



### From the Principal

Dear St Mary's College

During the recent Junior School musical Madagascar, I had the opportunity to spend time with the main cast of characters before each show. Right before sound check, Mandy Hancock-Varga, the show's Director, would gather the cast in a circle and invite a personal reflection on the experience of being in the show. Each reflection circle had a different focus.

In one circle, the girls were asked to share something they had learnt from being part of the musical. Their reflections were profound insights for young people. It struck me that in different ways, they each reflected on things that many of us will spend a whole lifetime learning over and over again. I share some of their input here:



#### Year 6 Wisdom

- Some parts will look more interesting than others, but you can make something from every part, no matter how small it is. It is important to get over disappointment and give it your best.
- It's hard to imagine early on that the show will come together, it is messy and then one day it is not.
- It's okay to make a mistake; it often helps you to make things better.
- You can do much more than you ever imagined possible when you just give something a go.
- Getting on stage in front of an audience is not as scary as it seems, and it feels good when you can try.
- Go into things with a positive mind and you will do better.
- Even if you make a mistake the audience will never know; they haven't seen the script!
- The role you are given does not mean you are better than someone else. Our roles are chosen to match our character and personality; the role is right for the person.
- It's not important to get every tiny detail perfect. What is important is to have fun, to learn and to enjoy the experience.
- We are lucky at St Mary's to have so many great opportunities to try new things and extend ourselves.

The Junior School production, and the wisdom it generated, is one of the reasons we always talk about learning both in and beyond the classroom. Across the months that go into preparation for something as big and wonderful as Madagascar, there were lots of moments of joy, fun, and learning. A production takes a whole community investment, and this was evident in the number of staff, parents, grandparents and friends who joined in to help...some of whom are not even part of the Junior School community anymore but who love the experience.



We look forward to our Middle and Senior years students having this opportunity in 2022.

Warm regards,

*Clare Nocka*

Principal

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## From the Deputy Principal

### Uniform

Just a reminder that you can order the school uniform through Hambours online. This will provide an opportunity for those who can't come into school to order, to go online and order instead. Don't worry...if you still wish to come into school and order you can.

To apply for an online store account, parents/carers need to go to [hambours.com.au](https://hambours.com.au) and click on the St Mary's College logo. You can choose to collect your order either from the College shop during opening hours, or from Hambours at Royal Park, or couriered to your home for \$10.

Hambours will close their on-campus shop on 3 December this year (last day for students), and re-open on Friday 28 January from 8:00am to 1:00pm and Monday 31 January 8:00am to 1:00pm.

Their Royal Park store will close from Friday 17 December at 5pm and re-open on Monday 10 January at 9am.

Any further questions, please contact Hambours on 8447 2077 or you can email [customerservice@hambours.com.au](mailto:customerservice@hambours.com.au)

### Awards

As the year draws to a close, there have been many opportunities to acknowledge the wonderful contribution of our students throughout 2021.

This acknowledgement occurs in a number of different ways.

#### Service Awards

Service as we know is giving of one's self for the benefit of others, and in this case, the school community. Service takes time and effort; it requires patience and perseverance; and above all, a readiness and openness to be challenged and changed by the experience.

Service Award recipients spend hours of their own time, at recess, lunch, before and after school, weekends and holiday time, undertaking actions of service...with the ultimate goal and accomplishment of continuing to build community here at St Mary's, and for this, we say a very big THANK YOU.

Most students who receive Service Awards would say that they have received just as much personally as they have been able to give...they have loved the opportunity to work with students across the year levels, to form friendships with people who share their interests, and the experiences offered to them have broadened their view of life.

For the St Mary's community, we have been blessed and enriched by all these students give to the school community of themselves...their dedication, selflessness and enthusiasm.

The criteria for selection are:

- Demonstrated outstanding commitment to the co-curricular activities of the College through regular attendance at practices and events;
- Participation in **AT LEAST TWO** co-curricular group/team/major activity (e.g. Sport, Music, Debating) **FOR EACH TERM** of Terms 1, 2 & 3 of 2021, not once off events or activities;
- Meeting school expectations in a positive spirit that reflect the values of the school.

### Ethos Award

This is awarded to a student in the Middle School, and a student in the Senior School. Staff are asked to nominate a student who has demonstrated the following criteria:

- A commitment to the pursuit of truth in their studies and relationships;
- Witness to equality and practical support of social justice;
- Positive participation in the life of the College.

This year's recipients of the Ethos Award are:



**Senior School**  
**Ruby Stevens**



**Middle School**  
**Makeely Jones**



I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very blessed Christmas, and a relaxing holiday break...may it be a time of rest and relaxation and to spend time with those you love.

