FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians, Friends and Students of SAC,

It is always a pleasure to celebrate the academic achievements of our students, and the Dux Assembly last week was one such occasion. Graduates of 2015 and their families gathered at the College to acknowledge their outstanding results and give our current staff and students the opportunity to congratulate them. I would like to share with you in this newsletter the address given by Emma Rebellato, old scholar, ABC news presenter and special guest at this year’s assembly.

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From the Principal’s continued.

Emma’s words highlighted some of the aspects of her education at SAC that she values most, and gave our current students and 2015 graduates some inspiring ideas about how to make the most of their education beyond school. Following Emma’s words, I have also included the response by the 2015 Dux of the College, Maryam Khan, who engaged students and staff with her moving reflection on her years at the school.

These two fine graduates made it clear that an education at St Aloysius College inspires and empowers young women to live out their Mercy values and contribute to the future of humanity.

Ms Paddy McEvoy
PRINCIPAL

MERIT ASSEMBLY SPEECH by Emma Rebellato

Thank you and congratulations to all these incredible graduates – what an achievement!

I was really touched when I was asked to speak here today. I am really proud of this school and I loved being a student here. But I think it wasn’t until after I walked out those doors for that final time that I truly appreciated how St Aloysius College helped shape me as a person. So today I’ll be talking a bit about my time here as an SAC student and the journey I took after I graduated.

I have to say it’s a bit strange being back. Everything looks a little bit different. The school is bigger, the uniforms have changed, but I’m pleased to see a couple of my old teachers are still here. One of my former classmates is on staff - hello Lisa Johnson, and someone who I’m very close to is one of your teachers, and that is my younger sister, Ms Laura Flynn. I wish I had some cheeky little story to share about my sister from her school days, but we were never at school at the same time! I finished Year 12 before she started. Although I’m sure it was very difficult for her to follow in the wake of such a perfect student!

There are so many reasons why this school means a lot to me. The teachers were great – they made lessons interesting and engaging, but they taught all of us so much more - to think independently, to question and analyse, and to ask for help and support when we needed it - and not be afraid to do so. This school gave me an education that went beyond textbooks.

And if it wasn’t the teachers, it was my classmates who I learned from. Being around girls from different cultural backgrounds, religious backgrounds and socio-economic backgrounds was a unique experience and gave us a grounding that few schools can offer. Through this, we learned greater compassion, acceptance and respect.

There’s also something about this school that just makes you believe you can succeed. I’ve always thought it just feels like it’s ingrained here. Perhaps it’s hearing about the amazing graduates that have gone before us, paving the way for women in society. It’s not a question of... CAN you do it?... it’s a case of... you CAN do it...

Year 12s, believe this. You CAN do it. If you work hard and apply yourself, you can get through it. It’s a tough year, no question. It can be challenging, sometimes overwhelming. You may face setbacks along the way, but don’t give up because it can be incredibly rewarding. All these amazing graduates are a testament to that. My advice to all of you is stay focussed, work hard, ask your teachers and your classmates for help if you need it. Be patient. Persevere. Stay positive. And enjoy it. Make sure you have some downtime and make sure you laugh. So many of my memories of Year 12 weren’t of the stress or hours of study, but of the friendships and the laughter and the support we all gave each other.

Your Year 12 results obviously can have an impact on what you do next – especially when it comes to university. But if you don’t get in to your first choice, don’t give up. There are so many other avenues to get into a course, or into a particular career. But you must keep working at it.

Deciding on a career in the first place can be hard, too. But, if you can, listen to your gut, trust your instincts and follow what you’re passionate about. I knew I wanted to be a journalist from about the age of 15 or so. But it probably wasn’t for the obvious reason. I really didn’t like English that much and it was far from my best subject (in actual fact, Maths was my best subject and English my worst). However, journalism felt like the right fit for me. I loved getting up in front of the class to give an oral presentation, or even speaking at school assembly. I wanted to use my voice and so I thought broadcast journalism was for me.

I was lucky. In Year 12, I worked hard and was lucky enough to get into my course straight away and did pretty well at uni. But it doesn’t matter how good your results are - after that, there are no guarantees. You need to stand out from the crowd. And I don’t mean by being the most confident or the loudest, I mean by doing the hard yards. When I did work experience at school, I did a few days at Channel 10 and then I did a few days at a community radio station. I stayed on as a volunteer there for about five years, gaining as much experience as I could. Once I finished uni, I knocked on doors to get a job. I sent out my demo tapes, I called up the bosses of radio stations and eventually, one of those phone calls paid off. But to get my big break, I had to move to the Riverland. I was scared, but I knew what I needed to do.

