



# St Francis of Assisi College - Term 1 Week 8 - 2024

## Important Dates

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SA Schools  
Athletics Carnival -  
Adelaide  
Monday 25 March 2024

Year 10 - Stage 1  
Outdoor Education  
Camp 25-27 March  
2024  
Monday 25 March 2024

Yr 7 & 10  
Immunisation -  
Catch Up  
Opportunity  
Thursday 28 March 2024

Good Friday  
Friday 29 March 2024  
  
Easter Sunday  
Sunday 31 March 2024

Easter Monday  
Monday 1 April 2024

Learner  
Conversations  
Tuesday 2 April 2024

Learner  
Conversations  
Wednesday 3 April 2024

Yr 7 LifeChanger  
Workshops 3 & 4  
Wednesday 3 April 2024

Whole School  
Assembly  
Friday 5 April 2024

LifeChanger: Year 9  
Program  
Tuesday 9 April 2024

LifeChanger: Year 7  
Workshops 5 & 6  
Wednesday 10 April 2024

Term 1 Finishes -  
2:15pm  
Friday 12 April 2024

West Lakes Sprint  
Rowing Regatta  
Saturday 13 April 2024

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**REMEMBER** If you are reading this newsletter from your email don't forget to click 'read more' to expand your view and access all of our feature photos!

## Acknowledgment of Country

### ***Acknowledgement of Country***

We acknowledge that we meet today on Meru Country, and recognise the Erawirung and Ngintait peoples as the Traditional Custodians of this land. We recognise their continuing connection to the earth and waters, and thank them for protecting this land and its ecosystems since time immemorial. We pay our respects to Elders past, present, and emerging and extend that respect to all First Nation peoples present here today.



## From the Principal

### **Harmony Week - Everyone Belongs**

This week we acknowledged the gift of Australia's cultural diversity, where inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone are celebrated. Harmony Week is celebrated around Australia and features on March 21; the United Nation's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Harmony Week is managed by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) and gives people the opportunity to celebrate what makes each Australian unique and share what we have in common. The continuing message for Harmony Day in 2024 is that in the diversity of stories we all belong to and strengthen the identity of one Australia. We are all welcome as part of our country, enriching Australia by our story. It is also a day to reflect on where Australia has come from, recognising also the traditional owners of this land. Ultimately Harmony Day is about community participation, inclusiveness and respect – celebrating the different cultures that have made Australia a great place to live.

*May the God of Gentleness soften the tensions within us.*

*The God of Power strengthen us.*

*The God of Wisdom gift us with discerning minds and hearts.*

*The God of Love teach us to be companions to each other.*

*Amen*

# Lenten Season and Project Compassion – For All Future Generations

## Project Compassion

Throughout the six weeks of Lent, students will learn about the work of Project Compassion and how it has provided help to individuals and communities.

The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with generous supporters and the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.

Caritas Australia partners with the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Caritas Samoa and with the Catholic Development Commission. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations.

Lent is the season of fasting in the Catholic Church and this year it overlaps with the month of Ramadan. Fasting is an ancient religious practice that strives to hold God as the most important one in our lives, corresponding to our heart's deepest hunger. Fasting also expresses solidarity with the poor as we share the common experience of hunger. In this way, we are drawn closer to God and our neighbour.

## Board Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 27th March, 7:00pm

Parents and carers are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting, held on Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7pm in the Collaboration Centre (Year 7 – 9 teaching building).

Thank you for your time and attention given to the formation of the School Board for 2024.

## Learner Conversations

Parents will receive information about the learning conversations in Week 10, including how to book an interview with your child's home group teacher. Home group teachers play a key role in supporting students pastorally at school, and this is why the initial conversations in Week 10 are with the home group teacher.

At St Francis of Assisi College, learner agency is valued, and we encourage students to attend and play an active role in these learner conversations, with parents / carers and home group teachers.

I do emphasise to parents that you are most welcome to contact the College if you would like to make a time to meet with a specific subject teacher, in addition to the home group teacher.

Please contact the College administration office with any queries.

**Mr Nathan Hayes, Principal**

## Religious Identity and Mission



### Harmony Week

Harmony Week is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community. Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it. The message of Harmony Week is everyone belongs. It is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values. In Pastoral Care, students decorated an outline of their hand and drew or wrote something that represented either harmony, their family culture or multiculturalism. These were then used to form a mosaic display at the front of the 7-9 building.

Thank you to Mrs Trudgian for organising the Harmony Day Mosaic.

### Terra House Mass

On the **3<sup>rd</sup> of April at 9:30am**, Terra House will celebrate Mass with Fr Hau and local parish members. This will be held in our multipurpose area. Parents, caregivers and family members are welcome to join us for this celebration.

