) to download. Applications close on Friday 3rd November.

STAFF NEWS

INTRODUCING...

Lauren McKee

Hi, my name is Lauren McKee and the People Culture & Compliance Manager at Encounter.

What is the favourite thing about your job? Working with amazing staff that care deeply about their impact on students and the broader community.

What do you love most about working at Encounter Lutheran College? The fun surprises that come with working at a school and are unlike any other workplace: dressing up for Book Week, helping on Sports Day, watching a student vs staff basketball game, wanting your House to win - go Yilki!

What are you most passionate about? I am passionate about animal welfare and actively support organisations that advocate for animals.

What is your favourite place that you have ever lived or visited and why? I visited Snowdonia in Wales with a group of friends when I was living in London. I had not travelled much prior to this, and it made an impression. It was the first time I ever saw snow fall, the sheep had tails, and there were daffodils everywhere.

What do you do for fun or relaxation? I love to read and almost always have a book in progress. Epic science fiction and fantasy volumes make up most of my bookshelf.

What is your favourite Cuisine? Japanese food is a favourite of mine and I love to cook it at home whenever I have time. My interest began after a friend asked me to go to Japanese cooking lessons with her and I was instantly hooked.



What is your favourite animal and why? Puppy dogs! We have a Whippet and a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, and they bring so much joy to our lives.

Has your child lost their glasses?

Our collection of glasses that have been handed into the office over the last term has grown!

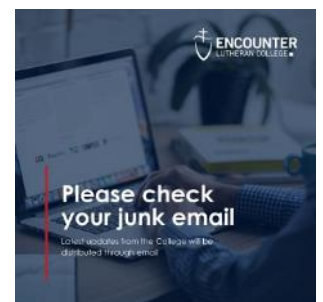
If your child has lost their glasses recently, or sometime throughout Term 3, please visit Student Services where you will see the display of missing glasses on the counter.

A reminder that all un-named items found around the College will be placed into the Lost Property basket which is located at Student Services. If your child has lost something, please remember to check.



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.



MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Transitions

PENNY MCKENZIE | HEAD OF MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL

"You only grow by coming to the end of something and by beginning something else."

— John Irving, *The World According to Garp*

It is that time of the school year where we all experience a range of emotions as we farewell students, but also we welcome new ones. Next Friday is the final SHINE for our graduating class of 2023. Next Wednesday we welcome new students who potentially will become the "Class of 2029!"

For each of these cohorts they are growing, coming to the end of either their primary or secondary schooling years, and beginning to navigate their 'new beginning'. It is such a privilege to work in a secondary school and watch young people grow and embrace each new challenge. We wish each of these classes every blessing as they celebrate these important rites of passage.

For those Year 12 students who are undertaking exams, we know you will work hard and do your best. A reminder to you all, what you do is significant, but WHO you ARE is far more so. Your attitude and the way you treat others defines you, and how you 'show up' will determine your path in life. We've watched you learn, grow, and serve over the last few years and we are very proud of you and confident that you will bless the wider community as you move beyond secondary school.

As we welcome our new Middle School students and they begin their journey into secondary



school, they will be very blessed as they will have access to a state of the art, outstanding agile learning space. These students (and our existing students) will benefit from having instant accessibility to practical and experiential learning spaces daily. Seamless integration of STEM, Design and Arts subjects that promote critical and creative thinking will frame the learning journey of Encounter students beyond 2024.

As the EOCD Future of Education and Skills Working Group states, *"we need to prepare students for jobs that have not yet been created, to tackle societal challenges that we can't yet imagine, and to use technologies that have not yet been invented"*. Explicit teaching of critical and creative thinking, experiential project-based learning in state-of-the-art learning spaces in our Middle School underpins Encounter's commitment to ensuring our learners are best prepared for the challenges ahead. As we move into the middle of what is a very busy Term 4, I wish you every blessing for the weeks ahead.



PICTURED: Encounter's new Middle School Learning Centre currently under construction on Block 69

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Adelaide Strikers Primary School Cricket Program

Encounter Lutheran College had the privilege of welcoming Adelaide Strikers Primary School Cricket Program coaches to the school on Tuesday 26th September. Students in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 3 were given the opportunity to learn throwing, catching, bowling and batting skills from experienced, passionate, fun coaches, who brought in specialised equipment.

It was enjoyed by all involved and lead to a lot of positive growth, teamwork, memories and inspiration. We thank the visiting coaches for the effort and time they put into each lesson and thank the students for their participation and courage.



Early Learning Enrolments 2024

If you are intending to enrol your child in Early Learning, now is this time as we are finalising bookings for next year and transition visits have been scheduled for later this term. Please contact claire.mckenzie@encounter.sa.edu.au to enrol.

A Parent Information Night is being held for new families on Wednesday 29th November from 5.00pm-6.00pm.

Bush Kindy heads to the Beach!

Join us for Bush Kindy for the remainder of the year as we head to the beach!

From Wednesday 1st November, we will be holding Bush Kindy at Horseshoe Bay and this will be for the remainder of the term. We hope to see you there. Meet on the lawn by the Flying Fish Café at 9.00am.

For further updates, visit www.facebook.com/groups/encounterbushkindy

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 NEWS



Recycling Bin returns

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.

Until **Thursday 2nd November**, 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: www.rednose.org.au/recycle

<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Recycle It's Easy✓ Buy and Save✓ Advertise and Sell <p>Buy and Sell second-hand textbooks</p>	<h3>SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL SHOP</h3> <p>Sustainability, Value & Community</p> <p>BUY and SELL second hand textbooks, second hand school uniforms, calculators, musical instruments, sporting gear, electronics, dance; University & TAFE textbooks etc; anything students use can be sold. Items sell all year. Sell yours too. It works!</p>	
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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

FROM THE PARENT HANDBOOK:

Process for Extended Student Absence in Term Time

If a student requires an extended absence during term time for reasons of travel, medical etc, a written request needs to be sent to the applicable Head of School for authorisation.

To view the current Parent Handbook in full, visit:
www.encounter.sa.edu.au/parent-resources/

Student Messages

Should there be a requirement to get a message to your child, it is important that this is communicated via the Front Office. The College Mobile Phone Policy for students does not permit the use of mobile phones to be used during the school day.

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

COME & TRY NIPPERS CHITON ROCKS



Starfish - U6 and U7



Dolphins - U8 and U9



Stingrays - U10 and U11



Sharks - U12 to U14

**1ST
NIPPER'S SESSION
FLEURIEU AQUATIC
CENTRE
28 OCTOBER 2023
1pm - 3pm**

Contact Kym Pedler
Email: nippers@chitonrocks.com

Aquatic Centre Address:
4 Ocean Road
Chiton SA 5211

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

COMMUNITY NEWS



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JOIN THE FUN!

Encounter Bay FC All Girls
16 Armstrong Rd, Victor Harbor SA 5211

Mondays 5:00pm - 5:45pm
Start date: 23rd October
End date: 27th November
crissina.littlely@gmail.com
0433 518 828



SCAN HERE TO REGISTER NOW!

play.afl/auskick

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!



YOUTH PICKLEBALL

FREE TRIAL



Come and Try !!!
Youth Instructors
Fridays Term 4
27th of October - 1st of December 2023
4pm - 5:30pm

Victor Harbor Tennis Club
George Main Road, Victor Harbor, 5211

Jack - 0467 800 600

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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