



Term 2, Week 3 Friday 19th
May 2023

Important Dates

2.20pm 5/6GG
Assembly
Monday 22 May

R-2 Swimming
Week (Tuesday-
Friday)
Tuesday 23 May

National
Simultaneous
Storytime
Wednesday 24 May

Student Free Day -
OSHC Available
Monday 29 May

Lacrosse Carnival
Friday 2 June

2.20pm 3/4MC
Assembly

3-5 Swimming
Week (Tuesday-

King's Birthday
Public Holiday

6pm Term 3
Preschool Parent

From our Principal



It has been wonderful to welcome Belinda Elliott to our community this week. Belinda has commenced her role as Assistant Principal this week. Belinda has great experience in leading teaching and learning across Catholic Education SA and is really looking forward to meeting everyone and working with students and teachers.

We also welcome Solina as our new student counsellor. Solina commenced last week and has met with many of our children already. If you believe your child would benefit from a visit with Solina, please contact your child's teacher or the front office.

Tournament of Minds

As a part of our Gifted and Talented Program at St Margaret Mary's School, we are taking part in the Tournament of Minds. Tournament of Minds is a creative, problem-solving tournament in which teams solve complex Problems / Challenges and make a 10 min presentation to judges (comprised of educators, industry leaders and university academics). Tournament of Minds is a problem solving program for teams of students from both primary and secondary years. Tournament's aim is to enhance the potential of our youth by developing diverse skills, enterprise, time management, and the discipline to work collaboratively within a challenging and competitive environment.

Mr Parker will be coaching and facilitating our inaugural team for their competition in September at Adelaide High School.

Congratulations to the following yr 5/6 students for being selected in our team:

Markus, Edmund, Nancy, Yukti, Adam, Joshua and Alexis.

You can find out more about Tournament of Minds at <https://tom.edu.au/about>

Catholic Education Week – #WeLoveOurCatholicSchool

This week is Catholic Education Week and we are celebrating the things we love about our Catholic School Community.

It is an opportunity to reflect on what makes the community at St Margaret Mary's School and Preschool so unique. Over the week, many staff and students have shared what they love about our school – check out our Facebook Page to see some reflections.

Over the week, I have also reflected about what I love about our school. I love that we know every child and family. I love our children and the enthusiasm they show for learning and each other. I also feel very privileged to be able to support our children when things are challenging. I love our families and how they always support their children and our community. I love our staff and how they are dedicated to everyone in our community and work tirelessly to improve student learning and wellbeing.

I love the incredible diversity, inclusivity and welcoming nature of St Margaret Mary's School and Preschool.

I especially love greeting the children as they arrive at school – the smiles and beautiful greetings make every day a joy!

Thank you for your continued support

Kelly Campbell

Belinda Elliott - Acting Assistant Principal



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for the warm welcome I have received since joining your wonderful community. I am truly grateful to be joining St Margaret Mary's School and Preschool as Acting Assistant Principal.

Allow me to take this opportunity to tell you a little about myself; My name is Belinda Elliott. I join you having come from the Catholic Education Office where I was a System Coach, working alongside school leadership teams on areas such as Literacy and Numeracy. Prior to that I was a classroom teacher and leader at St Joseph's School, Hectorville. I also worked for the University of Adelaide at Children's University Australasia. I have been in education for over 25 years and love being a part of supporting children and young people in their educational journey.

My husband Brenton and I have 2 children, Zac is in Year 12 and Amity is in Year 9. We are avid sports fans and on weekends you will find us at football, netball, basketball, and cricket, depending on the season.

I look forward to meeting you and working alongside you, and the school staff, in supporting your child to thrive as a capable learner.

Once again, thank you for the warm welcome.

Enjoy the weekend, and best wishes for the weeks ahead.

Belinda Elliott

APRIM News



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week is Catholic Education Week (Monday 15 May to Sunday 21 May) alongside our acknowledgement of Laudato Si Week (Tuesday 16 May to Tuesday 24 May). Catholic Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate the excellent teaching and learning that happens in our Catholic schools every day and also a chance to reflect on and highlight what makes our Catholic schools so special. Laudato Si Week, recognises and celebrates the ways we bring Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical to life, how we take action to care for our shared home, the Earth, and each other. Our connections to these themes flow through the following:

Early Years Liturgies

Last week our Receptions gathered for their Term 2 liturgy with the theme of 'Celebrating Together.' Our Receptions sung with joy and energy, read confidently into the microphone and learnt actions to a special prayer that Jesus taught us, 'The Our Father.' We especially thank the families who were able to join us for this celebration and to Ms Braidwood and Ms Leonardi for helping to prepare the students.

