



Important Dates

Welcome Evening
5pm

Monday 5 February 2024

Welcome Liturgy
9am

Friday 9 February 2024

School Tour 9.15am
and 5.15pm

Tuesday 20 February 2024

Student Free Day -
OSHC Available

Friday 8 March 2024

Public Holiday

Monday 11 March 2024

From our Principal



Setting up for Success

Welcome back to 2024, we are really looking forward to a fantastic year of learning and connecting with our community. It has been lovely to meet all our new families this week and reconnect with returning families.

At St Margaret Mary's School, we are guided by our school values, *integrity, perseverance, responsibility, justice and compassion*. This year we are focussing specifically on our value of **responsibility**. This week, all our classes have been working on setting the year up for success, developing goals, exploring our values, growth mindset, code of conducts and working with their buddies.

Starting school can be an exciting time and it can also bring some nervousness and anxiety. We are all here to support your child so if you have any concerns, please see your child's classroom teacher. We are fortunate to have a school counsellor (Solina Merlino) and a school chaplain (Matthew Harrison). If you think your child would benefit from some extra support, just speak with your child's teacher, Solina or Matthew. This website has some excellent tips for parents/caregivers about supporting your child as they start school or begin a new school year. <https://parenting.sa.gov.au/easy-guides/starting-school-parent-easy-guide>

Welcome new staff

We welcome the following new staff to our education team this term.

Julia Vassallo will be working in Year 4/5 whilst Julie McGrane is on leave.

Ben Smedley will be sharing a year 1 class with Ms Braidwood, as well as teaching STEM to all year levels on Monday and Tuesday.

Charlotte Harms joins us as a Year 6 teacher.

Nick Rylander will be co-teaching Year 4/5 with Patricia Monti.

School Board and Annual General Meeting

Our current school board will meet Wednesday 14th February.

The School Board AGM will be held on Wednesday 13th March at 6.30pm. Reports will be tabled at the beginning of the meeting, elections for new members will be held and those elected will remain for the meeting.

We are also calling for nominations for the school board.

The school board does not require a huge commitment, it is 2 meetings each school term (6.30-8pm, on a Wednesday evening). The school board is important in shaping policy and future direction of the school. It is a vital part of parent voice and is a great chance to meet other parents, offer ideas and discuss school planning. You do not require any particular experience other than an interest in the strategic direction and continual improvement of our school.

Please give me a call (or catch a staff member in the yard) if you'd like to discuss.

Nominations must be made prior to the AGM.

An expression of interest for nomination can be made via email to info@smms.catholic.edu.au

There is also some information about school boards at <https://www.schoolboards.cesa.catholic.edu.au/recruitment/for-parents/joining-a-board>

Welcome Evening

We look forward to seeing all families at our **Welcome Evening** on Monday 5th February. Come along between 5.30-6.30pm to meet your child's 2024 teacher and see their learning spaces. There will be a free sausage and veggie burger sizzle. There will be a brief information session for Reception parents at 6pm.

Student Free Day

Advance notice – we have a student free day on **Friday 8th March**. On this day our staff will be engaging in professional learning in mathematics and neurodiversity.

OSHC will be available, bookings through Camp Australia www.campaustralia.com.au

Thank you for your continued support,

Kelly Campbell



MONDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 5.30PM-6.30PM

**WELCOME EVENING
FOR FAMILIES**

FOR FAMILIES

Come and meet your child's teacher and see their learning space.

Reception classes will have an information session at 6pm

Free sausage and/or veggie burger!

Belinda Elliott - Assistant Principal



Welcome back to the 2024 school year! We are so excited to see everyone back again, ready to start a new year of learning. Special welcome to our new Preschoolers, Receptions and new children in other year levels, and their families. I hope the year will be filled with new learnings, fun and happiness.

Welcome Night – Meet the teachers and visit the classrooms.

