

# Red Bend Catholic College



A local community of Mission within the Australian Marist Community

Newsletter



## Principal's message Mr Stephen Dwyer

At our week 10 assembly we announced the recipients and presented the ACE Awards for Term 2 to students in each year level. The ACE Awards (Application, Consistency and Effort) are very significant awards at the College, as they recognise students who are aiming at something better. Through their consistent application and ongoing dedication to their learning, they are living out the ideals of our College. Each of the recipients of these awards has taken hold of the opportunities that have been presented to them and is making a difference. Congratulations to each of these students for their ongoing commitment to their studies.

I am pleased to be able to inform our Boarding families that the College has been granted permission for all boarders to return at the beginning of Term 3, 2020. This is wonderful news as we are able to once again provide ongoing boarding and learning experiences for all students. The approval for the return of all boarders from the start of Term 3 has been made in consultation with NSW Health, Catholic Schools NSW and Marist Schools Australia with reference to the revised guidelines from the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee. We are very excited and look forward to all boarders returning next term.

July 2 is a special day for Marist Brothers in Australia as traditionally it is the day for novices to receive their habit and to take their first vows. In recent times the day for these milestones has varied but we still recall and celebrate anniversaries. We acknowledge and celebrate our resident Marist Brothers, Br Bernie and Br Robert who took their first vows on July 2. Br Bernie celebrates 55 years and Br Robert 46 years. We wish them both well and thank them for their amazing contribution to our Marist community.

I would like to wish Miss Kate Ralph well as she concludes her time at the College. Kate has been employed at the College since 2011 and has taught Visual Arts, Dance as well as being a Pastoral Care teacher and sport teacher. Kate has been actively involved in creative arts showcases and musicals. We wish her all the best as she begins a new teaching appointment.

As Term 2 draws to a close, it is important that the students look back and reflect on the experiences, achievements, joys, challenges and the opportunities that have been presented to them. The year to date has certainly impacted on each of us in many and varied ways. The year began like most: full of hope, aspirations, excitement, and maybe a few nerves as everyone settled into the life of the College. Learning experiences, activities, retreats, sport, liturgies, excursions etc were the normal part of life at Red Bend. With the emergence of COVID-19 our lives were certainly confronted with many challenges and change. Amid the global pandemic, we have encountered anxiety, dislocation, uncertainty and grief. And yet amidst all this there have been new opportunities and many examples where great strength has been shown in overcoming adversity and being resilient. This term has been characterised by constant transition, from learning online from home and then re-engaging with face to face onsite learning at school, to completing exams online and connecting with our broader community in varied ways such as online assemblies and online parent meetings. Our current experiences have required us all to rethink the way we have done things in the past, while also re-imagining and thinking about the way that we may operate in the future.

There have been many lessons learnt and there are more to be learnt as we steer Red Bend in the direction of the "New Normal". COVID-19 has taught us to be open to change, to be flexible, agile and most of all measured in our responses to the challenges we encounter each day. As a community I hope that we continue to respond well to change, as change is a normal part of life.

Over recent weeks we have witnessed the 'Black Lives Matter' rallies throughout the world that have sent a strong message that all people need to stand up against racism, disadvantage and dignity of all people. It is a call to reshape society and reassess how we treat each other. Jesus modelled for us a way to live and engage with a broken world. Through relationships, healing, non-violence and advocacy for the vulnerable and the voiceless, Jesus reminds us and challenges us to go out and do the same. Now it is our turn and invitation to work together for a better and more humane world.

I wanted to sincerely thank students, parents and carers for your support and the way that you have responded to the challenges and uncertainty that the year to date has presented us with. Our College motto *per angusta ad augusta* translated as Through Difficulties to Greatness, inspires us to aim for something better, to rise above challenge and adversity as we connect with and support each other. It is a testament to the relationships we share in our community that through difficulties we have come together to support one another.

My sincere thanks also to the staff of the College for the important role that each performs in bringing to life our College Mission and Vision in challenging circumstances. Within each role they have responded and supported the students in their return to some normality.

As we enter the holidays, I wish everyone in our community a restful and peaceful break. Please continue to stay safe, look after each other and take the time to reflect on all that you are grateful for. We look forward to seeing the students return next term, refreshed and ready to engage in Semester Two classes.

