



Important Dates

Book Week Parade
10.15am
Friday 25 August

School Disco
Friday 25 August

Year 3/4 Zoo
excursion
Tuesday 29 August

Fathers Day Stall
Thursday 31 August

From our Principal



Learning Conversations

Our Parent/Teacher Learning conversations will be held Monday 11th September – Friday 15th September. You will have received information about how to book a time (contact the office if you are unsure). Please ensure you have made a booking to meet with your child's teacher. A strong partnership between school and home is very important for your child's wellbeing and learning. These conversations give parents/carers a chance to discuss learning progress and for teachers to share celebrations of learning and areas for future focus or intervention.

2024 Class Planning

Our staff are commencing the process of class placements for 2024. Later in the term, students will also have a chance to provide input into this process. Each year teachers spend a great deal of time looking at class placements for the following year. This process takes many things into account. First and foremost, we take into consideration the learning needs of *all students*. We aim to ensure classes are 'balanced', by also taking into consideration a balance of gender, progress and levels of children's learning, children with specific needs (social/emotional, learning and physical), relationships and family considerations.

At this time of the year, we have not finalised staffing and class structures, and we have teachers who will be changing year levels, as well as new teachers to our community. *Requests for specific teachers are not a part of our process*, as classes are determined before teachers are allocated to that class or year level.

If there is a consideration that you feel we need to be made aware of, please email me before **Friday 29th September** (kelly.campbell@smms.catholic.edu.au).

Once the process is finished, it is extremely difficult to consider further input from parents because the movement of one child will affect other children in the class and the balance that we work hard to achieve. In previous years, if you have put something in writing, please email me again, if you would still like this to be considered.

Your child's best support may be someone they have not yet met!

Child Safety

Throughout the school, students are engaging in the Child Protection Curriculum. As a community, it is timely to also remind parents/carers of some safety tips to discuss with children in an age-appropriate way.

Students and families are reminded to be wary of approaches from strangers, especially when they are unaccompanied or travelling to and from school. If they are approached students should not respond and should not accept offers of rides or gifts.

Students should seek the assistance of other nearby adults if they feel unsafe and should report the event to a trusted adult (parent or school staff member) as soon as possible.

SAPOL advises that taking out a mobile phone and calling police can deter the offender and they recommend the student making a formal report to their closest police station.

Thank you for your continued support,

Kelly Campbell



**St Margaret
Mary's School**

Preschool to Year 6

Wednesday 22nd August 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I write to inform you that Belinda Elliott has been appointed as permanent Assistant Principal at St Margaret Mary's School. Belinda has been fulfilling this leadership position in an acting capacity for the last 3 months and we are very pleased that she has now been appointed to this position permanently.

We are excited that Belinda brings a great depth of knowledge to learning and teaching, highlighted in her most recent role as System Coach for Catholic Education SA. She will work closely in our School Quality Performance Team to support teachers, students and families in strengthening learning and wellbeing outcomes from Preschool to Year 6.

Many of you may have already met Belinda and I'm sure you will join me in congratulating her in her new role.

Thank you for your continued support,

Kelly Campbell
Principal

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thank you for your generosity in response to the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. In our last newsletter, we invited donations of **packet items** such as **cereal, pasta** or **long-life milk**. Within a fortnight, we have been able to provide Croydon Park Vinnies volunteers with 6 packets of cereal, 11 packets of pasta, 4 long life milks and an additional 12 cans of soup. A new white donation basket will be placed in the Front Office entrance foyer from Monday 28 August (Week 6) to Friday 7 September (Week 7). All donations will continue to be distributed to families in need.

Adelaide Green Verge Project

On Monday 14 August, our Semester 1 Student Leadership Team representatives were very happy to contribute to planting as part of the Green Adelaide project on the corner of Tungara Avenue and Torrens Road. Special thanks to Odysseas Gromitsaris for educating our leaders on the preparation, planting and protection process involved in establishing our native plants.

Community Garden Beds

On Thursday 24 August, our newly elected Semester 2 Student Leadership Team representatives continued our gardening focus. Our Year 2 and Year 3/4 leaders were supported by Helen Psaila who educated our leaders on preparing the soil, compost, fertiliser and mulch for carrots, lettuce, spinach and marigolds. Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 5/6 leaders will complete the planting of all three garden beds next week. Our leaders are very excited to care for our plants and to observe the vegetables and flowers as they grow.

