

Exploration and Excitement



Term 3 was a time of exploration and excitement for our Junior Primary students! Let's take a peek at the fantastic highlights that were enjoyed by each year level.

Reception with Miss Gallasch, Mrs Davies, Mrs Tirimacco and Mrs Watson - We enjoyed opportunities to connect with children from all the Reception classes through Shared Investigations, the Patch Theatre performance of *ZOOM*, and building cubbies with Nature Play SA on the oval. We loved celebrating books by dressing up as our favourite book characters for a costume parade in front of parents and friends. It was exciting having our grandparents and special friends visit us to do some fun activities and enjoy morning tea together. We learnt how to write sentences and explore stories through book making, small worlds and retelling familiar stories.

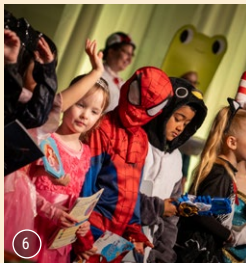
Year 2 with Mrs Rosmini, Mrs Wright, Mrs Simunsen and Mrs Schlotfeldt - It has been a jam-packed term of learning adventures for the Year 2s. In response to our focus on African animals, students learnt how to write reports and showed creativity making dioramas of animals in their habitats. In HASS, they explored the world and our connections to different places and memorised a very catchy song about continents. For many students, the highlight of the term was coming back to school one evening for the Big Night In, where they enjoyed BBQ sausages, games, craft, a bouncy castle, dance party and a movie.

Year 1 with Miss Ma, Mrs Darcy and Mrs Olafsen - As part of our continued learning about looking after special places in Geography and non-fiction information reports in Literacy, we enjoyed a great day out at Cleland Wildlife Park! We saw a wide range of animals such as koalas, kangaroos, wombats, emus and reptiles. We used our mapping skills from our Maths unit to follow and give directions using the park map to find our favourite animals! We had a wonderful time learning about how to care for animal habitats and some of us were even brave enough to pat a kangaroo!

The students experienced incredible growth, learning and many unforgettable moments during Term 3. I have no doubt that they will continue their educational journey in Term 4 with enthusiasm and curiosity. Thank you for the ongoing love and guidance that you, as parents, give to your children, and for the support that you give to all our teachers. We couldn't do it without you!

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| 1. Year 1 Cleland Excursion | 8. Book Week Parade |
| 2. Year 2 Big Night In | 9. Book Week Parade |
| 3. Reception Cubbies | 10. Year 2 Big Night In |
| 4. Grandparents Day | 11. Book Week Parade |
| 5. Grandparents Day | 12. Grandparents Day |
| 6. Book Week Parade | 13. Reception Cubbies |
| 7. Year 1 Cleland Excursion | 14. Year 2 Big Night In |



Future Pathways and New Events



Term 3 in Senior School was a busy and exciting term with lots of our usual Term 3 events as well as a number of new ones.

Year 10s and 11s started the term selecting their subjects for next year, which is always an exciting time, as students plan out the next steps in their pathway. The Year 11s had representatives from several universities come and present all of the courses and activities they have to offer, providing students with important information to further aid in their subject/pathway choices.

Week 4 saw our Year 10s head off to **Bushwalking Camp**. Due to closures in the Flinders Rangers, the Year 10s went to Deep Creek National Park this year instead. Despite the weather, students had a wonderful time developing their skills, abilities and relationships with each other.

Throughout the term, there were several excursions, as well as a number of sporting events. In Week 3, we hosted students from several schools across Adelaide, and a team from the Bible Society Australia and the Centre for Public Christianity (CPX) for the *Bible Society Masterclass*. This was an event designed to explore how the Bible can help us grapple with contemporary issues, with speakers Dr Natasha Moore and Max Jeganathan. Students were also led in a vibrant worship session by David Nduwimana.

On Friday of Week 4, the Senior School along with the Middle School, made a stand against bullying through **Bullying. No Way! Day**. Prefects organised activities at lunch time, including performances of some wonderful music by our talented High School music students. This was a great time of building community whilst standing together for a common cause.

Each house ran their fundraiser for the year, which included: *Dress Up for Thailand* day, a sausage sizzle, hot chocolate van and the sale of homemade popcorn. All monies raised went to supporting each House's Compassion Child for the year.

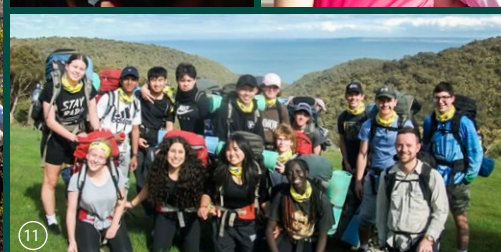
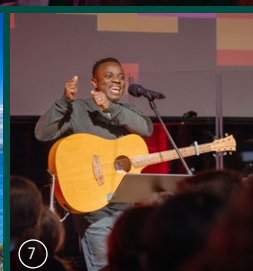
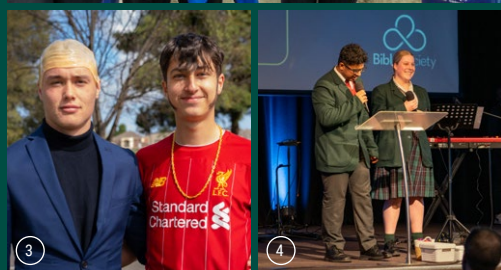
Book Week Dress Ups was another new event to Senior School this year. It was wonderful to see so many Senior School students going to a lot of effort with their costumes and participating in the day.

