



## Important Dates

**2024 Reception  
 Parent Information  
 Eve 6pm**  
 Tuesday 7 November 2023

**Athletics Carnival  
 (selected students)**  
 Wednesday 8 November  
 2023

**Preschool &  
 Foundation  
 Excursion**  
 Wednesday 8 November  
 2023

**Reception Zoo  
 Excursion**  
 Thursday 9 November 2023

**Year 6 Westlakes  
 Aquatics Day**  
 Monday 13 November 2023

**Children's  
 University  
 Graduation**  
 Monday 13 November 2023

**2024 Preschool  
 Parent Information  
 Eve 6pm**  
 Tuesday 21 November 2023

**2024 New Students  
 Year 1-6 Transition**  
 Thursday 23 November 2023

**Year 2 Zoo  
 Excursion**  
 Friday 24 November 2023

**Community Event  
 6pm**  
 Wednesday 6 December  
 2023

**Preschool Group 2  
 Celebration of  
 Learning 2pm**  
 Thursday 7 December 2023

**End of Year Mass  
 9.15am**  
 Friday 8 December 2023

**Playgroup Picnic**  
 Friday 8 December 2023

**Preschool Group 1  
 Celebration of  
 Learning 2pm**

**Whole School  
 Transition**  
 Tuesday 12 December 2023

## Last Day of Term 4

Wednesday 13 December  
2023

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## From our Principal



### **Celebrations!**

Our Year 2-4 extension maths group (part of our Gifted and Talented Program) were recently awarded STATE WINNERS for their category with their investigation, "Would you Rather?" in the Mathematics and Numeracy Challenge. The 5/6 entry in the group category was also awarded HIGHLY COMMENDED. This is a fantastic achievement as this is a student led inquiry that is supported by teachers. Thank you to Greg Parker and Lucy Centofanti for supporting the students in their entries. We are looking forward to the presentation ceremony where students will be awarded their prize by Minister Blair Boyer on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

This year we have 25 students graduating from the Children's University Program on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November at the University of Adelaide. I'd like to thank Pennie Blazely for her coordination and promotion of this program, we have had a significant increase in participants and graduates over the past 2 years.

Vy from Year 6 has also been nominated for an Arch D podcasting award with her work from the recent podcasting leader's day. Gia, Isabella, Celeste, Yalda and Mia were awarded the Principal's Award and all award nominees invited to the ArchD Podcasting Award event at Sacred Heart College. We will continue with this program in 2024 for our Year 6 students.

We look forward to celebrating Diwali as a community this Friday (3<sup>rd</sup> November). Thank you Yashoda and Veena for your organisation!

### **Positive Behaviour Intervention and Support (PBIS)**

Our school is working through a process of implementing PBIS to support student behaviour and wellbeing. It is a whole school approach that is based upon our school values. Throughout this process, staff, students and parents will have the opportunity for input. This term we are focussing on some safety procedures and are starting with 'the stairs'. All students will practice safely using the stairs and have lots of reminders and positive affirmations for safe behaviour!

### **Future Enrolments**

Please contact Angela in the office if you know of any family members or friends that may be interested in enrolling at St Margaret Mary's School or Preschool.

We have some vacancies in our Term 3 Reception intake, as we will be offering an additional class.

We are currently enrolling for 2025 in all other year levels and Preschool.

Thank you for your continued support,

**Kelly Campbell**



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Throughout the month of November, the Church remembers our loved ones who have recently passed. In the entrance of the St

Margaret Mary's Church a book has been displayed to add names of those we hold in our hearts and who we would like the parish to keep in their prayers. On Saturday 11 November, we also commemorate Remembrance Day, we remember those who have passed in conflicts and we pray for peace in our world and in our lives.

### **Liturgies of the Word**

On Wednesday 1 November, our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 classes gathered for a Liturgy of the Word to celebrate the feast of All Saints. In the Spirit of Saints such as St Mary of the Cross MacKillop we spoke about Jesus' teaching of the 'Beatitudes' and the ways in which we can be the best version of ourselves, in words and in deeds. Next week, our Year 1 and Year 2 classes will host a Liturgy of the Word in preparation for Remembrance Day. Please note the date of this liturgy has changed to Thursday 9 November in St Margaret Mary's Church at 11:45am. We welcome all who are able to join us.

### **Journey to Emmaus**

On Friday 27 October, our St Margaret Mary's Year 6 students hosted the Year 6 students from Whitefriars as part of the Journey to Emmaus Service Leadership Program. We gathered in the Parish Hall for prayer and Alexis, Gia and Yalda shared reflections on our Term 3 soup making contributions to the Moore Street Soup Run. In middle part of the day, the students focused on the upcoming Outreach Day and shared in a pizza lunch. Further information will be distributed over the coming weeks as our Year 5/6 classes prepare their Term 4 focus of raising awareness and funds in support of the international Josephite programs known as Mary MacKillop Today.