Liturgies and Masses

On Monday 28 August, our Year 2 students will celebrate their Term 3 Liturgy of the Word from 11:40am in St Margaret Mary's Church. Families are warmly welcomed to join us on this occasion and entry to the church will be available from 11:30 via the front office or the Torrens Road church entrance. The details for our upcoming Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 parish Masses have been listed below:

Dates:	Year Levels:	Time:	Celebration:
Thursday 14 September	Year 3/4	9:15	Parish Mass
Thursday 21 September	Year 5/6	9:15	Parish Mass

Sacramental Rehearsal and Ceremony Dates:

On Thursday 24 August, the sacramental candidates and their sponsors attended a Croydon Park Parish rehearsal for our upcoming Confirmation ceremonies with Archbishop Patrick O'Reagan and Masses for First Holy Communion. Fr Charles spoke to the children about the importance of these occasions along their faith journey. The dates of these upcoming ceremonies and Masses are as follows:

Dates:	Event:	Time:
Monday 1 September	Confirmation Ceremony	6:30pm
Thursday 8 September	Confirmation Ceremony	6:30pm
Sunday 17 September	First Holy Communion at Mass	10:30am
Sunday 24 September	First Holy Communion at Mass	10:30am

If you have any questions please send an email to matthew.harrison@smms.catholic.edu.au or contact the parish office directly on 8346 0944.

Have a good weekend everyone.

Matthew Harrison

Belinda Elliott - Assistant Principal



Dear Parents/Caregivers

I am thrilled to be continuing in the role of Assistant Principal in 2024 and beyond. I am thankful to have the opportunity to further develop working relationships with staff, students and the wider SMMS community. I look forward to meeting more of you and working alongside you in your child's educational journey. Thank you for your support and kind welcome over the past term. I feel very lucky to be a part of the St Margaret Mary's School and Preschool community.

Father's Day Gift Stall

On Thursday 31 August we will be holding a Father's Day Stall. Students are invited to bring \$3 - \$5 (cash only) to purchase a gift for their dad or special male in their lives. Each class will be allocated a time to visit the stall with their teacher. Students can give the money to their classroom teacher for safe keeping.

Some gifts are handmade, and we really appreciate the help and kindness of parents and students who have assisted us with donating gifts. Special thanks especially to Grace Fratamico.

Lunch Orders

Please remember that lunch orders close at **8.45am** on the Qkr! app. Lunch orders are delivered to school at 11.20am.

Please check your Qkr! app to ensure that your child is registered under their correct year level i.e. Year 2 (not Preschool) and please double check the day/date that you are requesting the order to arrive. If you have any issues, please call us at school. **Do not contact the lunch order shop** (Westside Lunch & Coffee Bar).

Please also remind your child that if they have any missing items, they should let their teacher know straight away.

I'm looking forward to seeing the students in their Book Week costumes and their dance moves at the Disco.

Thank you for your on-going support.

Belinda Elliott



St Margaret
Mary's School

FATHER'S DAY GIFT STALL

THURSDAY 31
AUGUST

Students are invited to
bring \$3-\$5 to purchase
a gift. Each class will be
given the chance to visit
the stall with their
teacher.



Angolo Italiano

Year 2 students are enjoying learning about family through a guided reader text.

They can read and understand the text and identify key vocabulary words .

Gina Armiento

Italian Teacher



2024 School Fees

School newsletter article

August 2023



School fees for 2024

We are pleased to inform our school families that there will be no increase in school fees for the 2024 school year.

Catholic Education SA has announced it will freeze tuition fees at its 84 Diocesan schools for the 2024 school year.

"We recognise that cost-of-living increases are putting significant pressure on families," says Dr Neil McGoran, Executive Director, Catholic Education SA.

"Growth in enrolments across the State in our 101 Catholic Schools, together with prudent financial management, puts us in a position where we are able to hold tuition fees at this year's level."

Dr McGoran said the fee-freeze will not impact the quality of education.

"We're committed to keeping school fees as low as possible and ensuring a Catholic education is affordable and accessible to all."

Since 2019, Catholic Education SA has been implementing the *Making Catholic Education More Affordable Initiative* to ensure Catholic schools are accessible to any family who wants their child to have a Catholic education.

