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# Rites of Passage

KELVIN GRIVELL | PRINCIPAL

On Friday night our Year 12 students, along with a group of staff, will be at Blues Restaurant, Middleton. They'll be celebrating their Formal, their friendships and their time together at school as it draws to a close. It's a rite of passage for the Class of 2024 that all Year 12 students look forward to as part of their final year at Encounter.



There is a great deal of research and history across cultures that reminds us of the value of rites of passage. They are significant at various stages of life as people transition from one place or space to another.

At Encounter, our camp program provides opportunities for this, as do the intentional activities and events that allow Early Learners and Year 6 students to securely and confidently move into Foundation and Middle School.

While in one regard they are big leaps, being intentional and honouring these moments allows young people the time and space to make these shifts surrounded by support and love.

While Year 12 Formal is a 'big ticket item' with suits, dresses, arrivals and photos, let's also acknowledge the value of all rites of passage that allow our children (and us) to be challenged, mature and thrive as they become young men and women.

Blessings for your week, Kelvin

#### TERM 1 | WEEK 7

Friday 15 March

■ Year 12 Formal, 6.00pm (Blues Restaurant, Middleton)

#### TERM 1 | WEEK 8

Monday 18 March

■ Foundation & Year 4 Swimming (until 20/03)

■ Thursday 21 March

- Volunteer Orientation, 8.45am
- Stage 2 Music Performance Assessment, 6.00pm Friday 22 March
- House Meeting (Sport uniform)

#### TERM 1 | WEEK 9

■ Monday 25 March

- Year 1&4 Swimming (until 27/03)
- Tuesday 26 March
- Prayer Breakfast, 8.45am
- Year 2 Victor Harbor History Trail Excursion
- Wednesday 27 March
- Year 5 Overnight Camp
- Thursday 28 March
- Encounter Quest
- Volunteer Orientation, 8.45am
- Easter Shine, 2.30pm

Friday 29 March

**GOOD FRIDAY** 









# DEVOTION

# Embracing Peace through Lent

ROCHELLE GRENFELL | LIBRARY COORDINATOR 7-12

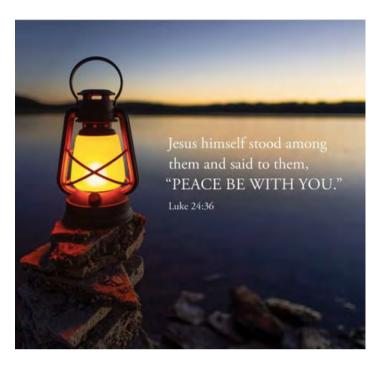


During the season of Lent, we are called to journey alongside Jesus as he prepares for his ultimate sacrifice on the cross. It's a time of reflection, repentance, and drawing closer to God. Yet, amidst the sadness of this season, there is an invitation to discover a deeper sense of peace.

Peace often eludes us in the busyness of life. We chase after success, happiness, and fulfillment, only to find ourselves exhausted and restless. Lent offers a different path—a path of surrender. It calls us to lay down our burdens, our worries, and our striving, and to rest in the presence of God.

In the quiet moments of prayer and reflection, we encounter a sense of peace. It's a peace that flows from knowing that we are loved unconditionally by God. It's a peace that comes from releasing our need for control and trusting in God's plan for our lives.

As we journey through Lent, let us embrace the opportunity to let go of the things that weigh us down—the guilt of past mistakes, the anxieties about the future, the distractions that pull us away from God. Let us open our hearts to



receive the peace that God offers us freely, knowing that true peace is found in surrendering ourselves to His will.

May this Lenten season be a time of quiet reflection and deepening intimacy with God. May we find peace in surrendering our lives to Him, trusting that He holds us in the palm of His hand. And may this peace overflow from our hearts, bringing healing and hope to a world in need. Amen.

Rochelle

### Year 12 Formal

On Friday 15th March our Class of 2024 will be celebrating one of life's transition points, their final year of school, with the Year 12 Formal.

Families are invited to join the Year 12's at 5.45pm at Blues Restaurant in Middleton for a welcome drink and photographs. Students will move inside at 7.00pm for an evening of beautiful food, dancing and photo booth fun.

We look forward to seeing our Year 12's looking glamorous as we celebrate with them.





# JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

# The importance of routines

TORI WEISS | HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has certainly been an action-packed term so far! And what a wonderful day we had here at Encounter last Friday celebrating Sports Day. This annual event is eagerly anticipated by many of our students and the benefits of participating in a College event such as this one, extend beyond the actual day itself and can be applied to domains other than the most obvious 'physical' one.

In the lead-up to Sports Day, as well as on the day itself, students had the opportunity to work together with their peers, practice self-regulation, patience and perseverance, as well as exercise self-control when things didn't go according to plan. It also provided a great opportunity for many of our students to refocus on participation and demonstrate 'graciousness in defeat' if they weren't in the winning House.

With only a few weeks left of Term 1, it is timely to talk about the importance of routines. As we navigate our busy schedules and all the responsibilities that come with being a parent, one aspect that can get overlooked is the morning school drop-off routine. While it may seem like a minor part of the day, morning drop-off routine sets the tone for your child's entire day. When children are late to school, it can negatively impact on the learning as well as compromise learning time.

The impact of being late for school:

- Arriving late to school means missing out on valuable instruction time. Every minute counts in the classroom, and consistently being late can add up to significant learning gaps over time
- Late arrivals disrupt the flow of the classroom and can be distracting to both students and teachers. It's challenging for children to transition into the learning environment when they arrive after school has started. This is particularly problematic when classes start their day in other areas of the school.



- Children who are frequently late may experience heightened stress and anxiety. The pressure of rushing to school, worrying about consequences, and feeling unprepared for the day can take a toll on their mental wellbeing.
- Drop-offs can be an anxious time for students who find separation difficult.
- Anxiety can make it challenging for children to focus and concentrate in the classroom.
- High levels of anxiety can impair memory and cognitive function, making it harder for children to retain information and perform well academically. This can lead to struggles with learning and academic achievement.
- Anxious children may be reluctant to participate in class discussions, ask questions, or seek help when needed. Fear of judgment or making mistakes can hold them back from fully engaging in the learning process.
- Persistent anxiety can contribute to a negative self-image and low self-esteem in children. They may doubt their abilities, feel overwhelmed by academic pressure, and struggle to see their own strengths and potential.

If you have any questions or concerns about drop-off routines or supporting your child's emotional well-being, please don't hesitate to reach out. Together, we can ensure that every child feels safe, supported, and ready to learn.

Tori





# STAFF PROFILE

## INTRODUCING...

### Tom Mason

Hi, my name is Tom Mason and I am a Grounds and Maintenance Officer here at Encounter. The thing that I love the most about my job is the variety of tasks on a day-to-day basis.

What drew you to Encounter Lutheran College? The welcoming culture and community feel.

What were you doing before coming to Encounter?
I was a Emergency Response Officer for SA Water.

What were your first impressions of Encounter Lutheran College? I was immediately impressed with how kind all the staff and students are towards each other, as well as the open style

of learning utilising the amazing spaces we have.

What are you most excited about for this year?
I am really looking forward to beginning my house renovations later in the year.

What do you do for fun or relaxation?
I enjoy exploring new places, being by the water and taking the boat out for a fish.

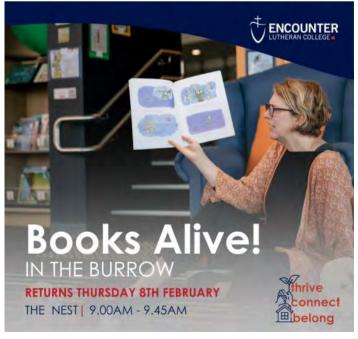
What is your favourite Cuisine? One of my favourite dishes, is a Thai green curry risotto

What is your favourite place that you have ever lived? Newel Beach, half an hour north of Port Douglas. Croc's running across the back lawn and catching Barramundi off the back lawn, I felt like I was on holiday every day!

