



**Term 4, Week 3 Friday 1st
November 2024**

Important Dates

**Multicultural
Festival 9.45am**
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

From our Principal



As we are coming closer to the end of the school year, we are busily organising staffing for 2025. Julie McGrane will be returning to her role at her previous school at the end of this year. Julie has been a fantastic addition to our school over the past 2 years, demonstrating dedication to teaching and our community, having a positive impact on the students in her class. We are sad to see her go but wish her all the best.

Sarah Carritt will be joining our teaching team in 2025, in the upper primary year levels. Sarah is an experienced teacher, having taught in many different countries and most recently at St Thomas More School. Class placements are being organised this term and we then allocate teachers to the year levels.

Our teachers are currently writing their Semester 2 reports and will continue to add to these over the term. Our reports cover the learning and assessment for Semester 2 subject areas. The comments focus specifically on Religious Education, English and Mathematics. The assessments are guided by the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standards. I encourage you to read the comments, as teachers outline areas of strength and growth for your child/ren.

We are finalising our 2025 enrolments and have some spaces available in our January Reception intake, as we are now offering 3 classes. If you know anyone who may be interested in a St Margaret Mary's education, please ask them to contact Angela in the front office for more information.

We have important information for parents available on our website. Importantly, our Positive Resolution Procedure is online. At St Margaret Mary's School we believe we need to communicate clearly that issues or concerns are to be resolved in respectful and appropriate ways. It is important that grievances are kept confidential and that a time of reflection takes place. Verbal and non-verbal communication should be respectful and uphold the dignity of all involved. You can find the Positive Resolution Procedure at <https://www.smms.catholic.edu.au/news-events/parent-communication>

A reminder that all registered volunteers are required to complete a WHS induction. Current volunteers will have received an email from Angela outlining the sessions available. Please check and book a session if you have not already done so.

Thank you for your continued support,

Kelly Campbell
Principal

Belinda Elliott - Assistant Principal



Dear Families,

The last 2 months of the year are upon us! How time flies!

Multicultural Festival – 9:45am Friday 8 November

Preparations are in full swing for the Multicultural Festival on **Friday 8 November**. ****Please note the start time will now be 9:45am (Not 11:45am as originally planned)**. Children will eat their lunch as normal, and an afternoon snack will be provided. Many thanks to families who have donated money to help us cover the costs of catering and decorations. If you are able to help, please send any donations to the School Office **in an envelope marked “Donation for Multicultural Festival” and with your child’s name**.

Families are welcome to join us for this special event. We hope to be able to hold it outside on the courts. If you are able to volunteer some of your time at 1:30pm to help us serve the food, could you please let us know by emailing info@smms.catholic.edu.au or contacting Angela in the Front Office.

Transition to Preschool and Reception in 2025

It has been great to meet the children who will join our school community in 2025. Our new Receptions have been visiting us on

Wednesdays with Ms Leonardi or Ms Ventura and enjoying spending time together in the classroom and in the school yard. Our new Preschoolers will also be visiting us on Thursdays or Fridays to meet their teachers Ms Iovino and Ms Van Mourik and preschool friends. We hope that it is a positive start to their time with us at St Margaret Mary's. Welcome to our school community!

Tennis Carnival

Many of our Year 3 and Year 4 students participated in a Tennis Carnival last Thursday. Mr Harrison and Mr Fuda and all of the parents who attended said the students played really well, were very supportive of each other and showed good sportsmanship. Well done! The weather was perfect too! Many thanks to Mrs Brown, Mr Harrison and Mr Fuda as well as our wonderful parent volunteers, Kahdija, Harley, Tracy, Adam, Kelly and Renee.

Next week is the Interschool Athletics Carnival. If your child has been selected, please return the permission forms ASAP. And if you are able to volunteer, and have all of the required clearances, please contact Angela in the Front Office.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Belinda Elliott

APRIM News



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On Friday 25 October, we held our Catholic Charities fundraiser - Outreach Day. We would like to say a big thank you to our Year 6 leaders, Ms Harms, Ms Osborne and Ms Pepicelli coordinated a broad range of stalls with creative activities, gifts and food options for the students to enjoy. A special thanks also to all our families for supporting the fundraiser through your ticket purchases. The money we raised from ticket sales will now be donated to our Catholic charity, 'Mary MacKillop Today.' Mary MacKillop Today, provides education and life skills to transform the lives of some of the poorest communities throughout the world. Thank you for your support of Outreach Day and for your generous support of Mary MacKillop Today.

