



**Term 4, Week 1 Friday 18th  
October 2024**

## Important Dates

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**Preschool Health  
Checks**

Wednesday 23 October  
2024

**Yr 3/4 Tennis  
Carnival**

Thursday 24 October 2024

**Outreach Day**

Friday 25 October 2024

**Reception Excursion  
- Gorge Wildlife  
Park**

Friday 25 October 2024

**Multicultural  
Festival**

Friday 8 November 2024

**Community Event  
6pm**

Thursday 5 December 2024

**End of year Mass**

Friday 6 December 2024

**Year 6 Students  
Final Day**

Tuesday 10 December 2024

**Final Day**

# Foundation - Year 5 Students

Wednesday 11 December  
2024

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## From our Principal



### Volunteering at St Margaret Mary's School

Being a registered volunteer is a great way to be involved in your child's school life and the wider community. We regularly require volunteers for school excursions, sports carnivals, and school events such as the disco.

Being a volunteer requires some paperwork. We can help you with this through the front office, just pop in and we will send you a pack or give us a call and we'll send a pack home with your child.

All volunteers are also required to attend a volunteer induction session. These only take about 20 minutes and you can attend in person, or via TEAMS. School board members will have their WHS induction at the next board meeting.

Current volunteers and those wanting to volunteer can book one of the following this term:

- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 8.45am
- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 5.30pm
- Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2.30pm
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 8.30am
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 3.20pm

To book, please email [angela.curthoys@smms.catholic.edu.au](mailto:angela.curthoys@smms.catholic.edu.au) and let us know if you'll attend in person or via TEAMS.

### 2025 Class Structures

Each year, we review our class structures to ensure that we have the best structures to support student learning and wellbeing. We take into consideration curriculum needs, class sizes, learning needs, support requirements, space availability and general balance of classes. In 2025, we will have the following classes:

Preschool	2 session groups		
Reception	3 classes	Mid Year Reception (Foundation)	1-2 classes TBC
Year 1	2 classes		
Year 2	2 classes		
Year 3	2 classes		
Year 4	2 classes		
Year 5/6	3 classes		

If we have fluctuations in enrolment numbers, these may change. We have some limited spaces available in some year levels. If you know of anyone who is interested in finding out more about St Margaret Mary's School, please ask them to contact the office.

Please notify the office (via email [angela.curthoys@smms.catholic.edu.au](mailto:angela.curthoys@smms.catholic.edu.au)) ASAP if your child is not returning to SMMS in 2025, as this impacts our class and staff planning.

Thank you for your continuing support,  
Kelly Campbell

## Belinda Elliott - Assistant Principal



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to Term 4! I hope that you were able to have some time off during the holiday break.

### **Preservice Teachers**

We welcome six Preservice Teachers from UniSA to St Margaret Mary's this term: A warm welcome to Yibo You in 2NW, Linh Do in ROV, Nicoletta Mihelios in RML, Rama Muhanna & Taylah Jeffree in 3KR and Grace Pepicelli in 6CH. We are thankful to the teachers and staff for supporting these preservice teachers as they gain valuable experience working with our wonderful students, staff and community.

### **Term 4 Events**

Term 4 will again be a busy term with many different events happening in our school community. A copy of the school calendar for Term 4 can be found here: <https://www.smms.catholic.edu.au/news-events/our-calendar>

Please remember to check SeeSaw and our fortnightly newsletters.

### **Multicultural Festival – Mid-Autumn & Diwali**

We will celebrate a Multicultural Festival on **Friday 8 November at 11:45am** on the courts (weather permitting). This festival will bring together special elements of Mid-Autumn Festival and Diwali, as well as recognising and celebrating the cultural diversity of families in our St Margaret Mary's school community. Children from different classes will be creating cultural decorations/art, performing dances and our ceremony will include prayers and introductions in different languages. Children are invited to dress in cultural clothing or Autumn colours. It is such an enjoyable event and always one of the highlights of our school year, so please join us! More information about the festival will be sent home to families next week. We will also be looking for donations and volunteers to help with the event.