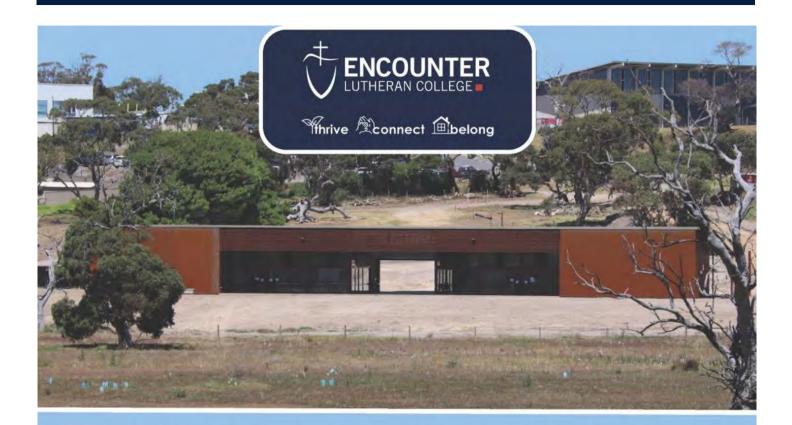


What is your favourite animal? I love dogs. I have a Kelpie named Jake! I love their unconditional love and how happy they are to greet you.









# WILDERNESS CENTRE OPEN HOUSE Wednesday 20th March 2024

We are pleased to offer our College families the opportunity to tour our newly built Wilderness Centre.

Join us to see how this innovative learning space is being used and learn about our plans for the future of the surrounding space.

Reserve your place in one of the followings sessions during the day:

- 9.00 9.45 am
- 2.00 2.45 pm
- 5.00 6.30 pm



www.trybooking.com/CPGJO

### Wilderness Centre Open House

You're invited to our Open House of the Wilderness Centre on Wednesday 20th March! Three tours will take place across the day, with the 9.00am and 2.00pm sessions departing from the front of The Nest.

An evening session will be be held between 5.00pm and 6.30pm where parents are

welcome to park at the rear of the College and come directly to the Wilderness Centre throughout this timeslot.

These tours are reserved just for Encounter families, with an additional Community Open House event planned for our wider local community towards the end of Term 1.



# SPORTS DAY

### Sports Day 2024

HANNAH OAKESHOTT | PE COORDINATOR F-6

Last Friday, 8th March Encounter held its annual Sports Day. The atmosphere was electric and, despite the heat, the College community all put their best on show.

Students constantly demonstrated their growth and learning in physical education this year, with some managing to break College records in Athletics events. Whilst this is inspirational and pleasing, the individual growth, participation, and personal goals achieved by all students was heart warming, and a true testament to the day's success. Students were resilient, courageous, persistent, supportive, punctual, compromising, patient, and collaborative. These are invaluable traits for the future, and what we are truly proud of. We thank students for their efforts and time leading up to and on Sports Day, as without them, none of this would be possible. Thank you all for your invaluable contributions and for trying your best.

The community also dazzled on the day with their preparation, applause, encouraging supportive cheering, commitment to volunteering, and invaluable assistance in the learning journey of each student at Encounter. Their triumphs, sportsmanship and joyful memories are yours to share, as it is with your dedication, support, care, and encouragement that this is possible. So congratulations and thank you to all.

Thank you also to the staff for their invaluable contributions to the preparation of this event and the smooth, fun enactment of the Encounter Sports Day. We can't wait for next year's event!

#### OVERALL HOUSE RESULTS

- First Place (1,510 points).....Rosetta House
- Second Place (1,393 points) ... Coorong House
- Third Place (1,297 points)......Granite House
- Fourth Place (1,245 points) ......Yilki House)

