



Term 3, Week 7 Friday 9th
September 2022

Important Dates

Learning
Conversations week
Monday 12 September

Mid-Autumn
Festival
Friday 23 September

Last day of Term -
3pm finish
Friday 30 September

From our Principal



Wednesday 7th September was Early Childhood Educators Day. We have amazing Early Childhood Educators at St Margaret Mary's School and Preschool.

We recognise and celebrate the work of our educators in our Playgroup, Occasional Care and Preschool for their wonderful contribution to the wellbeing and healthy development of the young children in their care.

This week, our very own Vicky Manalo from our Playgroup has been featured on the CESA website for her work in our Playgroup this year.

<https://www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/news/86272/meet-some-amazing-supported-playgroup-facilitators->

Vicky and Nikki have always prepared great activities for our youngest members of our community. Playgroup runs every Friday from 9.15-10.30am in the Preschool. No bookings necessary!

Next week we have our Parent/Teacher Conversations. 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.

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

From our Assistant Principal Alicia Boylan






Attendance Matters!

Of course, children get sick from time to time and it is important that they stay home if they are unwell. Please call 8245 5855, email absent@smms.catholic.edu.au or SMS 0407 682 137 anytime.

Did you realise that by missing just 5 days each term, it is very difficult for your child to achieve their best at school. The research has found that it does not matter why your child is away from school, their non-attendance affects their educational learning.

Missing school affects your child's learning, their ability to make and keep friends, and their sense of belonging to a class group or the school community.

Research conducted in Australia has also found that if a student misses 10% of days each school year, this will affect their NAPLAN results in Year 3.

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|  | Your child's attendance is on or above 95% They are likely to be a "Star Attendee". They will almost certainly achieve the best grades for their ability and have real opportunity in further education or in the world of work. |
|  | Your child's attendance is 90-94% "GREEN for GO" for good attendance. This will give them real opportunities for continuing their studies or in the world or work. |
|  | Your child's attendance is 85-89% "AMBER - Take Care" as students will be missing up to 20 days each year this will make it very difficult for them to achieve their best. |
|  | Your child's attendance is 80-84% "RED light - Be Alert" as students are missing so much school it will be very difficult for them to keep in touch with lessons or with their friends. |
|  | Your child's attendance is below 80% "AT RISK - Immediate Action Needed" as students are missing so much time from school it will be almost impossible for them to keep in touch with lessons or with work. |

Studies have also shown that it is important to set positive school attendance habits early, which includes Preschool and the early years of school. There is a strong link between regular attendance at Preschool and literacy levels in Year 3. It is important to set positive school attendance habits early!

At St Margaret Mary's School and Preschool, we work hard to create a welcoming school community for all students and their families, and to provide a learning environment that is safe, inclusive and values positive relationships. This is one way that we can support children and their families to attend school every day!

Mid-Autumn Festival

Mid-Autumn Festival is on Friday September 23rd. Children will be invited to come to school dressed in cultural clothes or autumnal colours. We will be having dances and parades, and of course the Lion Dance!

It is such a fun day and always the highlight of our school calendar so please keep the date free!

APRIM News

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

In recent weeks, our Year 3 and Year 4/5 classes have celebrated morning Masses with our parish community. The children's confident participation as readers and joyous voices as singers has been wonderful to see. Special thanks to my colleagues for all their support behind the scenes to prepare the children for these parish experiences.

Parish Sacramental Program

Congratulations to the 15 students who participated in this year's parish sacramental program. Special thanks to our families who prepared the children for their First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion. Many colleagues attended these sacraments to join the children and their families in these special celebrations.

Farewell Eleni

On behalf of our SMMS Community, I would like to thank Eleni Vailas for the energy and creativity she has brought to the role of Sacramental Coordinator at Croydon Park Parish. Recently, Eleni announced her decision to return to her substantive position as Deputy Principal at Catherine McAuley. Eleni will be missed by all, and we wish her all the best in her return to Catherine McAuley.

Journey to Emmaus

In Week 6, our Year 6 students experienced the first of their three day 'Journey to Emmaus' student leadership program. Day one was broken into two parts. In the morning session, the students reinterpreted scripture, shared their views on leadership and named the qualities they recognise in other leaders. In the afternoon sessions, the students prepared vegetables generously donated by our community. They worked collaboratively in small groups to produce over 14 litres of soup for Moore Street Day Centre. The soup was delivered to Moore Street in support of their evening soup run, helping to provide a warm home cooked meal for Adelaide's homeless and most vulnerable. At the end of the day we gathered in prayer and the students reflected that they demonstrated leadership by preparing soup and that when we do something for others like the homeless, we feel happy too.