We continue to extend an invitation to join us for our upcoming liturgies:

- Year 1 Liturgy - Monday 29 May (Week 5) at 11:30am in St Margaret Mary's Church
- Year 2 Liturgy - Monday 5 June (Week 6) at 11:30am in St Margaret Mary's Church

Student Initiative

We would like to congratulate Abrihet and Kayleen from Year 3/4 for their initiative and leadership in caring for our school environment. The girls arranged two consecutive lunch time meetings to discuss practical ideas that would help students to care for our school environment. This resulted in follow up conversations with Ms Ventura and Ms Verbi to request an opportunity to speak at the Year 1 Assembly in Week 2. In preparation, we co-constructed a speech to share their ideas as well as some practical tips for using the different coloured bins we have in our school effectively. After addressing the assembly, Abrihet and Kayleen received a round of applause from their peers, teachers and parents. Well done girls!

Moore Street Soup Run

On Tuesday 16 May, our Year 3-6 Student Leadership Team (SLT) prepared our first soup. We gathered in prayer, expressing our gratitude for the many blessings we receive. Together we discussed why we might make a soup that we can't eat and for people that we don't know. In response, our leaders expressed the importance of caring for the poor and homeless and that we can contribute to the Moore Street Soup Run and help to provide a warm meal to those in need. As in any busy kitchen, we were each responsible for preparing, washing, cooking or cleaning up. We were very grateful for the families who donated pumpkin, sweet potato, onion and potato donations to the Front Office. All donated vegetables were used to create about 10 litres of delicious pumpkin and sweet potato soup for Moore Street. For any families that are able to donate vegetables we will be preparing a potato and leek soup next.

Servant Leadership Program

On the 30 May, Year 6 students from St Margaret Mary's and Whitefriars will join together at Whitefriars for the Journey to Emmaus Program. Through this program and with the support of guest presenters, the students will discern how they can show leadership qualities by engaging in initiatives that provide a service to others. One of the presenters Sr Catherine, is the Croydon Park Parish Vinnies representative. Sr Catherine is delighted to share with the Year 6 students some of the ways they can support the Vinnies Winter Appeal. In preparation, Sr Catherine stopped by earlier this week, to meet Isabella and Helena from Year 6 to offer a lesson in the art of crocheting blanket squares. We appreciated one to one support, and agree that we will keep practicing to grow in confidence. We look forward to providing further updates on the Year 6 engagement in this program in upcoming newsletters.

Sacramental Program

On Wednesday 10 May we held a Confirmation Information Meeting at Whitefriars. Those who attended received a Confirmation booklet of activities to support families in their preparation as well as some general information regarding the following dates:

Event	Day	Date	Time	Place
3 rd Meeting (First Holy Communion)	Wed	2 Aug	7pm	Whitefriars School, Mary MacKillop Centre
Children's Workshop	Fri	4 Aug	9:30am – 2:30pm or 4pm – 6pm	St Patrick's School (All SMMS candidates attending) Parish Hall, St Margaret Mary's
Rehearsal for Confirmation	Thur	24 Aug	7pm	St Margaret Mary's Church
Confirmation Ceremonies	Fri	1 Sept	7pm	St Margaret Mary's Church
	Tue	5 Sept (5/6 camp)	7pm	St Margaret Mary's Church
	Fri	8 Sept	7pm	St Margaret Mary's Church
	Sat	16 Sept	6pm	Mater Dei Church
	Sun	17 Sept	8:30am	St Patrick's Church

First Holy Communion Masses			10:30am	St Margaret Mary's Church
	Sat	23 Sept	6pm	Mater Dei Church
	Sun	24 Sept	8:30am	St Patrick's Church
			10:30am	St Margaret Mary's Church

Please email matthew.harrison@smms.catholic.edu.au or contact the parish office on 8346 0944 if you have any further questions.

Have a good weekend everyone.



Angolo Italiano

All students are participating enthusiastically in activities about Identity . Year 2 students are using interactive media as part of their learning activities which they are really enjoying .

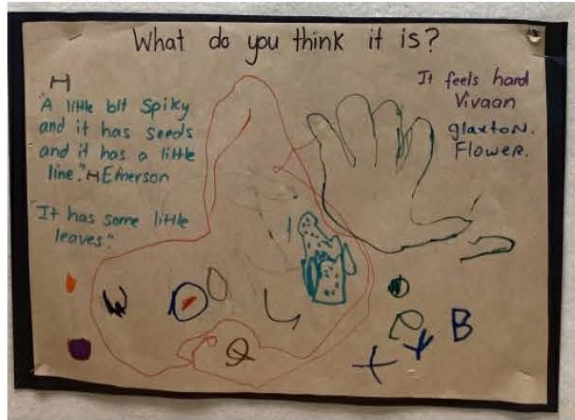
Gina Armiento
Italian Teacher



Preschool Learning – Sunflower Inquiry

Our sunflower inquiry has supported our Quality Improvement Plan goal of embedding deeper connections with our local community to develop a sense of belonging with the children and families.

