



## Important Dates

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**AGM & Board Meeting**  
Wednesday 23 February

**Public Holiday**  
Monday 14 March

**Parent Teacher Conversations Week**  
Monday 21 March

**Good Friday - End of Term 1**  
Friday 15 April

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## From the Principal



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been great to welcome back all our students this week! The first 2 weeks were a little different, but we were all very appreciative and impressed with the way our Year 3-6 students handled their online learning. We also thank the parents for their support with this.

### Staffing Updates

We are pleased to welcome Alicia Boylan back to the role of Assistant Principal. We also welcome Julie Bottger who is our Preschool teacher this year. Matthew Harrison has commenced his role as Assistant Principal (Religious Education and Mission) and Sandra Shepard will be supporting students as an ESO Mon-Wed. I'm sure they will feel very welcomed in our community.

### Learning Highlights

Although we all have COVID-19 procedures on our minds, we are also very excited about the fantastic learning that we have planned for first term. Our Reception-Year 2 students have all started their **InitialLit** program of learning. Teachers have 'screened' all students to give them an accurate indication of where the students are at with their literacy learning. This data then guides the planning for R-2 students. We are still planning to hold some information sessions for parents outlining the InitialLit program later in the term (our planned sessions have had to be postponed). In the meantime, we will share some information on SeeSaw, and please contact your child's teacher, or myself, if you'd like to discuss the program in more detail.

We are also currently looking at our Year 3-6 data to determine students who can be a part of our **MacqLit** program of intervention. This program is designed for older students who may need some extra support to develop their reading skills. The program runs 4 times per week, with a trained educator. Students involved will receive a letter with more information for parents.

St Margaret Mary's School and Preschool now have a **Speech Pathologist** on staff one day a week. We have been able to offer this position through funding received through a 'Partnerships in Inclusive Practice' grant from Catholic Education SA. Jessica Curnow will be supporting our teachers (mainly Preschool and Reception) in early detection and intervention support for language difficulties. We are very excited to have this service and support available for our students.

This week, our Year 6 students began their **podcasting** units with ArchD Radio. In this program they will explore aspects of the curriculum, initially History and Social Sciences, whilst learning the skills of podcasting. Their podcasts will be available to listen to on

Spotify and Apple Podcasts!

And...all of this has happened in just 2 weeks! I look forward to sharing a lot more learning over the term.

### **Healthy Eating and Drinking**

We are asking that students only bring WATER to school to drink. We will have spare water bottles available for students who do not bring a water bottle or bring other drinks to school.

We ask that you limit sugary treats, chips and packaged food in your child's lunch box. Each child needs to have some fresh fruit or veg (healthy snack/brain food) each day. Here are some [good tips about what to pack for your child's lunch](#).

### **Safety Concerns**

Please be extra patient around the school at pick up time – it gets very congested. Students are supervised until 3.20pm, so try coming at 3.10-3.20pm as the traffic is lighter.

Adults are role models for children, so please always use the school crossing. I was alarmed at how many parents walked straight across Tungara Ave (NOT at the crossing) with very young children.

Drivers that do not follow the road rules are reported to SAPOL. This includes doing a three-point turn near the school crossing and driving on the wrong side of the road to pass a waiting car.

Thank you for your continued support

**Kelly Campbell**

**Principal**

18.02.22

## **Welcome Back from Ms Boylan**

Welcome back everyone!

It is so wonderful to see everyone back at school this week. It has been a different start to the school year and it certainly has been very quiet!

I am very excited and happy to be back at St Margaret Mary's. I am enjoying reconnecting with the children and their families. We are making plans for a busy year! Please make sure that you are connecting to Seesaw and the website to make sure you are up-to-date.

We are all very excited to be in and using the new building. We are VERY excited about how lovely it looks! As teachers, we are getting to know the new space and how it can be used to support teaching and learning. The children are definitely excited to be using the new learning areas. The spaces are allowing the children to work and learn in small groups, and they are making the best of these opportunities.

We are all looking forward to everyone being back at school and getting back into the routine of learning.

Please take care of yourselves and each other.

I look forward to saying hello to everyone again!

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16.02.22

## APRIM News from Matthew Harrison



we will welcome our families, share in a short Liturgy of the Word, provide a Reconciliation Home Booklet, Commitment Cards and offer families a blessing. I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday night.

### **Masses and Liturgies of the Word**

Congratulations to our new Receptions who were officially welcomed in their first Liturgy of the Word. In the homily we spoke about the Gospel and how Jesus taught others to welcome children. We discussed how God blesses us with unique gifts and talents and suggested different ways that we can help each other, including new APRIM's, so that we all feel a sense of belonging.

### **Community Prayer**

Unfortunately, we are not able to gather as a community and we patiently and creatively look for other ways to share in prayer and liturgy together. I would particularly like to thank our Year 6 students who have already stepped up and been amazing leaders of Community Prayer.

### **Lent**

At this stage, we are preparing for the season of Lent, by offering the ashes for Ash Wednesday (2 March) as smaller school-based gathering. Parishioners and school leaders are invited to attend a 9:15am Mass at Mater Dei Church. I will continue to update our community on future gathering in upcoming communications and newsletters.

God bless and have a wonderful weekend everyone,

**Matthew Harrison**

**Assistant Principal Religious Identity Mission**

16.02.22

## 2022 Fees

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope you are settling in to the 2022 school year amongst all the craziness.

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 2022 or it can be accessed online at [SA Gov > School Card Scheme](#).

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 2022 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 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022**
- **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022**
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

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**

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## School Board and Annual General Meeting

Next week, we will send a link via SeeSaw to our Annual Reports. Due to the COVID restrictions, we will hold a 'paper AGM'. The reports will be made available to the community, and we welcome any questions or queries. Our school board will meet via ZOOM next Wednesday to table the reports.

**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 our school.

Please give us 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](mailto:info@smms.catholic.edu.au)

You can also visit the Catholic Education School Board website for more information on [joining a school board](#).

## Italian

Students have settled well and are working happily in the new Italian learning space. So wonderful to see them all back at school. Our topic this term is Carnevale - a special & traditional celebration in Italy which occurs before Lent.



## 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

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## 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

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:absent@smms.catholic.edu.au)

**SMS:** 0407 682 137

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Croydon Park Catholic Parish

**Parish Priest: Fr Charles Lukati**

Ph: 8346 0944

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Happy Birthday!



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

Arvindeep	PRE1	Liam	4/5KD
LaToya	RNW	Crystal	3GW
Lachlan	RRB	Tungavidya	1/2FL
Arlo	PRE1	Anisha	4/5KD
Layla	4/5KD	Diesel	3GW
My	1/2AL	Philip	8LO
Katelyn	3GW	Adam	4/5CM
Francis	4/5CM	Panagiotis	1/2VE
Gurshabad	RNW	Emma	8LO
Nira	3MK	Minha	PRE1
Audrey	4/5CM	Helena	4/5KD
Joshua	4/5GG	James	RRB
Raymond	1/2AL	Liliya	4/5CM
Rachel	1/2KB	Hannah	1/2VE
Ivy	4/5KD	Jackson	4/5CM
Raymond	1/2AL	Dan	3MK
Ayden	1/2KB	Jordan	RRB
Alexis	4/5GG	Rubysiang	RNW
Athena	1/2AL	Selena	1/2VE
Apuk	4/5KD	Cooper	3MK
Amber	3MK	Elijah	PRE2
Mary	RNW	Charlotte	8LO
		Louis	PRE2
		Lucas	PRE2

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