**Lorna Starrs**  
**Deputy Principal**

## Big Sister Training Day

After completing a Big Sister Training Day, our Year 9 Big Sisters supported our 2022 Year 7s during their recent Transition Day.

During the day, activities and team-building games ensured all students felt comfortable and welcome in our community, with lots of laughter and fun from all involved.

Thank you to our St Mary's College Big Sisters, who spent numerous lunchtimes planning for this special day.



**Leanne Fry**  
**Big Sister Program Coordinator**



## *Iga Warta Immersive Experience*

Recently, our seven Year 11 students and four staff continued their immersion experience at Iga Warta in the Northern Flinders Ranges. They embraced the unique experience of Adnyamathanha culture, visited various sites of ancient significance, and heard stories from Adnyamathanha people who are the custodians of the land.

Cliff Coulthard, the chief elder in the Coulthard family, led them on a social history tour. They learnt about life before contact with white people, and following this, the massive changes to their lives and culture. It was very hard listening to this history; there was much compassion and empathy for our First Nations people.

Our travellers also headed to the Ochre Pit, where Terrence Coulthard shared the significance of ochre to their culture and all First Nations peoples. They then participated in an ochre ceremony, where Terrence marked them with five ochre colours; connected them to the spirits, new beginnings, Mother Earth, breathing, and cleansing. Students and staff were all very grateful for sharing this experience and will carry this into their future.



Our students were wonderful ambassadors for our College and this experience has opened up future opportunities to partner with Iga Warta, in a variety of ways.

**Robert Napoli**  
Director of Mission



## Confirmation and First Holy Communion

Recently, students completed their full initiation into the Church as they celebrated Confirmation and received First Holy Communion at St Patrick's Church with their families and sponsors.

Leading up to this final initiation, the girls engaged in a variety of activities presented by Ms Haley Meier and participated in retreats to prepare themselves to more closely embrace the example and teachings of Jesus.



These Sacramental times of retreat and ceremony give us pause to open our hearts to God so that we may experience the freely given grace and love of God.



Thanks goes to Fr Anthoni Adamai and Fr Eka Tanaya for leading us in joyful celebration and to all parents and sponsors for their love and guidance.

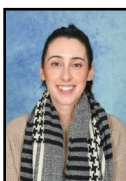
**Anne Soldan**  
Sacramental Coordinator

## \$20 Boss Program

During Term 3, Year 10 students participated in the \$20 Boss Program. This entrepreneurship program challenges students to solve a real problem and help them develop skills for the future.

Last Wednesday, \$20 Boss Program Alumni, Noah, who is the founder of Sticky Pronk, spoke to students about his journey through the program and how he runs his business. Awards were also presented to the following student run businesses:

- Product Design – Stick It
- Innovation and Ingenuity – Treecycle
- Problem Solving – Earthly Glow
- Marketing – Marble Boutique
- Sustainability – Scrunchie Bunch
- Collaboration and teamwork – Baking for awareness



Well done to all of our Year 10 entrepreneurs!

**Celeste Jordan**  
Year 10 Coordinator



## ST MARY'S COLLEGE TOURS

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## Spreading the joy of Christmas on KI

The holiday season is fast approaching and St Mary's College is spreading the Christmas cheer with a Music tour to Kangaroo Island next month.



To uphold the seasonal tradition of neighbourly kindness, 28 music students are heading to Kangaroo Island from Friday 3 December to Thursday 9 December for a different take on a Music immersion experience.

Two years after the Black Summer bushfires and after another year entrenched in pandemic-related uncertainty, the College decided to share its passion for music closer to home. Normally, students would have been preparing to travel to Ireland to reconnect with Cabra College, Dublin - the home of seven of the original Dominican Sisters at St Mary's - however this wasn't possible due to COVID restrictions.

Instead, the students will showcase their diverse musical talents with locals on a different island. From choirs to instrumental ensembles encompassing traditional through to jazz and contemporary music, the 2021 Music Tour aims to be as much about service as performance, delivering Christmas joy in a series of events.

Students will perform at the Carols Community Event at Lloyd Collins Reserve in Penneshaw, the Penneshaw Markets, and at the Kingscote, Penneshaw and Parndana campus of Kangaroo Island Community Education.



Supporting the tour is a team of dedicated staff, led by the College Music Director, Sue Rodger.

**Sue Cvijanovic**  
Community Engagement, Marketing and Events  
Coordinator



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A great way to catch up with what is happening in our College community.

## Diocesan Youth Assembly

Our College Captains for 2022 attended the recent Diocesan Youth Assembly, where over 100 young people from across the diocese came together to engage in listening and dialogue.