## Community Event – Save the Date

Our end of year Community Event will take place in the evening of **Thursday 5 December**. Please put this date in your calendar. All students will be involved in a 'Christmas Around the World' performance that they are currently learning and rehearsing in their weekly Performing Arts lessons with Mrs Selina Roper. More information will be sent home to all families very soon.

## Children's University - Graduation

Students who have been involved in Children's University learning and have accrued more than 30 hours will be receiving their Graduation Invitation to the graduation ceremony this week. This year the graduation ceremony is on **Monday 18 November** and is during the school day, and so we will be taking the children on a bus to and from Bonython Hall (University of Adelaide). Parents are welcome to meet us there. More information will be sent home to all relevant families this week.

## Volunteers

If you would like to attend an excursion with your child or help out on the day of school events you are required to have completed the relevant volunteer clearances. This is not difficult, but it can take a few weeks to receive the clearances. Please contact Angela at the Front Office for more information.

## Attendance

Just a reminder that school and preschool day **starts at 8:45am** each morning. It is important that your child is here before 8:45am. Please ensure your child is attending school and preschool regularly, unless they are sick. If your child is sick and will be absent for the day or arriving late at school, please call the **absentee line** on **8245 5855, SMS 0497 901 493** or email [absent@smms.catholic.edu.au](mailto:absent@smms.catholic.edu.au).

I'm looking forward to a great Term 4 – I have no doubt it will go quickly!

I hope to see you at one of our events this term.

Belinda Elliott

## APRIM News



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 4!

Today, the students of Margaret House showcased their team spirit, by wearing something blue. This is the first year, each of our Houses has celebrated the important saint or person that their House is named after. It was great to see so many students from Margaret House proudly wearing their team colour. To mark the occasion, we gathered for a Margaret House photo on the school oval.

### **Feast of Saint Margaret Mary**

On Friday 18 October, we celebrated the feast of Saint Margaret Mary with a Foundation to Year 6 Liturgy of the Word in the Parish Hall. As always, our classes actively participated by singing the songs and performing actions to the lyrics. Each of our class representatives read with confidence. The student slide operators and technical crew were also instrumental in creating a prayerful experience. A special thank you to our staff for supporting the students in their preparation.

As a treat, students in every class were offered a Zooper Dooper icy pole after second play as part of our school and parish celebration.

### **Outreach Day Meeting**

Each year, our school leaders prepare treats and activity stalls to raise funds for Catholic Charities. This event is called Outreach Day. This week, the students gathered in their Houses for a meeting. In each House, the Year 6 leaders shared a presentation of the stalls they will be running for our 2024 Outreach Day Catholic Charity fundraiser on Friday 25 October.

### **Outreach Day Tickets**

From Monday 21 October to Thursday 24 October, we are inviting students to purchase tickets to use at the stalls. Starting Monday, Year 6 students will visit each classroom to collect money and record the amount of tickets purchased. The Year 6 students will record 2 tickets for every \$1.00 donation up to a maximum of 10 tickets for \$5.00 donation.

Then, on Friday 25 October, the recorded tickets will be distributed to each student who has donated between \$1.00 and \$5.00.

### **Outreach Day Stalls**

The stalls will be available during first play on Friday 25 October, for students to use their tickets on delicious treats or fun activities.

### **Outreach Day Charity**

Please note, money will not be accepted on the day, by students running the stalls. Our generous fundraising will be tallied donated to 'Mary MacKillop Today,' as our nominated Catholic Charity.

### **Mary MacKillop Today**

As a Josephite school community, we are proud to support the good works of Mary MacKillop Today. Mary MacKillop Today, is an organisation working in Australia and overseas. The organisation partners with marginalised children, women and men to transform lives with dignity, an offer an education as well as practical life skills to help people realise their potential so that can participate fully in community.