St Vincent de Paul – Vinnies Christmas Appeal Donations

In Term 4, we are inviting support for the Vinnie's Christmas Appeal. The Season of Christmas is a joyful time and yet for many families,

it may also be a financially challenging time. Vinnies is committed to a more just and compassionate Australia, and as such, is deeply appreciative of the support and generosity of parish schools like ours.

Vinnies are inviting donations of much needed **food, gifts** and **toys** to create Christmas hampers for needy families in our parish.

Collection baskets will be placed around our 'Giving Tree' in the main entrance area. The baskets will remain in the entrance, from Monday 4 November (Week 4) to Thursday 5 December (Week 8). Then, on Thursday 5 December, the 'Giving Tree' will also be on display by the Parish Hall at our community event. On the night, any families who may still wish to place a donation in the baskets, can do so as they arrive.

To raise further awareness, our Student Leadership Team representatives will also be speaking in their classrooms about families in our parish who need our help this Christmas. They will explain the 'Giving Tree in our entry area' and how our community can donate food, gifts and toys in support of the Vinnies Christmas Appeal.

2025 Sacramental Program

On Wednesday 6 November, there will be an Information Parent Meeting regarding the 2025 Parish Sacramental Program. The meeting will be held in the Mary MacKillop Hall at Whitefriars School (45 Beaufort Street, Woodville Park, SA 5011). The meeting will be an opportunity to become familiar with the program and roles of families, schools and parish in the preparation for the celebration of these sacraments. If you have any questions before Wednesday, please contact the parish office on 8346 0944.

Have a good weekend everyone.

Matthew Harrison

3/4JM

Learning in Year 4/5 JM

VISUAL ART

The students have learnt about Mexican Amate Art and had a try at producing the art technique. Amate art is an ancient Mexican tradition of paper making. The paper is made using the bark of fig and mulberry trees. Amate art paintings show flowers, birds and images mostly from nature using bright colours, outlined in black.

The students practised drawing birds or nature on scrap paper, then onto a brown piece of paper. They then used oil pastels to colour in the birds and flowers. Optional ...crumple the paper to resemble the texture of bark paper like Amate. (This was brave to do !) Here some examples.



Thomas



George



Kenzi



Kingston



Sovanthavy



Lily



Dom



Tiffany



Emily



Kayleen



Scotty



Cooper



Nate



Cameron

Learning in Year 4/5 JM

VISUAL ART continued...



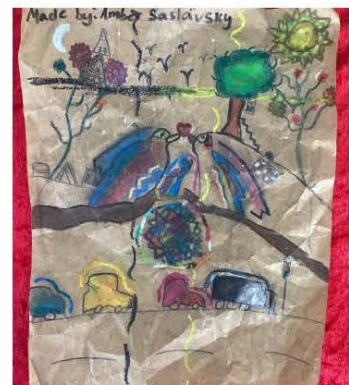
Javi



Habity



Tarja



Amber





Aryan



Madalena



Nicholas



Poppi



Nira



Alina

HASS



In HASS, a part of our unit on Citizens and Citizenship, our class having been learning about Democracy.

Below are some explanations written by the students in their own words.

“Democracy is all about people having a say. Back in the day they had an unfair democracy because only rich men could vote. As time grew on, people over the age of 18 and are citizens of Australia are forced to vote in an election. Democracy is having freedom of speech, meaning you can say what you want without getting into trouble. Democracy is also about being equal with everyone around you.” By Kayleen

“Democracy can also be in a classroom. You can vote for a game want your class to play and whatever gets the most votes or number of people for that game, like hide and seek, you get to play that game.” By Nira

“Democracy is people having freedom and being equal. People have the freedom to share their opinions. Democracy allows people to vote and discuss things.” By Rosalie

“Democracy comes from two Greek words Demos (people) and Kratos (Power) which means ‘Rule of the People’. Democracy is only in ‘Democratic’ countries. Democracy is only when the people of a State or country get a vote in Parliament.” By Cameron

