



**Term 1, Week 7 Friday 15th
March 2024**

Important Dates

4/5MR Assembly
2.20pm
Monday 18 March 2024

Year 3-6 Liturgy
1.30pm
Tuesday 19 March 2024

**Year 6 Holy Week
Assembly 2.20**
Monday 25 March 2024

**Foundation 2024
Parent Information**
Tuesday 26 March 2024

**Good Friday
Holiday**
Friday 29 March 2024

**Easter Monday
Holiday**
Monday 1 April 2024

Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 3 April 2024

Sports Day
Thursday 4 April 2024

**Last day of Term 1
- 3pm finish**

From our Principal



MASTER PLANNING

We want to hear your thoughts!

On Monday 18th March from 3pm, Lisa from Detail Studio, will be at school to meet with any parents/carers to gather your thoughts on our future direction for infrastructure and facilities in our school. Just 10 minutes is all we need! We'd love as many thoughts and ideas as we can gather.

Please come along to the space near the stairs after pick up time.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Last Friday, our staff were involved in professional learning during the student free day. Our ESOs worked with Mark LeMessurier exploring Compassionate Mentorship with Children: themes around neurodiversity (Autism/ADHD), emotion, behaviour, connection and wellbeing. You can find some excellent resources about supporting your children at www.marklemessurier.com.au

Our teaching staff spent the day exploring different aspects of Mathematics, including fractions and processes of calculating. This professional learning supports one of our major goals in our Annual Improvement Plan, improving the outcomes in students' mathematical learning.

ENROLMENTS

We are currently finalising our Term 3 Reception enrolment intake. If you know of anyone who may be interested in finding out more about this intake and how St Margaret Mary's can support their child's education, please ask them to contact Angela ASAP (8245 5800, info@smms.catholic.edu.au or www.smms.catholic.edu.au).

Early next term we will commence our Term 1 Reception 2025 intake interviews. We have limited spaces available, so please contact

Angela about this class as well.

CYBERSAFETY

I strongly encourage all families to attend the CyberSafety workshop offered on Monday 24th March. Please see more information later in the newsletter.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE

I will be taking long service leave, commencing on Friday 23rd March and will return on Monday 6th May. I wish everyone a very happy Easter and safe time over the school break. I am looking forward to returning early next term.

Thank you for your continued support,

Kelly Campbell

Belinda Elliott - Assistant Principal

A colorful poster for an Easter Raffle. The background is dark blue with a grid pattern and scattered confetti. On the left, three Easter eggs are hanging from white strings: one with pink and yellow stripes, one with yellow and green stripes and pink stars, and one with pink polka dots. On the right, a white rabbit with pink inner ears is peeking over a yellow vertical bar. At the bottom right, a yellow basket contains three Easter eggs: one with blue stars, one with yellow stars, and one with pink hearts. The text 'CAN YOU HELP?' is in white, 'EASTER RAFFLE' is in pink, and 'Any donations of Easter Eggs would be greatly appreciated.' is in white. The St Margaret Mary's School logo is in the bottom left corner.

CAN YOU HELP?
EASTER RAFFLE

Any donations of Easter Eggs
would be greatly appreciated.


**St Margaret
Mary's School**

The term is flying by! Our staff and students are well and truly into the swing of things, and it has been fantastic to see all the learning that has been taking place both inside and outside the classroom. We are looking forward to seeing you next week at the Parent Teacher

Learning Conversations.

PARENT TEACHER LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

Next week, Monday 18 – Friday 22 March we will be hosting the **Parent Teacher Learning Conversations** each morning and/or afternoon. If you have not yet made a time to see your child/children's teacher, please contact Angela in the Front Office ASAP to make a time. We look forward to sharing your child's learning progress with you and celebrating their achievements so far this year. (Greig Graham, Olivia Ventura, Anna Verbi and Patricia Monti will be unavailable next week – please contact Angela in the Front Office if you need to make a time with these teachers.)

SPORTS DAY

Information was sent out to all families yesterday regarding our upcoming **Sport Day on Thursday 4 April at Bridgestone Athletics Centre**, Frost Road, Salisbury. The letter contained 2 slips/forms that we need all students to return (bus information and consent) by Friday 22 March. All students Reception to Year 6 will travel by bus with school staff. Families then have the choice to collect their child/children from the venue or for the children to travel back to school by bus, to then collect them from St Margaret Mary's as you usually would at 3pm. Preschool will also participate in Sports Day, and separate arrangements and information has been shared with all Preschool families. Please contact Maria lovino for further information.