The second day of this parish leadership program will be held at Whitefriars Catholic School on Monday 12 September. We look forward to joining the Whitefriars Year 6 students, teachers and APRIM Josh Page as we continue on our three day experience. Further updates on the Year 6 engagement in this program will be provided in the Week 9 newsletter.

Social Justice Focus

This term, in support of Catholic Charities we are inviting toiletry and stationary donations towards the Hutt Street Appeal. If your family is able to contribute to the appeal, Hutt Street are seeking toiletry items such as; toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, hairbrushes, hair products, deodorant, antiperspirant, razors, shaving cream or feminine hygiene products. Alternatively, you may prefer to donate a stationary item such as; textas, pencils, watercolours, crayons, rulers or erasers.

A white basket will be placed in each classroom and an additional basket will also be accessible to those visiting the front office. We will continue to invite donations until Friday 23 September (Week 9). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email matthew.harrison@smms.catholic.edu.au

ReLAT

Next week, our Year 4 students are scheduled to participate in a practice ReLAT (Religious Education Literacy Assessment Tool) on Wednesday 14 September (Week 8). The actual ReLAT assessment will be offered in Week 9. The assessment date will become available for scheduling once the practice assessment is complete.

Parish News – All are welcome

Family Mass: Sunday 11 September at 10:30am

Year 6 Mass : Thursday 15 September at 9:15am

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

God bless,

Matthew Harrison

Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission

1 / 2 CF Great Learners

Science investigations into push and pull with ramps and levers



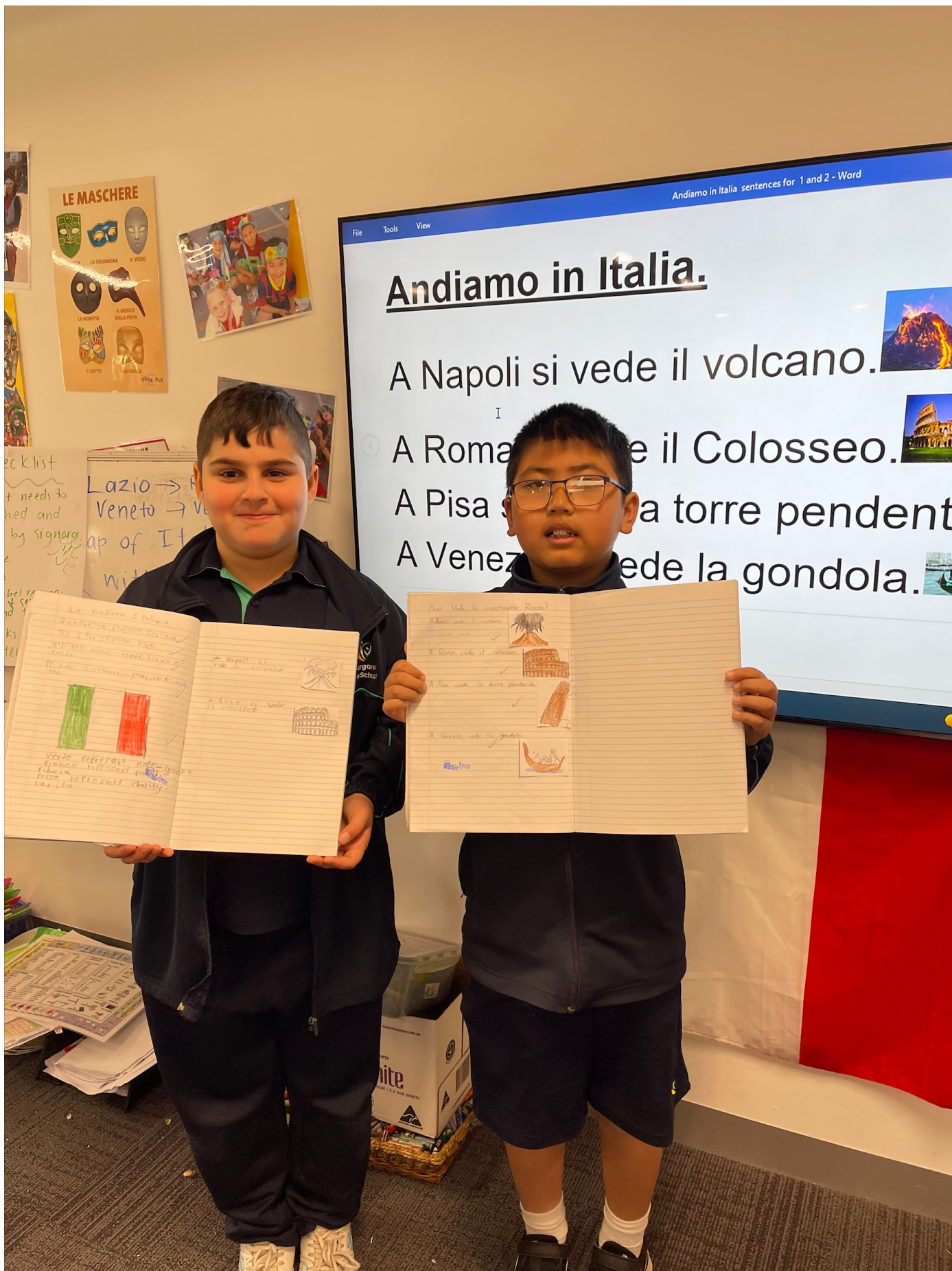
Technology and design of the First Nation Peoples