Families from Preschool to Year 6 are welcome to come along on **Monday 5 February 5:30-6:30pm** for our Welcome Night. There will

be a free BBQ (veggie burgers and sausages) (please note there will be no drinks available). Parents/Caregivers and children are invited to come along to meet the teachers and visit the classrooms/preschool.

The Reception teachers will be running an information session for all ROV and RML families from 6pm in the Reception classrooms. All other year levels will be able to visit the classrooms anytime between 5:30-6:15pm with the classrooms closing at 6:30pm.

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Morning Supervision

The school gates open at **8.30am**, and there is supervision in the yard from that time. If your child needs to be at school before then, please book them into Before School Care. Before and After School Care is provided by [Camp Australia](#). Registration to Camp Australia is free, you will only be charged when your child uses the service.

Healthy Eating

At St Margaret Mary's School and Preschool we encourage [healthy eating](#). All year levels have a healthy snack in the morning, which should include fresh fruits and/or vegetables. All classes eat their 'lunch' at 11.20-11.30am. We encourage children to eat a healthy lunch which may include a sandwich, rice, noodles (etc). Children then have another snack after their second play.

As a nut-aware school, children should not be having Nutella, nuts or nut bars. We also strongly discourage children having sweets or chocolates. We also ask that children drink **water** only at school. Your support is much appreciated.

Wishing you all the best for the term ahead. I'll look forward to seeing you soon.

Belinda

APRIM News

Caritas AUSTRALIA The Catholic agency for international aid and development

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FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

Click on the hot spots to learn more about the stories and countries.

STUDENT ZONE

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back, it has been wonderful to see the children growing in confidence each day as they become more and more familiar with their new learning environments.

2024 Sacramental Program

Each year a parish led, family centred and school supported Sacramental Program is offered to all Baptised children from Year 3 upwards. Initial information and registrations have been posted via 'Seesaw' and additional hardcopies are available from the front office if families still wish to register for the 2024 parish program.

The 2024 Sacramental Program will commence with a Parent Information and Meeting next Wednesday 7 February at 7.00pm at Whitefriars School (45 Beaufort Street, Woodville Park) in the Mary MacKillop Hall.

We request that the child/ren receiving the sacraments attend the information evening with one or both of their parents. Please be advised that you will be required to sign in on arrival to confirm your attendance.

Beginning of Year Liturgy of the Word

On Friday 9 February, our Reception to Year 6 classes will gather for a Beginning of Year Liturgy of the Word in St Margaret Mary's Church from 9:00am. As part of the liturgy, we will also officially welcome our Reception and new students with a certificate and small gift. Families are warmly welcome to join us for this celebration and you are most welcome to take a photo of your child as they receive their certificate. Please note the Tungara Avenue gate will be locked at 8:50am.

Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday is on the 13 February. Traditionally, Christians used up their fresh foods like milk and eggs in preparation for fasting during Lent. Therefore, on Shrove Tuesday the students will have the option to enjoy one plain pikelet (small pancake). No donation is needed. The pikelets will include dairy, egg and wheat.

If your child has special dietary requirements and you do not want them to have a pikelet please let their teacher know. Families considering specific dietary requirements, may alternatively prepare a pancake in the lunchbox for their child to enjoy at this time.

Ash Wednesday

The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on the 14 February. As part of Ash Wednesday all students are invited to receive ashes. The ashes come from the palms that were used during the previous year's Palm Sunday Eucharistic celebration. Receiving ashes, helps us to reflect that from ashes springs new life. To our students this means being 'the best version of themselves.'

On Ash Wednesday, the Year 3-6 classes will attend a 9:15am Parish Mass in St Margaret Mary's Church. Reception to Year 2 classes will attend a 11:45am Liturgy in St Margaret Mary's Church. All families are welcome to attend an Ash Wednesday gathering, and if you wish, receive a cross of ashes on your forehead with the children.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Matthew Harrison



Ciao a tutti ! Hello everyone !