### Chrism Mass and Dioceses Assembly

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, parishioners, clergy, staff members and students from all over the Port Pirie diocese came together to take part in our annual Dioceses Assembly. Through the process of listening to guest speakers, conversing with one another and reflecting on our diocese priorities, there was a clear message of working together to help needs of others in our communities. Discussions and action plans took place to embrace diversity amongst people: we are all unique and different and have our individual beliefs and interpretations. It is about how we work together for the better good of those in our community.

To finish the Assembly, we celebrated Mass with Bishop Karol, Bishop Greg and the Priests, Sisters and Deacons from the Port Pirie Diocese. Student representatives from our Riverland Catholic Schools also attended this Mass where we received blessed Chrism oils for our parish sacraments.



## St Joseph Feast Day

This week we celebrated the Feast of St Joseph. Saint Joseph, the husband of Mary and legal father of Jesus, was a carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family. From him, Jesus learned the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to work and provide for others and yourself in life. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop had a strong devotion to St Joseph and so named her order the Sisters of St Joseph (Josephites). Many of the students in our school come from the Josephite primary schools in our Riverland community.

## Prayer to St Joseph and for Harmony

*God of Joseph and Mary, guarding the weak from the dominating, hear our prayer and encourage our efforts to create a just, kind and inclusive society. We ask this through the refugee Christ and the Spirit of Community.*

*Amen*

**Mrs Sheridan Bonney, Assistant Principal, Religious Identity and Mission**

Leader of Learning

## Home Group Learner Conversations

Home Group Learner Conversations will occur over two nights, 2nd and 3rd of April from 4-6pm at the College. These meetings are a wonderful opportunity to discuss your child's current progress with their teacher.

This term these conversations will occur with only your child's home group teacher. It is an expectation that your child attends this meeting, as your child is an important part of this conversation as they reflect on their strengths and needs as they become a capable learner.

If you wish to have a meeting with one of your child's specific subject teachers, please contact the College or the subject teacher directly.

When making a booking, please only select your child's home group teacher.

For further information, please see communication send by your child's home group teacher.

## Bookings are made online through School Interviews

To log on, please use the following link

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/pn7ye>

If you have any questions or if you are unable to book an appointment but would still like to meet with a teacher, please contact the school on 8595 4500.

## SEQTA Online Continuous Reporting

### What is it?

Continuous reporting or progressive/ongoing feedback refers to the process of teachers providing timely and targeted feedback to students about their learning progress in a subject. At St Francis of Assisi College this is achieved through our learning management system - SEQTA. This term all teachers have been working hard to utilise this function in SEQTA by providing assessment information and specific feedback for assessment tasks. This is visible to students through SEQTA learn and similarly to parents through SEQTA Engage.

### What is the advantage?

The main advantage of continuous reporting is that students and parents receive feedback in a 'timely' manner about how the child is progressing. End of semester reports are often seen as too little, too late, with not enough targeted feedback and time for the student to improve their learning. Research shows high-quality feedback that is specific and on-going has immediate feedback on learning progress.

### What is your role as a parent?

Continuous reporting not only allows students to constantly reflect on their progress and make improvements as they go but involves parents more in their child's educational journey as they receive frequent updates of their progress. If any situation arises where you, as a parent have a concern or question regarding the feedback provided, it is critical that as a parent you:

- 1) Initially discuss the feedback with your child.
- 2) If required, encourage your child to seek further clarification from their subject teacher.
- 3) If this is ineffective, or you have any major concerns with your child's learning progress, then please utilise our normal channels of communication through the relevant subject teacher.

Supporting your child to take ownership of the feedback provided is critical in assisting them to develop into reflective and independent learners.

**Mrs Natalie Meuret, Leader of Learning**

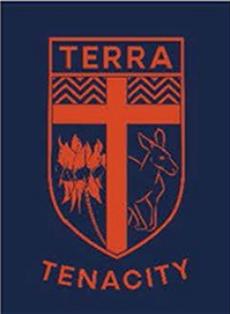


### **Student Leadership Council Announcement**

We are pleased to announce our 2024 Student leadership Council has been finalised with the addition of four Year 7 students. We congratulate Ivan (AQUA), Imogen (TERRA), Tahlia (IGNIS) and Ruby (VENTUS) as the Year 7 SLC Representatives.

We thank all Year 7 applicants for their outstanding applications and interviews.