Parent/carers are more than welcome to join us at Sports Day and the letter contains information about your attendance. We are also asking for **parent volunteers** to assist staff during the Sports Day events. If you are a registered volunteer, have a Catholic Working with Children Check and would like to help, please let your child's teacher know or email me belinda.elliott@smms.catholic.edu.au

EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you for your support of the Easter Raffle. Ticket sales are booming! There's a lot of excitement and interest from our children and families, but unfortunately, we don't yet have enough donations for prizes for the raffle. **We would really appreciate any donations of Easter Chocolates or Easter Craft.** Please place your donations in the basket in the entrance foyer – many thanks to those families who have already donated to the raffle . The Raffle will be drawn on Holy Thursday, 28 March.

Thank you for your on-going support. I'll look forward to seeing many of you next week.

Belinda

APRIM News



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope all our families had an enjoyable long weekend and managed to stay as cool as possible. This week, we made the decision to cancel our Primary Years, Caritas Kilometres walk. Unfortunately, due to the high temperatures over the long weekend, we needed to make a decision on the event before the pupil free day. As a result, this will now turn our Project Compassion fundraising efforts to Sports Day for a 'House Walk' event.

Year 6 Leadership

On Wednesday 6 March, the Year 6 House Captains presented their first House Meetings for students from Reception to Year 6. Our leaders focused on the school value of compassion and introduced their creative House Chants for 2024. We are very proud of the courage shown by our House Captains to present to their House audiences. With a few more rehearsals, we look forward to seeing the chants of each House at Sports Day.

Term 1 Liturgies

On Thursday 7 March, the Receptions, Year 1 and Year 2 classes celebrated their Term 1 Liturgy of the Word. The Early Years liturgy focused on the ways we can love God by caring for each other. Thank you to all the students who read so beautifully, our classes for their joyous singing and to the families who were able to join us for this occasion. Our Primary Years Liturgy for our Year 3 to Year 6 classes will be held this Tuesday 19 March at 1:30pm. The theme of our Liturgy of the Word will be The Feast of Saint Joseph. As always, we warmly invite any families who are able to join us in this celebration.

Sacramental Program

First Reconciliation Ceremonies will be held on Saturday 16 March and Saturday 23 March at 11:00am in St Margaret Mary's Church. Over the next two weeks, Alessandra, Patrick, Phi Khoa, Tammy, Antony, Victoria, Kalista, Ngan, Raymond, Aryan, Hannah, Thomas, Lani and Tarja will receive the Sacrament for the first time. Please keep our young people and their families in our prayers. If you have any questions regarding Reconciliation, the Parish Sacramental Program or the workbook please contact Croydon Park Parish or email matthew.harrison@smms.catholic.edu.au.

Whole School Fundraiser

On Thursday 4 April, all Preschool to Year 6 athletes will be invited to join in our Caritas fundraiser at Sports Day. This fundraising event will be called the 'House Walk' and families are most welcome to join us as we walk a lap of the Sports Day track in our Houses. Those who are able are encouraged to offer a gold coin donation on the day. Every student that participates in the walk will receive a wristband, 'I walked for Caritas – SMMS 2024.'

All Project Compassion Boxes returned to the office will be added to the House Walk donations received at Sports Day.

Have a good weekend everyone!

Matthew Harrison

Ciao Italiano



Year 2 students have been learning & practising Carnevale vocabulary.

Gina Armiento

Italian Teacher





Year 1SB mathematicians are exploring linear patterns using a variety of different materials. We represented our patterns on whiteboards, with nuts and bolts, unifix cubes and with musical instruments.

School Fee Payments

Thankyou to our many families who have paid their term one fees. Reminders will go out shortly. Do you still need to apply for School Card assistance or are you looking to set up a payment or needing some help? Please come and see me anytime. I can also help if you would like to make payments direct from your Centrelink account.

If paying via BPay could you please use your BPay number located on the bottom left hand corner of your statement and include your family ID which is located top right hand side of your statement.

We'd hate your payment to go to the wrong family!

Invoices for Yr 6 jackets have gone out separately as have invoices for basketball and choir. Soccer invoices will go out when we have

finalized teams.

Many thanks,

Jane Victory

Finance Officer

accounts@smms.catholic.edu.au

Spare clothes



Sometimes children need to borrow spare clothes from school.

Our stock of spare clothes is running low as our spares have not been returned. If you have any school spare clothes at home, please return them and if your child comes home having had an accident at school please remember to return our spares.

Thank you! Pennie

Book Club rewards your School!

Every purchase you make earns your child's school 15% of your order value in Scholastic Rewards that can be used to purchase valuable educational resources that benefit your child.



Families order from Book Club.



The school earns Scholastic Rewards.



The school redeems Scholastic Rewards for additional resources

SCHOLASTIC  **Book Club**

Book Club Issue 2, 2024 is out now.

Due date for orders is 19th March.

ALL orders done online via Book Club LOOP.

Find out how on Page 31 of your magazine (payments will not be accepted at school).

