



Term 1, Week 7 Friday 18th  
March 2022

## Important Dates

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Harmony Day  
Monday 21 March

School Board  
Meeting (via Zoom)  
Wednesday 23 March

Yr 3-6 Swimming  
Carnival  
Thursday 24 March

Reception Excursion  
Friday 25 March

2022 Foundation  
Parents' Meeting  
Monday 28 March

Art Show  
Wednesday 30 March

Parent Teacher  
Conversations  
Week  
Monday 4 April

Children's  
University visit  
Monday 4 April

Gold Coin  
Fundraiser Casual  
Clothes Day  
Friday 8 April

End of Term 1  
Thursday 14 April

Good Friday  
Friday 15 April

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16.03.22

## From the Principal Week 7



## Media Recognition

We were pleased that St Margaret Mary's School was recognised in The Advertiser (16/3/22) as one of 6 Catholic Schools in South Australia that recorded high growth in NAPLAN last year, especially in writing. NAPLAN is just one indication of a student's academic achievement, and our teachers continue to work with all students in developing important literacy and numeracy skills across all year levels.

At St Margaret Mary's School, we believe every child is a writer and author!

The CESA article can be found here - <https://www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/news/latest-news>

## Enrolments

We are currently finalising our Term 3 Preschool and Reception enrolments. If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining St Margaret Mary's School, please contact Angela in the front office. We do have limited spaces available in other year levels as well.

Term 3 Preschool enrolment – for children who turn 4 between 1<sup>st</sup> May and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

Term 3 Reception (Foundation class) enrolment – for children who turn 5 between 1<sup>st</sup> May and 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

## Art Show

We have our fingers crossed that we can still hold our Art Show on Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup>. We do need to wait for the latest updates around school events, but we are still planning to go ahead at this stage.

To keep us COVID safe, we will need to monitor the number of people inside the building, and you may need to wait outside so we can keep below density requirements. All adults will be required to wear a mask.

All the students are looking forward to sharing some of their amazing artwork with you.

There will be an opportunity to purchase your child's artwork (there is no obligation to!) and profits will go towards our new playground.

## School Board

Given our disrupted start to this year, we are still taking nominations for the school board. Our next meeting is Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March (via ZOOM). We meet twice a term on Wednesday evenings. If you are interested in joining this important parent group, please email [info@smms.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@smms.catholic.edu.au)

We are always looking for new parents with varied experiences to join. You do not need any particular experience, just an interest in continuous improvement at St Margaret Mary's School and Preschool. Please feel free to contact me for a chat.

More information about school boards can be found here: <https://schoolboards.cesa.catholic.edu.au/>

Thank you for your continued support,  
Kelly Campbell

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03.03.22

## School Entry doors



Please enter our school via the front office doors to see Pennie, Jane & Angela at the office between 8.30am and 3.45pm.

Preschool entrance is via the gates as per usual, but our school entrance is now the new double doors (where there is no fence).

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## Please Do Not U Turn in front of our School



Please note that it is illegal and dangerous to U Turn on Eldon Street in front of the school. The solid white line down the middle of the road should not be crossed.

Thank you for keeping our students safe.

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## News from Alicia Boylan - Assistant Principal



The end of Term 1 will be very busy! Please make sure that you are reading the Newsletter and checking SeeSaw regularly so that you know what is happening in our community.

### **Parent Teacher Learning Conversations**

'Parent Teacher Learning Conversations' are April 4<sup>th</sup> to April 8<sup>th</sup>. This is an important opportunity for parents, children and teachers to talk about your child's learning. It helps us to ensure that families and the school are working together to support the needs of every learner.

Please make sure you book in for a talk with your child's teacher during this time. Information has gone home to families about this. If you did not receive information about 'Parent Teacher Learning Conversations', please let us know and we will re-send the information to you.

### **Easter Raffle**

We will be hosting an Easter Raffle again this year, to be drawn on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April. We are looking for donations of Easter goodies, chocolates, Easter activities, sweets etc to make up hampers to give away as prizes. Please bring any donations to the Front Office.

We will also need volunteers next week to staple together the raffle books to send home to families and to make up the hampers once we have collected the donations. The stapling together of raffle books can be done at home (in front of the TV, if you prefer); we can send them home if you let us know! If you are able to help with either of these activities, please let Angela know.

We thank you for your generosity!

### **Safety Around the School**

We continue to remind parents and carers about safety on the streets around the school.

Please

- Cross at the designated crossings
- Wait behind the solid white line at the pedestrian crossings
- Do not park across the crossings
- Do not perform U-turns on the streets around the school
- Do not use our neighbours driveways to turn around
- Be aware of pedestrians, especially those with children

- Be courteous to other road users

Your safety and the safety of others in and around the school is our concern!