“Democracy is where all the people have an equal say, no matter if they are rich, poor, man or woman. They all can vote.” By Nate

“Democracy is when you vote for a leader or about another thing, like banning something. You can vote ‘Yes’ or ‘No’. Democracy is being fair and giving anyone over the age of 18+ to vote responsibly and make better choices for the country’. By Madalena

“Democracy is about voting and also voting for rules. Demo means people and Kratos means power. Voting is a very important thing because if there is a war you have to vote what we should do.” By Thomas

“Democracy in the past was where woman were not allowed to vote along with people who are poor, meaning you can only vote if you are wealthy. Woman knew they were not allowed to vote because of their gender but they couldn’t do anything about it since it was against the law. Over the years democracy has been free to all, the rich, poor and woman to have a right and a say in voting. When you vote you can only vote once, it is against the law to vote twice.” By Amber

Angolo Italiano

The Year 4/5 students have produced some excellent power point presentations about flags of the world - "Le Bandiere". Students were able to write basic sentences in Italian to describe the flag .

Bravissimi lavoro ragazzi!

Gina Armiento
Italian Teacher





Apologies for the confusion caused by our SMS system issues. 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 anytime.

Outreach Day Photos





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

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 3: Patrick, Edmund, Huy

Week 4: Hannah, Nancy, Yukti

Week 5: Alina, Lily, Emily

Week 6: Charm, Angel, Annika

OSHC Hours



Morning: 6.30am - 8.30am;

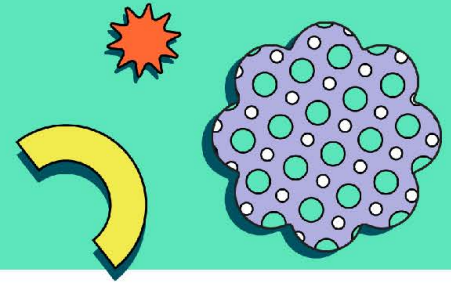
Afternoon: 3.00pm - 6.15pm

Phone Camp Australia: 1300 105 343

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OSHC News

Newsletter



Date St Margaret Mary's 28th October 2024



Hi Everyone

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



Welcome to Week 3 of our spooky, fun-filled Halloween theme! This week, we're diving into the world of creepy crafts, ghoulish games, and thrilling activities that will excite our little monsters. We'll be exploring creative ways to celebrate Halloween, from decorating pumpkins to making haunted houses. Get ready for a week of trick-or-treat fun, where imaginations will run wild, and every day will be full of festive, eerie surprises! Whether it's crafting spooky decorations, or dressing up in fun costumes, this week promises to be a scream!

Next week will be exciting! It's our Science Week in OSHC, we planned organize fun, hands-on experiments and activities to engage the children. Here are some science-themed ideas that can cater to different age groups.

WEEK 4 Monday	Steam Work, Paper airplane Launcher
Tuesday	Eiffel Tower Lego Building, Ballroom Popping Science, Invisible Inks
Wednesday	What makes Explosion? Crazy Food Experiments
Thursday	Homemade Sherbet, Lego Sun Dial
Friday	30 Years Fairy Jelly Cups, Marble Art, Paper Craft: Sun and Rainbow

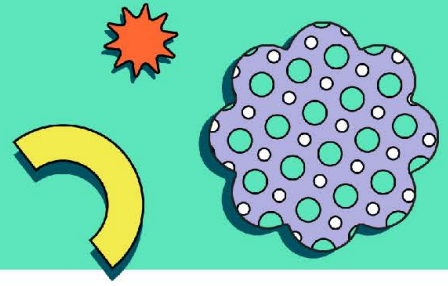
Please phone Camp Australia 1300-105-343 for bookings, **rebates will apply.**

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

www.campaustralia.com.au

Keep Smiling 😊 Rekha, Jenny & Harry

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Guiding Children's Growth is the theme for this week.



Your OSHC.

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



October Birthdays



Congratulations to these students celebrating birthdays in October:

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

Student Absences

Phone: 8245 5855 (answering service - call anytime)

Email: absent@smms.catholic.edu.au

SMS: 0497 901 493

Croydon Park Catholic Parish

Parish Priest: Fr Charles Lukati

Ph: 8346 0944



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