



Important Dates

Sports Day
Friday 31 March

Good Friday
Friday 7 April

Easter Monday
Monday 10 April

Last day of Term 1
- 3pm finish
Thursday 13 April

From our Principal

Child Safety

Child safety is everyone's responsibility. Pick up time (3.00-3.10pm) is very busy around the school. PLEASE obey all traffic directions and parking restrictions. They are there to keep your child safe.

1. Always use the crossing (adults included!)
2. Do NOT queue over the roundabout
3. Do NOT drive over the solid white lines (on the wrong side of the road!!), especially near the crossings just to save a couple of minutes – this is **illegal** and extremely unsafe.

We consistently report drivers driving illegally around our school to SAPOL. There will be a strong police presence and you will be fined if

you do not follow the rules.

I encourage you to park in the surrounding streets and walk to pick up your child/ren. Or, wait until 3.10pm to come through the pick up zones. Children will be supervised until 3.20pm.

Staffing Update

Alicia Boylan has been offered the position of Head of Personalised Learning at St Andrews School. She will finish her role as Assistant Principal of St Margaret Mary's School at the end of this term. Alicia has been an integral part of our school and preschool for 14 years and during that time has held many roles, most recently Alicia has taken a lead role in Preschool, Early Years and Inclusive Education. I would like to personally thank Alicia for her dedication to all our children and families at St Margaret Mary's School and Preschool. We will be sad to farewell Alicia but wish her all the best in her new adventure.

An Acting Assistant Principal is currently being finalised.

Growing Your Child's Literacy (Reception-Year 2)

A reminder about the parent sessions to be held on Wednesday 5th April, at either 9am or 6pm. Please see your child's SeeSaw for more information and to indicate which session you will be attending.

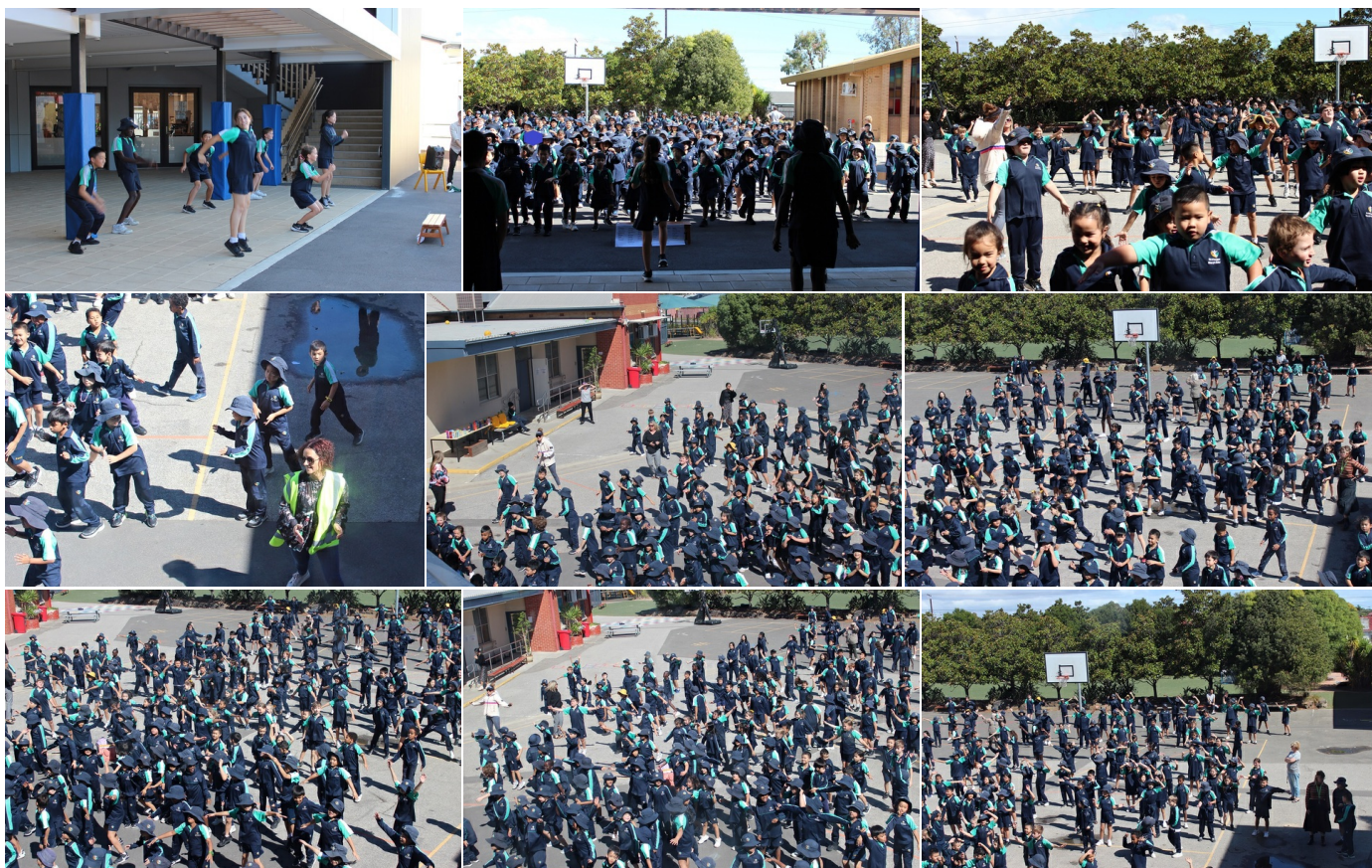
We are really looking forward to a great day on Friday for our Sports Day! Thank you to Ms Brown and Mr Graham for all their work in preparing the students and the behind-the-scenes work for the day.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Kelly Campbell