As we have done for a number of years, we finished the term with the **Big Day In**.

This year, the day also incorporated a Staff vs Students Netball game (congratulations students!) and food trucks. As always, this was a fantastic day of fun and celebration of House spirit.

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| 1. Year 10 Bushwalking Camp | 8. Book Week |
| 2. Year 10 Bushwalking Camp | 9. Bullying. No Way! Day |
| 3. Bible Society Masterclass | 10. Year 10 Bushwalking Camp |
| 4. Bible Society Masterclass | 11. Year 10 Bushwalking Camp |
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Critical Thinking, Collaboration and Communication Development



Among the many learning activities from Term 3, I would like to share about a standout activity for each year level.

The Year 7 Poetry Café enabled students to share their poetry beyond the normal classroom environment. Students appreciated the opportunity to mix across the classes and it was a privilege to visit various groups as students were sharing their work. Students' insights and experiences were wonderfully woven together, and we left the activity with a greater awareness for each other's interests and capacity to communicate using poetry.

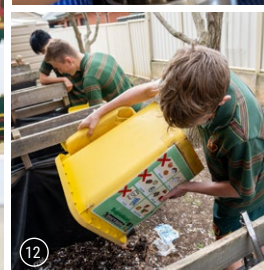
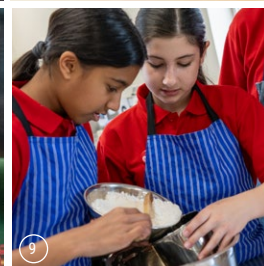
The Year 8 collaborative and persuasive Shark Tank presentations were performed to a judging panel and class audience. Many interesting and outstanding ideas were pitched. My personal favourite was a smart fridge that could identify the items stored and generate meal plan ideas and recipes for the food that you already have, while also being able to re-order items that run out, and have them delivered. The range of ideas that were pitched was fascinating and it was outstanding to observe the collaboration within the teams. Through the initial workshoping of ideas, to developing the concept and planning how to persuasively communicate, student growth was substantial.

The Year 9s have undertaken the Learning Blueprint course. Through Science lessons, students have developed a clearer understanding of the remarkable plasticity of the brain as it continually adapts to learning and our environment. Students have reflected on their identity as learners, and are provided with powerful brain-based strategies to maximise their learning and memory. We are looking forward to our Year 9s applying these strategies to enhance their learning practices as they approach the exam period, and grow in independence as Senior School students next year.

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1. Year 7 Poetry Café
2. Year 9 Music
3. Year 7 Poetry Café
4. Year 8 Shark Tank
5. Year 7 Design Tech
6. Big Day In
7. Year 9 Music

8. Year 7 Design Tech
9. Big Day In
10. Year 8 Music
11. Year 7 Poetry Café
12. Year 9 Humanities
13. Big Day In



Creativity and Immersive Activities



Term 4 has arrived, and it is astonishing how quickly this year is flying by. Term 3 was filled with exciting activities in the Primary School.

Book Week brought joy and creativity as both students and teachers donned costumes to celebrate the 'Read, Grow, Inspire' theme.

Our Upper Primary Outdoor Space continued to evolve, with the removal of the fencing allowing students to enjoy their newfound freedom. We are looking forward to the completion of Stage 2.

The Year 4 classes got their hands dirty with gardening as part of their Design and Technology program. They explored food production and First Nations' farming practices, planting a variety of vegetables, herbs, and bush tucker in their new garden beds, eagerly awaiting the harvest in Term 4.

Year 5 students embarked on an excursion to the Adelaide Art Gallery and Museum. They immersed themselves in Aboriginal Art, participated in engaging workshops, and delved into traditional life pre-colonisation.

In the realm of Digital Technology, students used minicomputers to code and create control buttons from wires and scrap materials. Year 6s coded their own interactive 'Tamagochi' pets.

El Shaddai hosted the Year 3s for their first camp experience, where they relished activities like crate stacking, archery, and laser tag.

Grandparents Day was another highlight, with cherished guests exploring classrooms and enjoying delicious scones on the gazebo lawns.

Performing Arts saw an engaging incursion by the *Jam Band*, immersing students in music and interactive dancing. A joyous German Assembly marked the term's end, showcasing students' learning.

Term 3 had so many exciting highlights, and we eagerly anticipate more learning experiences in Term 4.

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1. Year 3 Camp
2. Outdoor Learning Space
3. Jam Band Incursion
4. Jam Band Incursion
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6. Year 3 Camp
7. Jam Band Incursion
8. Year 4 Gardening

9. Grandparents Day
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