



Important Dates

PPL Meetings Week 4
Monday 17 February 2025

Community Prayer 8.45am
Friday 21 February 2025

School Tour 5.15pm
Tuesday 25 February 2025

School Tour 9.15am
Wednesday 26 February 2025

5/6GG Assembly 9.00am
Friday 28 February 2025

Carnevale!
Tuesday 4 March 2025

Year 1, 2, 3 disco 5.15-6pm
Friday 7 March 2025

Year 4, 5, 6 Disco 6.30-7.30pm
Friday 7 March 2025

Community Prayer 8.45am
Friday 7 March 2025

Public Holiday
Monday 10 March 2025

Group 1 Preschool

Disco 2-2.45pm
Tuesday 11 March 2025

Naplan Week 7 & 8
Wednesday 12 March 2025

1SB Assembly 9am
Friday 14 March 2025

Whole School
Liturgy 1.30pm
Tuesday 18 March 2025

Community Prayer
8.45am
Friday 21 March 2025

Volunteer Induction
3.20pm
Tuesday 25 March 2025

Calm & Confident
Kids 6-7.15pm
Wednesday 26 March 2025

Sports Day
Friday 28 March 2025

Year 3 Mass 9.15am
Thursday 3 April 2025

RMC Assembly 9am
Friday 4 April 2025

Term 3 Reception
Parent Evening
Tuesday 8 April 2025

Student Free Day -
OSHC Available
Friday 11 April 2025

From our Principal



As we finish Week 3, we are well into the swing of the term! It has been a hot start to the year. Our buildings are airconditioned and if

the temperature (from the Bureau of Meteorology) is above 35 degrees, we remain inside for playtimes. I have noticed a number of children looking and feeling very hot as they are wearing full long sleeve tops, pants, as well as a jacket in extreme heat! We do have the excellent option of a t-shirt and shorts available in our uniform shop.

St Margaret Mary's School community is supported by many important policies and procedures. Many of these are developed by Catholic Education South Australia and assist us in our important role of creating and supporting a safe environment for all. I have shared the links to many of these below. If you have any questions about any of these, please do not hesitate to come and speak with me. They will soon be available on our website.

The safety and wellbeing of your child/ren is of the highest priority. Please see the following website for more information how we, and Catholic Education SA, can support your child. It contains great links to sites that have essential information about CyberSafety, Child Protection Curriculum and support services available to both parents and children.

<https://www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/safe-environments-for-all>

At St Margaret Mary's School we believe we all need to communicate clearly that issues or concerns are to be resolved in respectful and appropriate ways. It is important that grievances are kept confidential and that a time of reflection takes place. Verbal and non-verbal communication should be respectful and uphold the dignity of all involved. Please follow this link to our Positive Resolution Procedure that includes a helpful flowchart.

<https://www.smms.catholic.edu.au/news-events/parent-communication>

Catholic Education SA also has some information that may be useful if an issue arises.

<https://www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/feedback-or-complaints>

We are excited to offer an excellent parent information seminar on 26th March focussing on supporting Calm and Confident Kids. I highly encourage at least one parent/carer from each family to attend. All our teachers and educators will also participate in this valuable learning.

Thank you again for all your support for your child/ren and their educators in helping them settle for such an amazing start to the year. Our Preschool and Reception students have settled so well, a great indicator of success for our extensive transition program.

School Board and Annual General Meeting

The School Board AGM will be held on Wednesday 19th 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 further.

Nominations must be made prior to the AGM and school board members are required to have a current Catholic Police Clearance (Angela can help you with this if you do not have one already).

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>

Thank you for your continuing support,

Kelly Campbell



St Margaret Mary's School Positive Behaviour Matrix

	ALL THE TIME	LEARNING TIME	YARD TIME
<p>We are responsible and compassionate.</p> <p>We demonstrate perseverance, justice and integrity.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage others • Use polite, positive language • Model school values • Use technology safely and appropriately • Keep hands, feet, body and objects to yourself • Care for the school's and others' property • Be honest • Follow adult instruction first time • Walk inside buildings • Be kind to yourself and others • Follow all PBIS procedures • Wear the correct uniform 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be prepared and ready to learn • Encourage and support others to learn • Keep learning spaces tidy • <u>Make an effort</u> to do your very best • Show acceptance and understanding of others' opinions, ideas and differences • Stay on task and finish your work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play and interact safely • Use equipment safely and fairly and pack it away • Agree on and follow the rules of the game • Always put rubbish in the bin • Remove yourself from conflict by walking away and seeking adult support • Include others • Follow yard rules and rosters • Line up promptly when the music plays



Dear Parents/Caregivers

It's been a positive start to the year. Thank you to the families who were able to come along to our Welcome Night, it was great to see so many families meeting the teachers, visiting classrooms and spending time with other families in our community.

