



The Coracle - Term Four, Week 5

Important Dates

**Year 12 Graduation
Dinner**
Thursday 18 November

**Years 10 & 11 - Last
Day of Formal
Classes**
Friday 19 November

**The Rite Journey
Homecoming
Ceremony**
Monday 29 November

**Prayer &
Presentation (R-5)**
Wednesday 1 December

**Prayer &
Presentation (6-11)**
Thursday 2 December

End of Term 4
Friday 3 December

Upcoming Events

**Mary Poppins Jr.
Musical**
Date: Sunday 21 November
Venue: Hewitson Theatre -
STARplex - Evanston Park
SA

**Stage 2 Art & Tech
Show 2021**
Date: Tuesday 16 November
Time: 6:00pm
Venue: St Columba College
- Andrews Farm

Junior School



As we head into the final weeks of Term 4, it has been great to welcome our 2022 Receptions to the Junior School. We look forward seeing their happy faces next year.

Many classes have had or will be having excursions and incursions supporting their curriculum learning. A number of these are focussed on health and safety.

Our Year 1 and 2 students look forward to swimming lessons at STARplex to develop their water safety skills, and our Year 2s have visited the Road Safety Centre. Our Year 5s have also had the 'Sammy D Foundation' come out to talk about bullying, violence and respectful relationships. Our Year 3-6 students competed in the Catholic Schools Athletics Division 1 on Friday 5 November at SANTOS Stadium. The Year 4 Boys and Girls teams won their year level, Simba in Year 4 took out the Year 4 Boys Age Group and Angel, Joy, Lily and Kayley set a new record and won the Year 4 girls Relay. Congratulations!

The 'Keeping Safe - Child Protection Curriculum' is an important part of learning in every year level during the year. It's foundation lies in 'respectful relationships' from early years to secondary years. Concepts which are taught at age-appropriate times, include:

- Healthy and unhealthy relationships
- Rights and responsibilities in relationships
- Power in relationships
- Sexual abuse, sexual harassment and sexual consent
- Anatomical names of the body
- Privacy, touching and consent
- Online safety, grooming and image-based abuse
- Types of abuse
- Recognising, responding to, and reporting abuse
- Trusted networks and support services.

As parents, carers and teachers, it is vital we keep having conversations with our children to build their understanding of these topics, and provide a safe environment at both home and school that is free of violence, so that they grow from a place of security and respect.

Social media, TV and online games create safety challenges that as a Junior School we often need to address. We experience children viewing or accessing inappropriate content at home, using social media improperly and before the recommended age, or watching shows with content that is beyond their ability to process. One recent example has been the Netflix show, 'Squid Games'. This is suitable only for 15 years and over, but snippets have appeared on TikTok (age 13+). Children who access content beyond their age are not able to process this information properly. They often demonstrate this in poor choices and unsafe interactions with peers, which has ripple effects at school. Please protect your child from age-inappropriate content or media use by:

- Closely monitoring their screen time
- Using parental controls on devices
- Ensuring high privacy settings on all devices

- Always using devices in a public space in the house with adults around, never privately in bedrooms.

Let's all continue to make the safety of our children a priority.

Mrs Julie Hancock | Head of Junior School



Middle School



It's a special time of the year when we commence transition visits for our Year 5 students who will join our Middle School in 2022. We also welcome our new students across Years 7-9. During these sessions we provide opportunities for students to become familiar with their new surroundings, meet new people and get to know the Middle School staff and leadership group. It was great to see so many parents attend our Year 6 'Open Class' evening on Monday 8 November. It was a fantastic opportunity to meet and greet parents, and set a foundation for their child's new journey.

At the other end of the continuum, our Year 9 students stepped closer to the completion of their Middle School years through The Rite Journey Camp. This was held at the Little Eagle Campsite on Hindmarsh Island from Monday 19 October - Friday 23 October (Week 2). The camp was a valuable opportunity for students to challenge themselves in many of the aquatic activities, as well as participate in the 'solo' experience. This was a unique time where students intentionally experience 12 hours of solitude in their own tent. The Rite Journey Camp provided the Year 9s with an avenue to reflect on their own life journey and consider the type of adult they hope to become. In the final week of the term, the Year 9's will complete The Rite Journey program through the 'Homecoming Ceremony'. We wish the students all the best as they transition into Senior School.