Practicing the Health Hustle for Sports Day

We had a whole school practice of the Health Hustle on Wednesday to prepare for Sports Day on Friday. We're excited!





Snapchat and social media use by children

It has come to our attention that a number of students across Years 3-6 are using Snapchat. There have been incidents of name calling and inappropriate language reported to us, that are happening out of school hours on the Snapchat app and other forms of social media.

What parents need to know about Snapchat.

- Snapchat is a social media app designed for youth aged from *13 years old and up*.
- Children do not have access to Snapchat at school.
- The school discourages all children from using Snapchat and other forms of social media.
- Children are setting up 'chat' groups to talk to each other via video and messaging, outside of school.
- The children are reporting the use of inappropriate language and name calling amongst the chat group.
- Snapchat has a 'Family Centre' on their website that can help parents to understand how to monitor the use of Snapchat.

<https://values.snap.com/en-GB/safety/family-center>

DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING ON SOCIAL MEDIA?

Snapchat is not the only social media app that the children are using. This is the second issue that the school has dealt with in the last three weeks. These issues are all occurring outside of school, but affecting the children's behaviour at school.

Please monitor what your child is doing on social media!

Sports Day

We are all very excited about Sports Day this week! The children are busy learning their team chants and we encourage them to practise these at home as well.

All students from Reception to Year 6 will be travelling by bus to Bridgestone Stadium. Preschool children will be attending with their parents. Hot drinks will be available for adults to purchase at the venue.

We encourage everyone to get involved, to wear team colours, cheer loud, be good sports and have fun! It looks like we will have a great day for it!!

Preschool News

The Preschool staff have very busy preparing for an Assessment and Rating visit from the Education Standards Board. This is a regular visit (ideally every 3-4 years) by the ESB to the Preschool.

The Assessors will spend Thursday March 30 in the Preschool and will return on Monday April 3 to talk to Mrs Lovino, Mrs Campbell and myself.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our Preschool staff to reflect on the teaching and learning that occurs in the Preschool, and to make

changes in a process of continuous improvement.

We look forward to sharing the ESB feedback with you.

If you have not had the opportunity to complete the **Preschool Survey**, please do so. It will take 1 minute to complete. We are looking for your feedback on the hours and days that we offer Preschool.

Please click on the link to complete the survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G7CQWZW>

Easter Raffle

A big thank you to everyone who has already made some donations to our Easter Raffle for this year. We are still accepting donations, if you have time to get something while you are at the shops this weekend.