In the first few weeks we have had a focus on '**Setting Up For Success**' where teachers, ESO and students enjoyed the chance to get to know each other, set up class expectations and their 'Code of Cooperation'. This was an important opportunity for students and staff to develop positive relationships and settle in with new environments, classmates, teachers and ESOs. Teachers and ESOs have been gathering information about your child and how to best support their learning needs. We will conduct Personalised Plan for Learning (PPL) Meetings with some families next week and all parents/caregivers will have the opportunity to hear more about their child and their learning progress in Parent Teacher Learning Conversations during Week 8, Monday 17 – Friday 21 March. More information will be shared with families in coming weeks.

SMMS School Values & Positive Behavioural Interventions and Supports (PBIS)

As a part of the 'Setting Up for Success' weeks students have connected their learning with our school values, **Responsibility, Integrity, Compassion, Justice, Perseverance**, and developed their understanding of their meaning. We brainstormed how we can demonstrate these values in our everyday interactions with others. We have a particular focus on the value of **Justice** this year.

We have also continued our work with PBIS, our whole school framework which helps to create positive and engaging learning environments for students supported by our schoolwide behaviour expectations. Positive behaviours are explicitly taught, modelled, and practised with students and reinforced throughout the year.

These positive behaviour expectations are anchored by our school values and are represented in our **Positive Behaviour Matrix** which is on display around our school.

Save the Date – Sports Day – Friday 28 March

Our annual Sports Day will take place on Friday 28 March at Santos Stadium. More details will be shared with families in coming weeks.

Calm & Confident Kids – Wednesday 26 March

Please email Angela in the Front Office info@smms.catholic.edu.au to secure your place in our Parent Seminar and to book your child/ren in for our creche. The creche will be available for children who are 5 years and older. The seminar will take place at St Margaret Mary's from 6:00-7:15pm.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Belinda

APRIM News



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On Friday 7 February, we gathered for our Beginning of Year Liturgy of the Word where we highlighted the Church Jubilee theme 'Pilgrims of Hope' and our School Value theme for the Year 'Justice.' As part of the liturgy, we presented Welcome Certificates to the students in our three Reception classes and new students across the school.

Sacramental Program

On Wednesday 5 February we held a Reconciliation Meeting at Whitefriars Catholic School. The families received their home activities booklet and if ready, families were able to choose a First Reconciliation Ceremony date.

If you would like to enrol your Baptised child in the program, or would like to find out more about Baptism, there is still time. Please email Kirsty Power the Sacramental Coordinator sacramental.coordinator@croydonparkparish.com.au if you have any further questions.

Next, we will gather for the Reconciliation Workshop on Wednesday 19 March, at Whitefriars Catholic School in the Mary MacKillop Hall from 7:00pm. The workshop is an important part of the candidates preparation and as such, we can no longer take any more enrolments after the workshop.

House Captains

In 2025, we are proud to announce our House leaders who will lead us in the spirit of our significant saints or individuals and their connection to our school story.

The Sports Houses and their captains:

Margaret (Blue) Named after Saint Margaret Mary of Alacoque. Saint Margaret Mary focused on Jesus' love for us and is who our school and church are named after. The Margaret House captains for 2025 are Katelyn and Aston.

Mackillop (Green) Named after Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Saint Mary MacKillop was the founder of the Sisters of St Joseph and Australia's first saint. The MacKillop House captains for 2025 are Nira and Dominic.

Grady (Red) Named after Sister Jude Grady. Sister Grady was the first Headmistress (Principal) of St Margaret Mary's School and a Sister of Saint Joseph. The Grady House captains for 2025 are Aldeyna and Kenzi.

Daly (Yellow). Named after Father Thomas Daly. Father Daly was the first parish priest of St Margaret Mary's School and Church. The Daly House captains for 2025 are Poppi and Tyson.

Student Leadership Team

This week we announced our 2025 Semester 1 Student Leadership Team (SLT).

The Early Years SLT representatives are Yan Ni, Gabriel, Thanh-Thanh, Hasu, Chloe, Bao, Nyla, Sohail, Valeria, Orlando, Lila, Shine, Alessia and Alexander.

The Primary Years SLT will be represented by Ella, Jaxon, Ruby, James, Tammy, Patrick, Layla, Yoni, Aldeyna, Dan, Tiffany, Thomas, Evanna and Brian.

Congratulations to all our representatives in the Year of focus on 'Justice' we look forward to the many ways our leaders will help to serve the school and community.

Week 3 Assembly

On Friday 14 February, we gathered for a school assembly with 2NW. The Year 2 students in Ms Watson's class shared some of their Visual Arts and Health learning with us. As part of the assembly, we also officially acknowledged our new House Captains and SLT Representatives. Thank you to the parents who were able to stay and join us for the 9:00am assembly and we look forward to those who will be able to join us at future assemblies.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Matthew Harrison

School Fees 2025

School Fee accounts for 2025 have been posted to all families. Please come to see me if you have not received yours.