### **Term 4 Liturgies and Masses**

In Term 4, we will celebrate the following Masses and Liturgies in St Margaret Mary's Church. Each year level will host their own celebration and also take part in our Thanksgiving whole school celebration.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Year Level Celebrations</b>	<b>Time</b>
Friday 1 November	3-5 All Saints Mass	9:15am
Monday 11 November	1-2 Remembrance Day Liturgy	10:20am
Friday 22 November	F-R Nativity Liturgy	11:45am
Friday 6 December	F-6 Thanksgiving / End of Year Mass	9:15am

For families who are able, we warmly invite you to join us for these gatherings.

Have a good weekend everyone.

**Matthew Harrison**



Apologies for the confusion caused at the beginning of this week when our SMS system broke down. Please note that you can text us on 0497 901 493 at any time to advise of absences or to send us a message. If you receive an absentee text from us you can respond to that number on the day of absence (but only on that day).

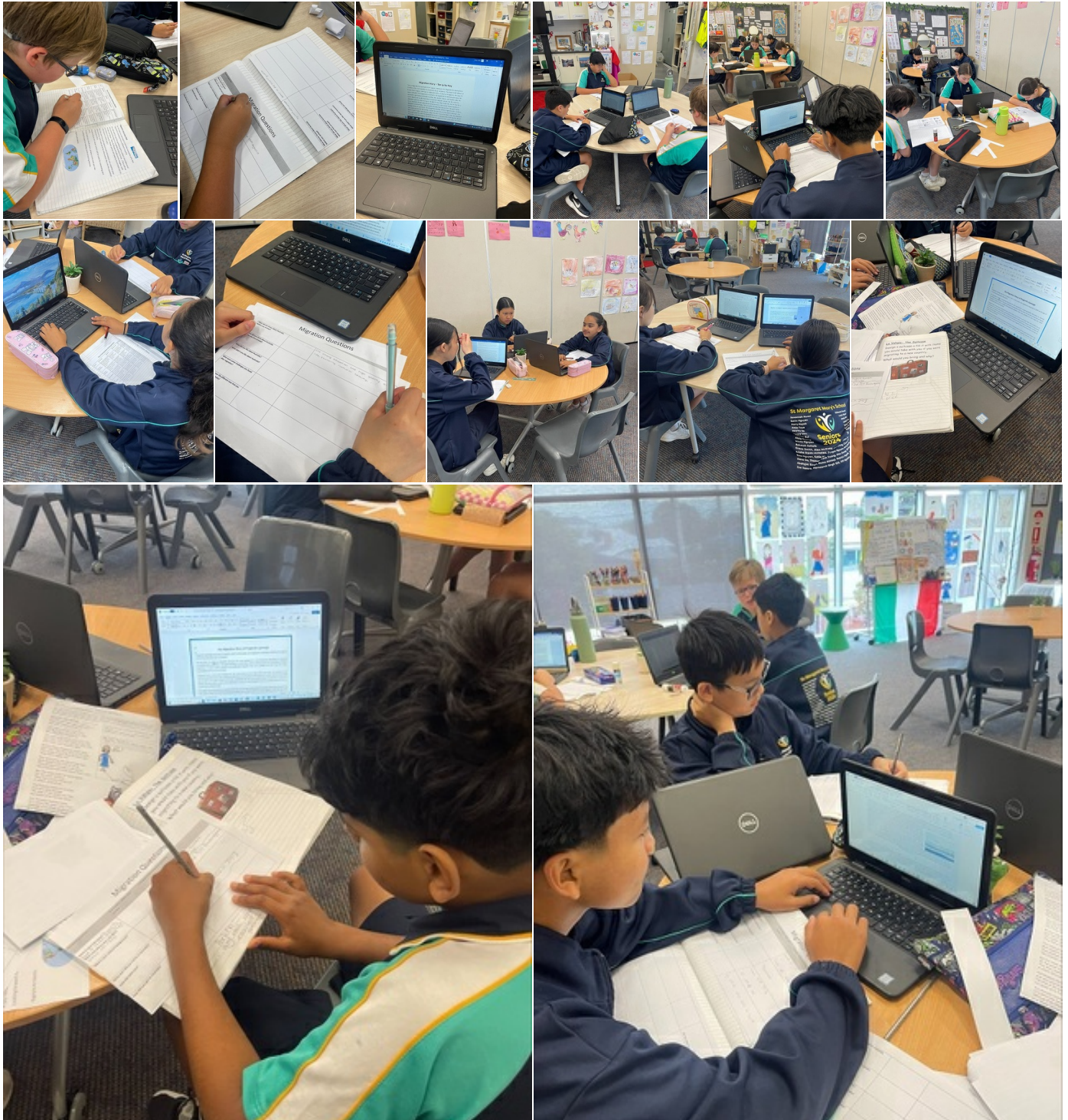
Alternately, you can call to leave a voicemail on 08 8245 5855 or email [absent@smms.catholic.edu.au](mailto:absent@smms.catholic.edu.au) anytime.