Discovering Lines of symmetry



STEM Learning to build and code a rover with Lego technology



Year 4/5 students have been learning about famous Italian landmarks.

They have been writing sentences in Italian about the landmarks and reading them.

Pronunciation and expression has been fantastic from all students.



SAPSASA Soccer Championships





During week 5 this term Aailyah represented the Western SAPSASA Soccer team at the State Soccer Championships at West Beach. Her team competed against other district teams throughout the state. Aailyah was chosen out of 60 girls who tried out for the Western team and from what we have heard from coaches, was an absolute star player! Congratulations Aailyah, the St Margaret Mary's community are very proud of you!

Touch Football Carnival



This week on a magnificent day of sunshine, 67 students from Years 4-6 participated at the SACPSSA Touch Football Carnival at the Touch SA fields. Each of the 8 teams played with respect, great teamwork and most importantly had fun!

I would like to say a special thank you to Adam F, Lou B and Vutha B who came and helped coach a team. If it wasn't for parents like them, our students wouldn't get to experience days like these. I would also like to thank Mr Graham, Ms Troung and Ms Centofanti for all their support in making this a great day!

Regards,
Celeste Brown
PE Teacher



For Sale



One used bar fridge (possibly 90L)

One used 212L fridge/freezer

14 office chairs on castors (\$20)

Please see Jane in the office 12-3 on Monday

Holiday Club at OSHC

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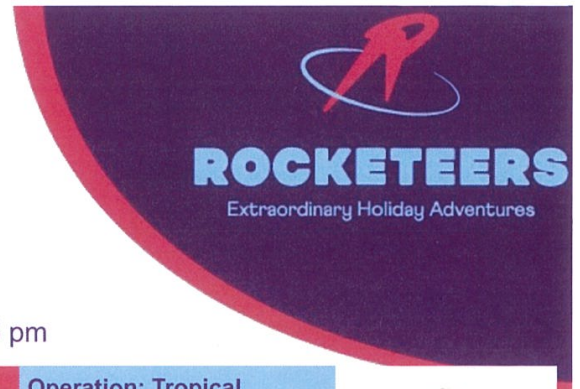
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Government subsidies available for eligible families