Welcome back to school! I'm so excited to be teaching Italian 3 days a week this year in our community.

A big "grazie" thank you, to Rachel in Yr4/5 MR for coming up with the new name for the Italian section of our newsletter! Each fortnight Italian learning will be showcased here. We look forward to sharing our Italian learning with you.

Gina Armiento
Italian Teacher



Financial notes from Jane Victory



Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope you are settling in to the 2024 school year.

If you have a Health Care Card or Pension Card you may be eligible for lower income fees. Please bring your current card with you as you will need to fill in the School Card Application form for 2024 or it can be accessed online at

<https://online.forms.sa.edu.au/.../application-for-school...>

This form needs to be filled out every year and we need to send these completed forms to the School Card Department of the State Government next week. School Card is a State Government Scheme and therefore approval is not done at a school level. Because of this we do not send out school fee accounts at the School Card rate until we receive formal approval from the State Government which is usually April or May.

As usual we will invoice the 2024 school and preschool fees in full at the beginning of the year. These will be posted home in the next couple of weeks. If a payment plan is not in place these fees can be paid – as in previous years – over three terms. Please do not delay making payment because your School Card reduction has not yet been approved. The due dates for these fees are:

Friday 1st March 2024 Friday 31st May 2024 Friday 23rd August 2024

If you have previously had a payment plan and would like to renew it – please come and see me. I cannot automatically roll it over.

Please come and see me if you have any questions or would like to set up a new payment plan.

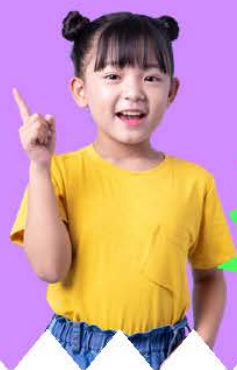
Jane Victory

Finance Officer

On behalf of St Margaret Mary's School Board

Welcome to Your OSHC by Camp Australia.

A fun, social space for
your child to grow.



**Your
OSHC.**

Embrace the
benefits of
OSHC in 2024

Welcome to Term 1, 2024 and a big Happy New Year from all of us here at Camp Australia! Children are at the heart of everything we do, and our focus is helping them

A wide variety of experiences

grow, learn and have fun. Through tailored experiences that nurture their passions, your child will embark on a journey that ignites their imagination and showcases their unique talents.



OSHC Information Sessions

Discover everything you need to know about Your OSHC Before and After School Care, Rocketeers Extraordinary Holiday Programs, our inclusive CARE program, and everything else in between. From registration and bookings to billing and the Child Care Subsidy (CCS), the 2024 Info Sessions will cover everything families need to know about their journey with Camp Australia.

Session 1: 13 February 2024, 6:30pm ACDT
Session 2: 15 February 2024, 12:00pm ACDT
campaustralia.com.au/virtual-info-sessions

Register your child for Your OSHC

Registering your child means we have all the information we need to safely care for them. By registering now, it gives you the freedom to book whenever you want! Register now for peace of mind later!

pp.campaustralia.com.au



Register for Your OSHC
campaustralia.com.au



Benefits of OSHC



For parents and families:

- ✓ Peace of mind, knowing your child is socialising and having fun!
- ✓ Convenient location
- ✓ Child Care Subsidy enabled so eligible families can save money!

For children:

- ✓ Builds confidence
- ✓ Meet new friends
- ✓ Explore new activities
- ✓ Learn through self-directed fun

Child Care Subsidy available for eligible families.

by  **Camp Australia**

From the Lunch Order shop



Your External Canteen

Hello and welcome,
We hope you've had a wonderful Christmas & New Year

For those that who don't know me, my name is Veronica from
Westside Lunch & Coffee Bar
your external canteen!