# Angolo Italiano

This term senior students continue with research. They are interviewing someone they know who has migrated to Australia. They have a series of questions to ask and then have been asked to prepare a presentation to share with their peers during Italian lesson time in the next few weeks. Looking forward to some amazing stories.

**Gina Armiento**

**Italian Teacher**





## Visiting the Adelaide Botanic Gardens

### Little Sprouts Program

During weeks 9 and 10 last term, the Preschool children visited the Adelaide Botanic Gardens to participate in the Little Sprouts program. Our excursion was an excellent opportunity for children to connect with nature using all their senses to explore. Walking through the gardens, we marvelled at mother nature's beauty - the big, tall trees, colourful flowers, peaceful pond with ducks, blossoming trees and much more. We were also lucky to see Chihuly's very artistic garden sculptures scattered throughout the garden.

After lunch, we headed to the Little Sprouts Kitchen Garden. Our facilitators divided us into three groups:

- One group explored the different plants, flowers and veggies used for cooking and eating.
- Another group observed some worms and even got the chance to touch them.
- The other group planted some snap pea seeds.

The children had the opportunity to do all three activities. They used all their senses in this experience: they could smell the fennel and orange plants/trees, taste some broccoli, observe and touch wriggly worms, and hear the busy buzzing bees. This exploration is also connected with our spring investigations, where we've seen a lot of blossoming and growing plants, flowers, and vegetables.



