

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I am writing to thank all our families for your support this term. The first term in a school is always a busy one as teachers and students get to know each other, adjust to new routines and expectations.

### POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY

The staff began the year undertaking training in positive psychology for two days. We believe a focus on positive emotions, engagement, relationships, having meaning and purpose and achievement will have a positive effect on our students and learning in the long term and will have benefits for our students across R-12. We are developing our approach to support students to learn how to regulate their emotions, build positive and healthy relationships with others and have a growth mindset about learning. Respectful relationships are the key to a safe and happy school environment and we will continue to develop this aspect within our school community.

The next staff training day for positive psychology will be on Monday, 1 May.

### SAVE THE DATE: CAFÉ CONVERSATION AND AGM TUESDAY, 23 MAY 2017 AT 6.30PM

All parents and caregivers are invited to attend the first Café Conversation for the College. A Café Conversation is different. Drinks and nibbles will be served from 6.30pm with the conversation beginning at 7pm. The focus of the first conversation will be to discuss with each other the future plans for the College. The conversation will be for about an hour followed by the AGM.

Please book in by emailing [admin@stcolumba.sa.edu.au](mailto:admin@stcolumba.sa.edu.au)

### REFLECTION - HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is a significant week in our Anglican and Catholic faiths. As we move through Holy Week this week, we are exposed to the radical nature of God's forgiveness in the manner in which Jesus accepts his crucifixion and death. Jesus is a victim of great injustice but instead of nursing feelings of hurt, anger, disgust and contempt, he exhibits a

strong sense of compassion toward those responsible for his execution when he says, "Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing".

Jesus' lack of self-pity is further illustrated as he slowly approached his death, crucified between two criminals and mocked by the religious officials and others who passed by. When one of the criminals makes fun of him saying, "Are you the Messiah? Then, save yourself and us!" Jesus has no angry response. Instead, when the second criminal asks, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." Jesus does not ask him what he has done or how repentant he is, but with compassion, responds, "Today, you will be with me in paradise."

The events of Holy Week remind us of our calling to be active Christians in the way we lead our own lives. If we are harbouring hurt within us, Jesus' actions can encourage us towards forgiveness and away from grudges and bitterness. We have all experienced hurt through the actions or words of another and this hurt we might have carried for years and deprived ourselves of the opportunity to embrace peace, hope, gratitude and joy by being unforgiving.

Forgiveness is a decision to let go of resentment and thoughts of revenge. In place of anger, confusion, maybe anxiety or even depression through being swallowed up by our own bitterness or sense of injustice, we can move away from our role as victim and relieve the power, that the offending person or situation has on our life. As we let go of hurt and resentment and don't allow them to define our life, we open ourselves to find compassion and understanding. Slowly, we embrace forgiveness and begin once more to live a truly Christian life.



Jesus' example to us on Good Friday, clearly defined for us the extent of God's forgiveness and the encouragement for us to do likewise in our own limited human way. But Jesus' example has an after effect as well, for on Easter Sunday he rose gloriously to a new life.

I wish you and your family a very happy and blessed Easter and we look forward to an exciting Term Two.

**Ms Leanne Carr** Principal

# Easter Services

## Elizabeth Catholic Parish

Elizabeth Catholic Parish invites you to join us for the Celebration of Our Lord's Passion in the Easter Triduum.

### MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - Thursday, 13 April

7:00pm at St Ann's Church

### THE WAY OF THE CROSS - Friday, 14 April

10:00am at St Thomas More Church

### JESUS' PASSION - Friday, 14 April

3:00pm at St Ann's Church

### EASTER VIGIL - Saturday, 15 April

7:00pm at St Ann's Church

### EASTER SUNDAY - Sunday, 16 April

8:30am at St Ann's Church

10:00am at St Thomas More Church



## Holy Cross Elizabeth - Anglican

Come join us as together we celebrate the most amazing gift ever given to all people. The Gift is Forgiveness. The Gift Giver is Jesus.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY - Thursday, 13 April

7:00pm

### GOOD FRIDAY - Friday, 14 April

10:00am

### EASTER SUNDAY - Sunday, 16 April

10:00am

For College Families

**Term 2  
Commences  
Tuesday, 2 May**



**1st Prize Winner:**  
Emily Apostolides  
(Year 2 BRADLEY)

**2nd Prize Winner:**  
Gaynor Wanganeen  
(Year 1 BRAHAM)

**3rd Prize Winner:**  
Saahil Choudhary  
(Reception KELLY)

## Opening Times



# Uniform Shop

For further information contact us on: **8254 0610**

### WINTER UNIFORMS

A reminder that all students are to be in their winter uniform from the beginning of Term Two, Tuesday 2 May 2017.

Please note that the summer uniform may be worn in Weeks 1 and 2 if the temperature is above 25 degrees.

### CHANGES TO GIRLS' UNIFORM

**BLACK TIGHTS** - Girls from R-12 will now have the option of wearing black opaque tights (not see-through) or thick, cotton or wool tights.

There will be a transition period from the current green tights to black tights.

**BLACK TROUSERS** - Girls from R-12 now have the option of wearing black College trousers during winter.

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY - OPENING HOURS

<b>Thursday, 27 April</b>	1.00 pm - 4.00 pm
<b>Friday, 28 April</b>	8.15 am - Midday
<b>Monday, 1 May</b>	8.00 am - 11:30 am 1.00 pm - 3.30 pm