Alicia Boylan

**Assistant Principal**

17.03.22

## Week 7 APRIM News from Mr Harrison



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Over the past three Friday mornings, we have been able to gather outside for community prayer. When the children hear the morning music, they respectfully make their way over to the new building and gather quietly in front of our Year 6 students who lead us in prayer.

### **Feast of Saint Joseph**

This week we join our fellow Josephite communities in celebrating the Feast of Saint Joseph. Saint Joseph became the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. He is also known as the patron saint of families and workers. This year however, the 19 March falls on a Saturday so we acknowledged Saint Joseph in our community prayer on Friday 18 March.

### **Harmony Week**

Next Week, is Harmony Week and the theme is 'Everyone Belongs.' Harmony Week is a celebration of diversity and inclusion. The week begins with Harmony Day on Monday 21 March and continues right through to Sunday 27 March. During assemblies and prayers, we will acknowledge the First Australians, share our own cultural stories and express our gratitude to God for our diverse cultural backgrounds and the ways in which we include and look after each other at school.

### **Reconciliation Workshop**

On Monday 21 March, our St Margaret Mary's Reconciliation candidates will join me for a Reconciliation workshop at school. Please note this workshop is not for parents. The children will stay in their respective classes until I am able to come and collect them for the workshop. We ask for families to remind candidates to bring their Reconciliation booklets with them to the workshop.

### **Project Compassion**

Thank you for the generous Project Compassion Box donations that have already been returned to the front office. Project Compassion

Box donations can be returned to the office anytime throughout Term 1.

### Gold Coin Fundraiser

On **Friday 8 April**, we will also be inviting the children to wear **casual clothing with active footwear for a gold coin donation**. In connection with our focus on giving during Lent, students may like to consider wearing a purple accessory, or a purple clothing item, or a clothing item with a bit of purple in it. The gold coin donations will be collected by the classroom teachers once the students are in class. If your child does not already own any purple items, they are welcome to wear other colours. Please do not purchase any purple accessories or clothing solely for this occasion.

Our hope as a community, is that such acts of solidarity help us to raise awareness and contribute to the funds needed to support our sisters and brothers and the mission of Caritas Australia throughout the world.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

God bless,

Matt Harrison

Assistant Principal, Religious Identity and Mission.

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## Carnevale preparations

Students are busy preparing Carnevale masks in readiness for our special assembly in Week 10.

More information to follow.

Gina Armiento

Italian Teacher







Term 1 has started!

The students are learning so much...learning all of the new procedures and routines of a classroom, building new friendships and enjoying our beautiful new space.

Through our learning in the classroom we are learning to work with others, share and listen to instructions.

In the Our Literacy focus through the InitiaLit program has been learning all about letters and sounds and how they make words.

In Maths we have been learning what it means to be a mathematician.

In these photos the students were sorting images that they see in their world: symbols, numerals and letters. They did an amazing job!



## 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

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## Crossing Monitors

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

**Week 7 & 8** - Vy, Jasmine, Jayla;

**Week 9** - Monique, Mia, Natalie K;

**Week 10** - Aaliyah, Phillip N, Kobe

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## Playgroup



# PLAYGROUP

**St Margaret Mary's School**

**New session time**

**Fridays 9:15am – 10:45am**  
**\$3.00 per session**

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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

[Week 7 OSHC Newsletter](#)

## Student Absences

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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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### March Birthdays!



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

Aaliyah - 6LO

Gurmehar - RRB

Reeshi - 4/5GG

Nhi - 1/2AL

Marcus - 1/2VE

Miller - RNW

Haz - 1/2AL

Jazz - 1/2FL

Khris - 1/2FL

Poppi - 3GW

Jenni - 1/2VE

Zac - RRB

Akshaj - RRB

Lachlan - 1/2FL

Daniel - 6LO

Homa - 4/5KD

Kara - 4/5CM

Jaxon - 3GW  
Adele - PRE2  
Kobe - 6LO  
Mika - 1/2FL  
Oscar - 1/2KB  
Eliana - RRB  
Emily - RNW  
Markus - 4/5CM  
Sarah - 1/2VE  
Niya - PRE1  
Nam - 4/5CM  
Chantelle - 1/2VE  
David - RRB

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## 2 day Autism Workshop



positive partnerships

Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

Free  
to attend

## 2 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers



Join other local families to learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the home-school partnership

### Learn about:

- Autism: characteristics, impacts and strategies
- Understanding behaviour
- Sensory processing
- Working together with your school

### Location:

Glanville Hall

8 Park Ave

Semaphore South SA 5019

*Morning tea and a light lunch are provided*

**Semaphore, SA**

**6th and 7th April, 2022**

**9.30am - 2.30pm**



Interpreters available



To register, visit

[positivepartnerships.com.au](http://positivepartnerships.com.au) OR,

contact Jo Zeitz

[jzeitz@positivepartnerships.com.au](mailto:jzeitz@positivepartnerships.com.au)



For help, call:

1300 881 971

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