



# Cardijn Connect W7, T1 2024

## Important Dates

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Year 9 Rite Journey  
Calling Ceremony  
Monday 18 March 2024

Year 12 Retreat  
Wednesday 20 March 2024

Encounter Youth  
Sessions  
Wednesday 20 March 2024

Harmony Day  
Thursday 21 March 2024

Year 10 Reflection  
Day  
Tuesday 26 March 2024

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## Cardijn Connect

Cardijn Connect - a source of news and information for the Cardijn community. The blog will be published every Thursday during the school term with past editions always accessible from the menu.

# Celebrating International Women's Day!

Marcellin and Marian students celebrated International Women's Day (IWD) at the annual Adelaide IWD Breakfast hosted by Senator Penny Wong.

This year's theme was Count Her In: Invest in Women. Accelerate Progress.

'Count Her In will examine the pathways to greater economic inclusion for women and girls everywhere.' -UNWomenAustralia

The Adelaide IWD Breakfast is the largest event celebrating IWD in Australia! Hosted at the Adelaide Convention Centre, proceeds from this event are donated to UN Women Australia. Last year, the generous Adelaide community raised an impressive \$130,000.

At Cardijn, we believe that women and girls should be given equal opportunities to build their capabilities and strengthen their capacity to learn, earn, and lead.

What a wonderful day for our community!



## Year 11 Marcellin students complete work experience

Year 11 Marcellin students have recently undertaken their work experience program, which plays a key role in developing important employability skills. Employers provided positive feedback regarding the performance of these students who did Marcellin proud.

Andre completed work experience at Ultra Tune in Christies Beach. Chris, the Director, said 'Andre is enthusiastic, shows great initiative and has good knowledge of the industry.'

Patrick completed his work experience in automotive at Southern Performance Centre, where he spent the week assisting technicians and even worked alongside a first-year apprentice and Cardijn student, Josh. Patrick was praised for his 'willingness to learn and ability to follow instructions.'

Jack gained work experience in engineering and fabrication at Complete Custom Fabrication in Seaford. His employer noted his 'strong work ethic and knowledge of workplace procedures.'



## Galilee Year 8 students explore Tjilbruke

The Year 8 students who are part of the Exploring Tjilbruke program recently visited Pt Willunga/Wirruwarungga (Kaurana language) to explore part of the Tjilbruke Trail.

They discovered a freshwater spring and compared its salinity levels to those of the spring at Kingston Park/Tulukutangga. They found that the Pt Willunga/Wirruwarungga spring had slightly lower salt levels.

During the excursion, the students had the opportunity to hear reflections from Miriam Rose Ungunmerr Baumann, the first qualified Aboriginal educator in the Northern Territory. She founded the Miriam Rose Foundation, which supports Indigenous children and youth.

Afterwards, the students worked in small groups to create beautiful sand mandalas.

We asked the students to give their feedback on the excursion. Here are some of their words:

Skye – 'It was such a calm day.'

Noah – 'I enjoyed creating the beach mandalas.'

Lachlan – 'The water was less salty and much cleaner at the Pt Willunga spring.'

Lukah – 'I loved finding crabs, it showed there is life.'





## Cardijn hosts an inspiring 'Our Church' gathering for the Southern Community

On Saturday 9 March, Cardijn College hosted the Regional Assembly for the parishes, schools and community groups in the Southern part of our diocese. The theme of the day was 'Our Church' and almost 150 people from across the South attended the event and engaged in the day.

Firstly, we heard from Maddy Forde and Artem Vakulin, who spoke on the theme of Our Community, then we heard from our College principal Mr Steve Byrne who presented on Our Faith, and finally Claire Victory who spoke about Our Call.

Our Cardijn College YCS group were a particular highlight of the day, as they engaged themselves in table conversations and shared with the wider group. Particularly, regarding priorities that concern our young people and the issues that touch them.

From this day, we hope to share the actions that take place and particularly the ways that we hope to develop even stronger links between the schools and parishes in our local area. We have received a lot of positive feedback and wonderful energy following this joyful day – some actions are already in motion.







## Big Band 1 lands an opening gig playing at the Highway!

Join us for an evening of vibrant music with Big Band 1 at the Southern Jazz Club in the function room of the Highway Hotel.

Catch them live on Tuesday 19 March, starting at 6.45pm as they kick off the night before the Atlantic Street Band (featuring Mr Chris Weber) takes the stage!

Big Band 1 includes Marian students from Years 8 to 12 and is one of our auditioned senior ensembles. They recently performed at the Laureate Assembly earlier in the year (pictured).

For more information, visit [Southern Jazz Club Inc.](#)



## Galilee Year 9 students cooking foods of the world!

Year 9 Galilee students have been exploring foods and cooking techniques from around the world. They have been recreating foods from Italy, Japan, France, and India including pizza, lasagne, katsu chicken curry, croissants, and butter chicken.



## NAPLAN testing for Years 3, 5, 7, and 9

From 12 - 18 March, Australian students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 participate in NAPLAN (National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy).

This test helps measure the fundamental literacy and numeracy skills of students in these year levels and can provide insights into their development and growth in these areas.

You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding them that their effort matters more than their score.

## Year 7 2026 applications are closing soon!

Are you planning to enrol your child at Marian Campus for Year 7 in 2026?

To avoid disappointment, it's important to apply before the closing date even if your child is a sibling of a current Cardijn student.

Any families with children currently in Year 5 **MUST** submit their application no later than by Friday 12 April

Begin the online enrolment process today: [APPLY NOW](#)



## Galilee students host charity coffee sale

Last week at Galilee, a group of students sold coffees to raise money for a charity of their choice! Mr Brown helped the students run the café as they set up, served, and took orders, giving our middle school students the opportunity to build their workforce skills and gain confidence in a stress-free 'working' environment.





# Tokyo 2020 Olympian Christopher McHugh to Inspire Cardijn College students through Olympics Unleashed program

Tokyo 2020 Olympian, Christopher McHugh is connecting with Cardijn during Week 9 as part of the Olympics Unleashed program.

Olympics Unleashed connects athletes with schools across the country to inspire students to find and follow their passion and provide lessons in goal setting, overcoming challenges and developing resilience.

Christopher McHugh will be drawing on his Olympic journey and overcoming challenges to compete in his chosen sport at the highest level to help inspire the year 7 students at Marian Campus to be the best they can be – whether that's in school, at home, on the sporting field or with friends.

For more information, visit [Olympics Unleashed](#).



## From the Principal

### Reviewing and Feedback

As mentioned earlier in Cardijn Connect, I was privileged to be invited to present some insights into my faith formation, from both a personal and professional perspective. I have been blessed with numerous opportunities at a local, national and international level to contemplate, engage with others and to seek a deeper understanding of my identity as a Catholic person and educational leader. I do this in the context and foundations of my rich family life and upbringing.

Across over two decades of principalship, I have undertaken seven, soon to be eight, reviews. In the main, the feedback has been quite positive with some suggestions and clarity around areas for growth. I would suggest that my relationships with my family also provide this from time to time, as I strive to be the best version of myself.

In presenting to the Regional Gathering on Saturday, my provocation in concluding my presentation, was that if we are to be Church together, we need processes of review and feedback. We can celebrate and improve on the affirmations and contemplate and further develop our growth areas. The motivation is that building community is a shared process and experience across many people in collaboration, built on a faith journey emanating from the life and teachings of Jesus and inspired by the Cardijn and Marist charisms.

What do you think?

**Steve Byrne**

**Principal**

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