Our inquiry began with a donation of a huge Sunflower head by the Fratamico family from the school. The children were asked, **what do you think could it be?** There were many opportunities for children to express their ideas.



There was lots of curiosity around the sunflower head and the seeds. The children were invited to use magnifying glasses to look closely at the sunflower and use their counting strategies to count the seeds.



After all the seeds were counted, the children were asked, ***what do you think we should do with all these seeds?***



Liam suggested ***“We drop all the seeds in the soil all and wait for them to grow”***. As we had over 50 seeds and with some negotiation, we asked the children if they would be happy to create sunflower seed packs to give to the St Anna’s Residential Care residents who we have connected with over the last few years to strengthen our community connections within the local community.

After a discussion about a residential home, the children were keen to create these packs and were provided resources to decorate the bags and support our counting strategies to ensure five seeds were in each bag. We observed children decorating bags with love hearts, rainbows, and sunflowers. Isabel explained, ***“The old people are going to love my picture of a rainbow”***.



Before delivering our seed bags, the children helped to create a large Sunflower card for the residents at St Anna's, **"to make them happy,"** Jenna explained.



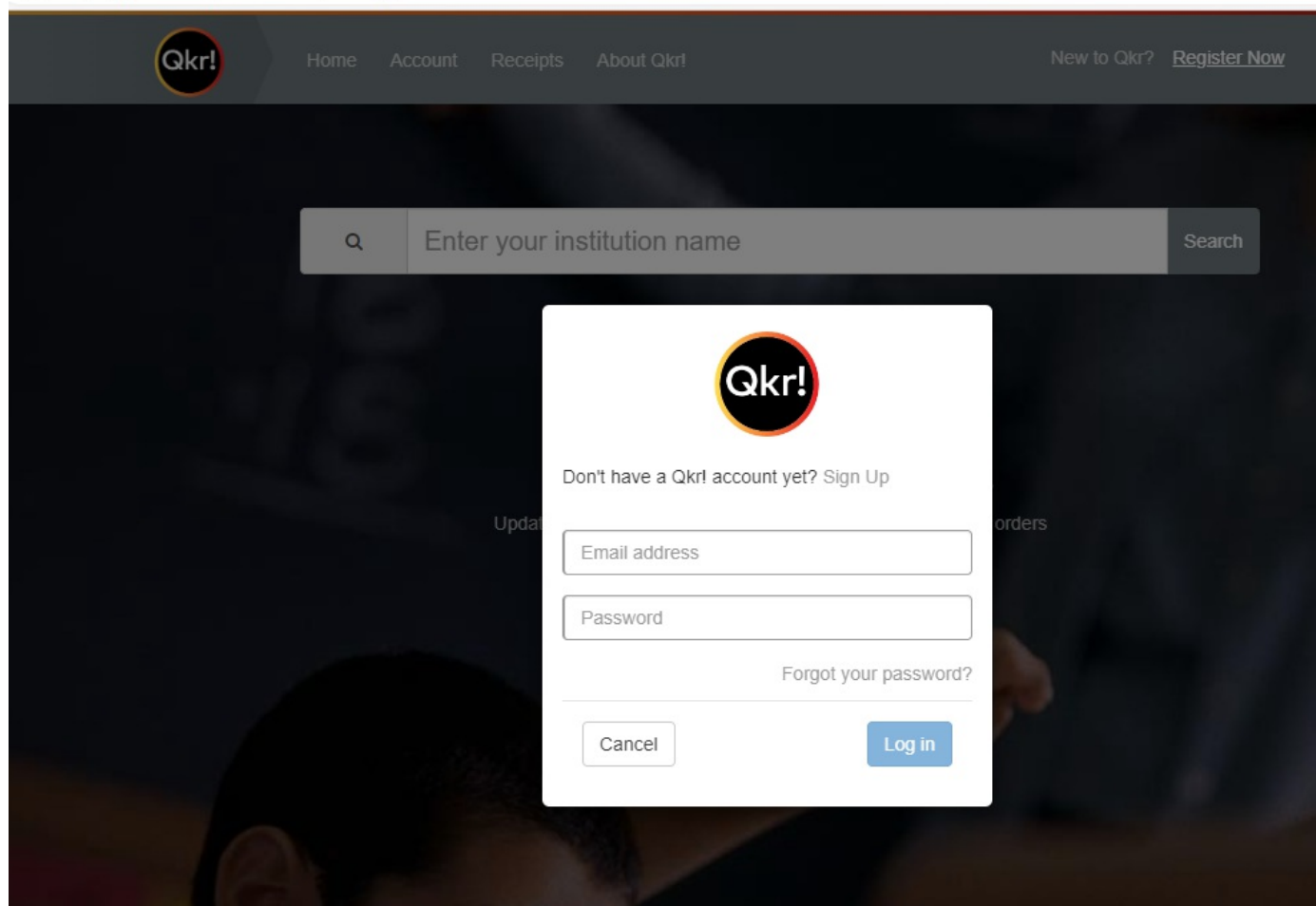
Mrs Pollifrone and Mrs Lovino visited St Anna's on 15th May to deliver the children's sunflower seed packs. We met with the lifestyles coordinator's Carolyn and Nicole and discussed ways to continue connecting with the residents.



