



Important Dates

**Welcome Night &
Meet the Teacher**
Monday 6 February

**9.15am Beginning
of Year Mass**
Thursday 9 February

**AGM & Board
Meeting**
Wednesday 15 February

9.15 School Tour
Monday 20 February

**Student Free Day -
OSHC available**
Monday 27 February

**Adelaide Cup Public
Holiday**
Monday 13 March

**Parent Teacher
Conversations
Week**
Monday 20 March

SACPSSA Swimming
Thursday 30 March

Sports Day
Friday 31 March

Good Friday
Friday 7 April

Easter Monday
Monday 10 April

**Last day of Term 1
- 3pm finish**
Friday 14 April

From our Principal

WELCOME EVENING

Monday 6th February
5.30-6.30pm

Meet your child's teacher and see
their 2023 learning space

Brief information session for
Reception parents at 6pm

FREE SAUSAGE AND
VEGGIE BURGER SIZZLE



It has been a fantastic start to our school year, the first one in 3 years that has not been affected by COVID restrictions at school.

Last week our staff gathered in preparation for the year with Louka Parry, Learning Futures, to explore whole school wellbeing. This will be a particular area of focus in 2023 with a review of our wellbeing procedures. We also worked with Lisa-Jane O'Connor, Learning Journeys, to continue our important work in developing our mathematics curriculum to support powerful learning in mathematics.

We look forward to seeing all families at our **Welcome Evening** on Monday 6th February. Come along between 5.30-6.30pm to meet your child's 2023 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.

A special welcome to new staff:

Olivia Ventura – Year 1 teacher

Julie McGrane – Year 3/4 teacher

Will Dacombe-Bird – STEM teacher

Greg Parker – Gifted and Talented teacher

We also welcome back Anna Verbi and Maria Iovino from leave.

Wellbeing

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 (Julie Taylor) and a school chaplain (Matthew Harrison). If you think your child would benefit from some extra support, just speak with your child's teacher, Julie 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>

St Margaret Mary's wellbeing program utilises the resource, Friendly Schools and Families. This is a program taught throughout the year at all year levels and aims to build social/emotional skills and resilience in children. It focuses on the following outcomes:

Self-Awareness

Self-Management

Social Awareness

Relationship Skills

Social Decision-Making

Start Times

Classes begin at 8.45am.

In the mornings, students will meet their classroom teacher at their meeting point in the yard at 8.40am and move to their classes ready to begin at 8.45am. Please be on time. A good start to your child's routine is very important in setting them up for success every day.

If your child arrives after 8.45am, they will be required to come through the Front Office and receive a late slip.

School Board and Annual General Meeting

In Week 3, I will send a link via SeeSaw to our Annual Reports. Our AGM will be a 'paper AGM'. The reports will be made available to the community, and I welcome any questions or queries. Our current school board will meet Wednesday 15th February to table the reports and new members will begin on Wednesday 22nd March.

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 of our school.

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

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>

Kelly Campbell

Welcome 2023



From Alicia Boylan our Deputy Principal

Welcome back to school! We are so excited to see everyone back again and to welcome new children and their families! I really think this is my favourite time of the school year!!

Parent Information and Welcome Evening

Families from Preschool to Year 6 are welcome to come along on Monday February 6th for our Welcome Night. There will be free veggie burgers and sausages (please note there will be no drinks available).

Parents and carers are invited to come along to meet the teachers and other parents. The Preschool will also be open.

The Reception teachers will be running an information session for all Reception parents from 6pm.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Supervision in the yard

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 School

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 main 'lunch' at around 11.20-11.30am, when the orders are delivered. We encourage children to eat a healthy and substantial meal which may include sandwiches, rice, noodles or last night's leftovers! 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. Your child may be asked to take home chocolate bars etc as these are not appropriate for school.

We also ask that children only drink **water** at school.

The following picture may serve as a guide or give you some ideas about what you might pack in your child's lunch box.

We are very excited about the year ahead, and look forward to seeing you all soon.

Alicia

Ideas for a Healthy Lunchbox



From the APRIM

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.

2023 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 were given out in 2022, however there is still time for people to register for the program in 2023 by contacting the front office.

The 2023 Sacramental Program will commence with a Parent Information and Reconciliation Meeting next Wednesday 8 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 'Sacrament of Reconciliation' 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 Mass

On Thursday 9 February, our Reception to Year 6 classes will gather for a Beginning of Year Mass with the parish in St Margaret Mary's Church from 9:15am. We ask that any parents or family members wishing to attend, enter through the Church door on Torrens Road from 9:00am. Following this Mass, we will also officially welcome our new Reception students and new students in other year levels across the school.