Before long I moved back to Adelaide and after a few years at FiveAA and Nova, I wanted to move into television. Again, it wasn’t easy. I had to prove myself all over again. I rang the news directors, asked to come in to do work experience, and then got a few casual shifts, on top of my work at Nova. Eventually, and it took quite some time, that led to my current job at the ABC. And through that, my dream: just like standing up in front of the class and giving a speech. Now in my job, I get to sit in front of a camera and speak to all of you live, presenting the news. It’s an absolute blessing.

All of this isn’t to tell you about me, or how to get into the media. It’s to show you what you can do. If you’re determined, you work hard, you stay positive, you treat people with respect, you show an interest, you engage, you stay focussed. Sometimes it won’t happen straight away, or simply fall into your lap, and it may seem like an uphill battle where you think it’s impossible. But it can happen. You can succeed. No matter what you choose, whether you want to be a journalist, or a doctor, a hairdresser, a teacher, nurse or a childcare worker. Whatever it is, if you work hard, you CAN make it happen.

That’s what I learned from SAC and that’s why this school means so much to me. Thank you.

Ms Emma Rebellato
OLD SCHOLAR/ ABC NEWS PRESENTER

Emma Rebellato, old scholar, ABC news presenter & special guest at this year’s assembly

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Ms McEvoy, our special guest old scholar Emma Rebellato, staff, students and families of SAC, it is with immense pleasure and honour that I stand here to address you all on behalf of the class of 2015.

I have been at St Aloysius College for only two years, which is a fact I find hard to believe. Since my very first day, I was welcomed and made to feel at ‘home’. I never felt out of place. The people I met were friendly, genuinely caring and always willing to help. That is doing of the Spirit of Mercy that everyone at St Aloysius College possesses.

The love and care that I have witnessed at this college has inspired me to carry it on with me into the world. I am sure the same goes for the other graduates of St Aloysius College. The countless events to not only engage the student body but also give back to the community have been essential in instilling positive values into us, and seeing them in action. From Mercy Day, Can Drive, Walkathon to the Argentina mission, SAC has given us the opportunity to make a difference in the world and be the embodiments of women in mercy.

This desire to help those in need, rekindled inside of us through a mercy education, has been a key factor in helping the graduates of 2015 decide their future careers. I have always dreamt of being a doctor and helping others through their health. Studying at SAC strengthened this dream of mine and motivated me to pursue it. Consequently, I will be studying Bachelor of Clinical Sciences/Doctor of Medicine at Flinders University.

On behalf of the class of 2015, I would like to wholeheartedly thank our Year 12 teachers for their constant guidance, support and valuable time. We could have never achieved what we did without your commitment and hard work through the entire year. I want to especially thank my teachers: Mr Paolo Arman, Ms Sandra Eustace, Ms Elizabeth Heuzenroeder, Mr John Konopka and Mr Malcolm Smith. Your dedication, encouragement and faith in us helped us get through this make-it or break-it year. Mr Arman with your words of wisdom and best analogies, Ms Eustace with your humour and shared love of chemistry puns, Ms Heuzenroeder with your most friendly nature and sweet potato chips that we all loved to nibble on, Mr Konopka with your fun exchanges and stolen lollies and Mr Smith with your patience.

I would also like to express thanks to our families for their enduring love and encouragement; without which our successes would have never been possible. I know my moods were a roller-coaster sometimes, but you were always tolerant and understanding. I especially want to thank my mum, for listening to my long rambles about assignments she had no idea about, making the best hazelnut lattes to help me get through the work and for simply being there. Also, thank you to my dad for his unwavering faith in me and my grandma for the most comforting hugs.

Year 12 is a challenging year; there is no escaping that. But when you have friends who believe in you, hide chocolates in your locker and constantly look after you, the challenge becomes worth it. The memories I have made over this year with the wonderful class of 2015 will be fondly cherished; whether it is our productive frees, Argos trips, or the beginning of coffee addictions. Although Year 12 came with its difficulties, it allowed us to nurture existing friendships as well as create new ones. The year affirmed that shared joy is doubled joy and shared sorrow is half a sorrow. A teacher absent? Collective happiness. You and your friend both found that test hard? Sadness reduced! I know that Year 12 and my time at SAC would have not been as special as it was without the friends I made here. To the class of 2015, thank you.

To the current and future Year 12s at SAC, make sure to cherish each and every moment because what they say is true; the year does fly by. Remember that hard work and perseverance always pays off, in one-way or another. Lastly, don’t be afraid of seeking help when you need it. There will be someone willing to hold your hand.

I know I speak on the behalf of the class of 2015 when I say that I am proud to be a SAC graduate. It was an honour being part of a community this vibrant, warm, and supportive. I made memories that I will look back on with a smile. I look forward to the continuing association with SAC and want to end by quoting Winnie the Pooh

“How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard”.

Thank you for listening and all the best for the future.