## Yoga & Mindfulness

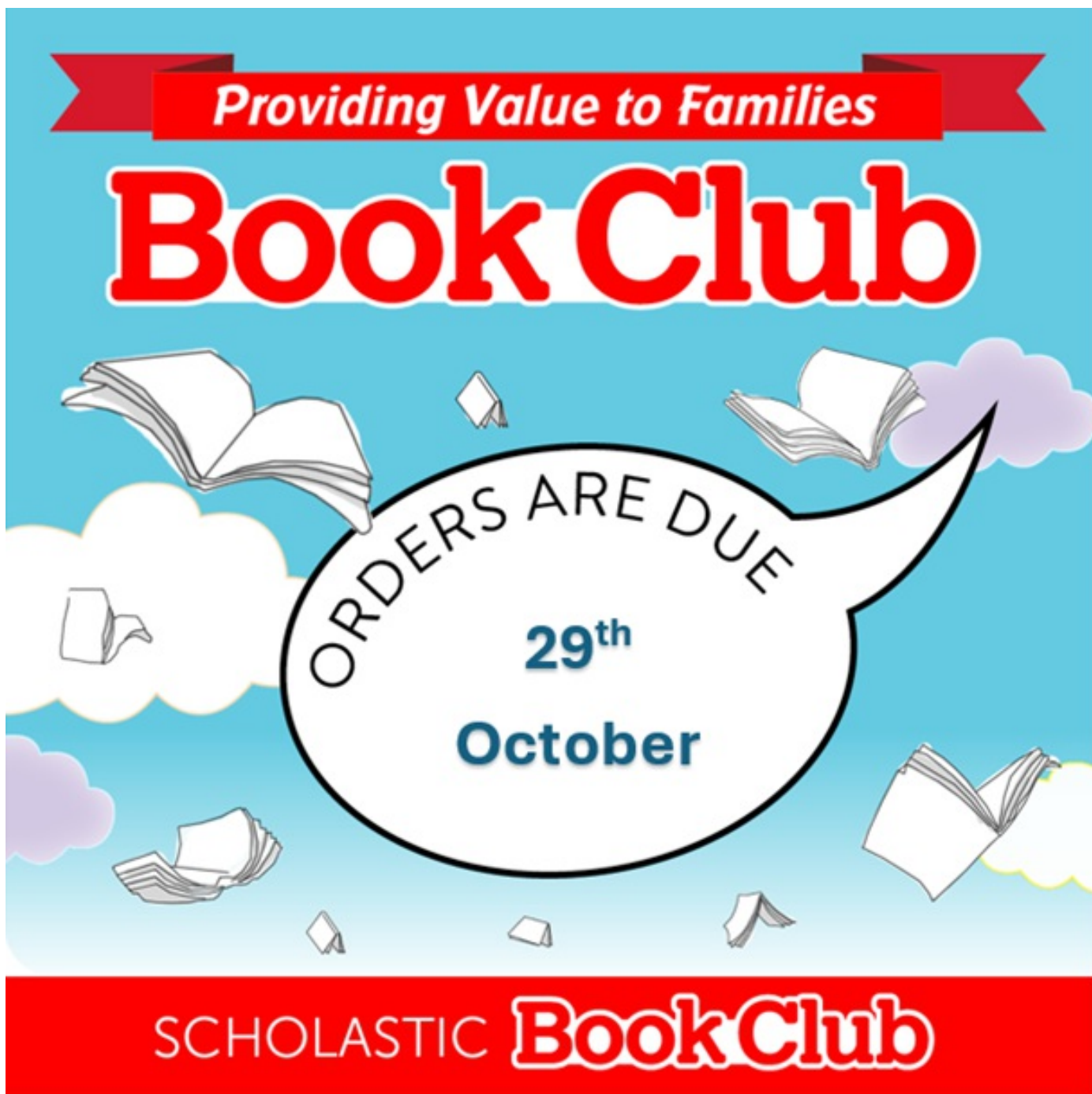


Yoga and Mindfulness continues this term. We continue with yoga poses and breath work.

Every Thursday at first play in the Emmaus Centre.

Namaste

**Gina Armiento**



Book Club Issue 7 is out now!

Due date for orders is 29<sup>th</sup> October.

ALL orders done online via Book Club LOOP.

Find out how on Page 39 of your magazine (payments will not be accepted at school).

### 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;

**Term 4:** Monday 14 October to Friday 13 December

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## 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

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## 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 2: Alex, Grace S, Anisha

Week 3: Patrick, Edmund, Huy

Week 4: Hannah, Nancy, Yukti

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## OSHC Hours



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

**Afternoon:** 3.00pm - 6.15pm

Phone Camp Australia: 1300 105 343

[Read More](#)

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## OSHC News

# Newsletter



Date St Margaret Mary's 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024



## Welcome Back



We hope you all had a fantastic break with friends and family. We are looking forward to a wonderful Term 4. Holiday Club was a great success, and all the children and staff enjoyed the amazing programmed activities. This term we will have lots of exciting activities planned which include cooking, art& crafts, sports, and making friendships. We will be focusing on healthy eating, having lots of fun together and planting summer vegies in our OSHC garden.

This term get ready for an extraordinary adventure with **YOUR OSHC's VIRTUAL DISCOVERY TOUR!** Our VR adventures are suitable for all primary school age children and are a perfect blend of education and entertainment. Combining fun and learning in a way that captivates and educates. The children can dive into immersive worlds where history, science, and nature come to life right before your eyes, walking with the dinosaurs to exploring outer space. This VR experience is designed to spark curiosity, encouraging learning and inspire a love for discovery. This is an opportunity you won't want your child to miss.



