

Principal's Welcome



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Important Dates

Sports Day

Tuesday 27 August

UniSA Tour/Presentation (Yr 11/12)

Wednesday 28 August

Yr 7/8 STEM Aboriginal Learner Congress (Adelaide)

Wednesday 28 to Friday 30 August

Wear it Purple (Accessory) Day

Friday 30 August

Year 12 UniSA SATAC Application 1:1 Support

Friday 30 August

Year 9/10 Mixed Soccer

Friday 30 August

Creche 12-1pm (Theatre Café)

Friday 30 August

Dress as your Favourite Book Character

Thursday 5 September

School Closure Day

Friday 6 September

Pupil Free Day

Monday 9 September

Governing Council

Wednesday 11 September 7pm
Finance 6.30pm

VET Block Week

Monday 16 to Friday 19 September

Learning Conversations

Tuesday 17 September
5.30-7.30pm

Early Dismissal

Friday 27 September
2.30pm

Dear parents and caregivers,

Welcome to the first newsletter for term 3.

Highlights during the first half of this term include;

- Meeting with South Australian Commissioner for Children and Young People (CCYP), Helen Connolly
- System transition from EDSAS to EMS
- CHAT café and creche
- Year 12 exams
- Spencer Gulf inclusive basketball carnival
- UniSA presentation and tour for teaching staff
- STEM girls challenge
- CHAT students attending the Cleve Field Days
- Whyalla Show display
- Year 7 transition visits
- Support Staff week

A highlight for me recently was seeing one of our Spencer Gulf students actively engaging in a mainstream music lesson. This is not something that I thought would be possible earlier in the year. This is a huge credit to the staff working in Spencer Gulf, who are doing fantastic work with the students they work with and embed ATRIUM into everything that they do.

Last week the Minister's Advisor, Garry Costello spent time at the college. He was so impressed with what he saw and commented that he was made to feel welcome and included by every staff member and student that he spoke with. This is a huge compliment to everyone and a real credit to the amazing team that we have at the college.

In HR news I have great pleasure in announcing that Rebecca Ramm has been appointed Assistant Principal Year 11/12 for 2025. This is great news for the college.

Congratulations also to Jenna Macdonald who has won the role of Alternative Curriculum Leader for the next 3 years. Jenna has achieved more than we thought was possible in a short time in the role and we are very excited about what the next 3 years will bring. Jenna starts maternity leave on Wednesday, so we wish her all the very best for the next exciting chapter in her life and can't wait to meet Baby Macdonald. We will welcome Jenna back in 2025.

I would also like to make special mention to our Deputy Principal Christina Nicholas for all the hard work she is doing in regards to potential possibilities for staff and students at the college. Christina has been instrumental in writing some very high level proposals that are now sitting with the Department for Education and The Minister. This will only ensure positive outcomes for the college. Thank you Christina and well done.

In further HR news, this term we have welcomed Paige Alexander, Pristine Cook and Layla Colyer as curriculum SSO staff members. Rachel Vasey has also joined us and is working with our grounds team.

Last week we celebrated Support Staff week. We appreciate everything that our support staff do to help and support the college, with each one playing a vital role in the success of our students on a daily basis.

Tomorrow we have our annual sports day, which is a very special date on the school calendar. Red day food will be available from both the canteen and food vendors. There will also be a governing council lolly fundraiser. Families are welcome to attend throughout the day and students are reminded that the mobile phone policy will apply. I can't wait to wear my purple and get behind Bonython.

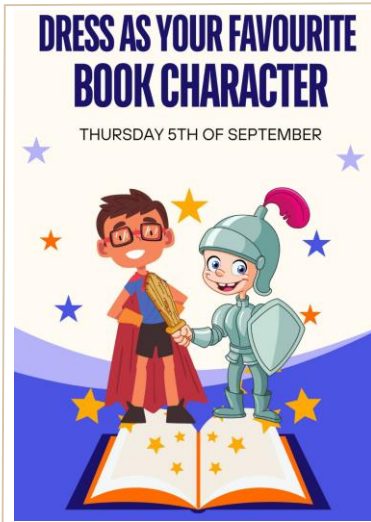
GO BONYTHON!

My quote for this newsletter is:

"You are more than you think and you can achieve more than you think."

College Updates

On Tuesday our year 7 cohort had the opportunity to link in with a virtual visitor: Palaeontologist Professor Rod Wells. Rod has led expeditions in Australia and Papua New Guinea and discovered the Victoria Cave fossil deposits at Naracoorte. Students had the opportunity to learn about classification of animals through bone identification, megafauna that walked ancient Australia and the process of mapping cave systems covering our Universal Reasoning & Global Perspectives topics this term.



Congratulations to students Elizabeth and Ignatius whose guernsey designs were selected from over 100 entries for this year's inaugural Mental Health Matters Round. Their designs featured in the A Grade football over the weekend. Special thanks to Whyalla Suicide Prevention Network, Whyalla City Council and Headspace Whyalla for their support with the event.



2024 Parent survey

The annual parent survey is underway and closes midnight Sunday 8 September. For more information please visit the [department's website](#).

This survey aims to get your views on:

- what we're doing well
- where we can improve
- what's important to you as a parent/carer.

Your answers won't identify you or your child and only collated feedback is provided to our school. You should have already received a link to the survey via email or SMS. Reminder emails are currently being sent to you unless you have completed a survey or have unsubscribed. Please take the time to complete the survey, this is valuable information for our school. If you cannot find the previously sent link, then please use this one: <https://survey.education.sa.gov.au/sc/8NmFOMZFMxwa6Rz10-5YVw2>



The year 6 into high school transition process has started with students from Fisk Street Primary School, Hincks Avenue Primary School and Nicolson Avenue Primary School experiencing half day visits to the college last week. At the end of each visit, parents were able to tour the college with Year 7/8 Assistant Principal Pete Usher.