May Mary our Good Mother and St Marcellin Champagnat continue to watch over our community.



Br Bernie and Br Robert in celebration of their first vows.



## Deputy Principal's message Mr James Metzeling

Well the term has come to an end and I wanted to congratulate our community on how they have dealt with this difficult term. Rather than me continuing to talk to this I thought it would be good to hear from our Year 12's and how they have viewed the Semester. Please enjoy the following reflections:

This Semester has been full of challenges and uncertainties, however, we have all risen to the occasion and supported each other through these difficult times. Little things like checking in on friends, assisting each other with school work and just being there for each other has positively impacted the wellbeing of all students. Some of the enjoyable moments that myself and my fellow seniors will be able to look back on include our last swimming carnival, participating in the first-ever virtual cross country as well as seeing relationships become stronger throughout the pandemic. My hope for next term is to continue our involvement within the school and take every opportunity to get involved and make our last term the best it can be. Year 12 as a year group, as well as the school community has faced many hardships throughout the past few months, however we have created stronger bonds within our year level and the school community should be commended on how well we have dealt with the adversity and remember that it can only get better from here.  
Breanna Carey

Year 12 is in theory a year of lasts. It is one that we look forward to since the very beginning of high school, and marks the end of life as we know it. Soon a new chapter will begin and I hold so much gratitude to the teachers and family who have helped me get to this significant achievement. Hearing all the stories from years gone by, it was a shock to all of us that the Class of 2020 would in fact be a year of firsts. We started off term one with a bang, organising Year 7 and 12 activities as well as leading our first swimming carnival. It was then off to retreat where we made some of our most memorable moments. Little did we know that this would be the last time we would be together for a while. For many weeks our teachers

were only a google classroom away and kids joined from all over the state. It was certainly challenging and took a bit of adjusting but it only made me appreciate simple things like friends and PC even more. When we were finally back on campus although adjustments had to be made, with the help of the RBCC staff we all adapted pretty quickly and were back to a new 'normal'. As we now approach our final weeks of life at Red Bend I will be soaking in the lunch time banter and the community that has remained strong amidst so much uncertainty. I am pretty proud to call myself a part of this year's class of 2020 and look forward to what the future holds. *Olivia Twyford*

The semester passed and has been something nobody ever saw coming. Social distancing became the most popular words used and online learning took off. Being able to spend more time at home was very enjoyable for myself especially being a boarder. These tough times have given us lots of time to think and especially make you appreciate the little things in life like being able to see your friends everyday. Next term I really hope we can just enjoy the term and finish off our schooling years with a smile on our face. *Tom Phillips*

### Cyberbullying:

As we head into the holidays I thought it would be a good time to remind parents and students about cyberbullying and the implications involved. Quite often with down time gives the student an opportunity to be on their devices more and hence potentially be involved in Cyberbullying. Please see below a brief information about the issue along with who you can contact if you need support.

Cyberbullying can be a crime. All social media sites ban cyberbullying. One of the biggest problems with cyberbullying includes being unable to escape it. The messages, texts, photos or harassment of an individual becomes difficult to remove as they are shared online and can be accessed by many people. The bully may be someone the individual knows or just as easily be someone they don't know through anonymous apps.

Cyberbullies may also resort to spreading rumours, blocking communication, stealing passwords and identities, as well as setting up fake profiles and posting inappropriate content on an individual's behalf. However there are things put in place to try and limit Cyberbullying and although never eliminating the problem, it can help reduce the incidents of it occurring.

### The role of the eSafety Commissioner

A key function of this role is to Administer a complaints system for cyberbullying material targeted at an Australian Child.

Further duties of the eSafety commissioner include:

- Promoting online safety for children.
- Co-coordinating Commonwealth departments, authorities and agencies relating to online safety for children.
- Administering the online content scheme (previously administered by ACMA)
- Everything covered in this act overrides state laws in this area.

If you need further advice please contact [www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au) or [www.legislation.gov.au](http://www.legislation.gov.au)

I wish you a lovely holiday and leave you with the following thought:

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around"



# ACE Awards - Application, Consistency and Effort



Year 7 - Lachlan Alley, Ella Cannon, Lucy Chapman, Rini Emseis, Callie Godden, Delilah Karaitiana, Will Moxey, Aidan Rayner, Blake Reeves and Nick Zannes.