We look forward to sharing many more memorable experiences with St. Anna's Residential Care residents.

Message from Qkr!

<https://qkr-store.qkrschool.com/store/#/home>



Please note that Qkr! have advised that there is an issue with Android phones which is being addressed by their tech team and "will take a couple of weeks to resolve". If you are having problems with Qkr! please see the Qkr website: <https://qkr-store.qkrschool.com/store/#/home>

Thank you for your patience.

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

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

Crossing Monitors



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

Week 3: Matilda, Alex, Nancy

Week 4: Vy, Dillen, Helena

Week 5: Huy, Nam, Justina

OSHC Hours



Morning: 6.30am - 8.30am;

Afternoon: 3.00pm - 6.15pm

Phone Camp Australia: 1300 105 343

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OSHC Newsletter

Newsletter

Date St Margaret Mary's 15th May 2023



Hi Everyone



Happy Mother's Day

Let's Celebrate Our Family Week

After Mother's Day last Sunday, this week we are embracing the International Day of Families. It gives us a good opportunity to promote the importance of families and the significant role in our society, to raise awareness about the social, economic, and demographic changes that impact families worldwide, and also to recognize the contributions of families to achieve the sustainable development goals.

Meet Our Team

We're here to make OSHC the best experience possible for your child and family. If you have any questions or ideas about the program, feel free to drop by, meet our team and see what happens in our program firsthand.

<i>WEEK 3</i>	Recycling Rocket making, Family Poster Painting
<i>Monday</i>	
<i>Tuesday</i>	Singing along, make Hama Bead keyrings for family members
<i>Wednesday</i>	Lego House making, Basketball planning
<i>Thursday</i>	Board game, White board drawing about your family
<i>Friday</i>	Play outdoor horses game, Making oil pastel family portraits

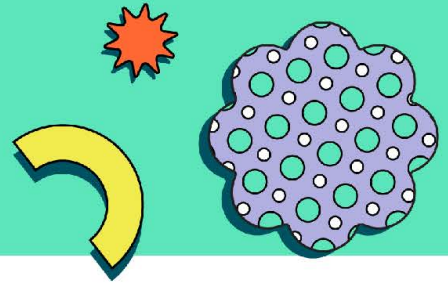
Please phone Camp Australia 1300-105-343 for bookings, rebates will apply.

To find out more about the program, view fees and to register, visit:

www.campaustralia.com.au

Keep Smiling 😊 Jenny, Nisha & Emily

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Your OSHC.

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



Happy Birthday

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

Kallen	3/4JM
Viyaan	1OV
Rinzen	1VC
Thomas	3/4KR
Evelyn	2NW
Chloe	5/6GG
Jaikrish	2KB
Logen	5/6LO
Mai Ly	5/6GG
Aldeyna	3/4JM
Sopheary	5/6LO
Isaac	3/4KR
Jaydon	5/6GG
Elijah	2NW
Orlando	PRE2
Christian	5/6LO
Grace	5/6LO
Alessandra	3/4JM
Marleah	1OV
Zhen Hui	RRB
Fikadu	RML
Lila	RRB
Mason	RRB
Thian	PRE1
Gia	5/6LC
Sergio	1VC

Abigail	PRE1
Alicia	5/6LO
Anyiel	1VC
Emerson	PRE1

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



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SACRED HEART
COLLEGE

Scholarships

Various scholarships are now available for
new students commencing Year 7 & 8 in 2024

Applications close Friday, 2nd June 2023

A Girls Secondary Catholic College from Years 7 - 12
496 Regency Road, Enfield SA 5085 | E: scholarships@olsh.catholic.edu.au



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EXHIBITION LAUNCH

**SATURDAY,
27 MAY
2023**

4 PM - 8 PM

**BRING
THE
FAMILY!**

**FREE
ENTRY**

**SPEECH
FROM
5PM**

**📍 WEST CROYDON/KILKENNY RSL
19 ROSETTA STREET, WEST CROYDON**

ONE NIGHT ONLY ONE NIGHT ONLY ONE NIGHT ONLY

