FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Open Day is a pivotal event in our school calendar for both current and future students of St Aloysius College. As people move around the campus, they hope to see the kinds of exciting learning experiences that engage our students, as well as getting a ‘feel’ for the school. Parents have many ways of researching school information, but most will reserve their judgment until they have had a chance to meet the people who make schools come alive. We thank our current students, families and staff for making Open Day 2016 such a warm and welcoming experience. We look forward to meeting many of our visitors again as we conduct enrolment interviews for 2017 & 2018 next weekend.

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ST ALOYSIUS COLLEGE OLD SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO

MERCY IN ACTION

Special guest speaker Maddie Kelly
Social Justice advocate & recent Old Scholar

Maddie is former National Chair of the Young Mercy Justice Tree Programme and a participant in the school’s exchange with the Pipalyatjara Indigenous community in northwest South Australia.

Followed by a school tour and afternoon tea
2:00 - 4:00pm Sunday 3 April
St Aloysius College (Enter via Wakefield Street)

RSVP Monday 21 March: sacosa@sac.sa.edu.au or 8217 3200

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RELATING TO THE WETLANDS
Many students have already participated in camps in this early part of the year. Duke of Edinburgh, Music Camp, Year 8 Camps and Year 12 Retreats have already taken place at various sites around Adelaide. We acknowledge the commitment of so many of our staff to making these camps possible and we thank our students for entering into the spirit of these events with such positive attitudes. A few days outside of the classroom can have a profound effect on a student’s sense of belonging and enjoyment of the school year.

The Pipalyatjara Immersion Trip returned last weekend, after a busy week getting to know the people and culture of the APY lands. We are always grateful for the welcome extended by the Pip community and hope we will be able to reciprocate with a visit from some of the senior girls later in the year. For the first time this year we made our own way to the Lands in 4WD vehicles. Once again, the talents and resourcefulness of our staff was a great asset. The students are excited about reconnecting with their Pip friends at WOMADelaide this weekend.

The Old Scholars Association (SACOSA) has been busy planning their first event for 2016, to be held at the College on Sunday 3 April. Celebrating the Year of Mercy, we will listen to Student Social Justice Coordinator, Maddie Kelly, speak about how mercy has shaped her life. Maddie is an eloquent and inspiring speaker. If any parents or friends have not registered for SACOSA, but would like to come along, please contact Stacey Parker on 8217 3289.

Student leaders attended the International Women’s Day Breakfast last Friday at the Convention Centre to start a week of celebrations. A group of fifty senior students attended a screening of the film Suffragette, organised by the Alliance of Girls’ Schools of Australasia, to celebrate the contribution of girls’ schools in educating our future leaders and striving for gender equality. It was wonderful to see St Aloysius College so well represented in The Advertiser’s publication of South Australia’s 100 Most Inspiring Women of all time. Past Principals, Sr Patricia Pak Poy and Sr Deirdre Jordan, along with old scholar Dame Roma Mitchell, were recognised for their outstanding contributions to our state and our nation. As I look around our school today, I have no doubt that many of our current students will go on to achieve great things and inspire others.

Ms Paddy McEvoy
PRINCIPAL
## TERM 1 DIARY (for students and parents)

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Ms Jess Grohs
YEAR 1 HOME CLASS TEACHER

STUDENTS’ REFLECTIONS

We went through the Doors of Mercy. The doors are yellow and very special. Orla Cussen 1JG

I liked the bronze statue of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop outside the Cathedral. A lady who used to go to SAC made it. Angelique Krashos 1JG

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There is a special chair that only the archbishop can sit on. Nadia Rubacha 1JG

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There was a cross with Jesus on it. Jesus had a towel around him. On the cross there was some special writing. Amelia Vigor 1JG

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YEAR 12 RETREAT 2016

From Monday 29 February until Wednesday 3 March, the Year 12 cohort travelled to two Retreat sites (Adelaide Shores and Mylor) where there was time to take a break from school to reflect on where students are at and where they are heading. These first three days of Week 5, Term 1 were a memorable way to mark the halfway point for the first term of school for the Class of 2016.

The chance to take stock of the year, to reflect and put lives into perspective was enthusiastically and willingly embraced by the students. The Retreat experience exceeded their expectations and everyone has returned with a refreshed outlook, having forged closer bonds which we hope will last.

We now look forward to embracing the remainder of the year, having been energised and invigorated by the Retreat experience.

Below are some comments from Year 12 students about their time away.