Year 8 - Thomas Barker, Michael Behan, Kalasin Cain, Megan Cox, Will Cranney, Taylor Dalton, Lachlan Haynes, Sophie McQuie, Amelia Morrison and Henry Turner.



Year 9 - Aaron Azzopardi, Jada Buchan, Pat Kupkee, Ariel Labuschagne, Ellie Mattiske, Joshua Picker, Isabelle Rice, Liam Snyman, Angus Whatman and Bridie Wilkins.



Year 10 - Elsa Cusack, Lily Magill, Jamon McCarthy, Eliza McRae, Bayden Moran, Eliah Parker, Scarlett Redden, Charli Robinson Harrison Toole and Alecander Walters.



Year 11 - Krista Barker, Lachlan Dunstan, Joshua Higgins, Madeline Hopkins, Maddison Lewin-Howard, Ryan Mackenzie, Brooklyn Maloney, Isaac Sly, Daniel Stewart and Sue Wu.



Year 12 - Jacob Bell, Patrick Biddle, Ashley Cannon, Sophie Clifton, Courtney Hodge, Emma Jones, Hannah Mattiske, Tyrone Murda, Caitlin Nealon, Harrison Pearn, Samuel Smith, Olivia Twyford, Antez Varghese and Joel Wheeler.

*Congratulations*

# XAVIER HOUSE REPORT



## VIRTUAL CROSS COUNTRY - This competition has now closed, but this report was written prior to it's closing.

Xavier students have hit the ground running (literally) both during the covid-19 break and since being back at school in the Virtual Cross Country. We have led from the get go and are determined not to let it slip with only a week to go until entries will close. Well done to all runners with special mention to our leaders in each age group:

- Keiley Whatman (12 yrs girls) currently 2nd place (7 X 3km runs!)
- Sharlia White (13 yrs girls) currently 3rd place
- Zach Snudden (13 yrs boys) currently 1ST place
- Sam Rayner (13 yrs boys) currently 2nd place
- Angus Whatman (15 yrs boys) currently 1ST place (11 x 4km runs!)
- Jordan Lewin-Howard (16 yrs girls) currently 1ST place
- Cass Ward (18 yrs girls) currently 1ST place
- Ash Ward (18 yrs girls) currently 3rd place but is confident she will beat her sister this week
- Jade Page (18 yrs boys) currently 2nd place also very confident of a big finish

## PEER SUPPORT MORNING TEA

Last Thursday year 7 and their peer support leader had a morning tea on the front oval in the beautiful sunny conditions to reconnect after the break and reiterate the message of support that our yr 10's have given since the beginning of this challenging year. It was great to see the ease in which Xavier leaders interacted with their younger peers. Thanks to all for their efforts.



## ORIENTEERING AT RED BEND

Xavier students in Years 7 and 8 have been revelling in the new sport on Thursday afternoons at Red Bend- Orienteering. Students go out around the school in groups of 2 or 3 with a map and a marker card and try to be the first team back with a complete card marked off (markers are at each of the 10 stations from the back of the farm to the front gate). It has been great to witness the Xavier team spirit of looking after each other and never leaving a team mate behind. Notable results are:

Yrs 7 Girls	Yr 7 Boys	Yr 8 Girls	Yr 8 Boys
Josie Heraghty	Aiden Raynor	Alana Folau	(to include 2.7.20)
Jade McKeown	Kaze Read	Sienna O'Connell	
44.3 min	35 min	Brooke Snudden	
		40 min	



## New Students

A Big Blue Welcome to Sasha Coster in Year 8 who has made a great start to Red Bend in Xavier 1 with Mrs Rigney this term. Also to Sybella Carlisle (Year 10 Xavier 1: Mrs Rigney), Jayden Tonks (Year 10 Xavier 5: Mr Rudd), Halle Woolnough (Year 9 Xavier 2 : Mrs Smith) and Libby Wilder (insert) who are also welcome additions in 2020 making our House even stronger. Well done to all.



## XAVIER EX-STUDENTS CORNER

Ben Thomson (Xavier Boy Captain 2013) Since graduating, I attended CSU-Bathurst to study Exercise Science. From there I moved to UON-Newcastle to study PDHPE teaching. I have thoroughly enjoyed both of these Uni experiences. At CSU I represented the Uni in a number of different sporting teams, at both University Games and in local competitions. I was also lucky to be an OWEEK leader and a member of DK Pool Club. I have loved living in Newy being a country boy and learning how to surf.