When paying online – please use your BPay number and include your family ID which is located at the top right hand corner of your statement.

As mentioned last newsletter, please do not delay making payment because your School Card reduction has not yet been approved. This approval by the State Government will probably not come through until April. The due dates for these fees are:

Friday 28th Feb 2025

Friday 30th May 2025

Friday 22nd August 2025

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.

I will be going on Long Service leave from 21/2/25 so please come in to see me before then if needed, especially if you want to set up a payment plan.

Jane Victory

Finance Officer

What a busy start to Year Two we have had! We are all settled into our new classroom and have welcomed some new friends.

Our buddy class is 5/6CH. We have played kickball with them and made masks for Carnevale celebrations in a few weeks.

We painted self-portraits in the first week and these have brightened up our classroom. Most exciting of all, we have our laptops!

Here are some of our thoughts about being in Year 2...

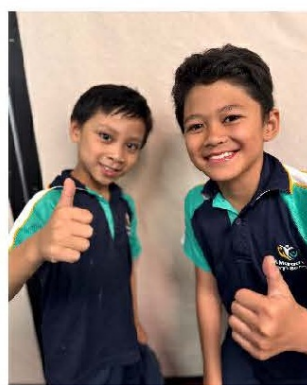
“I like being with my new friends”

“We get to do fun stuff like laptops”

“I like doing Maths because it is so fun”

“Puzzles like a word search are fun”.

“Year 2 InitialLit is fun because it is hard, and I like to learn”.



2KB 2025



The **Catholic Education Awards South Australia** celebrate the outstanding achievements and contributions to Catholic education by staff and volunteers throughout South Australian Catholic schools and Catholic Education Offices within the Archdiocese of Adelaide and the Diocese of Port Pirie.

Their purpose is to acknowledge unwavering commitment to Catholic education and the extraordinary outcomes that can be achieved through the impact of such commitment.

Endorsed by the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools (SACCS) these awards recognise those whose efforts are beyond the already high standards of education and care delivered by all those involved in Catholic education. Through such commitment, these people will have made a difference in the lives of students or others with whom they come into contact as they carry out their responsibilities in Catholic education.

This is your opportunity to shine a light on a teacher, support person, leader, volunteer or program making a positive difference.

For more information about nominations, please visit www.awards.cesa.catholic.edu.au

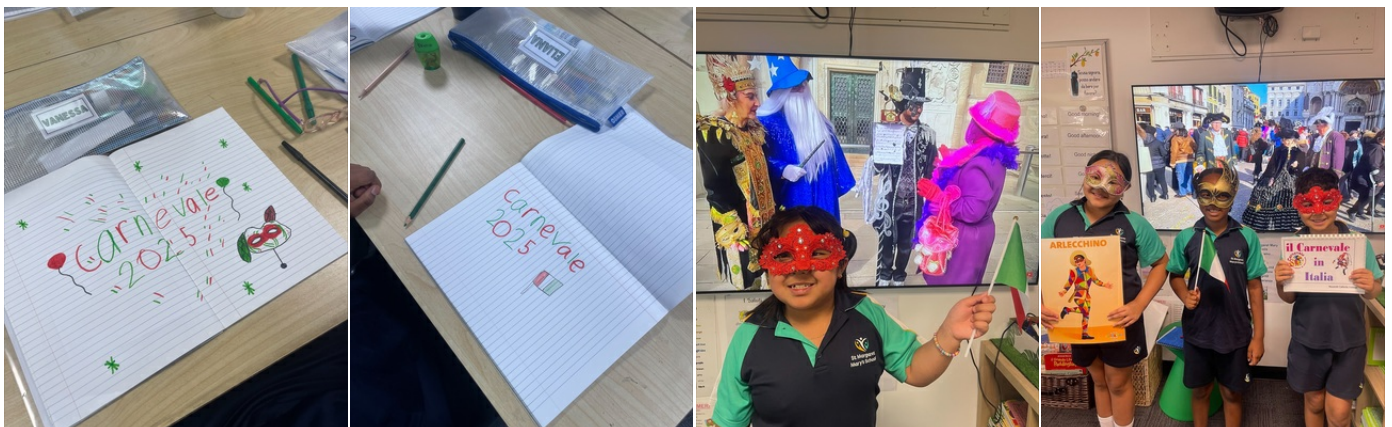
Carnevale!

Carnevale learning has begun and there is a great sense of excitement amongst all classes as we begin to prepare for our very own Carnevale celebration here at St Margaret Mary's School on March 4th.

Please stay tuned for more information about this special day.