# Student Leadership Council

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
	 <b>Ivan</b>	 <b>Ruby</b>	 <b>Archie</b>	 <b>Hugh</b>
	 <b>Tahlia</b>	 <b>Sebastian</b>	 <b>Anu</b>	 <b>Cleo</b>
	 <b>Imogen</b>	 <b>Avreet</b>	 <b>Jessica</b>	 <b>Ael</b>
	 <b>Ruby</b>	 <b>Eloise</b>	 <b>Henry</b>	 <b>Riley</b>

## C Guiding Principles

### Make it Fun!

*We seek to have small wins and celebrate our successes to ensure we enjoy the role we are in.*

### Have a Shared Intent

*We will listen to the broader student body to identify a common goal we can work on together.*

### Role Modelling

*We will be role models that leave a legacy and act appropriately to set an example of expectations and culture.*

## LifeChanger

Our Year 10 students have been trained as workshop mentors this week by our friends at LifeChanger, Angus and Caitlin. The Year 10's will be supporting our Year 7 cohort in their LifeChanger Workshops later this term.

Parents of year 7 students can download a family handbook summarising the workshops and has some great conversation starters for parents/carers to discuss our LifeChanger program at home.

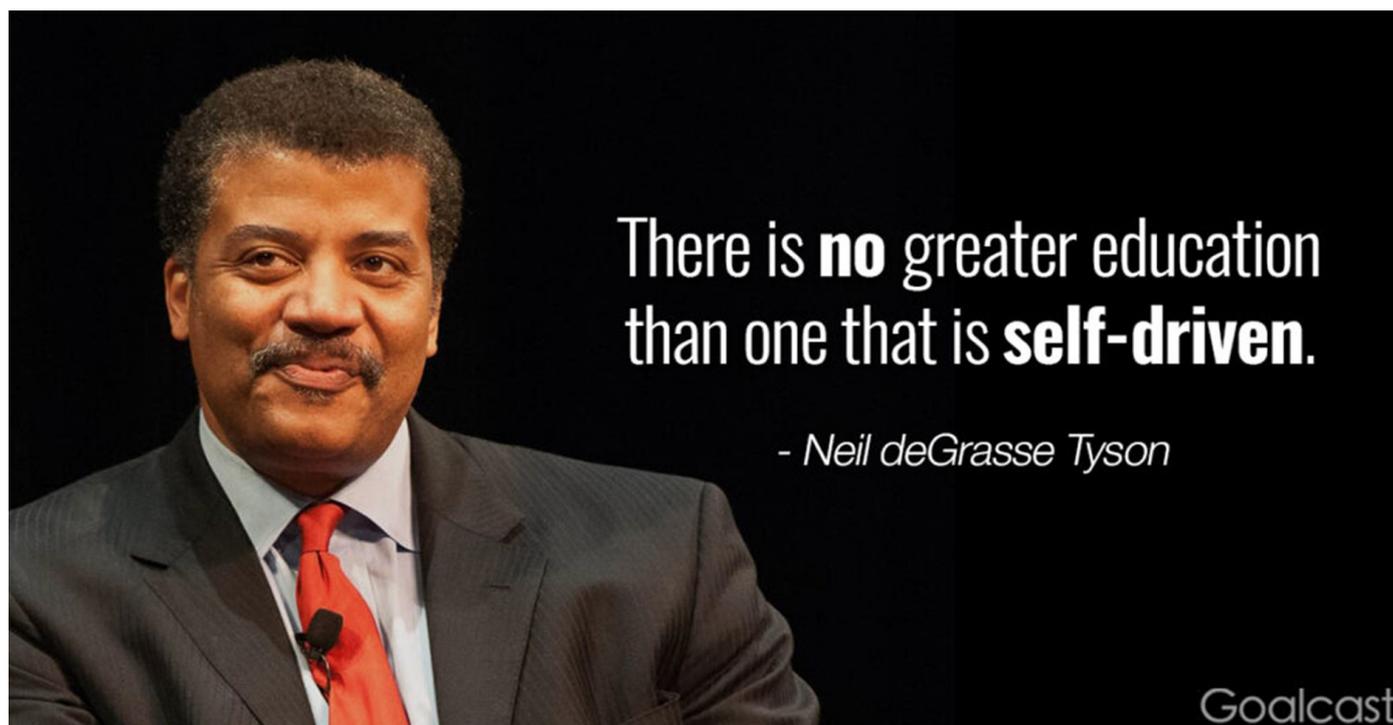
[2024 Lifechanger Family Handbook](#)

## Circle of Support

A reminder that if you have any concerns or questions or information to share regarding your child's wellbeing or academics, please contact their home group teacher in the first instance via email or through the College phone number - (08) 8595 4500.