I am honoured to receive a roll teaching PDHPE in the support unit at Forbes High School, and I am very excited to start my teaching career.

My favourite memories of RBCC are the life long friends I made, representing the school in multiple sports and getting to lead the war cry at both swimming and athletics carnivals as the XAVIER captain. GOOO XAVIER!

**Stop Press: A huge thank you to Ward Kane RBCC Teacher (1985 - 2005) and ex students who made a very generous donation to the Xavier efforts to fill Nell's pantry shelves with coffee/milo/hot chocolate. It certainly inspired us to be generous as well.**

# Nell's Pantry

Huge thanks to our whole community for giving to Nell's Pantry this term. The aim of the Pantry is to help support those struggling in our community, especially from the drought. The goods were dropped off on Tuesday in Week 10 of Term 2. In such a difficult time, the face of Christ is certainly being seen through the solidarity and ministry in our College community.

We received this lovely message from Sue Joliffe and the Nell's Pantry Team Forbes:

"Thank you, staff & students at Red Bend for your generosity to farmers at Nell's Pantry. We were so overwhelmed by your visit & gifts today!!! God bless you all & happy holidays."

Nell's Pantry is located behind the Anglican Church in Forbes and is open for those suffering from the drought each Tuesday afternoon.



# Refugee week

Last week was Refugee week which was completely student-run. On Friday the 26th of June we had a student-run discussion group based on a particular refugee named Hussain. Hussain is a world martial arts champion who was a refugee from Afghanistan. We started off by watching a video about Hussain as he outlined his journey throughout his life and the challenges he faced. The discussion started off by talking about our thoughts towards Hussain's journey and how the students could relate to an experience they have faced throughout their lives. Students also told stories of some of their ancestors coming to Australia as convicts and refugees. The refugee discussion was fascinating due to the students contributing towards the questions that were asked about Hussain's journey and how they could relate to these questions throughout their lives. I was so happy to be a part of this and hope that more students can come and share their thoughts and experiences throughout Refugee week in 2021.

Abbey Kennedy

# Vinnies update

The Vinnies team met up on recess Wednesday Week 9 to badge all new members of the team. We discussed all the events we've been involved in so far, including the swimming carnival fundraiser, easter egg donation, winter appeal BBQ, Vinnies Conference (Western region) and the voting and commissioning liturgy. We also looked at future events we could host to promote, maintain and adhere to the mission, vision and values Vinnies stand for. Being a part of Vinnies is important because it's recognised and supporting the most vulnerable in the community. The Badging ceremony in Week 9 symbolises our team's devotion to helping the community with commitment, compassion, integrity, respect, empathy, advocacy and courage. With over 100 Red Bend members and growing, Vinnies certainly is alive and well here.

Emma Jones (Vinnies Publicity Officer)



# Reports and Parent Teacher Conferences

The Year 7 to 11 reports will be emailed and posted to parents and carers the week beginning Monday 6 July, 2020.

The Year 7 to 11 Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday 20th July, 2020, via phone. The booking times are as follows-

1.30pm- 3.30pm    4.00pm- 6.00pm.

To make an appointment for a phone conference, you will need to access the parent portal on the College website, [www.redbendcc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.redbendcc.nsw.edu.au). The link will be available from Saturday 11 July until Sunday 19 July. If you are unable to access the internet to make your bookings please contact the IT department at the College on 68522000 or email [it-support@redbendcc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:it-support@redbendcc.nsw.edu.au), who will be able to facilitate the procedure for you.

Teachers will have up to 5 phone conferences within a 30 minute period. You will be able to book one conference per 30 minutes block. The duration of the phone conference will be approximately 5 minutes. The class teacher will contact you on your preferred contact number during the timed 30 minute period.

If the interview times have been fully booked it is still possible to request a phone interview at another date. Please indicate on the booking site, the times/dates that you are available.

Thank you for your understanding of this change to our normal practice of conducting Parent Teacher conferences.

# Virtual Cross Country

This term saw a big change to our regular sporting calendar. A lot of students' regular sport options weren't available.