Mr Shane Dowling | Head of Middle School





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Senior School



It was with a combined sense of excitement and sorrow that we farewelled the Class of 2021 during Week 3 of this term. For 13 years we have joined them on their learning journey at St Columba! It has been a pleasure to watch them grow and develop into strong, independent individuals who are truly ready to go out and conquer the world.

The College community was able to celebrate their achievements at the R-12 Farewell Assembly on Thursday 28 October. It was delightful to see the hard work and citizenship of the following students recognised:

Caritas Awards

- Esdras Nzigamiye (MacKillop House)
- Yazdin Abdullahi (Lashmar House)
- Daniel Searle (Short House)
- Chol Garang (Polding House)
- Chelsea Davies (Mitchell House)
- Caitlin Ferguson (MacLennan House)
- Keona Lilly (Faulkner House)
- Arok Apath (Broughton House)

Global Citizen Award

- Jared Devolle

Arts Award

- Olivia Inwood

St Columba Medals

- Beni Muhoza
- Kassidy Tamlin

Mary Woznitza Award

- Cameron McLean

St Columba Cum Laude

- Kassidy Tamlin

Thank you to our team of 2021 Prefects, and especially Head Prefects, April Larkin and Yazdan Abdullahi, for the way they have diligently lead this year. As a departing gift, they presented the College with a cheque for \$434.90 to be used for new sporting equipment. At the assembly, it was also heartwarming to watch the Reception students lead the Year 12s out of the service; a gesture that was reciprocated from the Beginning of Year Liturgy in February.

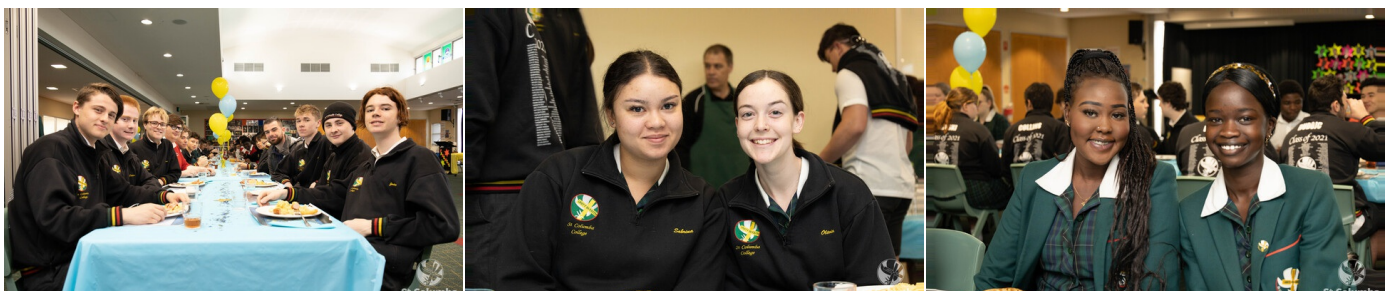
Early on the morning of Friday 29 October, we continued the College tradition of staff serving breakfast to the graduating Year 12 class. Following this, we held a Liturgy in the Auditorium; the last gathering as a cohort. Emotions were high as we acknowledged their hard work, celebrated their achievements, and honoured school friendships.

With 2022 on our doorstep, our plans for next year have been in full swing. At the R-12 Farewell Assembly, our new School Captains were announced. Congratulations to Gemma Eckermann and Erasmo Di Fava! We look forward to their leadership of our 2022 Senior Prefects. Our Year 11s had their Year 12 jumper fittings, and the prospect of their final year of schooling started to become very real. Our Year 10s and 11s engaged in subject selection, too, paving their future careers.

We wish all our senior students every level of success as they transition to another year of school or enter the world as a Year 12 graduate.

Mrs Deirdre Walters | Head of Senior School







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