



# Term 3, Week 3 Friday 9th August 2024

## Important Dates

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**Student Free Day -  
OSHC Available**  
Monday 12 August 2024

**Catholic Schools  
Open Week**  
Monday 19 August 2024

**Book Week Parade  
10.15am**  
Wednesday 21 August 2024

**School Tour 9.15am  
and 5.15pm**  
Thursday 22 August 2024

**Choir Hub @ Loreto  
9.30-12.45**  
Wednesday 28 August 2024

**Fathers Day Stall**  
Thursday 29 August 2024

**Reception Excursion  
- Gorge Wildlife  
Park**  
Friday 30 August 2024

## Belinda Elliott - Assistant Principal



Dear Families

I hope that the first few weeks of Term 3 have been happy and healthy!

Please remember that if your child is unwell, we would appreciate you keeping them home. Many students are being sent to the sick room and parents are having to be called to pick their children up. Your support with this is much appreciated and helps to keep our community happy and healthy.

### **Student Free Day – Monday 12 August**

Please remember the school will be closed this coming Monday 12 August. OSHC services will be available, please book through the App.

Our staff will be engaging in Professional Learning on the Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum. The Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum is a child safety and respectful relationships curriculum providing age and developmentally appropriate activities for children and young people from age 3 to 17+.

### **Cross Country**

Well done to the 22 Cross Country runners who participated in the SACPSSA Cross Country Carnival event on Wednesday in the Adelaide Parklands. Students ran 2km around the parklands and should be very proud of their efforts! Thanks to Celeste Brown and Greig Graham who supported the students.

### **Year 5 Camp**

Our Year 5 students spent 3 days and 2 nights at the Active Education Campsite at Aldinga this week. The students and adults had a fantastic time and enjoyed a variety of activities including damper making at the campfire, teamwork games and challenges, night walks and survival techniques. They came home very tired from 3 days of fun! Many thanks to the staff who supported our Year 5 students; Matt Harrison, Greg Parker, Lucy Centofanti, Patricia Monti, Julie McGrane and Sandra Shepherd.

### **School Opening and Blessing**

Our wonderful new building and learning spaces will be officially 'Opened' and Blessed by Archbishop Patrick O'Regan in a special Liturgy and Ceremony on **Wednesday 18 September**. More information will be sent to families in coming weeks about this special event.

### **Book Week**

Book Week will be celebrated across Australia from 17 - 23 August. The theme this year is '**Reading is Magic**'. All classes will be sharing the nominated books from the Children's Book Council and doing some activities around this during their library lessons. We will celebrate Book Week with our annual Book Week Dress Up Parade on **Wednesday 21 August starting at 10:10am** on the courts (weather permitting). We hope that you will be able to join us to celebrate with the children.

### **Hats & Beanies**

Students are getting back into the routine of wearing their hat each day. Please help your child to remember to bring their SMMS hat each day – our wide brimmed school hat is required for all outside play and PE lessons and carnivals. Please clearly label the hat with your child's name. Our uniform shop has everything you need for your child – please visit Rosie in the Uniform Shop Tuesday afternoons 2:30-3:30pm and Friday mornings 8:30-10:00am.

SMMS Beanies are also available for purchase, but they do not replace hats in the yard.

### **OSHC After School Care**

Parents and Caregivers are reminded that at 3:10pm each day our school yard becomes a play space for the children attending OSHC. Please ensure you have left the courts, oval and playground areas by 3:10pm unless special permission has been given for a school sport training. Your support is much appreciated.

Best wishes for the weekend and week ahead. We will see you on Tuesday 13 August.

### **Belinda Elliott**

Assistant Principal



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Today, Friday 9 August, the MacKillop House students were invited to wear their Sports Day green T-Shirt, green hair accessories or green item to acknowledge St Mary MacKillop. Mary MacKillop is Australia’s first saint. Because of Mary MacKillop’s vision to educate all children, many schools were opened like ours, St Margaret Mary’s School. And, her sisters, like our first principal, Sr Jude Grady, educated alongside priests, like our first parish priest, Fr Thomas Daly. So, because of Mary MacKillop’s vision, we celebrate our school and celebrate our Houses.

Margaret House (Blue) will celebrate their spirit day on Friday 18 October (Term 4, Week 1).