We also have more raffle ticket books to sell. If you would like to buy/sell more tickets, please see Mrs Blazely and she will give you some more ticket books.

Thank you again for your generosity!

APRIM News



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On Monday 27 March, the students were invited to wear casual clothing to raise awareness and if possible, raise donations for Project Compassion. It was great to see so many students were able to find accessories and clothing items at home that highlighted the liturgical colour purple. Collectively, our St Margaret Mary's community was able to raise over \$500.00.

Thank you to our students and families for your enormous generosity! If you still have a Project Compassion Box containing donations at

home, we will continue to collect the boxes until the end of the term.

Project Compassion Fundraiser

Throughout the day, our Year 3 to Year 6 Student Leadership Team, did an amazing job of coordinating an opportunity for each class to contribute donations to our display. This years Project Compassion theme is ‘for all future generations.’

We began by inviting classes, one at a time, to share our Lenten focus of ‘almsgiving’ in prayer. We discussed a Project Compassion story in Nepal, where Caritas Australia helped a student and her school, create a positive change ‘for all future students.’

www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion/laxmi-story/

With big hearts, filled with love, we joined together in solidarity with schools all over Australia to fundraise for Caritas Australia and to support their good work in communities around the world. Each class respectfully contributed their donations throughout the day and we have started displaying some photos of our experiences above the main entry on the upper level.

Holy Week and Easter Community Prayers

From Monday 3 April to Wednesday 5 April and Tuesday 11 April we will be offering Community Prayers each morning from 8:45am. Each day, our student led prayers, will follow a theme based on Matthew’s Gospel. We encourage all parents who are able, to join us throughout the week.

Date	Presenters	Theme
Monday 3 April	Reception -Year 4 Student Leadership Team	Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem
Tuesday 4 April	Year 5/6LO	The Betrayal of Jesus
Wednesday 5 April	Year 5/6LC	The Last Supper
Tuesday 11 April	Year 5/6GG	The Resurrection

Have a good weekend everyone.