Community Prayer

From Friday 10 February, our Year 5/6 classes will offer Community Prayer every Friday before entering the classrooms. If you are able, we invite you to join us for a few minutes each week in prayer between 8:50am and 9:00am. If we experience inclement weather, Community Prayer will be offered internally from 9:00am through the speakers in each classroom. We look forward to sharing these

prayerful experiences together.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Matthew Harrison

Angolo Italiano

Looking forward to an exciting year of Italian learning in a wonderful new space.

Gina Armiento

Italian Teacher



School Fees

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope you are settling in to the 2023 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 2023 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 2023 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 3rd March 2023

Friday 2nd June 2023

Friday 25th August 2023

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

Jane Victory

Finance Officer

On behalf of St Margaret Mary's School Board

Student Free Day





Your External Canteen

*Hello and welcome back to the new school year.
We hope you've enjoyed your holiday break.
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.*

*Please select from the student menu.
DO NOT order from the staff menu
Ensure to order before the cut-off time
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 in the next few weeks
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*

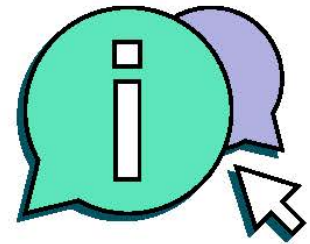
*If you need to speak to someone about your order you can contact us
on 8268 5954*

We look forward to working with you all!



Guiding children's growth

Virtual Information Sessions



Join us for a free virtual information session to find out how Outside School Hours Care can help your family, and how Camp Australia can guide your child's growth.

These virtual, informative, and interactive sessions will provide insight into how OSHC at Camp Australia operates. The team presenting will discuss programs that are offered, registration and booking process, billing, Child Care Subsidy and more.

Sessions

Tuesday 21 February
7:00pm AEDT

Thursday 23 February
1:00pm AEDT



To register free for a Virtual Info Session, visit
www.campastralia.com.au/virtual-info-sessions

If you would like more information regarding Camp Australia's services but cannot attend any of the above sessions, please feel free to visit your service and speak with your friendly Coordinator; or you can send us an email at oshc@campastralia.com.au.



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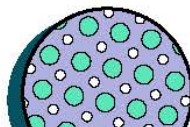
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School Times & Term Dates

Front Office: 8.30am - 3.45pm

Student Supervision: 8.30am - 3.20pm

Classes: 8.45am - 3.00pm

Term 1: Monday 31 January to Thursday 14 April;

Term 2: Monday 2 May to Friday 8 July;

Term 3: Monday 25 July to Friday 30 September;

Term 4: Monday 17 October to Friday 16 December

Preschool Times



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

Wednesday 8.45am - 11.45am

Occasional Care: Wednesday 9-12 (bookings required)

Group 2: Wednesday 12.15pm-3.15pm;

Thursday & Friday 8.45am - 2.45pm

Uniform Shop Times



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

OSHC Hours



Morning: 6.30am - 8.30am;
Afternoon: 3.00pm - 6.15pm
Phone Camp Australia: 1300 105 343

[Read More](#)

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

Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday

We wish the following students who celebrate a birthday in January and February a very happy and blessed birthday:

Lachlan	1VC	Liam	5/6LO
Layla	5/6LO	Crystal	3/4KR
Katelyn	3/4JM	Tungavidya	2KB
Evelyn	PRE2	Anisha	5/6LC
Dhairya	2KB	Diesel	3/4JM
Ajay	RRB	Adam	5/6LC
Gurshabad	1VC	Pano	3/4JM
Nira	3/4MC	Minha	RRB
Audrey	5/6LO	Helena	5/6LO
Joshua	5/6LC	Siya	2KB
Han	PRE2	James	1VC
Raymond	2KB	Liliya	5/6LC
Sohail	PRE2	Hannah	2NW
Rachel	3/4JM	Sunny	2KB
Ivy	5/6GG	Jackson	5/6GG
Raymond	2NW	Dan	3/4JM
Ayden	2NW	Jordan	1VC
Alexis	5/6LC	Rubysiang	1OV
Scotti	RRB	Selena	3/4JM
Athena	2KB	Isabella	3/4KR
Apuk	5/6GG	Cooper	3/4JM
Amber	3/4MC	Senna	2NW
Mary	1OV	Elijah	RML
		Louis	RRB
		Lucas	RRB

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