A few things to remember when placing your Childs lunch order
via the qkr app

When placing an order for multiple children, please don't forget to
select the correct student profile

Ensure to order before the cut-off time of 8:45am

You can order in advance

If you've placed an order, but no longer need your order and need to
cancel you can do so by heading to

>my receipts

>Select correct order to cancel

>press on the red circle with the minus sign in the middle

>Cancel your items

You will then be refunded

Please note this needs to be done before the cut off time of that order
date

You may notice some price adjustments throughout the year
As a family owned and run business and a mother myself we all
understand the rising cost of living and will do our very best to keep
prices affordable

Also, sometimes you may notice an item disappear, this may mean
we're out of stock.

Although we do our best to keep on top of our stock levels sometimes
products are limited for our orders

Please take note of our name Westside Lunch and Coffee Bar. As we're
external, this is what will appear on your bank statement. If you have
any concerns, please contact us before you contact the bank to avoid
charges and fees

If you need to speak to someone about your order you can contact us
on 8268 5954

We look forward to working with you all!

Veronica



Woodville Girl Guides invite you to -

Come and Try Girl Guides

Wednesdays 6.30-8.00pm for girls aged 5- 10 years.

Also Tuesdays 7-8.30pm for girls aged 10-14 yrs.

**Join us for a program of fun, challenge, and friendship,
in the Rotary Hall, Gawler St Woodville West.**

Please call Linda 0407 729 457 to register for this free visit.

Or to find out more about Guides visit our website www.girlguidessa.org.au or phone Guide House 8418 0900. *We know Girls.*

School Times & Term Dates

Front Office: 8.30am - 3.45pm

Student Supervision: 8.30am - 3.20pm

Classes: 8.45am - 3.00pm

Term 1: Monday 30 January to Friday 14 April;

Term 2: Monday 1 May to Friday 7 July;

Term 3: Monday 24 July to Friday 29 September;

Term 4: Monday 16 October to Wed 13 December

Preschool Times



Group 1: Monday & Tuesday 8.45am - 2.45pm;

Odd Wednesdays 8.45am - 2.45pm

Occasional Care: Wednesday 8.45-11.45am (bookings required)

Group 2: Even Wednesdays 8.45am -2.45pm;

Thursday & Friday 8.45am - 2.45pm

Uniform Shop Times



Tuesday: 2.30pm - 3.30pm;
Friday: 8.30am - 10.00am

Crossing Monitors



Thank you to these students who have volunteered to be crossing monitors:

OSHC Hours



Morning: 6.30am - 8.30am;

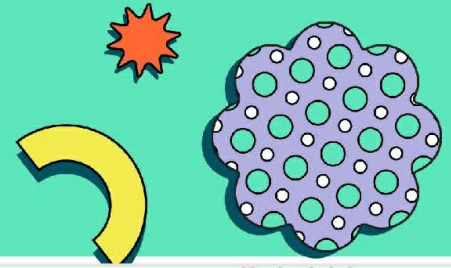
Afternoon: 3.00pm - 6.15pm

Phone Camp Australia: 1300 105 343

[Read More](#)

OSHC News

Newsletter



Hi Everyone Welcome Back



We are looking forward to a wonderful Term 1 in OSHC, it's an exciting start of the school adventure, filled with fun activities and awesome playtime with friends! 🌸

We hope you all had a fantastic break with friends and family. Holiday Club was a great success, and all the children and staff enjoyed the amazing, programmed activities. This term we will have lots of exciting activities planned which include cooking, Art& crafts, sports, and making friendships. We will be focusing on healthy eating, having lots of fun together and planting summer vegies in our OSHC garden.



WEEK 1	
Monday	Holiday Finger Painting, Holiday Headbands
Tuesday	Sandcastle Creations, Healthy Banana Smoothies
Wednesday	Badminton Competition, OSHC Yearly Banner
Thursday	Continuing OSHC Yearly Banner, Beach Craft – Making our own Beach, Cooking
Friday	Science Experiment – Fizzy Stocking, Coconut Jam Slice

Please phone Camp Australia 1300-105-343 for bookings, rebates will apply.