Students needed an option for them to remain physically active and participating in sport, so Mr O'Connell and myself introduced the idea of running a virtual cross country.

Red Bends Inaugural Virtual Cross Country enabled students and staff to participate and compete whilst being at home. We had a huge response throughout the term with 283 entries in the event throughout term 2.

We saw some red hot times entered and it was great to see both staff and students participating.

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded Virtual Cross Country Age champions 2020.

## FEMALE

12	3km	Jasmyn Azzopardi
13	3km	Ellie Parker
14	4km	Laura Jones
15	4km	Meg Turner
16	4km	Jordan Lewin-Howard
17	4km	Lauren Cullenward
18	6km	Cassandra Ward

## MALE

12	3km	George Field
13	3km	Samuel Motley
14	4km	Will Cranney
15	4km	Angus Whatman
16	6km	Joseph Pereira
17	6km	Jesse Shorter
18	8km	Luke McDean

Thanks- Mr Rudd



# Library news ...

## CHESS TEAM

On the 10th June, our chess team had an online match against Cobar High School. We're quite fortunate to be able to continue the competition in the online format. Unfortunately for us, Cobar had a 3 - 1 win. Naomi was the team member to have had a win while Leah, Charlie and Jayden had losses. An online match is quite different to a physical match and I commend the team for their efforts. This result places the team into the second-place getters round which will happen early next term. We wish the team well in their match.

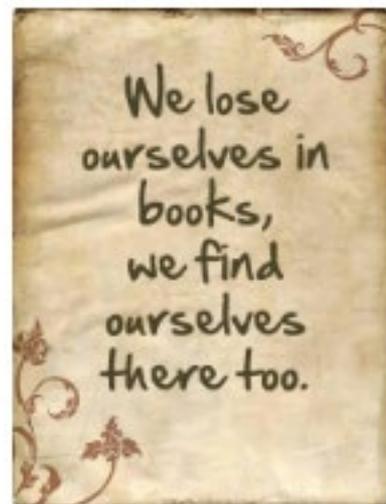


It's a great time now to borrow some ebooks in readiness for the school holidays.. Some new books that may be of interest to our students include the following:



"The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes" is the latest Suzanne Collins novel and it is the prequel to her popular series "The Hunger Games".

The Stig & Tilde graphic novels have been very popular with our Year 7 and 8 students. The stories are about twins, Stig and Tilde, who in keeping with a local tradition, hop on a dinghy and head to a desert island to survive alone without adult supervision. They have a few challenges to face and try to survive.



# Careers update ...

## Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 Work Experience will now run as an optional Work Experience week from Monday 14th to Friday 18th of December, 2020. Students keen to undertake work experience will need to contact employers to check that they are still able to host them on these new dates. New documentation will also need to be completed including specific COVID-19 practices that the student must follow as part of their workplace health and safety obligations. A copy of the required documents with further instructions will be emailed to all Year 10 parents and students. Any student who has been asked by an employer to complete an apprenticeship trial before the optional work experience week will need to apply for approved leave using the Extended Leave application that can be accessed through the Student Services Office.

## Year 11 and 12 Weekly Work Experience Placements

Year 11 and 12 Work Studies students undertaking a weekly work experience placement whose employers are willing to recommence placements will be able to resume their weekly placement from Week 2 of Term 3. All students are reminded that they must not attend work if they are feeling unwell and that they must follow all stipulated COVID-19 safety practices including social distancing and regular hand washing whilst in the workplace.

## White Card Training

The new dates for the postponed White Card Training have been finalised and this will now run in Week 2, Term 3. These courses filled up very quickly in Term 1 and at this stage we are unable to offer additional training days for students who have not returned permission envelopes and payments. The upcoming training will take place over two days with Group 1 on Thursday 30 July and Group 2 on Friday 31 July. Your son/daughter will be given a note indicating on which day they are involved. Training will be in the MPH from 9am to 3.30pm and students will be required to wear their full winter college uniform.

# Preparing for exams

Year 12 students have done a fantastic job this term, they have shown resiliency and have continued to work hard no matter what has been thrown at them. It is important that they take a break during the holidays to refresh themselves for the final part of their schooling. Those undertaking Trial and HSC exams should also use the time wisely to make sure they are as prepared as possible for the Trial exams starting in Week 5 next term.