Home Group	Teachers	Email
AQUA1	Miss Rebecca Ward	<a href="mailto:rebecca.ward@assisi.catholic.edu.au">rebecca.ward@assisi.catholic.edu.au</a>
AQUA2	Miss Ramanjeet Arkan	<a href="mailto:ramanjeet.arkan@assisi.catholic.edu.au">ramanjeet.arkan@assisi.catholic.edu.au</a>
IGNIS1	Miss Niamh Graney	<a href="mailto:niamh.graney@assisi.catholic.edu.au">niamh.graney@assisi.catholic.edu.au</a>
IGNIS2	Mr. John Lyons	<a href="mailto:john.lyons@assisi.catholic.edu.au">john.lyons@assisi.catholic.edu.au</a>
TERRA1	Miss Mae Camporeale	<a href="mailto:mae.camporeale@assisi.catholic.edu.au">mae.camporeale@assisi.catholic.edu.au</a>
TERRA2	Mr. Fraser Sampson	<a href="mailto:fraser.sampson@assisi.catholic.edu.au">fraser.sampson@assisi.catholic.edu.au</a>
VENTUS1	Mrs Isabella Trudgian	<a href="mailto:isabella.trudgian@assisi.catholic.edu.au">isabella.trudgian@assisi.catholic.edu.au</a>
VENTUS2	Miss Ruby Orchard	<a href="mailto:ruby.orchard@assisi.catholic.edu.au">ruby.orchard@assisi.catholic.edu.au</a>

## Quote of the Week



Mr Luke Cotter, Leader of Wellbeing

# CAREERS, PATHWAYS & VET

## Introductions



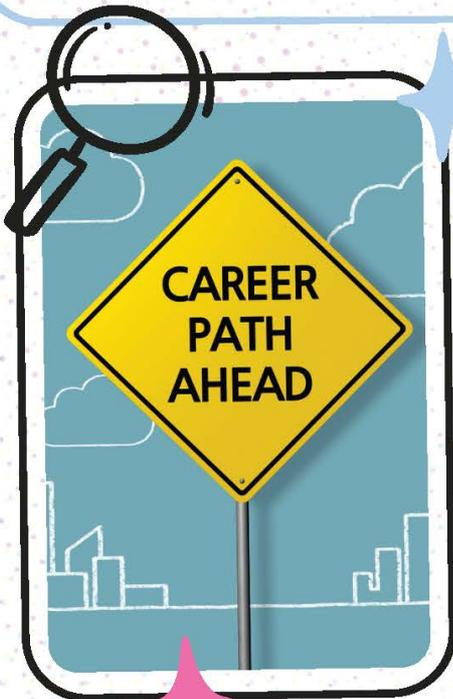
As the Careers, Pathways, and VET Coordinator at our school, I serve as the guiding hand for students navigating their future endeavours. From exploring career options to charting educational pathways and coordinating vocational education and training opportunities, my role is dedicated to empowering students to make informed decisions about their future. Together, we embark on a journey of exploration and preparation, ensuring each student finds their unique path to success beyond the classroom.

You are welcome to contact me if you have any questions or would like to arrange a time to meet.

[amber.burgess@assisi.catholic.edu.au](mailto:amber.burgess@assisi.catholic.edu.au)

## Term 2 Dates to Remember

- Yr 10 Careers Camp (Wk 2)
- National Careers Week (Wk 3)
- Yr 10 Work Experience (Wk 9)



## Whole School Focus

Research highlights the importance for children and young adults to start exploring their future options as early as possible. During term 2 we will have a whole school focus on career exploration, allowing students to be curious about their futures.

This will be scheduled into weekly sessions during pastoral care and each year level will have their own focus:

- Year 7 - BECOME Career Discovery
- Year 8 - Career Exploration
- Year 9 - BECOME Career Focus
- Year 10 - Career Planning

More information will be shared over the coming weeks.

# My Food Truck Rules



This term our Year 10 Food and Hospitality class have been busily planning, preparing and collaborating to bring our schools first My Food Truck Rules event. Each group had a theme and focus on bringing students food that was fast, fresh and 'on trend'. Our food trucks included: Wrap N Go, Sushi Bar, Jaffle-icious, Ninja Nachos, Burger Boys, Freakshakes, Pretzels and Pizza. Every group did an amazing job in preparing and selling their food to the wider school community, which was held last Thursday. Students have been collecting feedback from their peers about their food and will now complete a review of their learning and overall experience.

**Mrs Amber Burgess**

## Textiles - Softies

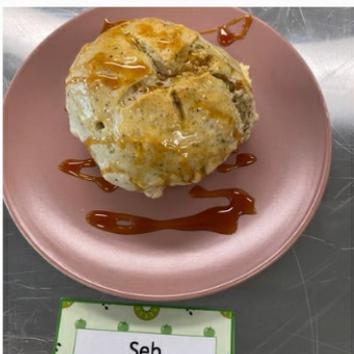


Year 8 students have been learning some important life skills in textiles. They have showcased these skills in the design and make process of their very own Softie. Students are now transferring these skills to make a pencil case which includes both hand and machine sewn elements.