**Sacramental Workshop**

On Wednesday 7 August, we had our Confirmation and First Eucharist Workshop at Whitefriars School from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

It was wonderful to see all students and families as they engaged creatively in designing Confirmation posters and First Holy Communion banners.

**Confirmation Dates**

Date	Church	Time
Friday 23 August	St Margaret Mary’s Church	7:00pm
Thursday 5 September	St Margaret Mary’s Church	7:00pm
Friday 6 September	St Margaret Mary’s Church	7:00pm

**First Holy Communion Dates**

Date	Church	Time
Sunday 15 September	St Margaret Mary’s Church	10:30am
Sunday 22 September	St Margaret Mary’s Church	10:30am

**Whole School Liturgy**

On Thursday 8 August, we celebrated the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. This was the first whole school liturgy for our Foundation classes and all our students read with confidence and filled St Margaret Mary's Church with joyous singing.

Some of our classes have also been producing some beautiful artworks, showcasing St Mary Mackillop through the eyes of the child. We look forward to seeing these displayed throughout our classrooms and school.

To commemorate this special celebration, each of our classes also received a 'Little Drops' miniature statue of Mary MacKillop to place on their prayer spaces.

**Family Mass**

The Parish Family Mass will be held on Sunday 11 August in St Margaret Mary's Church at 10:30am. Following Mass there will be food and refreshments in the Parish Hall. All families are warmly welcome to join us for Mass and refreshments.

Have a good weekend everyone.

**Matthew Harrison**

# CHECK OUT ROV'S LEARNING

## STEAM into Nature Incursion

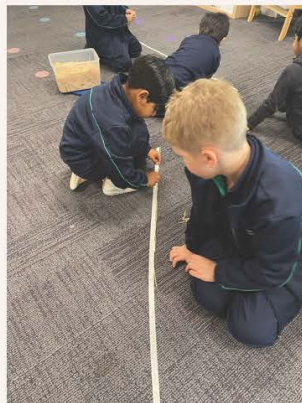


Last term in Science, the Receptions explored different materials and their properties. During their incursion, they learnt about the colours of history and had the opportunity to create their own paint, and use it to paint a canvas.



## Mathematics: Measuring Length

This term in Mathematics ROV have been exploring measurement. We have learnt about the rules of measuring length, and were able to practice this by measuring the length of different lines in our classroom. We used a range of different materials to help us measure.



# Cross Country

On Wednesday, 19 students eagerly participated in the annual Catholic school's cross-country carnival. The event, held at Park 15 in the city, saw students from Years 3-6 lacing up their running shoes, ready to tackle the challenging course laid out across the parklands. As they lined up at the starting line, a mix of determination and nervous anticipation filled the air. The race not only tested their physical endurance but also fostered a sense of camaraderie and sportsmanship among the participants. By the end of the day, the carnival left everyone with a sense of accomplishment, celebrating both individual achievements and the collective spirit of the school community.

Well done to all our amazing athletes!!





*Please do not make a U-turn (or overtake) on the roads around our school where there are single continuous white lines. This is against the road rules and is dangerous for our students and families.*