Maryam Khan

DUX OF 2015

Congratulations to all 2015 Merit Award recipients!
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### 2015 OUTSTANDING MERIT CELEBRATION
ASH WEDNESDAY

During Ash Wednesday, all students at SAC took part in a liturgy and received ashes within their year level. It was a special day in our church liturgical calendar as it marks the start of Lent, traditionally a time for reflection, penance and fasting.

2016 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS CHINESE NEW YEAR DINNER

On Thursday 11 February, the international students from SAC gathered at the T Chow restaurant in Moonta Street to enjoy a delicious Chinese banquet and to celebrate the Chinese New Year of the Monkey. The girls enjoyed the opportunity to spend time together and get to know each other better. As they represent many year levels, from Year 9 to 12, their paths do not necessarily cross during the busyness of their school week, so this was a wonderful opportunity for them to become acquainted and make some new friends. On the night, there was much laughter which reflected the good mood of those present.

Ms Mary Kotsionis
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT (ACADEMIC) COORDINATOR

STUDENTS’ REFLECTIONS

The atmosphere and food were fabulous.
Wanwen (Jackie) Long 10KI

The food was delicious and the company was fun!
Xingyu (Daisy) Li 10KI

We made lots of new friends at the Chinese New Year dinner.
Pei Jun (Christy) Li 10KI

The restaurant was fantastic and we had a fun time.
Xuannan (Katey) Jin
SECONDARY SPORT

YEAR 10 PE STUDENTS STEP IT UP A NOTCH!

It has been a great start to the year for all of our Physical Education students, but particularly our Year 10’s. The 2 classes of students have been getting used to five lessons a week of PE, generally one double practical lesson and three theory lessons. Not only they have been learning about the skeletal system and joints in theory lessons but also starting with learning skills and tactics of netball. One class has been able to have lessons at Priceline Stadium (Netball SA Stadium) to soak in the real atmosphere of being an elite netball player. By all reports students are having fun and are working well as a team. In my class there are a lot of talented ‘netballers’ but what is most pleasing is how they assist other students with rules and techniques. I look forward to seeing these students develop over the eight week unit!

Ms Nicole Wedding
PHYSICAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR

THE MATHS OLYMPICS 2016

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Ms Frances Delfin
MATHEMATICS COORDINATOR

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SECONDARY SPORT

It has been a fabulous start to Term 1 Primary Sport. Beach volleyball, basketball, lacrosse, water polo and Year 2/3 Come 'n' Try are all underway and it has been fantastic to see so many enthusiastic SAC girls involved in these programs. This term we have six basketball teams, seven beach volleyball teams and large groups of students participating in the lacrosse and water polo clinics. Good luck to all Term 1 sports students!

Reminders:

- Please continue to check your daughter's (Years 4-7) school email on a regular basis for updated information and messages from Ms Kate Marks regarding sport
- A reminder that the Clipsal 500 will be taking place from Thursday 3 March to Sunday 6 March 2016. Please allow plenty of time when collecting your daughter from beach volleyball in Week 5
- Information regarding Term 2/3 Primary Sport will be coming out shortly!

SAPSASA/SACPSSA

SWIMMING
Thank you to all students who trialled for the SAPSASA swimming team. Students in Years 4-7 who have been successful in making the swim team have been notified via email and a permission form was placed in their class trays on Friday 19 February. These permission forms were due back today Friday 26 February. The swim team will attend the SAPSASA East Adelaide swimming trials on Tuesday 8 March. Good luck girls!

LACROSSE
SAC will be entering a team into the Metro West Lacrosse Carnival this term which will take place on Friday 1 April (Week 9). Students in Years 5-7 wishing to trial for the SAPSASA lacrosse team were asked to sign up their name on the PE Office window during Week 4. Trials will be held during Thursday lunch in Week 5.

NETBALL
SAC will also be entering a Year 6/7 team into the SAPSASA knockout netball competition which runs throughout Term 2/3. Students who play netball at a high level are asked to try out. Information regarding trials will be communicated to students via the student bulletin and email. Trials will take place towards the end of Term 1.

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Ms Kate Marks
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Email: kmarks@sac.sa.edu.au
SECONDARY SPORT 2016

The Term 1 season is in full swing for our Secondary volleyball, water polo, tennis, basketball and touch football teams. Secondary sport participants will play their Round 2 games this week and several teams look to be strong contenders for the finals already. Training and game attendance has been excellent and the communication from parents regarding absence is appreciated. Good luck to all our teams for the Term 1 season.

Reminders:
- Clipsal 500 will take place March 3-6. Please make sure you allow sufficient time to make all sporting commitments for that week and weekend. Road closures will impact traffic conditions.
- There are no Saturday Secondary sport games on the Adelaide Cup and Easter Weekend.

Term 1 season is up and running!