**Mrs Amber Burgess**

## What's Cooking?

# What's Cooking



Over the past few weeks our students have been busy in the food tech kitchen. We have made wattle-seed damper, chicken schnitzels, Bahn Mi rolls and surprise chocolate tarts. It is a real pleasure watching our students make, create and try new things that they wouldn't otherwise experience. Over the rest of the term students have an array of practical assessment tasks that will allow them to showcase their learning and fine-tuned culinary skills.

**Mrs Amber Burgess**

## Rowing Program - Recruiting Year 9 & 10's



# ROW



**COACH**  
Stephanie Turnbull

**TRAINER**  
Molly Gibbons

### Recruiting Year 9 & 10's for the Rowing Program 2024

During Term 2 we will be offering Rowing on a Monday after school to any Year 9 or 10 students, who haven't previously been part of the Rowing Program. This is a great opportunity to not only grow our team, but for students to try the sport again or maybe for the first time! We are also seeking students who may be interested in coxing, not just rowing. During the term we will alternate between on-water and ergo and strength & conditioning sessions. The goal is to build rowing skill development and introduce key fundamental movements to support.

**On-water sessions will be at the Renmark Rowing Club from 3:30 – 5:30pm**

**Ergo and Strength & Conditioning sessions will be in College Multipurpose Room from 3:20 – 4:45pm**

Those wishing to try rowing during Term 2, will incur a fee of \$50. This will cover a learn to row membership with Renmark Rowing Club, to use the facilities, and for insurance coverage. All new junior rowers are required to wear a life jacket. If your child wishes to attend these sessions, the expectation is they commit and are available every Monday. This enables planning for crews and ensures students learn how to work as a team, which is crucial. Families are responsible for transporting their students to and from the Rowing Club. Teacher supervision is provided at training.

If you have any further questions, would like more information or simply to register interest, please email [Rowing@assisi.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Rowing@assisi.catholic.edu.au) or call 8595 4500.

## Rowing Program - Yr 8A & 8B Rowing Practical



This week our Yr 8 students took part in an on-water rowing practical as part of their HPE Riverfront Fitness unit. Students on land were put through a strength and conditioning circuit with Miss Gibbons. Students engaged well in all activities, with those on the water having success as a full crew.

## Riverland Cricket Teams of the Year - Armaan, Anant and Noah

The Riverland Turf Cricket Association recently held its presentation night, with three St Francis of Assisi College students, who all play for Renmark North Cricket Club, being announced in Riverland teams of the year.

Congratulations to Armaan for being announced as part of the Riverland Turf Cricket Association's "Riverland B Grade Team of the Year".

Congratulations to Anant and Noah W for being announced as part of the Riverland Turf Cricket Association's "Riverland Under 16 Team of the Year".



## Yr 10 - Space STEM School Camp

### **Attention Year 10's**

Are you wanting to explore a career within the space industry?

You may be interested in attending a Space STEM School Camp during the April school holidays. There are currently a few places left.

There is a cost of \$80 to attend the 3 night camp in Adelaide. Students will stay at Warradale Urban Camp.

Defence Science and Technology Group (DSTG) sponsors a scholarship to enable rural and remote students to attend the Space School. This scholarship can be used to help cover the costs of getting to the space school from a regional area.

The application requires a statement from the

- Student
- students' school/ science teacher

If you are interested please see Mrs Burgess.

Young RMS production of Frozen Jr



**YOUNG RMS**  
production of

2024

**Disney**  
**FROZEN** JR.

Music & Lyrics by  
**Kristen Anderson-Lopez & Robert Lopez**

Book by  
**Jennifer Lee**

Based on the Disney film written by Jennifer Lee  
and directed by Chris Buck and Jennifer Lee

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia)  
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia.

**Saturday 20th April** & **Sunday 21st April**  
1pm & 3.30pm\* 1pm & 3.30pm  
sensory friendly

**BONNEY THEATRE, BARMERA**  
[www.trybooking.com/CPZOG](http://www.trybooking.com/CPZOG)



A group of our students are involved in the Young RMS production of Frozen Jr at the Bonney Theatre in Barmera during the upcoming school holidays. Over 50 talented students, aged 7 to 17 years, from 15 Riverland schools are involved in the production and have been busily rehearsing all term.