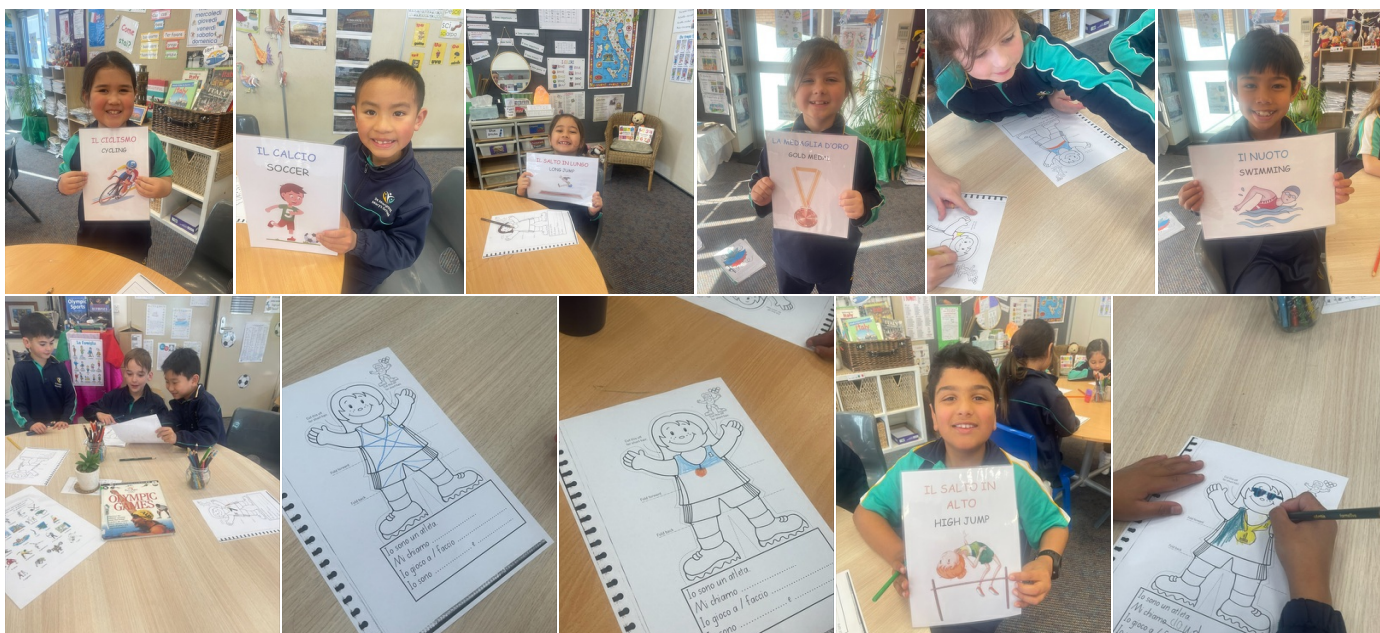
# Angolo Italiano

Year 2 students have been learning Italian vocabulary for some of the Olympic sports.

They are also designing their own 'atleta' athlete.

**Gina Armiento**

**Italian Teacher**



## Yoga & Mindfulness



Lunch Club Yoga & Mindfulness continues this term. Today we introduced these beautiful singing bowls. The sound from these bowls creates a calm & soothing feeling within. The students enjoyed the experience of a sound bath during the session today.

**Gina Armiento**  
Teacher

# 1AV Soccer

Congratulations to the Year 1AV soccer team who played like true super stars on Saturday! A fantastic win of 8-0. Great team work & fantastic skills were displayed by all players.

Thanks to coach Mohamed & all the parents who came out to support the team on such a beautiful sunny day!

**Anna Verbi & Gina Armiento**



## Book Week Fun in the Library



**Children's Book Week (Week 5)** is coming up and we have lots of exciting events happening in the Library. On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August we are having a DRESS-UP PARADE! Families are welcome to come along to the parade which will start at 10:15am. Children are invited to come as a BOOK CHARACTER or dress up to match the theme **Reading is Magic**. We encourage you to use your imagination and a little magic to create a costume with what you already have at home. No scary costumes or weapons please.

*Providing Value to Families*

# Book Club

ORDERS ARE DUE

11<sup>th</sup>

August

SCHOLASTIC **Book Club**

Book Club Issue 5 is closing soon!

Due date for orders is 11<sup>th</sup> August.

ALL orders done online via Book Club LOOP.

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

This will be the only Book Club issue for Term 3.

## 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;

## Preschool Times



**Group 1:** Monday & Tuesday 8.45am - 2.45pm;

Odd Wednesdays 8.45am - 2.45pm

**Occasional Care:** Thursdays 8.45-11.45am (bookings required)

**Group 2:** Even Wednesdays 8.45am -2.45pm;

Thursday & Friday 8.45am - 2.45pm

**Playgroup:** Fridays 9.15-10.45am

## 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 4: Tiffany, Rafael, Janice

Week 5: Dominic, Nathan, Cooper

Week 6: Christian, Abahyot, John

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## Happy August Birthdays!



Happy Birthday to everyone celebrating a birthday in August!