Purple Day - Project Compassion

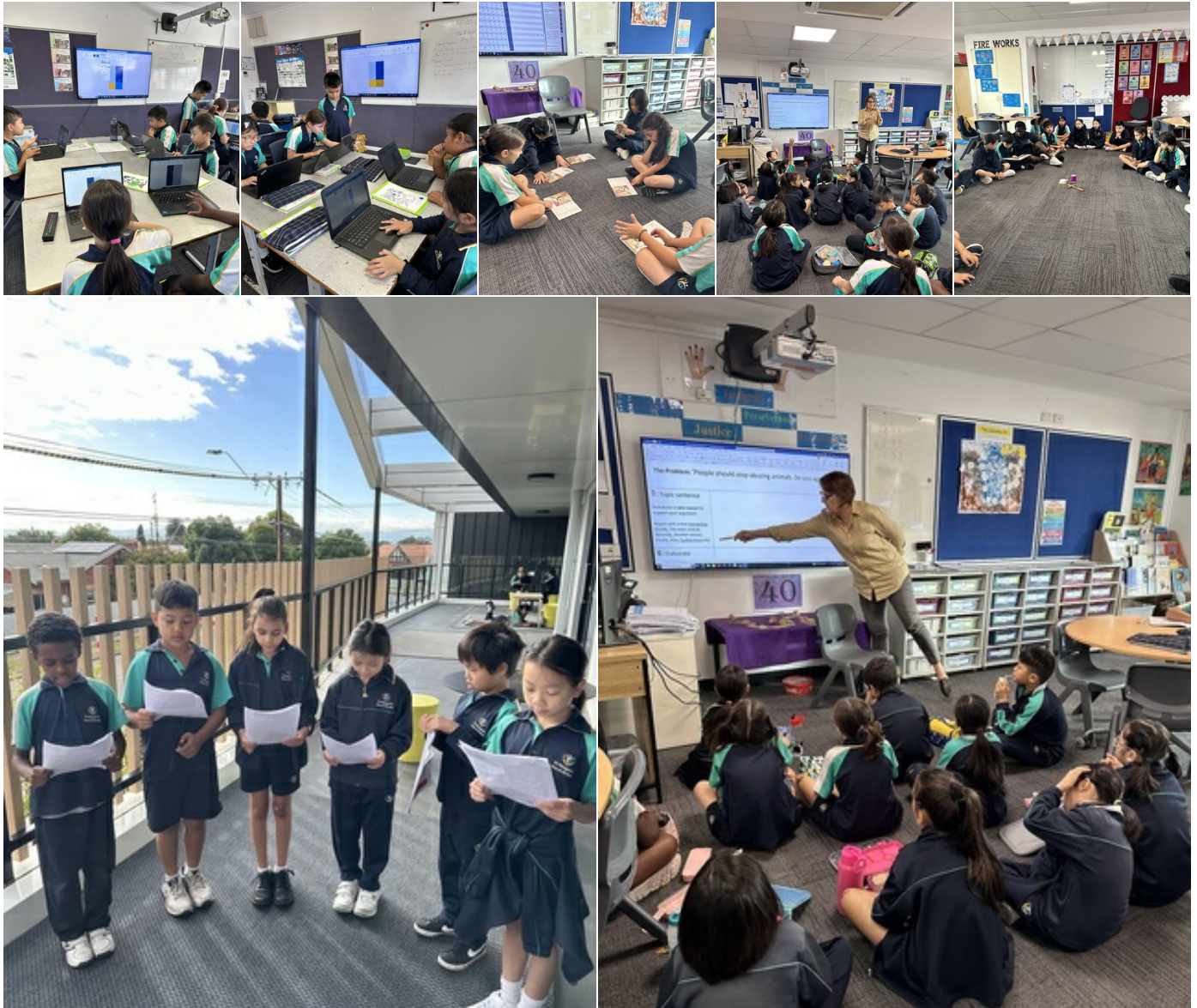


3/4MC

Year 3/4MC have been working hard on their Persuasive Writing pieces this term. They have focused on the topic of 'Stopping Animal Abuse' and learnt about the structure, features and appropriate language to use. In reading rotations they have practiced using fluency and expression during readers' theatre and comprehension skills during guided reading.

A highlight for 3/4MC is using their laptops and learning new skills using the PowerPoint and Word applications.

3/4MC have also enjoyed taking responsibility for organising and leading prayer sessions as part of their morning routine. They have included special prayers and intentions, readings from the Bible, reflective music and the use of symbolic items and symbols.



Angolo Italiano

Student Reflections.....

I have loved learning about Carnevale time in Italy.

I love the costumes and the masks.

Colombina is my favourite character.

Preslava Year 2NW



Swim Team at SAALC



Best of luck to our swim team competing at SA Aquatic & Leisure Centre today. Results and more photos will be published in our next newsletter.

Holiday Club Closure



**St Margaret
Mary's School**

Preschool to Year 6



Dear Families,

Please be advised that we will not be running Rocketeers Holiday Club program at St Margaret Mary's School during the April Holidays due to school building works. The school is very excited about the redevelopment of the playground and outdoor learning play spaces. This project requires some major works on our hard play area and playground demolition (ready for our *brand-new playground!*)

For us to do this safely, this work must take place when there are no children at school.

1. Vacation Care will be offered at alternative sites these holidays:

Le Fevre Peninsula Primary School (Shorney St, Birkenhead SA 5015)

Wilderness School (30 Hawkers Rd, Medindie SA 5081)

2. If neither of these sites suit, YMCA also run a Vacation Care program. The closest one to us is Woodville Gardens School, 18 Ridley Grove, Woodville Gardens 5012.
To book, go to their website sa.ymca.org.au
Then follow these steps: Go to "what we do" across the top. Hit the drop-down box to Outside School Hours Care then scroll down the bottom to Woodville Gardens School. Then at the bottom of the page under Service Enrolment is a red "Enrol Online" button. You will be able to enrol and then book online.
3. We have a Student Free Day on the last day of this term to allow materials to be delivered safely – Friday 14th April (OSHC will be available this day, at SMMS)

We thank you for your patience and understanding.

