

The Coracle Term One Week 11



Important Dates

**Anzac Day Public
Holiday**
Monday 26 April

**Pupil Free Day
(Staff Professional
Learning)**
Tuesday 27 April

**Students Return for
Term 2**
Wednesday 28 April

**Year 10 Career and
Employment Expo**
Friday 7 May

**Hickinbotham Cup
vs Xavier College**
Thursday 13 May

Upcoming Events

**R-12 Three Way
Learning
Conversations -
Face-to-Face
Bookings**
Date: Tuesday 4 May
Time: 3:30pm
Venue: St Columba College
- Andrews Farm

**R-12 Three Way
Learning
Conversations -
Phone Bookings**
Date: Wednesday 12 May
Time: 3:30pm
Venue: St Columba College
- Andrews Farm

**College Tours -
Thursday, 3 June**
Date: Thursday 3 June
Time: 6:00pm
Venue: St Columba College
- Andrews Farm

Junior School



The Year of Body, Mind and Spirit has had a positive start. We've particularly enjoyed the focus on our bodies during Term 1, celebrating the Sports Carnival in Week 7, daily movement breaks, and healthy, wrapper-free food. We have noticed the difference in student's ability to focus and learn when eating more fresh food and less preservatives, colours, and sugar in pre-packaged, processed food. We will continue to celebrate 'Lunch Box of the Week' next term, with the winning students receiving a special healthy treat from the canteen that week. Well done to our recent winners: Cohen (Rec O'Connor), Eliana (1 Braham), Mason (1 Braham), Blair (1 Dunning) and Caprice (4 Russell).



Celebrations of learning and students reaching their own personal goals is an ongoing process. Recently, Ms Monique Lagana and other classroom teachers have met with families to establish PPLs (Personalised Plans for Learning) for students requiring inclusive support. Developing these in partnership with parents/caregivers is important to support and monitor the learning environment and outcomes for children, ensuring they can achieve their best. We look forward to sharing all students' learning progress with you next term at the Three-Way Learning Conversations in Week 2. Bookings for face-to-face interviews or phone conversations can be made via [this link](#).

As this Easter season now moves toward Pentecost, we have been grateful for the opportunity to engage with the Easter story as a community and remember Christ's sacrifice for us. We have reflected on how we can be there for others and what it means to serve our friends. We were able to put this into practice at the Compassion Market last week, where we enjoyed many different stalls and activities and raised \$1172.65 to help support Project Compassion. In our daily interactions with each other we continue to work hard on creating a culture of kindness, compassion, and respect for each other. The Easter story reminds us that we are all human and we all make mistakes, yet God loves us unconditionally and forgives us when we make poor choices or harm others. We celebrate the hope and joy of the resurrection and new life in Christ everyday.

May your family have a relaxing holiday break and enjoy some time together. There are some holiday ideas for families to enjoy [here](#).

We thank our staff who have worked incredibly hard during Term 1 to ensure a great start to the year for all children.



Mrs Julie Hancock | Head of Junior School



Middle School



International Women's Day Breakfast & Choose to Challenge

On Wednesday 17 March, St Columba College held an International Women's Day Breakfast with our Year 5 & 6 girls, and a significant female person in their life.

The students heard from guest speaker, Genevieve Rüeger, who is a serving MFS Firefighter, ex-Army Officer, Helicopter Pilot, and Mother of two. She spoke of her life experiences and shared an important message of leadership, perseverance and working hard to achieve your goals. We thank Genevieve for inspiring our students.

Our Years 5, 6 and 9 boys also participated in activities and pledged to Choose To Challenge, by calling out gender bias and inequality.

Three-Way Learning Conversations

The College will be holding Three-Way Learning Conversations (3WLC) between 3:30pm and 7pm on Tuesday 4 May (face-to-face interviews) and Wednesday 12 May (phone call interviews). This is a vital opportunity for parents and their children to connect with subject teachers to ascertain academic progress and set learning goals for Term 2. Please book your interview via [this link](#). If you are unable to attend these sessions or receive a phone interview during these times, please don't hesitate to contact the subject teacher to make an alternative arrangement.

Casual Clothes Day

On Friday 19 March (Harmony Day), we held a casual clothes day, which is one of our key fundraising activities throughout Lent. I would like to thank all students and staff who donated money to help our chosen charities, namely St Vincent de Paul and the Anglican Board of Mission (ABM).

NAPLAN

Recently in Week 10, students in Years 7 and 9 trialed our NAPLAN testing platform, which in 2021 is solely online. The online platform is becoming the preferred method of administering standardised tests and looking ahead, most - if not all - Senior SACE exams will be administered online. These trials allow students to become familiar with the process, the style of testing and using the software. I would like to thank Mr Daniel Stratford and Mr Darren Pitt for all their work in preparing the students and coordinating the trial test. The actual NAPLAN tests will be in Weeks 3 and 4 of Term 2, from Tuesday 11 May to Tuesday 18 May.