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 open Week 5 Monday 29 February 2016 and will close Friday 11 March 2016. Nominations and payments will not be accepted after this date. For further information please contact me.

The Term 2/3 Sport

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.
In Week 4 SAC sent 20 determined Years 7-12 students to the Schools Triathlon Championships to compete in the individual and team events. The events included individual State Championship and Come ‘n’ Try events in which each athlete completed a swim, ride, and run leg, as well as team events in which each leg was completed by a different athlete. The individual events included junior, intermediate and senior categories, with intermediate competitors completing a 600m swim, a 17km ride and a 4.5km run, whilst junior competitors completed a 300m swim, 8.5km ride and a 2.25km run. Leading up to the event, the team completed some gruelling triathlon specific sessions with Mr Steve O’Brien from SA’s Fuse Sport Multisport Racing team. These sessions gave the athletes a good introduction to pro-level training.

The first races of the day included the individual events. Each race involved a run into the water to start, followed by out and back swims around buoys, then a quick transition onto the bike, and finishing with the run. Our students were involved in the Come ‘n’ Try event at senior, intermediate and junior age level. All the students performed exceptionally well, with a number of standout individual and team performances. Congratulations to Chelsea Holmes 10AW who finished 6th in the Intermediate State Trials and was also a member of the 2nd place Intermediate team along with Emily Tyler 10AW and Meredith Norman 10AW. Eve Caton 11CE performed outstandingly also finishing in 2nd place in the Come ‘n’ Try Intermediate event and Aimee Brett 12MN placed 4th in the senior Come ‘n’ Try event.

A special thank you to Mr Steve O’Brien from SA’s Fuse Sport Multisport Racing Team for coaching the students and also to Ms Lauren McGrechan and Ms Sarah Eaton for officiating on the day. Congratulations to the 2016 SAC Triathlon team! I look forward to watching them compete in 2017. Our triathlon program will be starting up bigger and better in Term 4. If you’re interested in being involved, keep an eye out on the Student Bulletin at the start of Term 4.

Charlotte-Rose Connor 9LF was selected as a representative for the Surf Life Saving South Australia team. During the holidays she travelled with the team to compete in the Southern States Challenge, in Torque Victoria. There Charlotte competed at a national level, achieving multiple gold, silver and bronze for South Australia.

In April this year Charlotte will travel to Sunshine Coast, Queensland to compete in the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships, and again in August to the Gold Coast to compete in the Australian Pool Rescue Championship. We wish her all the best for her upcoming competitions.

Ms Vashti Casserly-Lund
SECONDARY SPORT COORDINATOR

Contact Information for Secondary Sport Coordinator:
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The Photo and Video Club at St Aloysius College is a new lunchtime activity held on Tuesdays. This activity is open to all students during the second half of lunch.

Over 50 students attended our first meeting and 200 girls came to the camera display this week! Here are some photos of the girls using the old and new cameras. Many thanks to our student helpers - the club has started with great success!

Mr Tom Coul tas
DRAMA COORDINATOR
NATIONAL APOLOGY TO THE STOLEN GENERATION BREAKFAST

SAC was well represented at the 8th anniversary of the national apology to the Stolen Generations breakfast held on Thursday 11 February 2016

LIBRARY RENOVATIONS

Students have reacted very positively to the renovations carried out during the school holidays with new carpet and shelving, fresh white walls and an opening up of the space to make the library much more inviting and appealing. Large television screens have been installed, which can be used to promote library resources and events as well as giving students the opportunity for group collaboration on a big screen. The introduction of self-loan kiosks has been particularly popular and their coloured LED panels certainly give the library a WOW factor.

There has been a lot of work going on behind the scenes as 30,000 books were moved out of the library and given RFID tags before re-shelving. This is still a work in progress as we finish tagging the collection and add signage to assist students to find the resources they need. We encourage everyone to come and tell us what you think.

Ms Carol Grantham
COORDINATOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES
At the start of the Spring season last year, some of the Pre School children helped to plant some sprouting potatoes into our vegetable garden. No one was really sure if they would grow or not, so it was an experiment for both the children and the teachers!

Everyday whilst at Pre-School, the children helped to water the vegetable garden. Soon, they noticed some green sprouts which eventually grew into big plants. Last week, we decided it was time to dig into the soil to see if we could find any potatoes. The children waited in anticipation as we dug deeper into the soil, and………… “potatoes, I see some potatoes!” was the response from the children. We were super excited and continued digging, finding potatoes of various sizes. Many conversations occurred between the children as they discussed which potato dish they like best, from ‘chippies’ to mashed potatoes.

The children helped to wash and scrub the potatoes with the potato scrubbing gloves, and then we cut and cooked them in the oven. All the children had a turn at tasting the roasted school grown potatoes. “Yummy” and big smiley faces were the feedback of our tasting session.