Performances are on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 1pm and 3:30pm. Tickets go on sale on April 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 8:30am through Trybooking [www.trybooking.com/CPZOG](http://www.trybooking.com/CPZOG)



## Adelaide Kite Festival

EASTER LONG WEEKEND | MARCH & APRIL 2024

11AM - 5PM DAILY | SEMAPHORE BEACH & FORESHORE

SATURDAY 30 MARCH | SUNDAY 31 MARCH | MONDAY 1 APRIL

THE ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL

# KITE

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# LEARN HOW TO HELP

**YOURSELF AND OTHERS**

Join Mental Health Partners to learn how to manage and cope with anxiety.

And learn ways to assist a friend or classmate who is struggling.

**DID YOU KNOW  
42 PER CENT OF  
PEOPLE AGED 15  
TO 24 ARE  
EXPERIENCING  
ANXIETY?**



**TUESDAY  
23 APRIL**

**RENMARK PARINGA  
CIVIC CENTRE**

**10am to 11.30am  
High School Students  
year 7 to 12**

**SECURE A SPOT NOW!**

Email

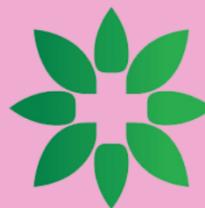
[connect@renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au](mailto:connect@renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au)

or phone 8580 3000 by Tuesday 16 April

**FREE WORKSHOP**



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 **Renmark Paringa  
Council**

Renmark Paringa Council is providing a free mental health session for high school students in the upcoming school holidays.

The session, hosted by Mental Health Partners, provides an opportunity for high school students to learn strategies on how to help themselves and others.

It will take place on Tuesday 23 April from 10am to 11.30am at the Renmark Paringa Civic Centre.

To secure a spot email [connect@renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au](mailto:connect@renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au) or phone 8580 3000 by Tuesday 16 April.

## College Second Hand Uniform Facebook Group

The College has set up a Second Hand Uniform Facebook Group to enable parents and caregivers to buy, sell, swap or giveaway second hand uniforms. For these transactions parents and caregivers will deal directly with each other, with the Facebook Group merely acting as a way to connect families disposing of, or wanting, second hand uniforms.

The group is for members only and the following group rules apply:

- it is the parent/caregivers responsibility to liaise directly with each other for the purpose of buy/swap/sell/giveaway of second-hand uniforms
- detailed information about the College's uniform policy is available on the College website [www.assisi.catholic.edu.au/enrolment/uniform](http://www.assisi.catholic.edu.au/enrolment/uniform) and can be referred to as required

Please use the link if you would like to join the group

[www.facebook.com/groups/sfoacrsecondhanduniform](http://www.facebook.com/groups/sfoacrsecondhanduniform)

Riverland Special School's



# DISABILITY EXPO & Open Day

 **Wednesday 27th March 2024**

 **2:30-5:30pm**

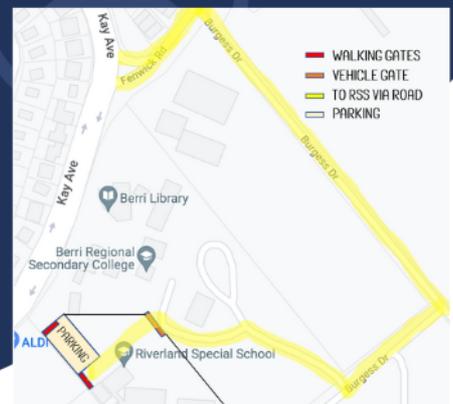
- ✓ Access to information from a wide range of services that support people with disabilities of all ages
- ✓ Tours available of our wonderful school
- ✓ **FREE** Sausage Sizzle from 3:30pm

Booking is NOT essential; however if you would like to register your interest to attend, feel free to contact the school:



-  **12A Stadium Drive, Berri SA 5343**
-  **8582 1258**
-  **DL.0962.info@schools.sa.edu.au**
-  **facebook.com/riverlandspecialschool**

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# RENMARK OLYMPIC SOCCER CLUB



## 2024 INFORMATION

### REGISTRATION DAYS

Please come along to our soccer shed on **Wednesday 13th March** or **Wednesday 20th March** from 5-6pm to register your child's name in their age group and receive information about this upcoming season.

### PLAYER REGISTRATION



Don't forget to register online with the national registration system. This can be done via this link <https://www.playfootball.com.au> or by scanning the QR code on this page. A flyer on how to register can be collected from our soccer shed.

Registrations will need to be completed by **Friday 5th April**.

### PAYMENT OPTIONS

Payment options: **CREDIT CARD/DEBIT CARD** only, this will need to be paid at the time of registering online.

Player fees are available to view at the time of registering. All players need to be registered to play otherwise they will not be able to take the field due to insurance reasons.