A reminder that our first day back in Term 2 is Wednesday 28 April. I hope our families have an enjoyable autumn holiday break!



Mr Shane Dowling | Head of Middle School



Senior School



How quickly time flies at the Senior School! As always, Term 1 has been action-packed with students engaged in the Sports Carnival, specialist excursions and of course, the Lenten Journey.

This year within the Senior School, we have not only focused on our redemption through Christ's death and resurrection 2000 years ago, we have also concentrated on becoming aware of His presence in our lives each day. As a College we have themed 2021 the year of 'Mind, Body and Spirit', yet the challenge remains to rise above the negative 'noise' of social media and society to believe in our own strengths and abilities. Psalm 139:14 declares that we are 'marvellously made'. Through Christ we are not the sum of our faults, and the Holy Spirit motivates us daily to become our best selves.

It has been great to see students so ready to engage in the first term, to take leaps and stretch themselves with their learning. I have been a witness to their steps of faith, watching as they submit their thinking, their analysis and conclusions for teacher feedback. It has left me in awe of our senior students! I know as parents you share this joy and pride in seeing your child's personal growth.

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I hope the term break allows a time of rest for senior students and I look forward to working with them again in Term 2.



Mrs Deirdre Walters | Head of Senior School



Religious Education



Junior School

The last few weeks have been very busy in the Junior School as we have come to the end of Lent and journeyed through Holy Week. This special time in the Church year reminds us that Jesus was tempted to make the wrong choices just as we are, but He chose to do as God wanted. The themes of love, forgiveness and selflessness are very strong during Lent and our students demonstrated this at the Compassion Market. They worked hard to produce things to sell to other students and had a great time at the market itself, buying each other's goods and taking part in competitions to win a prize. The money raised at the market will go to Project Compassion to support their work both locally and overseas.

Holy Week is a time when we remember the final week of Jesus' life – his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, followed by the Last Supper, his final meal with his friends. We recall the events of Good Friday and Jesus' journey to crucifixion. Finally, three days later we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus at Easter. These events were celebrated through Liturgies led by the Year 5 students, with wonderful contributions from the Choir and Columba Rumba. The students did an excellent job of portraying the different tones of each Liturgy, from sadness to joy at Easter. Well done for helping us to learn about this most significant time in our Christian story.



Mrs Jane Bailey | Director of Spirituality R-5

Middle/Senior School

At St Columba College, 2021 has been themed the year of 'Body, Mind and Spirit'. Psalm 139:14 declares that 'body and soul, we are marvelously made!'. During this term, our Middle and Senior School Students have started to explore what it means to be healthy in body, mind and spirit. Kinship classes were introduced to Christian Meditation and the benefits this can have on the body.

In the last week of term, we have been reminded of the final days of Jesus' life and the amazing gift the resurrection of Jesus gives us. Ms O'Reilly's Year 8 Drama class helped us to unpack the story of Holy Week with their tableau's during our Liturgies. Each House also came together in prayer for a House Liturgy with either myself or Reverend Jo Smith. This is important way we celebrate being community together.



Ms Eugenia Stopyra | Director of Spirituality 6-12



Uniform Shop School Holiday Times



St Columba
College

April Holidays UNIFORM SHOP Opening Hours

WEEK 1 - Holidays

Mon 12 April to Fri 16 April

8:00am - 4:00pm (Closed 12:00 - 1:00pm)

**BOOKINGS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
FOR FULL FITTING OF WINTER UNIFORM
Call 8254 0600**

WEEK 2 - Holidays

Mon 19 April to Thurs 22 April

9:00am - 4:00pm (Closed 12:00 - 1:00pm)

Closed - Friday 23 April

TERM 2 - WEEK 1

Mon 26 April **CLOSED**

Tues 27 April **8:00am - 4:00pm**

Wed 28 April **8:00am - 11:00am**

Thurs 29 April **1:00pm - 4:00pm**

Fri 30 April **CLOSED**

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Online orders: uniformorder@stcolumba.sa.edu.au

The shop will be open for walk-ins during the second week (19 - 22 April). http://bit.ly/SCC_Uniform-Shop

April Vacation Care Program

Vacation Care Bookings are now open for the upcoming April School Holidays. A copy of the program and booking form can be found on our website: http://bit.ly/StColumba_OSHC

Opening Times:

Monday 12 April to Tuesday 27 April

6:30am - 6:30pm

(Closed Public Holiday - Monday 26 April)

Cost:

Vacation Care / Pupil Free Day - \$54.00

Excursion - \$66.00

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