#### SPORTS DAY COLLEGE RECORDS 2024

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1500 M Run	Year 10 Girls	ROGERS Grace	5:55.74 m:s
1500 M Run	Open Boys	MCCREANOR Tyler	4:51.32 m:s
200 M Run	Year 9 Girls	HAMES Tempany	0:28.34 m:s
200 M Run	Year 10 Girls	ROGERS Grace	0:30.64 m:s
400 M Run	Year 9 Girls	HAMES Tempany	1:05.40 m:s
400 M Run	Year 10 Boys	WHITE EII	1:02.09 m:s
400 M Run	Year 10 Girls	ROGERS Grace	1:11.32 m:s
80 M Hurdles	Year 7 Girls	GILTINAN Phoenix	0:15.20 m:s
80 M Hurdles	Year 9 Boys	GLASS Tyler	0:12.04 m:s
80 M Hurdles	Year 9 Girls	HAMES Tempany	0:13.85 m:s
80 M Hurdles	Year 10 Girls	TRETHEWEY Demi	0:14.52 m:s
80 M Hurdles	Open Boys	HUMPHRIS Charlie	0:11.96 m:s
80 M Hurdles	Open Girls	MANUEL Jade	0:14.34 m:s
Discus	Year 10 Boys	BRITTON Josiah	30.98 m
Discus	Open Girls	BAXTER Lily	27.39 m
High Jump	Year 7 Boys	O'DONOGHUE Thomas	1.49 m
High Jump	Year 7 Girls	WHITE Ayla	1.33 m
High Jump	Year 9 Girls	HAMES Tempany	1.53 m
High Jump	Open Boys	HUMPHRIS Charlie	1.9 m
Javelin	Year 7 Boys	KNOWLES Oliver	23.46 m
Javelin	Year 8 Boys	MARTIN Rory	28.99 m
Javelin	Year 8 Girls	TREVORROW Matilda	24.64 m
Javelin	Year 9 Boys	GRIVELL Mac	32.3 m
Javelin	Open Girls	BAXTER Lily	21.74 m
Long Jump	Year 9 Girls	HAMES Tempany	4.22 m
Shot Putt	Year 9 Boys	MILLS Riley	11.08 m
Shot Putt	Open Boys	DRURY Cody	11.33 m
Triple Jump	Year 9 Girls	HAMES Tempany	10.26 m
Triple Jump	Open Boys	HUMPHRIS Charlie	11.8 m





# SPORTS DAY

### 2024 AGE CHAMPIONS

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Year / BoysI	Thomas O'Donoghue (61)
Year 7 Girls	Phoenix Giltinan (44)
Year 8 Boys	Hudson Egan (48)
Year 8 Girls	Kate Rogers (52)
Year 9 Boys	Bailey De Luca (50)
Year 9 Girls	Tempany Hames (88)
Year 10 Boys	Brodie Cross (71)
Year 10 Girls	Grace Rogers (71)
Open Boys	Charlie Humphris (54)
Open Girls	Lily Baxter (48)





















# SPORTS DAY



### SAPSASA Swimming

HANNAH OAKESHOTT PE COORDINATOR F-6

On Thursday 29th February, Encounter Lutheran College took a team of 16 Year 4-6 students to the SAPSASA Swimming Carnival held at Strathalbyn Community Pool. The students all showed, skill, courage, dedication, technique and sportsmanship at the event, and represented the College beautifully.

Thanks to these students' efforts and achievements, Encounter Lutheran College came second in the competition, which was very pleasing. We also had five students selected to represent the Southern Fleurieu Zone at the State Swimming Carnival on 8th April at the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

We thank and congratulate the students and their families on their swimming capabilities and participation and wish them all the best for their future in this sport.

Special thank you to Ms Courtney Barry, Mr Kluske and Ms Sally Shepherd for volunteering at the competition as a timekeeper. This was tremendously helpful and allowed the College to take part in this event. Thank you for your effort and time, it was appreciated by all.

Congratulations and thank you to the following students for your representation of the College in SAPSASA Swimming:

Charlotte Barry
Connor Buckley
Milton Giles
Mia Hansen
Quinn Nightingale
Molly Egan
Leilah Gannon
Esther Johnson

Alice Mulvihill
Anastasia Baker
Abigail Byrne
Susanna Ducrou
Jackson Kuske
Magnum Phuong
Parker Secombe
Milly Shepherd

### FROM THE PARENT HANDBOOK

### Student Attendance Management

#### Arrival & Departure

Students who arrive prior to 8.30am need to register with the College's Out of School Hours Care service, YMCA. Similarly, students who are unable to be collected from school by 3.30pm should also attend OSHC.

#### Absence

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 the Front Office at <a href="mailto:admin@encounter.sa.edu.au">admin@encounter.sa.edu.au</a> or via the College App under Absent Note.

#### Late Arrival Procedure/Early Departure

Students who need to leave early must bring a note or send an email to the Front Office (admin@encounter.sa.edu.au) from their parent/carer. No student will be allowed to leave school without consent. Students leaving early must be collected from the Front Office 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.

#### Extended Student Absence in Term Time

If a student requires an extended absence during term time for reasons of travel, medical etc, an Application for Temporary Exemption from School Enrolment/Attendance and Enrolment/Participation, available from the applicable Head of School, must be completed and authorised.