From the Lunch Order shop

The background of the poster is decorated with several colorful Easter eggs in shades of blue, pink, and yellow, each with different patterns. Three hot cross buns are illustrated in a golden-brown color with a white cross on top. One bun is at the top right, one is at the bottom left, and one is at the bottom center.

\$2.50
each

EASTER IS COMING

**THE BUNNY IS
DELIVERING HOT CROSS
BUNS TO THE
CANTEEN!**

• Fruit • Fruitless • Choc chip

Order by 20th
March
Via the Qkr App
(Sorry no late
orders)

Play Store. Thank you for your patience with this.

Growing Up Online



CyberSafety

SOLUTIONS

Internet and mobile phone technology is fabulous and provides us with the ability to connect with people all around the world. We can explore and learn about the world like never before, however, cyberspace does have its problems and unfortunately children are often not aware that their words and or photos which may have been intended for a small audience, sometimes find their way to a larger one, often with both unexpected and undesirable consequences.

At St Margaret Mary's School we are inviting **ALL** our families to attend a parent session **Monday 25th March at 6:00pm** led by Susan McLean from **Cyber Safety Solutions**. Susan is an expert in the area of cyber safety.

The parent session will cover the positive benefits of technology as well as what parents need to be aware of:

- Reality & Risk.
- What are kids doing online.
- Online Grooming.
- Cyberbullying.
- Problematic Gaming.
- Top Tips

Please check your child/s bag for the Cyber Safety note, asking you to nominate how many family members will be attending.

Rebecca Braidwood

Leader of Learning

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 12 April;

Term 2: Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July;

Term 3: Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September;

Term 4: Monday 14 October to Friday 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



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

Week 8: Kenzi, Arin, Habity

Week 9: Katelyn, Elena, Grace C

March Birthdays



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Phi Khoa	4/5MR		
Gurmehar	2NW		
Archie	PRE2		
Parteet	4/5MR	Vivaan	ROV
Kulsum	2KB	Homa	6GG
Nhi	3KR	Kara	6CH
Marcus	4/5MR	Emily	4/5JM
Miller	2KB	Adele	1AV
Muhammad	4/5CC	Oscar	3KR
Chris	4/5MR	Eliana	2KB
Giulietta	RML	Emily	2KB
Ryder	RML	Sarah	3JF
Poppi	4/5JM	Shan	2KB
Jenni	4/5MR	Niya	1SB
Zac	2NW	Evabella	PRE1
Akshaj	2KB	Ariana	3KR
Abigail	PRE2	Sophie	ROV
Lachlan	3JF		

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,

The children have been empowering their energy and imagination through a diverse range of activities that promote both physical activity and creative expression. From outdoor games to arts and crafts projects, they have had the opportunity to explore and discover new interests while developing important skills in a supportive and inclusive environment. By encouraging them to be active and imaginative, we help them flourish and build confidence in their abilities.

Harmony Day at OSHC is a time to celebrate our differences and learn from each other. The children come together to enjoy activities like learning about different cultures and playing games. We talk about being kind and accepting towards everyone, no matter where they're from. It's a day filled with fun and friendship, reminding us that diversity makes our community stronger.

With Easter just around the corner, we're excited for the joy and festivities it brings. Easter is a time for families to come together, whether it's through Easter egg hunts, sharing meals, or simply spending quality time with loved ones. It's a time to celebrate new beginnings!

As always, our OSHC team is here to support you and your children. If you need any assistance or have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

WEEK 8	ADELAIDE CUP	
Monday		
Tuesday	Human Body Tracing, DIY Robot Hand	
Wednesday	Relaxing Yoga, Food for thought, Lego Self-Portrait	
Thursday	SPUD Game, Fitness Testing Challenge	
Friday	Salty Potato Experiment, Corn Chips with Avocado and Salsa	

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 & Emily

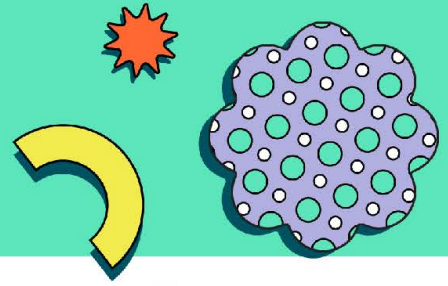


Your OSHC.

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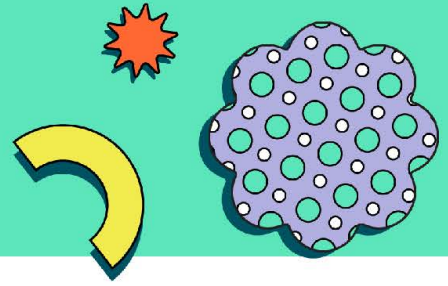


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Student Absences/ Late Arrivals

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