Regards,

Kelly Campbell

PRINCIPAL

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 14 April;

Term 2: Monday 1 May to Friday 7 July;

Term 3: Monday 24 July to Friday 29 September;

Term 4: Monday 16 October to Friday 15 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

Crossing Monitors



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

Week 5 - Elena, Jessie, Rebecca

Week 6 - Chloe, Wynter, Nam

Week 7 - Justina, Jayla, Jasmin

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

Holy Week Masses

Holy Week



Saturday April 1st

-St Margaret Mary's
-12noon Confessions

Palm Sunday April 2nd

-Masses at usual Weekend times,
each beginning with the blessing of palms

Holy Thursday April 6th

-St Margaret Mary's
-9.00am Morning Prayer
-7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
(followed by Adoration until 10pm Night Prayer)

-Mater Dei (Vietnamese)
-7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (Vietnamese)

Good Friday April 7th

-St Margaret Mary's
-9am Morning Prayer
(followed by Stations of the Cross in the garden)
-3pm Liturgy of the Passion

-Mater Dei (Vietnamese)
-1.30pm Prayers & Stations of the Cross (Vietnamese)
-3pm Liturgy of the Passion (Vietnamese)

Holy Saturday April 8th

-St Margaret Mary's
-9am Morning Prayer
-9.30-10.30am Confessions
-11am Blessing of Easter Food (Polish)
-12-1.00pm Confessions
-7pm Easter Vigil

-Mater Dei (Vietnamese)
-8pm Easter Vigil (Vietnamese)

Easter Sunday April 9th

-8.30am St Patrick's
-10.30am St Margaret Mary's
-5pm Mater Dei (Vietnamese)

Easter Monday April 10th

-8.30am St Margaret Mary's (Polish)

Happy Birthday!

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

Gurmehar	1VC
Siddharth	PRE2
Reeshi	5/6LC
Parteet	3/4KR
Nhi	2KB
Marcus	3/4MC
Miller	1OV
Haz	3/4KR
Khris	3/4JM
Ianika	2KB
Giulietta	PRE2
Ryder	PRE2
Poppi	3/4MC
Jenni	3/4MC
Zac	1VC
Akshaj	1VC
Lachlan	2KB
Vivaan	PRE1
Homa	5/6LO
Kara	5/6LO
Adele	RRB
Mika	2NW
Oscar	2NW
Eliana	1OV
Emily	1OV
Markus	5/6LC
Sarah	2NW
Alana	PRE1
Shan	1OV
Niya Elsa	RML
Ariana	2NW
Lucian	PRE1
Nam	5/6GG
Chantelle	2NW

Newsletter

Date St Margaret Mary's 27th March 2023



Hi Everyone

The Handball Championships were so exciting, and we are so proud to announce our St Margaret Mary's Handball Champion is **DILLEN**, a BIG CONGRATULATIONS and we are all so proud of you 😊. The Regional Championships will be held on Sunday May the 7th.

The children have been creating our OSHC board and they came up with a great idea to have a Balloon board. Each child will have their photo on a paper balloon that they cut out. The effect will be the children floating on a balloon above the OSHC room.

The service builds relationships with families who contribute to service decisions. We have created a FAMILIES board where the children can have their picture on the board with their loved ones.

Week 10 Monday	Bey Blade, Cooking, Family Board
Tuesday	Gymnastics, Chalk Art
Wednesday	Handball Competition, Soccer Goals
Thursday	Lego Tower, Origami, OSHC Children Balloon Board
Friday	Rainbow Playdough, Glitter Characters



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.

To register and book, visit www.campaustralia.com.au



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HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

PORT ADELAIDE

RESERVE

THURSDAY 20TH & FRIDAY 21ST
APRIL

9:30AM - 12:00PM

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SCAN ME

TO REGISTER PLEASE
SCAN THE QR CODE OR
VISIT THE WEBSITE BELOW

<https://www.adelaidestrikers.com.au/holidayprograms/wxcb>

ADELAIDE
Strikers



Aussie Hoops for Reception - Year 4



REGISTER NOW

Term 2, 1:00pm
@ StClair Rec Center
Saturday Afternoons



REGISTER NOW

Term 2, 5:00pm
@ 36ers Arena
Thursday Nights