Gina Armiento

Italian Teacher



Kids Yoga Club

Lunch Club Yoga resumes for this year. Our lunch yoga club was so popular last year that we are offering this special, quiet & calm time again this year during first play time. We now have yoga mats available to use.

Namaste

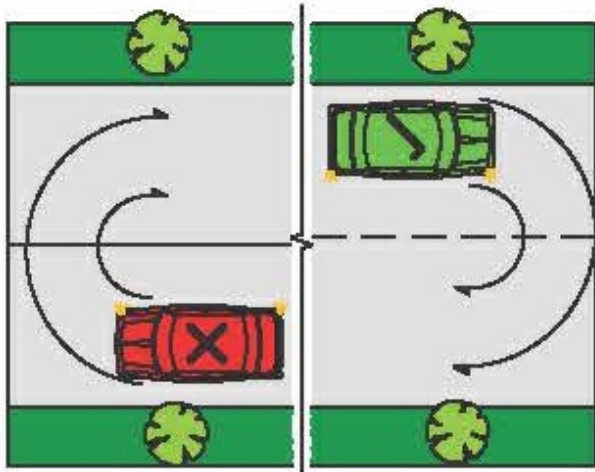
Gina Armiento



U Turn Road Rule

U-Turns

Australian Road Rule 39



- A driver must not make a U-turn across a solid white solid line
- U-turns should be avoided near schools particularly during peak times

Please do not U-Turn outside our office at any time. It is a solid white line.

Sports Day Shirts



Sports Day is scheduled for Friday 28th March. We have heard that Target have \$5 polo shirts in team colours. Please check with your child's teacher if you are unsure of their sports team.

School Times & Term Dates

Front Office: 8.30am - 3.45pm

Student Supervision: 8.30am - 3.20pm

Classes: 8.45am - 3.00pm

2025

Term 1: Tuesday 28 January to Friday 11 April;

Term 2: Monday 28 April to Friday 4 July;

Term 3: Monday 21 July to Friday 26 September;

Term 4: Monday 13 October to Friday 12 December

Preschool Times



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

Odd Wednesdays 8.45am - 2.45pm

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

Group 2: Even Wednesdays 8.45am -2.45pm;

Thursday & Friday 8.45am - 2.45pm

Playgroup: Fridays 9.15-10.45am

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:

Week 3 : Tiffany, Kayleen, Abrihet

Week 4: Thomas B, Pano, Alessandra

Week 5: Nate, Ezana, Cooper

Student Absences

Phone: 8245 5855 (answering service - call anytime)

Email: absent@smms.catholic.edu.au

SMS: 0497 901 493

Croydon Park Catholic Parish

Parish Priest: Fr Charles Lukati

Ph: 8346 0944

We know how *girls* learn best ♥

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OUR LADY OF THE
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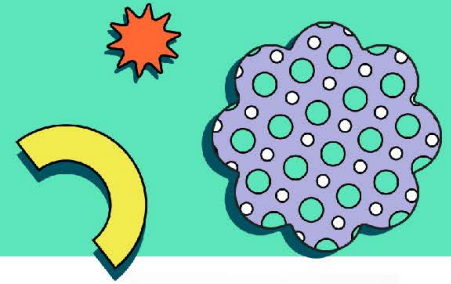
Sunday, 16 March

Q OLSH College, Enfield



Newsletter

Date St Margaret Mary's 10th February 2025



Hi Everyone,



The children have had a fantastic start to the term, settling in beautifully, rekindling old friendships, and making new ones. It's been heartwarming to see them engage in group activities, share laughter, and build a strong sense of community. *One of the highlights of our week has been Big Art Fridays! The children have embraced their creativity, explored different artistic techniques and expressed themselves through vibrant paintings, detailed drawings, and collaborative projects. With the warmer weather, outdoor sports and games have been a huge hit. The children have enjoyed soccer, cricket, handball and group challenges, making the most of the sunshine. Our cooking sessions continue to be a favourite, with the children eagerly participating in making healthy snacks. From delicious fruit kebabs to homemade Asian Stir Frys and wraps, they are learning valuable skills in the kitchen while also discovering the importance of nutritious eating.*

WEEK 4	
Monday	Building Lego Shops, Origami Love Hearts, Heart Hopscotch
Tuesday	Friendship Bracelets, Valentine's Smoothies, 30 Years Frozen Yoghurt
Wednesday	Plant a Tree or Garden, Blot Painting Hearts, Heart Rings
Thursday	Learn a Cultural Dance, Paper Heart Stuffies, Tomato & Spinach Pasta
Friday	BIG ART LEGO Families, Homemade Pancakes, Aussie Fairy Bread



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.campaustralia.com.au

Keep Smiling 😊 Louise & Jenny



Your OSHC.

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