**REGISTER and BOOK via your parent porthole**  
[www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)



WEEK 2 Monday	Be a Buddy not a Bully, Ping Pong Toss Game
Tuesday	Classic Marble Game, Crispy Sweet-sour Noodles
Wednesday	Iron Bead Spinners, Philosophy Review
Thursday	Obstacle Course FUN, Lego Sun Dial
Friday	BA Sun and Rainbow, Vegetarian Bolognese, High 5 Safety

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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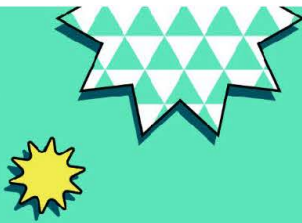
# Newsletter



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# Outside School Hours Care Newsletter



14/10/2024

St Margaret Mary's School

Your  
OSHC.



**A message from your Service Leader:** This term get ready for an extraordinary adventure with YOUR OSHC's VIRTUAL DISCOVERY TOUR! Our VR adventures are suitable for all primary school age children and are a perfect blend of education and entertainment. Combining fun and learning in a way that captivates and educates. The children can dive into immersive worlds where history, science, and nature come to life right before your eyes, walking with the dinosaurs to exploring outer space. This VR experience is designed to spark curiosity, encouraging learning and inspire a love for discovery. This is an opportunity you won't want your child to miss.

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## Activities this week

- Cooking – Bush Muesli Bars, Hot Potatoes, Spaghetti Bog & Spinach Pie
- Yoga
- Finger Painting

## What's on the menu

- Bush Muesli Bars, Hot Potatoes, Spaghetti Bog & Spinach Pie
- Fresh Fruits
- Fresh Sandwiches with Jam, Vegemite, Honey and Butter

## Virtual Discovery Tour at Your OSHC!

Dive into immersive worlds where history, science, and nature come to life right before your eyes. From walking with dinosaurs to exploring outer space, our Virtual Reality (VR) experiences are designed to spark curiosity, encourage learning, and inspire a love for discovery.



[campaustralia.com.au/virtual-discovery-tours](http://campaustralia.com.au/virtual-discovery-tours)

## Register and book via the Parent Portal

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at [pp.campaustralia.com.au](http://pp.campaustralia.com.au) or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.

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## October Birthdays



Congratulations to these students celebrating birthdays in October:

<b>George</b>	<b>4/5JM</b>	<b>Valencia</b>	<b>PRE2</b>
<b>Ngan</b>	<b>3JF</b>	<b>Thomas</b>	<b>4/5JM</b>
<b>Jacob</b>	<b>PRE1</b>	<b>Arshiya</b>	<b>ROV</b>
<b>Aviraj</b>	<b>ROV</b>	<b>Abahyjot</b>	<b>6GG</b>
<b>Daran</b>	<b>3KR</b>	<b>Kevin</b>	<b>6CH</b>
<b>Leona</b>	<b>2NW</b>	<b>Anna</b>	<b>ROV</b>
<b>Sheick</b>	<b>RML</b>	<b>Nate</b>	<b>4/5JM</b>
<b>Zoe</b>	<b>3KR</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>RML</b>
<b>Aston</b>	<b>4/5CC</b>	<b>Emmy</b>	<b>3KR</b>
<b>Kira</b>	<b>6GG</b>	<b>Brian</b>	<b>4/5MR</b>
<b>Rose</b>	<b>6GG</b>	<b>Suhas</b>	<b>FAL</b>
<b>Delen</b>	<b>4/5CC</b>	<b>Rocio</b>	<b>2KB</b>
<b>Halo</b>	<b>4/5CC</b>	<b>Ocean</b>	<b>1AV</b>
<b>Preslava</b>	<b>3KR</b>		

## Student Absences

**Phone:** 8245 5855 (answering service - call anytime)

**Email:** [absent@smms.catholic.edu.au](mailto:absent@smms.catholic.edu.au)

**SMS:** 0497 901 493

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## Croydon Park Catholic Parish

**Parish Priest:** Fr Charles Lukati

Ph: 8346 0944

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