The Assembly aims to bring young people together to discuss issues that matter to them and the opportunity for young people to contribute to the wider Diocesan Assembly and Plenary Council.

Highlights from the students:

Francesca M: "I really enjoyed the opportunities for small group discussion and the platform to share about what we are passionate about."

Emma S: "I enjoyed making connections with other young people and learning from one another."



**Jean-Marie Nguyen**  
Student Leadership Coordinator



# Madagascar

In a celebration of finally performing to live audiences again, St Mary's College Junior School was very proud to bring Dreamwork's Madagascar Junior to the stage this year. Each scene of the show features one of our Junior School classes from Reception to Year 6! There are penguins, cats, lions, giraffes, hippos, police officers, birds, butterflies, frogs, waiters and many more characters.

Also, having a live band on stage during our Junior School production of Madagascar Junior created a fantastic opportunity for our Junior School 'stars' to shine. Thank you to our Music staff and students who played while the audience arrived and then provided the musical score for the singing and dancing throughout the four performances. We are proud of the collaborative work of the Performing Arts team at St Mary's College.

A production on this scale is not possible without the dedicated support of all our staff. Everyone had so much fun bringing Madagascar Junior to life! We know how many hours went into every costume. We could not have achieved this without the talented, creative and dedicated parent and grandparent volunteers.

A big thank you to Old Scholar and previous Drama Captain Catherine Stankevicius (Class of 2019). Catherine volunteered her time to join our production team during our performance season of Madagascar Junior.

**Mandy Hancock**  
Learning Area Leader: The Arts



# Music Festival

Over 70 students took part in one of three instrumental and vocal concerts held on Sunday 7 November.

Students ranged from Year 1 to Year 12 and this time they took us on a journey through performances on strings, woodwind, brass, piano, bass and vocals. Thanks very much to the parents and friends who came to support, and particularly to the instrumental teachers who prepared students for solos, duos, trios and small groups – the concerts were entertaining and a great performance experience under lights in the CPA! It was great to see many sisters also involved – many families with two students performing and one family even had three siblings perform. Well done St Mary's College Music students!



**Sue Rodger**  
Director of Music



## Once Upon A Time Festival

Last Thursday, my English class (8 Blue) attended the Once Upon A Festival at Immanuel College. Several authors spoke about their novels and answered questions from students from all around Adelaide. They spoke about how they got started as writers, how they find inspiration to write, and about their daily experiences and opportunities as writers. Our class was lucky enough to listen to Australian writer Tristan Bancks.

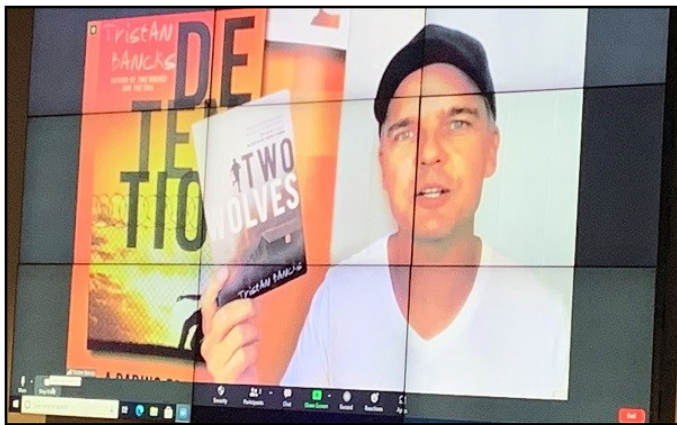
Tristan talked about his four books: Detention, The Fall, Two Wolves, and Ginger Meggs. He explained the importance of these books having uniformity in terms of font, colour and composition so that they look like they could be part of a series even though they are individual stories. He also talked about his great uncle's book, Ginger Meggs, and how the book was written and published 100 years ago but this year as it was its 100th year anniversary he gave the presentation of the Ginger Meggs book a modern overhaul with colour pictures throughout. Tristan Bancks explained how he is inspired by his surroundings when creating his books which includes images, articles, artifacts/objects, people, movies, stories from Australia, and the names and personalities of people he knows.

His discussion was interesting because it was a new experience and a fun place to visit. Attending Immanuel College was enjoyable because we got to interact with other schools and be in a setting that was different from our own. I wish he could have been present in person to make the experience more immersive and participatory; maybe next time when Covid restrictions are lifted. My favourite part was viewing his book trailers, which were entertaining to watch, accurate, and a realistic portrayal of his novels which we read in class. I also learnt some helpful writing strategies that will help me out when I'm writing.



We all gained an important experience at Immanuel College, and we are now better-informed writers as a result.

Grace R  
8 Blue



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