by  **Camp Australia**

MISSION VII PROGRAM



St Margaret Mary's School

Address: 5 Eldon Street CROYDON PARK SA 5008

Phone: 0404 452 628 **Program Times:** 07:00 am - 06:15 pm

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| <p>Tue 04 Oct</p> | <p>Mission: Takeoff VII</p> |  What better time than AFL Season to celebrate the Athletic Spirit? Join us today as we turn Base Camp into our very own Rocketeers Stadium! You'll play Pica Pair Sports and cheer on your favourite team with your own DIY Cheerer Stick! Full Fee \$83.75 After Max. CCS* \$12.56  Inursion | <p>Wed 05 Oct</p> | <p>Operation: Tropical Escape</p> |  Aloha! Welcome and make yourselves feel at home as we use everything at hand to turn our Base Camp into our own version of a Tropical Island! Full Fee \$71.75 After Max. CCS* \$10.76  Base Camp Day |
| <p>Thu 06 Oct</p> | <p>Rocketeers Film Festival: The Sequel</p> |  Design, Camera, Action. Get into teams and make your very own stop motion animation film! Plus, all films will be entered into our national film competition. More info on our website. Full Fee \$96.75 After Max. CCS* \$14.51  Inursion | <p>Fri 07 Oct</p> | <p>Adventure: Vitamin Sea at Marine Discovery Centre</p> |  Discover the marvels of marine life at the Marine Discovery Centre and learn how to protect the coastal and marine life that surrounds us. Full Fee \$110.75 After Max. CCS* \$16.61  Excursion |
| <p>Mon 10 Oct</p> | <p>Project: The Greatest Puppet Show</p> |  Today is all about exploring the magical world of 3D Puppetry! With the help of customisable props and unlimited imagination, Base Camp transforms into Rocketeers theatre. Design your very own 3D paper hand puppet and put on a mesmerizing show! Full Fee \$90.75 After Max. CCS* \$13.61  Inursion | <p>Tue 11 Oct</p> | <p>Adventure: Playland Action at Funtopia</p> |  Jump, climb and bounce around at this amazing indoor playcentre. With so much time and an awesome Aussie-themed wonderland to explore be sure not to forget to bring all your energy as today's adventure is not to be missed! Full Fee \$109.75 After Max. CCS* \$16.46  Excursion |
| <p>Wed 12 Oct</p> | <p>Operation: My Hero!</p> |  Today we're celebrating both National Hero Day and World Card Day! Come dressed as your personal hero or let them know how much you appreciate them with a beautiful card! Full Fee \$71.75 After Max. CCS* \$10.76  Base Camp Day | <p>Thu 13 Oct</p> | <p>Project: Picnic Bears</p> |  Let's celebrate the return of the sunshine by organising a Picnic: Rocketeers style! Stuff, customise your bear-y own DIY Teddy and prepare delicious cinammon scrolls for an beautiful day out and about! Full Fee \$91.25 After Max. CCS* \$13.69  Inursion |
| <p>Fri 14 Oct</p> | <p>Operation: Obstacle Spectacle</p> |  Team up, strategise, and GO! Who can design the best obstacle course, or complete it the quickest, or cheer the loudest? Today, test your mettle and see what you can do! Full Fee \$71.75 After Max. CCS* \$10.76  Base Camp Day | | | |

Visit campastralia.com.au/rocketeers to join our next mission

by  Camp Australia

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

Playgroup



St Margaret Mary's School

PLAYGROUP

Friday 9:15am – 10:45am

0–4 years welcome

\$3:00 per family

Bring a healthy snack



Playgroup is a fun place for you and your child to play and learn together and to become a part of our community.

Children are learning from the moment they are born and they mostly learn from playing along with you.

We offer experiences for you to **play**, **talk**, **sing** and **read** with your child and with other families.

Our playgroup is part of the Supported Playgroups in Catholic Education (SPiCE) program.



FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT:

Phone: 08 8245 5800

Email: info@smms.catholic.edu.au

Website: www.smms.catholic.edu.au

Crossing Monitors



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

Week 7 - Monique, Mia M, Natalie K

Week 8 - Kevin, Kenzo, Bobby

Week 9 - Jett, Christian, Joshua

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 5 OSHC Newsletter](#)

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

August Birthdays!



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

Nathan 3GW
Averie PRE2
Cameron1/2AL
Praise 1/2KB
Guransh RRB
Abrihet 1/2AL
Pia RRB
Piang 4/5KT
Aryan 1/2CF
Emma PRE1
Harry 1/2CF
Anh FDN
Riley 1/2CF
Nyla PRE1
Belle 4/5GG
Alannah PRE1
Xavier 1/2ML

Alexa 1/2ML
Grace 1/2CF
Rahmah 4/5GG
Tyson 3MK
Thomas 3GW
Alea PRE2
Matilda 4/5KT
Harry 4/5CM
Arin 3MK
Valeria FDN
Monique 6LO
Daniel 3GW
Ky 4/5CM
Amay 4/5KT
Harry 1/2KB
Shine FDN
Anh 1/2ML
Mia 1/2KB

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