To find out more about the program, view fees and to register, visit

www.campastralia.com.au



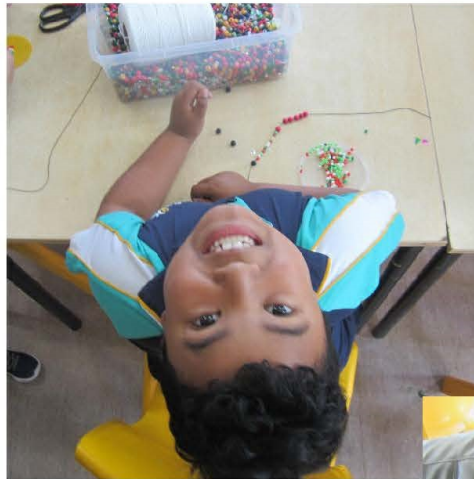
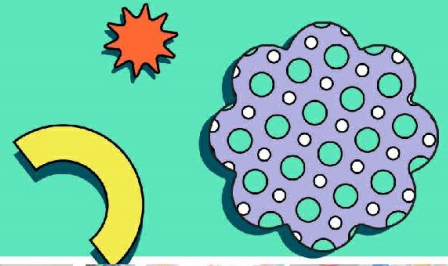
Keep Smiling ☺ Louise, Jenny & Emily

Your OSHC.

To register and book, visit www.campastralia.com.au



Newsletter



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Happy January Birthday to:

Lachlan	24_2KB
Layla	24_6CH
Katelyn	24_4/5MR
Evelyn	24_RML
Dhairya	24_3JF
Alexander	24_1AV
Teresa	24_PRE1
Gurshabad	24_2KB
Nira	24_4/5JM
Joshua	24_6CH
David	24_ROV
Raymond	24_3JF
Kiyah	24_2NW
Sohail	24_RML
Rachel	24_4/5MR
Rio	24_PRE1
Raymond	24_3JF
Ayden	24_3KR
Scotti	24_1AV
Mia	24_PRE1
Athena	24_3JF
Apuk	24_6CH
Amber	24_4/5JM
Mary	24_2NW
Gabriel	24_PRE2

Student Absences

Student Absences/ Late Arrivals

When a student is absent or going to be late, parents should notify the school by 9am on that day by texting the Absentee Line on 0407 682 137, emailing absent@smms.catholic.edu.au or phoning (08) 8245 5855.

You will need to state the following:

Name of Child;

Year Level;

Reason for Absence (if late, approximately what time your child will arrive)

Phone: 8245 5855 (answering service - call anytime)

Email: absent@smms.catholic.edu.au

SMS: 0407 682 137

Croydon Park Catholic Parish

Parish Priest: Fr Charles Lukati

Ph: 8346 0944

Back to school is a lot.* Let's get ready.

*A lot of feelings, a lot of expenses, a lot of stress.

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**Junior
Bulldogs**



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in the 2024 season.**



please contact us on
John (Jnr.Pres.) 0434582139
Aaron (Jnr.VPres.)0417501987
Juniors@rosewaterfc.com.au

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Active Kids Program - Term 1 - 2024

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN



Monday

GlowGym

9:30am - 10:30am
6months - 5years old



Tuesday

Sparkball

4:30pm - 5:15pm
5 - 10 years old



Wednesday

Shuttle Smash

4:30pm - 5:30pm
5 - 12 years old



Thursday

**Junior
Volleyball**

4:30pm - 5:30pm
5 - 10 years old



Saturday

Sparkball

1:30pm - 2:15pm
5 - 7 years old

Sparkball

2:30pm - 3:15pm;
3:30pm - 4:15pm
5 - 10 years old



Wednesday

All Inclusive Sports Club

4:00pm - 5:00pm
5 - 13 years old



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REGISTER NOW