**\*\*Don't forget the \$100 Sports Voucher is on offer from Reception – Year 9 students only, so please enter the voucher code when registering online 'SVoucher24' along with your Medicare number, including your child's reference number on the card (this should be a total of 11 numbers).**

### TRAINING TIMES

Training for all **Junior** grades U6, U8, U10, U12 & U14's will commence on **Wednesday 20th March**, at the Steve Poutakidis Sports Grounds (Renmark Soccer Grounds opposite the Alan Coulter Rec Centre).

**U6 & U8s - 4pm to 4.45pm**

**U10s - 4pm to 5pm**

**U16s and Senior Men - Tuesdays 6.15pm**

**U12s - 4pm to 5pm**

**U14s - 5pm to 6pm**

**Open Women - Wednesdays 6pm**

If you are unable to attend training or game day due to work or being unwell,

you **MUST** notify your Coach/Team Manager by text or phone call (*it's the least we can do for our volunteers*).

Coaches contact details will be given out to parents once we have confirmed all our coaches.

### CLUB MERCHANDISE

All orders are to be made online with Tri-State Graphics website.

<https://www.tristategraphics.com.au/renmark-olympic-soccer-club>

or call into their shop and place your order with them.

Merchandise will be available to order from the start of the season.

### PLAYING KIT

Playing tops will be given to all Coaches/Team Managers before the start of the season along with their Coaches bag. All tops will be given to players before **Round 1**. Please make sure you return your top at the end of the season to your Coach/Team Manager. This season we have **NEW** playing kits for all grades, HUGE thanks to our Sponsors who have come onboard. New shorts will need to be purchased and socks will be available at the soccer shed. More information to

some essential new shorts will need to be purchased and socks will be available at the soccer shed. More information to come on the cost of the shorts and socks. EFTPOS only available at the shed.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

Parents will be rostered on to work in the canteen, coffee van or on the gate. We only have 4 x home games during the season and by doing an hour or two will be a huge help. We are also looking for more committee members to join our successful club. **MORE HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!!**

Please join our Facebook page **Renmark Olympic Soccer Club** to keep up to date with the latest information!  
Or contact us via email: [renmarkolympicsoccer@gmail.com](mailto:renmarkolympicsoccer@gmail.com)

## Mission Transforms Lives

### ***Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours.***

Communities in Africa, Asia, Australia and the Pacific are looking for qualified and experienced Australians from ALL sectors to share their skills with those who have had little opportunity for formal training. You too will learn and grow within a most welcoming community. Experience the joy as you assist to change lives.

**Learn more:** Join our [Mission Webinar](#) March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 6:00 – 6:30 pm.



**Palms Australia**

63 years preparing Australians for enduring global relationships to build sustainable, self-reliant, community development.

**Learn Even More:** Join our [two-week tour to Timor-Leste on 06/05/2024](#) to see Palms program participants our local partner communities in action together.

**Contact: 02 9560 5333**  
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Learn more: join our [two-week tour to Timor-Leste on 5th May](#) to see Palms program participants and our local partner communities in action together.

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## SA Premiers Reading Challenge 2024

### Dear Parents & Caregivers,

As a college, we will be participating in the SA Premiers Reading Challenge in 2024. The Premier's Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program that was introduced by the Premier in 2004 to encourage students to read more books and enjoy reading, as well as improve overall literacy levels. The Challenge requires students to read 12 books between the beginning of the school year and early September (6<sup>th</sup> of September 2024).

To complete the challenge, students are required to read a combination of books from the Challenge booklists and books of their own choosing.

- Year 7- 9 students need to select at least 4 books from the Premier's Reading Challenge booklist and 8 books of their own choice.
- Year 10-12 students can select 12 books of their own choice at an appropriate literacy level.

The booklists are available on the Premier's Reading Challenge website. [Book List | Premiers Reading Challenge SA](#)

We understand that each student at our college will have different entry points due to various reasons when it comes to reading. However, we strongly encourage all students, no matter their reading ability, to participate and find personal confidence and enjoyment in reading. There are a range of strategies and tools that can be used to support reading, and we encourage all students to communicate with their English teacher to choose appropriate books to their reading level, as well as find other platforms that can support them to complete this challenge.

Public libraries across South Australia strongly support the Premier's Reading Challenge. They play an integral part in the program by providing books for students to borrow. Many of the books in the booklists can be downloaded for free or borrowed in hardcopy format through the statewide OneCard [library catalogue](#). Your OneCard allows you to borrow and return Premier's Reading Challenge books to any of the public libraries across South Australia.