In addition to the fee-freeze, further fee remissions are available to any family who is struggling to pay school fees due to financial difficulties. Families should contact Jane Victory for more information.

2024 School Card Application Forms will be available in January 2024.

Piano

The piano in the last newsletter has gone to a new home, but is too big for the room.

If you are interested in taking it, please talk to Angela in the office.



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 Wed 13 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: Sifat, Hannah, Jasmine

Week 4: Faith, Janice, Rafael

Week 5: Harnoovir, Henry Jaydon

OSHC Hours



Morning: 6.30am - 8.30am;

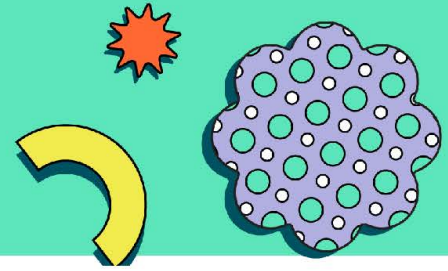
Afternoon: 3.00pm - 6.15pm

Phone Camp Australia: 1300 105 343

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OSHC News

Newsletter



Date St Margaret Mary's 23rd August 2023



Hi Everyone



Science week was a blast, the children made volcanos, did experiments, master minded science word searches, created rivers and had lots of fun together.

Its Book week this week and the Educators and children have programmed amazing activities. We had fun playing charades, where the children act out their Favorite book characters, creating Willy Wonka Playdough using glitter, we read story's, built bean stalks, and made slime.

We are thrilled to announce Spring 2023 Rocketeers Mission XI is now open on Camp Australia Website www.campaustralia.com.au/rocketeers

Make this spring holiday break an unforgettable one for your child/children. GET Creative, GET Active, GET Social, Non-stop Action Morning to Evening. We have amazing experiences programmed that all the children will enjoy.

<i>WEEK 6</i>	
<i>Monday</i>	Father's Day Cards, Dad Letter Holder
<i>Tuesday</i>	My Family, Frame Decorations
<i>Wednesday</i>	BBQ Card, Paddle pop Stick Family
<i>Thursday</i>	Play Dough making, Recycling Box Creations
<i>Friday</i>	Baking Cheesy Scones, Home Made Pancakes

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

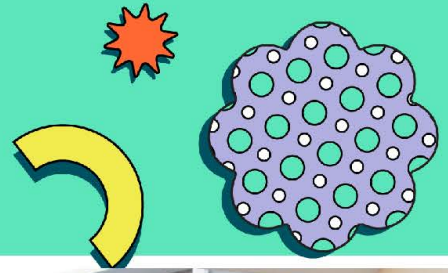
Keep Smiling 😊 Louise & Jenny

Your OSHC.

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


ROCKETEERS

Newsletter



Your OSHC.

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August Birthdays

**Happy
Birthday**

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

Steven	5/6GG
Thanh-Thanh	PRE2
Paul	5/6GG
Jenna	FDN
Thomas Thanh	5/6LC
Annika	3/4KR
Sophia	RML
Mason	1OV
Aria	3/4MC
Zunis	3/4KR
Dominic	3/4MC
Nimrat	PRE1
Mia	5/6LC
Nathan	2KB
Maddison	1VC
Justina	5/6GG
Yohana	PRE1
Alexander	5/6LC
Kalista	2KB
Ori	2KB
Sanvi	1VC
Ella	RML
Vy	5/6LO
Lovetta	3/4MC
Maneet	RML
Sofia	5/6GG
Kenzi	3/4JM
Mia	3/4JM
Joseph	1OV
Himani	PRE1
Alina	3/4KR
Ava	PRE2

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

Mini Hoopsters

MINI HOOPSTERS

Join Mini Hoopsters in the Social Basketball Competition

Join a team or bring your friends and make a team

Boys & Girls ages 5-16

Come & try sessions Tuesdays 4:15-5:15pm

REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN!!

for more information

email: minihoopsters@yahoo.com

w: minihoopsters.com.au



SHOWCASE MEMORABILIA

VARO
PROPERTY

Woodville Baseball Club

WOODVILLE DISTRICT BASEBALL CLUB

COME & TRY DAY

SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST
From 2pm

Don Klaebe Reserve
Drummond Avenue, Findon

Boys and Girls
Ages 4-17 years old

Senators



BASEBALL T-BALL

For further information:
Megan Oliver - 0400447837

