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## From our Principal



We started our Term 4 with a joyous celebration for St Margaret Mary's Feast Day. We celebrated with a whole school liturgy, class activities and special *zooper dooper* treat for everyone!

We also welcomed our 2024 Reception and Preschool new students for their first transition visit on Wednesday. We are really excited to begin our journey with them and their families. We look forward to meeting all our new friends over the term.

Over the term break, our courts have been resurfaced and painted. We are just waiting for the new basketball rings to be installed. Thank you to the wider parish community for being flexible, as we had to close the carpark during these improvements. We are also installing a large net at the end of the oval near the playground, this is to stop the soccer balls from constantly going into the sandpit and playground.

Our teachers have also been busy in the first week as we have continued professional learning in mathematics. A couple of years ago we began our whole school approach to mathematics by focussing on the Base-10 number system. We are now moving our focus to the calculating aspect of the Australian Curriculum. We are really impressed with our powerful mathematicians in our classrooms!

A few safety reminders as we move into Term 4:

- 1. Please do not drop your children off before 8.20am. Pick up time is by 3.20pm. There is no direct supervision outside these times and your child will be taken to OSHC.Please register with OSHC at www.campaustralia.com.au
- 2. ALWAYS use the school crossing and safety crossing points. They are there to protect your child's safety.
- 3. The playground is not supervised afterschool and is a part of Camp Australia's OSHC space after 3.20pm. Please do not allow your child to play on the playground after this time, even with your supervision.

Thank you for your continued support,

#### Kelly Campbell

### **APRIM News**



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 4! On our very first day we celebrated the Feast Day of our school and church patron saint, Saint Margaret Mary of Alacoque. It was wonderful to see our classes gathered together in the church to start off what is sure to be a very full term ahead. I would like to thank each of our classes for their joyful singing and enthusiastic participation. We are very proud of our readers and screen operators who represented each class from Foundation through to Year 6, bravely carrying out their responsibilities in front of the entire school.

Following the outside lunch plays, each class received ice-blocks as a special treat to celebrate our Feast Day, for which the children were very appreciative.

### **Community Garden Beds**

We were quite overwhelmed by how quickly the tomato, carrots, lettuce and spinach have grown over the holiday break. As a result, we are now in contact with Vinnies representatives from Croydon Park Parish to discuss ways in which we can share our produce with families within the local community.

#### Liturgies and Masses

In Term 4, we will gather for the following celebrations and as always families are most welcome to join us:

Dates:	Gathering:	Time:	Celebration:
Wednesday 1 November	All Saints (3/4)	11:45	Liturgy of the Word
Friday 10 November	Remembrance Day (1/2)	11:45	Liturgy of the Word
Friday 8 December	End of Year Mass (F-6)	9:15	Mass

There will also be a Foundation and Reception Liturgy of the Word, however we are still confirming dates with the parish.

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.

### 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.

#### Term 4 events

Term 4 will be a busy term with many different events happening in the school community. We have already had school photos this week, and our new Preschoolers and Receptions came to visit us for the first time. A copy of the school calendar for Term 4 can be found here https://www.smms.catholic.edu.au/ files/f/18116/Parent Calendar 2023 Term 4.pdf

Please remember to check SeeSaw and our fortnightly newsletters.

#### **Diwali Celebrations**

This week some students have been working with Yashoda (mum of Tungavidya) and Veena (mum of Jaikrish and Yukti) to learn about the celebration of Diwali in the Indian community and be involved in learning a special dance. The children will be participating in craft activities as well. We will be acknowledging and celebrating Diwali in a school assembly on Friday 3 November at 11:45am – you are welcome to join us if you are able to. Thank you to Yashoda and Veena for their help.

#### Community Event - Save the Date

Our end of year Community Event will take place in the evening of Wednesday 6 December. Please put this date in your calendar. All

students will be involved in a performance that they are currently learning and rehearsing in their weekly Arts lessons with Mrs Selina Roper. More information will be sent home to all families very soon.