### Parent Handbook 2024

The full version of the 2024 <u>Parent Handbook</u> is available for viewing and downloading via the following page on our website:

www.encounter.sa.edu.au/parent-resources/





### **Encounter Prayer Breakfast**

WEEK 9: TUESDAY 26TH MARCH, 8.45AM

Encounter Lutheran College commenced holding Prayer Breakfasts in November 2022 with the intention of providing an opportunity for our local community to come together to pray for our College.

The mornings commence at 8.45am with refreshments in the Staff Lounge at the College, followed by a short informal opportunity to pray together for our College community, and for our 2024 theme of "Peace".

The mornings conclude by 9.45am.

All are invited to join us, and newcomers are always welcome.

RSVP at www.trybooking.com/CJIMV

### 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.

Be one of the first businesses to be listed in our new directory. The new College App is expected to be launched following Easter, and ready for use in Term 2.

To participate in the Directory, please complete and submit the online form located at: <a href="https://www.encounter.sa.edu.au/business-directory/">www.encounter.sa.edu.au/business-directory/</a>





### NEWS FROM THE NEST

#### Read all about it!

During the first few weeks of Term 1, the Year 4s have enjoyed participating in our unique 'Read all about it' program.

This special literacy focus is supported by the class teachers, co-educator, Inclusive Ed teacher and two librarians.

Our students enjoyed a celebration of the books they have been reading together sharing perspectives, unpacking character values and storylines, as well as interactive activities.









### Early Leaners visit The Nest

Our Early Learners love coming in to The Nest every week for story time and library borrowing.











### Parents and Friends News

For further details about the Encounter P&F, and how you can get involved:

P&F Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/">www.facebook.com/groups/</a> ELCParentsandFriendsCommittee

P&F Email List: Click here to sign up

Fmail:

encounterlutherancollegepandf@gmail.com

### **Volunteer Orientation Sessions**

Volunteers support the College through a wide variety of roles. Volunteer Orientation Sessions are being held each Thursday for the remainder of Term 1 as follows:

- Thursday 21 March at 8.45am
- Thursday 28 March at 8.45am
- Thursday4 April at 8.45am

If the above session times do not suit you, contact Lauren McKee at <a href="mailto:people@encounter.sa.edu.au">people@encounter.sa.edu.au</a> and we will arrange an additional timeslot for you.

#### Volunteer Requirements

The health and wellbeing of our community is our top priority, and so all Encounter volunteers are required to complete and maintain the following certifications:

- 1. Working With Children Check
- 2. Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect Education and Care (Fundamentals Only)
- 3. <u>Encounter Lutheran College Volunteer</u> Orientation & Volunteer Code of Conduct
- 4. <u>I'm Alert Food Safety Training</u> (only required upon request for volunteers involved in catering activities)

For further information, visit: www.encounter.sa.edu.au/volunteer-with-us/



# MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### **Future Directions News**

ANDREW WEISS | CAREER DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

#### Born to Build

# "Carpenters and Labourers see biggest pay increase over 12 months"

Carpenters and labourers have seen the biggest pay rises in the past 12 months. If you've been thinking of learning a trade, there's never been a better time to start your apprenticeship! More than 15,000 tradies are needed in South Australia by 2027 to meet demand. Born to Build is actively recruiting for apprentices across various trades.

To find out more, visit <u>www.born2build.com.au</u> or call 8211 7466 and start your trade career today!

#### Your Guide to Climate Careers

Climate Careers are part of the renewable energy industry, which is at the forefront of the global mission to combat climate change and promote a sustainable future. With limited natural resources, renewable energy sources like wind, sun, hydro water, and battery power provide solutions. As a result, new businesses are emerging to meet growing demand for these energy sources.

According to the Clean Energy Council, the peak body for the clean energy industry in Australia, there are over 30,000 jobs in the renewable energy sector, with over 20 new wind farms under construction, supporting 8,000 jobs. Because Australia has abundant renewable energy resources, and an ambitious goal of achieving net-zero emissions by 2050, there will be many climate career job opportunities when you finish school or further study. In fact, STEM careers, many of which exist in the renewable energy industry, are expected to grow by 14.2% in the next five years, which is nearly twice as fast as non-STEM careers!

### Get the Climate Careers Guide

The Guide to Climate Careers includes everything you need to figure out if a climate career could suit you. It covers information about school subjects, enterprise skills, industry pathways and apprenticeships, and includes 9 occupation profiles. It even has a section to help you explore more. Click here to download your copy now!