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## OSHC Hours



**Morning:** 6.30am - 8.30am;

**Afternoon:** 3.00pm - 6.15pm

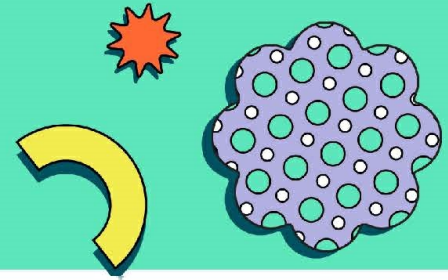
Phone Camp Australia: 1300 105 343

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## OSHC News

# Newsletter



Date St Margaret Mary's 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024

HYDROPONIC



SYSTEM

## Hi Everyone,



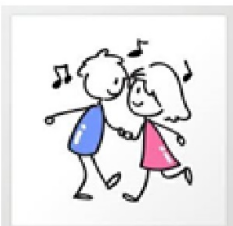
The theme for this week is "The Board Game Bonanza!" A celebration of classic and modern board games, it promises fun for all ages. From strategic challenges like chess and checkers to lively rounds of Uno and handball-inspired games, there's something for everyone. Gather your friends for a week filled with laughter, competition, and memorable moments. Let the games begin!

Next week in OSHC, we are excited to celebrate National Science Week! Join us for a series of engaging and interactive activities designed to spark curiosity and inspire young minds. From hands-on experiments to fascinating science demonstrations, there's something for every budding scientist. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to explore the wonders of science with us!

The children at OSHC are having an incredible time, immersing themselves in a wide range of activities that keep them excited and engaged. They're not only participating in sports, improving their skills, and staying active, but they're also unleashing their creativity through diverse craft projects like painting, Jewellery making, experiments and sensory playdough. Friendships they're forming are heartwarming, with kids from different backgrounds coming together to share experiences, collaborate on games, and support each other. Every day is an opportunity for laughter, learning, and growth, making OSHC a vibrant and joyful place for everyone involved.

Monday - WEEK 4 -	The <del>Mouldy</del> Bread Experiment, The Plastic Milk Experiment	
Tuesday	How to make a Dancing Stick Figure, making Mini Volcanos	
Wednesday	Hydroponics - how to grow plants in water, Magic Floating Ball	
Thursday	Dancing Colours with Food Dye and Milk, Making Crystal Candy	
Friday	Let's Have a Science Quiz, Creating a Lava Lamp in a Jar, Capillary Action	

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](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)

Keep Smiling ☺ Louise, Jenny & Harry



Your OSHC.

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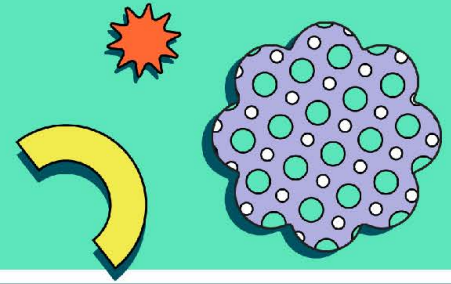


Your OSHC.

To register and book, visit [www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au)



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## national science week

10-18 AUG 2024 [scienceweek.net.au](http://scienceweek.net.au) #scienceweek



Your OSHC.

To register and book, visit [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)



## 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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## Entertainment App



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Thank you for your continued support!

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## Nazareth High School Enrolments

Lodge Your Application by 13 December 2024 for

# Year 7 in 2027 ENROL NOW

*\* Early lodgement is highly recommended*

**Do you have a child currently in Year 4?  
Are you considering Nazareth for Year 7?**

**Don't miss out! The closing date for Year 7 applications for 2027 is  
13 December 2024.**

***We recommend submitting your enrolment applications as early as possible, well before the final lodgement dates listed on our website.***

*It is imperative that an enrolment application is completed for each child in your family, including siblings of those students already attending Nazareth. Placement is not guaranteed if you do not apply by the final date for lodgement.*

**[www.nazareth.org.au/enrol](http://www.nazareth.org.au/enrol)**



Nazareth



# \$500 towards you or your children's education



Saver Plus is a free financial education program that matches your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500

## What can the \$500 be used for?



Laptops & tablets



Lessons & activities



Uniforms & shoes



Books & supplies



Vocational education



Camps & excursions

## To join Saver Plus, you must meet all of the below criteria:

- Be 18 years or over
- Have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself
- Have regular income from paid employment (you or your partner)
- Have a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- Be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment\*

\*Many Centrelink payments are eligible

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street and The Smith Family. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

### To find out more:

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