### Volunteers

In the next few weeks, we have many events and excursions taking place. If you would like to attend with your child and to help out on the day you will need to have completed the school volunteer process. This is not difficult, and Angela can help you to do this. Please contact Angela at the Front Office for more information.

### Attendance

Just a reminder that school and preschool **starts** at 8.45 each morning. It is important that your child is here before 8:45am. Please ensure your child is attending school and preschool every day, unless they are sick. If your child is sick and will be absent for the day please call the **absentee line** on **82455855**, **SMS 0407 682 137 or email absent@smms.catholic.edu.au**.

I'm looking forward to a great Term 4.

Belinda Elliott

### **10V News**

Last term 1OV learnt about living things. We studied some different creatures inside the classroom and made our own information books about them. At the end of the term we had some special visitors from the Nature Education Centre, where we got to learn about each animal, their habitats and even got to pet some of them.





# Ice Cream Containers Please



If you have any ice cream containers that you don't need, please send them to school for Mrs Victory.

Thank you!

### From the Library



Congratulations to the students that completed the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) for 2023. Students who complete the Challenge receive awards from the Premier for their achievements. These will be handed out towards the end of Term 4. To celebrate 20 years of the PRC students could further challenge themselves to read 20 books. There will be a bonus certificate for the students who read 20 books!



# Book Club has arrived! Look out for your copy of Book Club coming home in your child's schoolbag! It's packed with hundreds of books

from just \$3 to help you on your child's reading journey.

Due date for orders is 31st October.

ALL orders done online via Book Club LOOP.

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

## Old Scholars



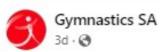
Blackfriars Priory School

We love these photos of Year 10 student and talented pianist Jeffery Leung, taken during rehearsal for his performance at tonight's Catholic Schools Music Festival SA. We know he will wow the audience.

Thank you to Ms Pope for the pics. 📷



It's great to see our ex-students growing up and achieving after they leave St Margaret Mary's School. Most recently we have seen news from Jeffery Leung (Year 6, 2019) and Kaiden Van (Year 6, 2021).



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Congratulations to our South Aussie superstars Rebekah Thomson, Ruby Kerrison, Lilli Guistozzi, Kaiden Van and Jedd Hudson who have been selected on the Australian Team that will travel to the World Age Group Championships being held in Birmingham in November!

SA will be represented by across Trampoline and Tumbling events at this competition.







Catholic School Parents SA is pleased to present:

# A window into the adolescent brain

presented by Mark Le Messurier

Wednesday October 25 2023 6pm - 8pm (in person or online)

### St Thomas School & Preschool 10 Rushton Street, Goodwood

loosely considered adolescence. It is a critical time for human development and is

best-known as a period of change – physically, emotionally, sexually and neurologically. Yet, adolescent behaviour can be a puzzle to many – parents included.

So, what is a parent to do...? Firstly, understand what's really happening within your teenager during this vulnerable time. Change gears and shift your parenting to embrace this new dimension.

Mark will also present some fast, practical and helpful ideas for you to work with.

Mark Le Messurier is a teacher, counsellor, author and public speaker. He works in private practice as a mentor to children and adolescents, and as a coach to parents.

Register via the <u>CESA Registration Centre</u> or go to the <u>Events page</u> on the CSPSA Website.

This Parent Engagement Evening is hosted

by Catholic School Parents SA.

The ages between 11 to 20 years are

# cspsa.catholic.edu.au



Scan the QR Code to access Parenting SA Easy Guides which provide further information regarding raising children from birth to 18 years of age.

There are also a range of Multicultural Guides in different languages available.