Below is a timetable for study sessions that are being run at the College to help support the students. If students are unable to attend in person, they may wish to join in on the Google Meet, please make sure to let the teachers know this. We encourage all to attend as many of these as possible.

Also, 42 students have signed up for the UNSW Gateway Winter Program which is running free study sessions for a variety of subjects in the first week of the holidays. These students should all have their access to this Google Classroom. These sessions will be recorded to enable students to watch them again later or in their own time.

Those students with major works should continue to work on these.

Over the break, stay healthy, eat a well balanced diet, make sure to exercise regularly, get 8 hours of sleep a night and maintain a balance.

Monday 6 July	Tuesday 7 July	Wednesday 8 July	Thursday 9 July	Friday 10 July
<b>Legal Studies</b> 9 - 1pm At school	<b>Music</b> 10 - 12 At school	<b>SOR 1 and 2 UNIT</b> 9am -12pm (At school and Google Meet)  Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post 1945</li> <li>• Judaism</li> <li>• Christianity</li> </ul> <b>Mathematics Advanced</b> 1pm -4pm (At School and Google Meet)	<b>Mathematics Standard</b> 9-12 JCA	<b>Modern History</b> 10 - 1pm At school  <b>Mathematics Extension 1</b> 9-12 <b>Extension 2</b> 12.20-3.30

Monday 13 July	Tuesday 14 July	Wednesday 15 July	Thursday 16 July	Friday 17 July
<b>SOR 2 unit</b> 10 - 2pm (At school and Google Meet)  Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Islam</li> <li>• Religion and Non Religion</li> <li>• Religion and Peace</li> </ul>	<b>Biology</b> 10am-2pm	<b>PDHPE</b> 9 - 1pm At school (Rm 7)	<b>Mathematics Advanced</b> 9am-12pm	<b>Standard English</b> 9 - 1pm At school  <b>Advanced English</b> 9 - 1pm At school  <b>Biology</b> 2pm-5pm

# Evolution Scholarships

Each year Evolution Mining Lake Cowal generously donates \$15 000 to Red Bend Catholic College to provide scholarships for 15 recent HSC graduates who are currently undertaking university studies. Whilst uni has looked quite different this year with the majority of students being forced to convert to off-campus online study, students are still experiencing the ongoing costs of tertiary education. Mr. Greg Walker, the General Manager of Evolution Mining's Lake Cowal Operation, announced the recipients of the 2020 Evolution Scholarships during our Week 9 Assembly.

Congratulations to each of the following recipients:

**Eliza Buesnell** - studying a Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science at Charles Sturt University

**Dalton Cain** - studying a Bachelor of Biotechnology at the University of Newcastle

**Alyssa Godden** - studying a Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science (Diagnostic Radiography) at Charles Sturt University

**Charlotte Kerrigan** - studying a Bachelor of Psychology at the University of Newcastle

**Daniel Mai** - studying a Bachelor of Visual Arts at the University of Sydney

**Maille Neville** - studying a Bachelor of Occupational Therapy at Charles Sturt University

**Samuel Nixon** - studying a Bachelor of Agriculture Science at Charles Sturt University

**Nicholas Parslow** - studying a Bachelor of Science at the University of Wollongong

**Jack Peckham** - studying a Bachelor of Exercise & Sports Science at Charles Sturt University

**Kristy Redfern** - studying a Bachelor of Social Work at Charles Sturt University

**Meg Sandford** - studying a Bachelor of Biomedical Science at the University of New England

**Phoebe Thompson** - studying a Bachelor of Nursing at the University of Newcastle

**Nicholas Toole** - studying a Bachelor of Computer Science at the University of Wollongong

**Callum Ward** - studying a Bachelor of Business (Sports Management) at the University of Canberra and

**Ping Wu** - studying a Bachelor of Science & Business at the University of NSW

We extend our sincere thanks to Evolution Mining for their ongoing and generous support and know that each of these deserving recipients will make excellent use of their scholarship funds as they continue with their tertiary studies.

Study Centre will start again on Tuesday 21 July. Please find attached the form to be completed. We encourage all students to consider using this support. Please email Deb Wheeldon (deboraHWheeldon@redbendcc.nsw.edu.au) if you have any questions.



**REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN FOR THE SEASON**

Online registrations: [www.playfootball.com.au](http://www.playfootball.com.au)

Face to Face Registrations: at Sweet 3 Vintage Van by the Lake 10am- 12:30pm Saturday's



RED BEND CATHOLIC COLLEGE PRESENTS...

# MARIST DEPTH

"EXPLORING OUR FAITH TOGETHER"



Issue: Term 2 Week 10 2020  
*Reflections from our Staff*

### It was meant to be... Fr Simon's journey

*My experience of coming from Chile to Australia*

I arrived in Australia Feb 2002, I came to join the Missionary Seminary Redemptoris Mater. I was sent here, I did not choose it (I wanted to go to China or Africa) however God's providence is amazing and I love it here.

*How was my faith impacted?*

The interesting thing here in churches is the way of worship is different. I remember the first time as a seminarian, I took my guitar to play at church, Some people didn't like it. They say guitar does not belong in church... and I was quite perplexed, as in Chile guitar is pretty much the only instrument we have in the church. There are other examples like it, but I had to stop and think a lot on what it all means. And I think it all comes down to an understanding of what is prayer, what is liturgy, and in which place what is appropriate. It did make me grow in my understanding of a God-worshipping faith community.

### Faith Formation Updates

Online Winter Retreat: 9-10 July;  
 Marist Art of Praying Scripture: 4 x 1-hour modules.  
 Email Matt if you'd like to know more.

Thanks for sharing faith formation with us this term!





# Marist Lift

Term 2 Week 10 with Emmie 'Lifting our Spirits'



## Reflection:

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."  
(1 Thessalonians 5: 16)

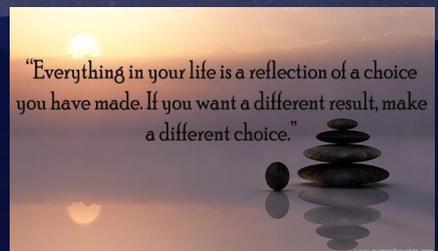
## Vision:

This week, I asked Denis House Captain, Grace Osborne, to share her thoughts as to why it is important to reflect on faith and life. Grace's response: I believe it is significant to reflect on my faith and life as it allows me to evaluate my choices I make and reflect in the way I am living life. It helps me to relax during stressful moments and also provide answers as to what makes me happy and how I can continue to grow this happiness for myself and others. Reflecting on faith can allow a person to avoid the feeling of loneliness and instead acknowledge the continuing presence of someone that wants the best for you and loves you no matter what and to me that is a comforting thought which is why reflecting on faith and life is important.

Emmie Searl (Denis Liturgy Captain)

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Brought to you by the  
Liturgy Captains of 2020





# RED BEND CATHOLIC COLLEGE

## Study/Homework Centre

Term 3, 2020

Starting Tuesday 21 July (Week 1)

Please complete the form below to indicate when you are coming to the Study Centre and if transport is required.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Yr Level: \_\_\_\_\_

I will be coming every week  **OR** Only Week Starting Monday \_\_\_\_\_

I will be coming to the Study Centre:

**JUNIORS:**

- Monday 3.30 – 4.30pm  
 Tuesday 3.30 – 4.30pm  
 Wednesday 3.30 – 5.00pm  
 Thursday 3.30 – 4.30pm

**SENIORS:**

- Monday 3.30 – 4.30pm  
 Tuesday 3.30 – 8.00pm  
 Wednesday 3.30 – 5.00pm  
 Thursday 3.30 – 8.00pm

**Please Note:** All students who attend Study Centre will have a stamp placed in their handbook each day they attend. An MSM will also be sent the day after to let parents know that their child/ren did not attend. If you tick that you will be coming every day/week, please email Mrs Wheeldon ([deborahwheeldon@redbendcc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:deborahwheeldon@redbendcc.nsw.edu.au)) if you are unable to attend on specific days.

**Transport** will be available to take students into Forbes and Parkes each afternoon at 4.30pm – Mon, Tues and Thurs, 5pm on Wednesday (**only** if pre-booked). These buses will drop students off at the Forbes Town Hall and Cooke Park in Parkes. Please indicate below if transport is required.

do not require transport

I require transport to **FORBES / PARKES** (circle one and indicate days required):

Monday       Tuesday       Wednesday       Thursday

Please return this form to Mrs Wheeldon or place in the excursion slot.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_