Ms Carolyne Williams & Ms Muriel Noujaim
YEAR 12 COORDINATORS

STUDENTS’ REFLECTIONS

Retreat was fun because I had a lot of different experiences, involving students I wouldn’t usually talk to. An Nah Tran 12OZ

It was great to develop new friendships and strengthen old ones. Emily Bender 12OZ

Retreat was a relaxing experience, where we could take stock and reflect on Year 12 and our hopes and expectations. Elizabeth Perri 12OZ

We got to know teachers on a personal level and developed stronger bonds with each of them. Farwa Saiedi 12OZ

The affirmation/face painting activity was enjoyable and purposeful, as it helped us learn about our self-worth through the eyes of others. Jessica Heng 12JJ

I really enjoyed the walk along the beach to Glenelg with my friends. It was nice to reflect in silence, as well as have a casual chat with others. Hoang (Mimi) Tran 12RT

My favourite part of the retreat was by far the guided trust exercise. Being blindfolded, we were forced to place all our trust in the person guiding us, who was not necessarily a close friend. Donata Raschella 12OZ
The team building activities were so much fun and a great way to bond with our team members. Particularly, raft making and the challenge courses showed individual strengths, which students contributed to the group to successfully complete the task at hand. *Molly Flynn 12BC*
On Wednesday 24 February, students in 10EH went to the Urrbrae wetlands as part of their geographical studies. Thanks to Ms Butterworth for driving the school bus and accompanying us on this trip.

Ms Sharyn Schubert
GEOGRAPHY TEACHER

STUDENTS’ REFLECTIONS

The wetlands is known for its variety of bird species including wood duck, black duck, ibis, purple swamp hen, cormorants and the night heron. These birds were all part of the food chain and were also part of the appeal of the wetlands. We didn't realise geography could have so much science. **Lily Mikajlo & Ninon Lobo 10EH**

At the wetlands we tested for different species living in the water. We did this by collecting them with a net and locating different types of macro and micro-invertebrates. We then examined them through a microscope attached to a monitor. On a chart we plotted their sensitivity to pollution by using a sensitivity rating. Mostly we found water fleas, flatworms and midget larvae which can tolerate poor quality water. **Chantel Branford & Autumn Grooby 10EH**

After netting some of the micro-organism we looked at them through microscopes to test their sensitivity to water quality, something we have never done before. Water samples were collected to measure salinity, nitrates, phosphates and turbidity and I enjoyed my role collecting the sample of water from the pond a lot. **Somia Qorbani 10EH**

It was interesting because we saw different types of macroinvertebrates and they differ in size, shape, colour and length that we normally don't see. **Anwyn (Delyth) Watts & Auieghne Diza 10EH**

The wetlands was created by Peter Waite in 1997 to manage storm water and he was a generous person donating the land and money for its maintenance and education of people. **Caitlin Petherick & Sabah Nazari 10EH**

We found micro-organisms with unusual names like boatmen in the water samples which normally are invisible by just looking at the water and this was a surprise. **Isabella Rybenski & Rachael Baker 10EH**

One of the interesting things we were taught was that the wetlands act as a methane sink and methane gases could be visibly seen rising to the surface of the pond. **Jessi Truong & Emma Nguyen 10EH**

We collected macro-invertebrates from the wetlands and found a dragonfly larva that was in its last stage of metamorphosis. When we viewed through the microscope we could see the wings forming as it was to emerge as a dragonfly. **Teah Pascale & Madeleine Homes-Vickers 10EH**
SECONDARY SPORT

Primary Sport is well underway for Term 1 and it has been great to see so many SAC students play with enthusiasm and pride at the beach volleyball and basketball competitions. Water polo and lacrosse players have been busy developing their skills in recent clinics. The Year 2/3 students have thoroughly enjoyed the first four sessions of their Come ‘n’ Try program with various soccer skills being developed. I would like to mention the fantastic job our Year 7, 11 and 12 sports leaders have been doing so far. Their maturity and leadership skills in running the sessions have been fantastic, keep up the good work girls! Year 1 students will begin their first Come ‘n’ Try session starting with NetSetGo this coming Tuesday afternoon, 15 March.

TERM 2/3 SPORT NOMINATIONS

Term 2/3 Reception - Year 7 sport nominations have been open since Tuesday 1 March and close today Friday 11 March. If you nominated online for your daughter to participate in Term 2/3 sports, your daughter will receive a permission form prior to the end of Term 1. Parents and students must read the Primary Sport Handbook prior to nominating online to ensure they are fully aware what sports are available and what is involved for each sport.