#### Do I Need to Sit the UCAT?

The University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) is a computer-based test that helps universities select applicants with the most appropriate abilities and professional behaviours required for new doctors and dentists to succeed. It is used alongside other admissions processes such as interviews and academic qualifications. It is also an opportunity to stand out from other applicants and demonstrate aptitude for a demanding programme of study.

If you want to study one of the following courses in 2025, you must sit the UCAT:

- The University of Adelaide
  - Medicine
  - Dental Surgery
  - Oral Health
- Flinders University
  - Clinical Sciences / Medicine

Plus many other courses offered at interstate Universities.

Bookings to sit the UCAT are open and close on Friday 17th May 2024.

Some applicants may require a different test, so always refer to the websites of the <u>universities</u> to which you intend to apply for full details.

For more information about registering for UCAT, preparing for the UCAT test, booking for a UCAT test and courses where UCAT ANZ is compulsory part of the application process please go to the following website: www.ucat.edu.au/

# MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

#### 2024 Fleurieu AGFest

The Fleurieu AG FEST is on Monday 18 March at the Yankalilla Showgrounds. It is an event to:

- Showcase the ideas and technology being used in agriculture, other primary production, conservation and land management.
- Promote the abundance of diverse career pathways in ag and related industries.
- Provide inspiration to students and build connections for careers, work experience, research projects and subject choices.
- Showcase local and regional produce including from food vendors on site.

The venue will be open to the public from 9.30am until 5pm with speakers, panels, workshops and displays throughout the day.

For more information please visit: <a href="https://www.yankalilla.sa.gov.au/business/agribusiness/fleurieu-ag-fest">www.yankalilla.sa.gov.au/business/agribusiness/fleurieu-ag-fest</a>



Charles Darwin University - Pathways and Study Choices into University (4 April 2024)

Ready for a career shift or aiming for a university/TAFE entry?

Explore numerous pathways and study options with Charles Darwin University in this informative webinar. They will provide a comprehensive overview of their diverse pathway programs and enabling courses, equipping you with the skills, knowledge, and confidence essential for success on your academic journey.

Seize the opportunity to discover your route to educational excellence—join them and pave the way to a brighter future!

Time: 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM (April 4th 2024)

Location: Online

Details and Registration: <a href="https://www.cdu.edu.au/events/pathways-study-choices-university">www.cdu.edu.au/events/pathways-study-choices-university</a>

Adelaide Defence Careers Information Session Tuesday (9th April 2024)

Considering a career like no other and represent Australia with pride in the Navy, Army or Air Force.

Speak with current serving personnel at the ADF upcoming information session and ask your questions - is a career in the Australian Defence Force for you?

It is highly recommended you book as soon as possible to avoid missing out as places are strictly limited!

Time: 6.00pm - 8.00pm (9th April 2024)

Location: Adelaide ADF Careers Centre

Details and

Registration: <u>www.adfcareers.gov.au/events/</u>

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Mr Andrew Weiss I Career Development Coordinator

Mrs Mel O'Donnell | SACE / VET Coordinator



# **COMMUNITY NEWS**



#### 17 MARCH

**Easter Blessings** 

#### 5 MAY

**Called to Care** 

#### 16 JUNE

A Whale Tale



Sundays from 3.30pm - 5.30pm

with meal provided

28 JULY

**Messy Olympics** 

22 SEPTEMBER

**God's Creation** 

10 NOVEMBER

**Peace Pageant** 

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Lutheran Church Centre, 21a Adelaide Road, Victor Harbor E: messychurch@victorlutheran.org P: Church Office 0491 193 398

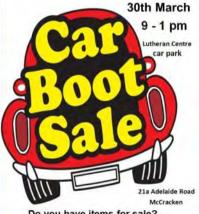


#### Car Boot Sale Information

- We will have the BBQ going, canned drinks and Devonshire Teas on offer
- Site fees: \$20 for two car-parks and \$10 for each additional park space
- Tables are free but need to be booked when you book your stall - get in quick
- Stalls will all be labelled late Friday night so set up whenever it suits you, on Saturday morning - dealers can come early!
- . The sale will close at 1 pm
- Card reading facility fees can be cashless

Maybe you know someone who would be interested, or a friend may share a site with you Got surplus items due to Christmas gifts?

Book a site and turn those unwanted items into cash



Do you have items for sale?

Ring 0491 193 398 to book a stall.