### 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 9-11.45 (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 7: Sachin, Piang, Logen Week 8: Matilda, Alex, Nancy

Week 9: Vy, Dillen, Helena

### **OSHC** Hours



**Morning**: 6.30am - 8.30am; **Afternoon**: 3.00pm - 6.15pm Phone Camp Australia: 1300 105 343

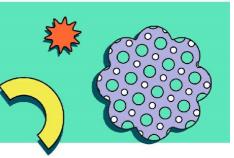
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**OSHC** News

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# Newsletter



# **Hi Everyone**

We hope you all had a fantastic break with friends and family. We are looking forward to a wonderful Term 4. The Rocketeers 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 from our NEW and IMPROVED Menu and having lots of fun together. We will be planting summer vegies in our OSHC garden and pot for all the children to use in our cooking and afternoon snacks.



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

www.campaustralia.com.au

Keep Smiling 🐵 Louise, Jenny, Harshpreet, Rekha, Daniel & Emily



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



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# Newsletter



















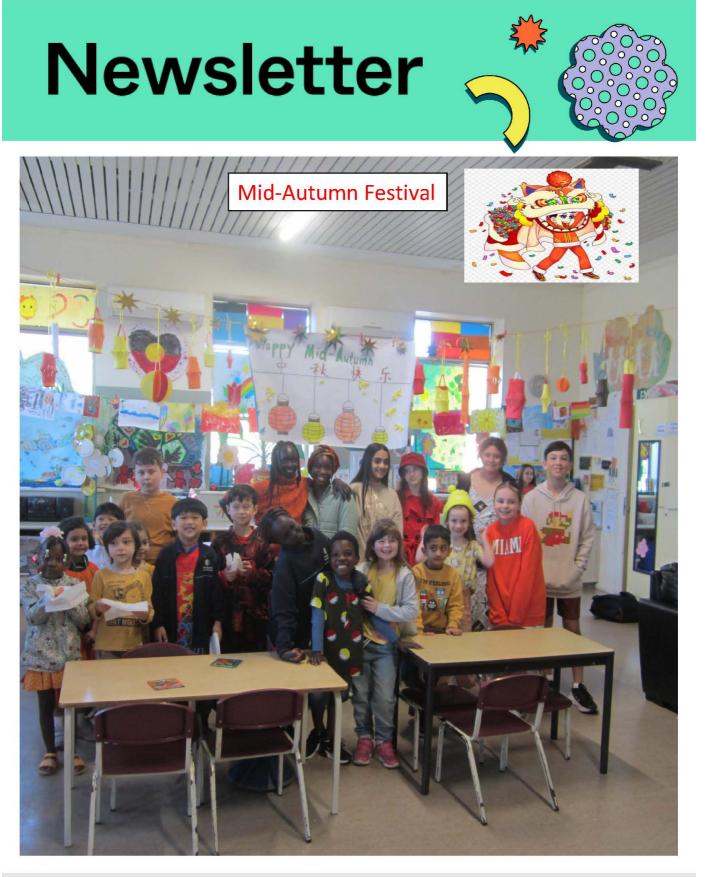


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### We wish the following students who celebrate a birthday in October a very happy and blessed birthday:

Deng	5/6LO	
Madalena	3/4KR	
lvy	RRB	
Henry	RML	
Saba	RRB	
Lina	RML	
Minh Anh	3/4MC	
Jasmin	5/6GG	
Jayla	5/6LO	
Ngan	2KB	
Tyler	5/6LC	
Daran	2KB	
Aviraj	FDN	
Leona	10V	
Zoe	2NW	
Sekou	FDN	
Kira	5/6GG	
Aston	3/4MC	
Rose	5/6GG	
Delen	3/4JM	
Halo	3/4JM	
Aaron	2KB	
Preslava	2NW	
Celeste	5/6LC	
Yalda	5/6LC	
Hana	FDN	
Abahyjot	5/6LO	
Arshiya	FDN	
Kevin	5/6GG	
Anna	FDN	
Nate	3/4KR	
Brian	3/4MC	
Sonita	FDN	
Rocio	10V	



**Cricket Blast** is an energetic and fun program for kids up to the age of 10 to develop new skills, expand existing skills and play cricket in a team environment.

# **Central United Cricket Club**

Starts Tues 17th October



**VISIT PLAY.CRICKET.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 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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