SAPSASA SPORT

On Tuesday 8 March, fourteen Years 4-7 students participated in the East Adelaide SAPSASA swimming trials. Our swimmers participated extremely well in order to hopefully make the East Adelaide SAPSASA team to compete at the State Championships. A number of Years 5-7 recently trialled for the SAPSASA lacrosse team. Students who were successful in making the team have been notified and must return their permission forms by Friday 18 March. The team will be competing at the MetroWest Lacrosse carnival on Friday 1 April in Week 9.

Year 6/7 students who are interested in trialling for the SAPSASA knockout netball team must sign up their name on the PE Office window by Tuesday of Week 7 and collect a permission form to trial. Trials will be held before school on Monday 21 March from 7:30-8:40am. Students are asked to return the permission to Ms Kate Marks on the morning of trials.

Ms Kate Marks
PRIMARY SPORT COORDINATOR

SPORT ABSENTEES & COMMUNICATION

Please remember it is essential to contact Ms Kate Marks in advance if your daughter is unable to attend trainings and/or games on the details outlined below.

Contact Information for Primary Sport Coordinator:
Ms Kate Marks
Tel: 0447 512 480 or 8217 3233
Email: kmarks@sac.sa.edu.au

Chelsea, Grace, Georgia & Isabelle from Year 4/5 SAC purple basketball team
Jessica & Leah in action at the lacrosse clinics
Zara starting her race at SAPSASA swimming
Elspeth, Brooke, Pia, Chelsea, Sophia, Alicia & Lilyana ready for the events at SAPSASA swimming!
SECONDARY SPORT

THE TERM 1 SEASON SO FAR...

There has been an abundance of talent, team work and fun on display from our Term 1 Secondary sport teams. With only 4 weeks to go until finals, many of our teams are undefeated. Good luck to all our teams for the last few rounds of the Term 1 season.

Reminders:
- There are no Saturday Secondary sport games on the Adelaide Cup and Easter Weekend.

Contact Information for Secondary Sport Coordinator:
Ms Vashti Casserly-Lund
Tel: 0447 937 709 or 8217 3233
Email: VCasserly-Lund@sac.sa.edu.au

THE TERM 2/3 SPORT

The Term 2/3 Secondary sport nominations for netball, badminton, soccer and lacrosse are to be completed online. Please note football will open later next term as the competition is yet to be confirmed. Those interested in nominating must access the 2016 Secondary Sport Handbook from the SAC website. The document provides a summary of the sport options available in Terms 2 and 3 for Secondary students as well as instructions on how to nominate. Nominations for 2016 Secondary Term 2/3 sport close Today - Friday 11 March 2016. Nominations and payments will not be accepted after this date. For further information please contact me.

Ms Vashti Casserly-Lund
SECONDARY SPORT COORDINATOR

Nominate for 2016 Term 2/3 sport!

Go to the following site to complete the online nomination and payment for sport at SAC.
https://SACA.formstack.com/forms/sport

(LINK AVAILABLE FROM TUESDAY 1 MARCH 2016)

Link available on the school website. Select the online payment tab from the homepage.

Please refer to the 2016 Secondary Sport Overview for further instructions.

Congratulations to our Snr B SAC 1 water polo remain undefeated this season
On Wednesday 24 February as part of our 12 RE unit ‘Art and Spirituality’ we had the opportunity to visit the Cunningham Chapel and meet the wonderful Mr Stapelton, our resident archivist. With his guidance we explored the finer details of the chapel, the ornate golden ceiling and the magnificent carved altar. Above the altar a particularly notable artwork was the stained glass image of the ascension of Jesus, it beautifully captured Jesus transcending to heaven. Our tour of the chapel gave us a glimpse into the lives of the original Mercy nuns and the transcending power of being in such a beautiful building. We are very lucky at SAC to have such a stunning sacred space and such an inspiring teacher in Mr Stapelton.

Michelle Barratt
VISUAL ARTS COORDINATOR

Mr Stapelton guiding the tour

Year 12 students visiting the Cunningham Chapel

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AMAZING MILESTONE!

Seen at the River Café on Friday 26 February, Ms Patricia Gehan, Sr Kathleen Preece and Mr Neville Stapleton. The occasion: Sr Kath’s 90th birthday.
Sr Kath was associated with St Aloysius College as both scholar and member of the teaching staff for many years and will be fondly remembered by many an old scholar. Congratulations Sr Kathleen!

