

Principal's Welcome



Tricia Richman

Important Dates

Year 12 Exams
Monday 6 November - Thursday 16 November

Year 9/10 Soccer Carnival (Croatia)
Wednesday 8 November

Market Day
Friday 10 November

Shooting Stars Awards Picnic (NAPS)
Tuesday 14 November

Clontarf Year 10/11 Camp (Port Neill)
Wednesday 15 to Friday 17 November

Spencer Gulf Aquatics (Port Augusta)
Thursday 16 & Friday 17 November

White Ribbon Day
Friday 17 November

Pupil Free Day
Monday 20 November

Finance / Governing Council
Monday 20 November

Year 11 Exams
Tuesday 21 to Thursday 23 November

Clontarf Year 7/8/9 Basketball Carnival (Ceduna)
Tuesday 21 to Friday 24 November

SAASTA Shield & Awards Ceremony (Adelaide)
Tuesday 21 to Thursday 23 November

Year 9/10 Outdoor Ed Excursion (Point Lowly)
Friday 24 November

Operations Flinders Fishing/Presentation
Friday 24 November

Year 12 Formal
Friday 24 November, ticket sales close 17/11

Whole School Transition
Monday 27 & Tuesday 28 November

Senior Hoodie Orders Close
Tuesday 28 November

Year 11's Last Day & Assembly
Tuesday 28 November

Presentation Night
Tuesday 5 December

Last Day of Term 4
Friday 15 December, 2.30pm dismissal

Dear parents and caregivers,

I am not sure where the term has gone, but just like that we are at the start of week 4. We have a range of events happening every week between now and the end of the year, with one of our first for the term being the year 12 farewell assembly which was held in the college gymnasium last Friday.

Parents, grandparents, caregivers, special guests and community members joined staff to farewell the class of 2023. The day marked a very significant day for the students and I wish our year 12's every success. I am so very proud of each and every one of them. I was also really impressed with our year 11 hosts and Nicole's Valedictorian speech. Our students really are amazing. It is also important to thank and acknowledge year 12 teachers, Dr Holeva and Mrs McEvoy who have walked alongside them and supported them to be successful. For those undertaking exams, I wish you all the very best and I look forward to seeing you all at the formal.

Over the past 3 weeks we have also celebrated the following at the college;

- All female students attended The Period Show at the Middleback Theatre
- Year 12 trial exams were held at Uni SA, with actual exams starting this week
- Year 9 students attended an information session about part time employment over the Christmas break
- GFG Foundation celebration
- Clontarf Awards night
- Radio interview with myself about preparing year 12's for exams and one with our Year 7/8 Assistant Principal around the year 6 into year 7 process
- Final VET block week for 2023
- Cert II Cookery VET Dinner
- Year 9/10 Girls Basketball state final in Adelaide
- Year 6 to 7 parent information night
- SAASTA Connect camp
- World Teachers Day

At the recent Cert II VET dinner I was reminded about why I became a teacher and why I love the job that I do. I attended the dinner and it was sensational. What the students cooked, plated and served us was exceptional. Then, when I got home I had an email from a year 12 student thanking me for the help and support that I have given her over the past two years. Every time I have a bad day, I am going to go back and read that email.

This week we welcome Deputy Principal Christina Nicholas back from maternity leave. Christina will do a hand over with Acting Deputy Principal Andrew Dunn prior to his last day with us this Friday. I would like to sincerely thank Andrew for all the work he has done for the college in his time with us. Next year Andrew will be the Principal at Springbank Secondary College.

In other HR news I would like to congratulate Year 11/12 Assistant Principal Alexandra Holeva on winning a new position in Kangaroo Island next year. I wish her all the best in her next leadership role.

Curriculum SSO Terri Grillet had her last day at the college during the second week of the term. I thank Terri for her work at both Whyalla High and the college and wish her all the very best in her new role.

Last week our Specialised Pathways Leader Ricky Paveltish and his wife Kelsey welcomed baby Ainsley Mae into the world. A big congratulations to you all on your newest addition.

Finally, a reminder that our next pupil free day is Monday 20 November. Students do not come to school on this day.

My quote for this newsletter is the quote I gave the year 12's at their assembly:

"You have to do what is right for yourself, nobody else is walking in your shoes"

College Updates

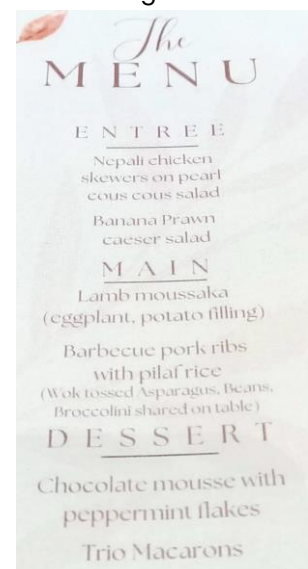
Year 12 Farewell Assembly

Last Friday marked a very special day for the college, our year 12 cohort and their families as we farewelled the class of 2023. The farewell assembly was a real success and a credit to everyone involved. It was a very emotional time for the students, their families and their teachers. Many students will now be focussing on their exams before taking a break and enjoying the formal.



Certificate II in Cookery SIT20416

During the last week of VET, our cookery students were busy preparing menus and cooking food for their end of year dinner. They hosted families and some lucky staff with some amazing dishes. After a year of serving up incredible food, students have now completed their certificates and we are sure they will go on to be great chefs in the future. Congratulations!



Clontarf Awards Night

The 2023 Clontarf Awards were held in the college theatre last week. The night was a celebration for the year that was. It is always special to see families, national and local partners, our host school staff, Whyalla City Council and dignitaries all attend to support the foundation and help our young men participate more meaningfully in society.



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NOW ACCEPTING ORDERS!

Order through the Qkr! app to purchase items such as: Cookies, rocky road, Christmas pudding, fruit mince pies, apricot or apple pies, Santa choc chip house kits, or their famous lamingtons!

Money raised will be going towards prizes for presentation night.

Order by Wednesday 15 November to receive on Thursday 23 November



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Please do not park on the grass



A reminder not to stop on the roadway to drop off or collect students or park on the grass next to the kiss-and-drop zone as this creates a safety hazard and destroys the grass.

Orders are now open for the 2024 senior hoodie! Students who will be in year 12 next year can order their hoodie via the link below. A sizing range is available at main student services. **Orders will close on Tuesday 28 November.** To ensure a term 1 delivery, late orders will not be accepted. For further information view our Facebook page or contact Kylie Morris at the college on 8668 9600.

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2024 Senior Hoodie \$80.00