### **Community Garden Beds**

Later that afternoon, on Friday 27 October, Sr. Catherine came to visit our community beds. Our Year 3/4 Student Leadership Team representatives were on hand to help pick some fresh lettuce and spinach for volunteers to distribute that evening. Sr. Catherine was very appreciative of the great work of our students to support the broader community, especially those in need. Our tomatoes are just starting the change to a bright red colour and our carrots are now above the soil line and growing well.

Have a good weekend everyone.

**Matthew Harrison**

# Angolo Italiano

Junior students are busy learning about Italian Christmas customs & traditions. A favourite story each year is La Befana . Although she doesn't visit at Christmas time, her legend did begin on Christmas Eve all those years ago.

**Gina Armiento**  
Italian Teacher



# Diwali Craft

We are so lucky to have Yashoda and Veena to help us learn about Diwali, and they have been very busy teaching us some craft this week.

Here are some Ganesh sculptures created by 5/6LC.





# HAPPY HALLOWEEN





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**

This Parent Engagement Evening is hosted by Catholic School Parents SA.

The ages between 11 to 20 years are 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 [CESA Registration Centre](#) or go to the [Events page](#) on the CSPA Website.

**[cspsa.catholic.edu.au](https://cspsa.catholic.edu.au)**

## 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

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## 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

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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 4:** Faith, Janice, Rafael

**Week 5:** Harnoorvir, Henry, Jaydon

**Week 6:** Amie, Apuk, Anisha

## OSHC Hours



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

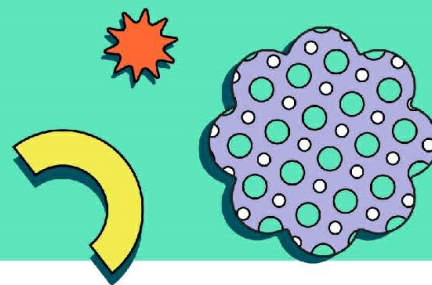
**Afternoon:** 3.00pm - 6.15pm

Phone Camp Australia: 1300 105 343

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## OSHC News

# Newsletter



## Hi Everyone

Everyone was so excited about catching up with friends and seeing their teachers. The school basketball court looks amazing, and the children have been enjoying cricket, dodgeball, and handball games. Everyone is showing great sportsmanship: supporting and cheering each other on!

This term we will be focusing on RECYCLING.

Recycling is taking used materials like cans, plastics, newspapers, magazines, and glass bottles and turning them into amazing unique pieces of Art, that we can reuse again and again.



**PUT ON SUNSCREEN**



**AND WEAR A HAT**

<i>WEEK 4</i>	Painting with String, Cooking Healthy Veggie Rice
<i>Monday</i>	
<i>Tuesday</i>	Robot Hama Beads, Gymnastic Ribbons
<i>Wednesday</i>	Christmas Craft, Basketball
<i>Thursday</i>	Singapore Style Noodles, Build Your Own LEGO Tower, Beaded Bracelets
<i>Friday</i>	Chasey/Tag, Soccer Tournament



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

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

[www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)

Keep Smiling ☺ Louise, Jenny, Emily & Sarah

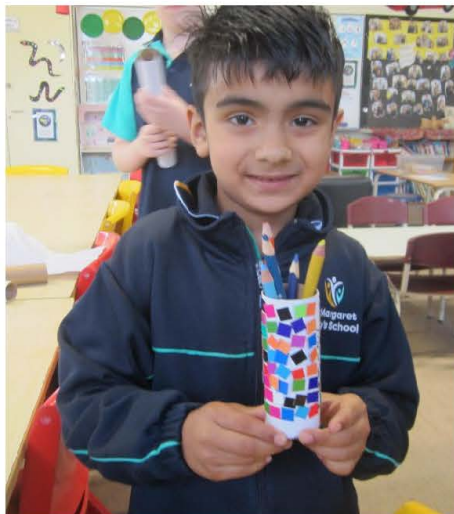


**Your OSHC.**

To register and book, visit [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)

**ROCKETEERS**

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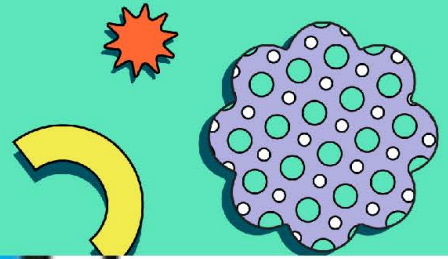


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## October Birthdays

Happy  
Birthday

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

Deng	5/6LO
Madalena	3/4KR
Ivy	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	1OV
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
Abahyot	5/6LO
Arshiya	FDN
Kevin	5/6GG
Anna	FDN
Nate	3/4KR
Brian	3/4MC
Sonita	FDN
Rocio	1OV

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:absent@smms.catholic.edu.au)

**SMS:** 0407 682 137

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### Croydon Park Catholic Parish

**Parish Priest: Fr Charles Lukati**

Ph: 8346 0944

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