Mr Neville Stapleton
ARCHIVIST

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Entertainment

All Parents are welcome to purchase an Entertainment Book Membership through the payment page that has been setup on behalf of the Staff Social Club. This year, we are offering parents the opportunity to purchase books or Digital memberships. The price is $65, of which $13 commission will go towards supporting Mercy Works.

The Entertainment Book for 2016/17 will be launched in April which means you will start using Early Bird bonus offers as soon as you get the book or Digital Membership. I can certainly recommend the convenience of the digital version which you download as a Smartphone App. It is very convenient because you can easily have all offers with at all times. The digital membership can also be shared with an immediate family member.

All payments need to be made by clicking on the link below to the online payment page. After you have selected your membership type, you will see the Delivery Options (see below). Unless you want to pay extra to have a book home delivered, choose Pick Up and I will collect it for you on the launch date, after which you will be able to pick it up from St Aloysius College.

Delivery Options:
Pick up - $0.00
eParcel (can be tracked) - $12.00
Express Post - $15.50


Mr Brian Davey
(ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF SOCIAL COMMITTEE)
This term in Physical Education two of the Year 8 PE classes have been participating in a swimming safety unit in the pool. Ms Kate Marks and Ms Katie Fenoughty’s PE class have spent the last 5 weeks learning various swimming survival strokes and rescues. In doing so, students have developed an awareness of swimming rescues and lifelong skills.

The students learnt the acronym ‘Real Teachers Wear Red Swimming Togs’ to help them remember the six different rescues. Check out the Year 8 students in action below performing the various rescues.

Ms Kate Marks
PRIMARY SPORT COORDINATOR

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**SWIMMING SAFETY**

**YEAR 8’S TO THE RESCUE!**

St Aloysius College will again be participating in the annual Earth Hour Schools’ Day on Friday 18 March. All day, classes will be encouraged to use only lighting, air conditioning and other electrical devices where strictly required for learning, health, safety and welfare purposes. At 16.5 tonnes of carbon dioxide per capita per annum, Australians are amongst the highest emitters in the world. Each person needs to be encouraged to look at his/her energy and fossil fuel usage and pare it back wherever possible. Earth Hour Day reminds us to find more ways to care for the Earth God gave us and its reserves. We encourage all of the wider St Aloysius community to support Earth Hour on Saturday, March 19, 8.30 to 9.30 p.m. by having a ‘lights out’ hour. During this hour you will be part of a world-wide movement that was begun right here in Australia to raise awareness of the global warming issue. “Switch Off for the Places We Love”

Ms Sandra Eustace & SAC ‘Green Jam’ Group

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1) **REAL** - REACH
2) **TEACHERS** - THROW
3) **WEAR** - WADE
4) **RED** - ROW
5) **SWIMMING** - SWIM
6) **TOGS** - TOW

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Our Kids are switching off this Earth Hour Schools Day
Friday 18 March

#PLACESWELOVE
EARTHOUR.ORG.AU
PANCAKE DAY!

On Tuesday 9 February, we celebrated Shrove Tuesday also known as ‘Pancake Day.’ Shrove Tuesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season. On this day, our Primary students celebrate by making pancakes with their classes. Traditionally pancakes were made on Shrove Tuesday to use up the eggs and butter before the fasting period began. Today, this day on the liturgical calendar continues to be a significant moment.

We would like to send out a huge thanks to everyone who contributed to this day in our St Aloysius College community. Their generosity and care for others is deeply appreciated. Through the efforts of Primary students, we were able to raise $210.35 to support the work of Project Compassion. All of the left over goods were donated to the Adelaide Day Centre which support homeless men living in Adelaide.

Prudence Beaumont and Hannah Shaw 7KO
YEAR 7 PRIMARY JUSTICE & MERCY LEADERS

Microsoft AC power cord recall for certain Surface Pro 3 devices

We now have stock of these replacement cords and have begun distribution. If you have not received a new cord by Tuesday 15 March please bring it to the IT office to be exchanged.

This recall applies to:
AC power cords for Microsoft Surface Pro 3 devices supplied to SAC students in 2015 (NOT THIS YEAR)

Definitions:
AC power cord
The removable cord that connects the power supply to an electrical outlet.

Power supply
The power “brick” with a permanently attached DC cord that plugs into the charging port on Surface plus the removable AC power cord.

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