→ Join online and search the library catalogue at [libraries.sa.gov.au/join](https://libraries.sa.gov.au/join)

→ Read parent and family information about the PRC at [libraries.sa.gov.au/prcparents](https://libraries.sa.gov.au/prcparents)

→ Access the digital services, including PRC ebooks and audiobooks at [libraries.sa.gov.au/digital](https://libraries.sa.gov.au/digital) (*Libby and BorrowBox are recommended free apps that have a large collection of e-books and audiobooks*)

If you have any further questions about the challenge, please email your child's English teacher, or contact the front office and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Isabella Trudgian

Natalie Meuret

## Saver Plus - a program to help families save for 2025 school expenses



Receive up to  
**\$500 from ANZ for  
your 2025 back to  
school costs**

**Achieve a savings goal for 10 months and ANZ will match it up to \$500. You need to:**

- Be 18 years or older
- Have a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
- Agree to join in free online financial education workshops

Terms and conditions apply.

  
**saverplus**  
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Many families are experiencing cost of living challenges as well as increased education costs.

Saver Plus supports eligible families to take some control of their finances by offering a matched savings incentive and financial education workshops.

If parents commit to saving up to \$50 a month for 10 months, ANZ will match their savings up to \$500 for families to put towards school uniforms, stationary, camps, laptops, sports fees and music lessons.

\*The program accepts Child Support, Carers Payment and Cash in hand as regular income.

If families join in February 2024, they can claim their matched savings in December 2024 in time for 2025 school costs.

To learn more about Saver Plus attend an online Information Sessions: [Register here](#).

**Saver Plus supports people to develop life-long savings habits. It's been running for over 20 years and more than 58,000 Australians have participated.** It's delivered by Brotherhood of St. Laurence, The Smith Family and Berry Street. It's funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services.



**To be eligible for Saver Plus, people need to meet these requirements:**

- Be 18 years or older
- Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- Have a child in school, starting school next year, or be studying yourself
- Get a regular income (can be you or your partner)
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[saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au)



## G1 Youth - Term 1 Planner

# Gi Youth

## Term 1 Dates

Years 7-12 | 11 Mortimer Road, Berri

7pm Start | 9pm pick up



Instagram



Facebook



Spotify

➡ For more information, check out our socials or contact us on 0435 000 398

### Week 2 ~ 09/02/24

#### 2024 Launch Party

We are super excited to be back! Let's kick off the year with a partayyy!

### Week 3 ~ 16/02/24

#### GI Tribal Games

Bring your competitive side, and get hyped for TRIBAL GAMES!

**Location:** Rivergum Christian College

### Week 4 ~ 23/02/24

#### Connect Groups

Bring your favourite snack, your bible, and a friend!

### Week 5 ~ 01/03/24

#### 'Chose Your Own Adventure'

What will you chose? Come along to find out!

### Week 6 ~ 08/03/24

#### Connect Groups

Bring your favourite snack, your bible, and a friend!

### Week 7 ~ 15/03/24

#### Op Shop Formal

Hit the op shops, and come dressed up in your best suit & tie or fanciest ball gown. **\$5 Dinners.**

### Week 8 ~ 22/03/24

#### Connect Groups

Bring your favourite snack, your bible, and a friend!

### Week 9 ~ 29/03/24

#### Easter Service

Open to all families & parents. **\$5 Dinners.**

### Week 10 ~ 05/04/24

#### Connect Groups

Bring your favourite snack, your bible, and a friend!

### Week 11 ~ 12/04/24

#### Movie Night

Come dressed in your pjs & bring your favourite movie snacks.



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friends and learn more about who they were created to be. Plus, we have a LOT OF FUN!

*"Do you complain there is nothing to do in the Riverland? No bowling alleys, cinemas, frozen yogurt shops?"*

*Well, G1 Youth provides a fun program on Friday nights during the school term for high school aged students. We welcome everyone from all ages, gender identities, religions, home situations and Riverland regions!*

## Stay Connected



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### SEQTA

SEQTA is used in many ways. Students and Parents/ Caregivers are able to access lesson details, assessment submissions, grades and feedback. SEQTA Engage is great for parent/teacher communications, student timetable details and to keep up to date with the College notices.



### EDSMART

Edsmart enables parents to sign and return permissions electronically. Our College utilises Edsmart to send out school policy information and agreements, permission and consent forms, general updates and information around upcoming events.



### FACEBOOK

St Francis of Assisi College Facebook page features exciting event updates and general information. We share school sporting results, student achievements, along with many photos and videos of our students and activities both inside and outside the classroom.



### NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter is sent out fortnightly via email. You can also find our newsletter link on our webpage. In our newsletter, we share what's happening in the College community, upcoming events and general notices.

Absentees to be notified via: SEQTA Engage, [absent@assisi.catholic.edu.au](mailto:absent@assisi.catholic.edu.au), or call 8595 4500