



**Term 4, Week 5 Friday 17th
November 2023**

Important Dates

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
5.30pm
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

Outreach Day
Friday 8 December 2023

Preschool Group 1
Celebration of
Learning 2pm
Monday 11 December 2023

Whole School
Transition
Tuesday 12 December 2023

Year 6 Graduation
6pm
Tuesday 12 December 2023

Last Day of Term 4
Wednesday 13 December
2023

From our Principal



As we move into the last part of the school year, we have lots and lots of events happening! Just over the past few weeks we have had Children's University Graduation, Maths Challenge Awards, Year 6 Aquatics, Interschool athletics, Excursions to the Farm Barn and the Adelaide Zoo, Diwali, transition visits.

There are many more events coming up including, Outreach Day, Podcasting Awards, End of Year Mass, Year 6 Graduation activities, Whole school transition, Year 1 and Year 2 excursions and our Whole School Community event!

PLEASE ensure you check your SeeSaw regularly, as this is the main source of communication with families.

Thank you to all parent volunteers who have been able to help us with the events. Thank you also to the staff who organise these events and experiences for students, above and beyond their classroom experiences.

Children's University

Congratulations to the students who graduated on Monday evening with Children's University. We had 25 graduates with many more students still collecting their 'hours' in readiness to graduate next year. Thank you to Pennie Blazely for coordinating Children's University. There will be information shared at the beginning of next year if you'd like your child/ren to be involved.

2024 Class Structures

In 2024, we will have the following class structures:

Preschool	2 groups (5 day fortnight)	Term 1 and Term 3 intakes
Reception	2 classes	Term 1 and Term 3 intakes
Year 1	2 classes	
Year 2	2 classes	
Year 3	2 classes	
Year 4/5	3 classes	
Year 6	2 classes	

We are finalising staffing and class placements, and all students will visit their new class and teacher in week 9. Please let us know ASAP if you will not be returning to St Margaret Mary's School in 2024 to assist us in this process.

Thank you for your continuing support,

Kelly Campbell

Belinda Elliott - Assistant Principal



Dear Families

Excursions and Events

It's a busy time of the year and our students have been involved in many wonderful learning experiences at school and out in the community. Recently students have attended the Hahndorf Farm Barn, Adelaide Zoo, Athletics Carnival, West Lakes Aquatics, Preschool

Family Night, Children's University Graduation, Journey to Emmaus, STEM incursion and Diwali Assembly. Thank you to the staff and parent volunteers who have organised and supported these events. And there's more to come in the next few weeks!

There are many parents who are in the process of becoming a registered volunteer. If you are interested in helping in our school or on excursions, please speak with Angela in the Front Office and she will assist you with the necessary approvals.

End of Year Community Event

Our next whole school gathering is the **End of Year Community Event – Wednesday 6 December**. All students from Preschool to Year 6 are expected to attend. The students are looking forward to sharing the songs/dance/performance from their Arts lessons with their families. We thank our Arts Teacher Mrs Selina Roper for all of her efforts in preparing the students for this special event.

Information was sent home to all families last Friday with details about this event and asking you to RSVP so we can ensure we have enough catering for all who attend. **Please remember to return the slip to your child's teacher by this coming Tuesday 21 November. If you are a registered volunteer and are able to volunteer, we would love your help. Please also indicate this on the return slip.** More information will be sent to families next week, including the costume/clothing that your child needs to wear to the event. Please keep an eye out for this information.

Transition Visits – Preschool and Reception 2024

Our new Receptions have been enjoying their transition visits and spending time learning about 'big school' with their teachers Ms Leonardi and Ms Ventura, and support from Ms Tali. The new Preschoolers have also had lots of fun in Preschool with their teachers Mrs Iovino and Mrs Van Mourik, with the support of Mrs Polifrone and Mrs Manolo. Wednesday mornings are very busy with our new students, but it has been wonderful to see all of our new Receptions and Preschoolers enjoying the learning experiences. We look forward to welcoming them to SMMS in 2024. If you know anyone who is interested in joining our wonderful community, please have them contact Angela in the front office.

Wishing you all the best for the week ahead.

Belinda Elliott

APRIM News



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The Season of Advent is fast approaching!

St Vincent de Paul - Christmas Appeal Donations

The Vinnies Christmas Appeal is our major social justice and outreach whole school focus for Term 4. The Christmas Season is a joyful time and yet for many families, it may also be a financially challenging time. This year, the Vinnies Christmas Appeal focuses on the continuing impact of the cost-of-living crisis and its compounding effects. Vinnies is committed to a more just and compassionate

Australia and as such is deeply appreciative of the support of schools like ours, for our ongoing generosity.

Vinnies are inviting Christmas hamper food donations. To accompany these donations, our Student Leadership Team representatives will help our classes to create handmade 'Cards of Hope' and decorate our 'Giving Tree.'

Possible Food Donations		
Snacks	Breakfast	Lunch / Dinner
Christmas pudding	Cereal	Dried pasta
Long-life custard	Long-life milk	Pasta sauce
Fruit and mince pies	Pancake mix	Tinned vegetables
Christmas fruit cake	Spreads	Soup
Biscuits	Tinned fruit	Jelly
Shortbread	Milo	Cordial
Christmas lollies	Tea / coffee	Long-life juice

Collection baskets will be placed around our 'Giving Tree' in the main entrance area. The baskets will remain in the entrance between Monday 20 November until Wednesday 6 December. The 'Giving Tree' will also be displayed at our community event on Wednesday 6 December for any families who may still wish to place a donation in the baskets upon arrival.

From Thursday 7 December, Vinnies volunteers will begin the process of sorting hampers in readiness to distribute to local families in need this Christmas.

Mary MacKillop Today - Outreach Day Fundraiser

The Year 5/6 classes are currently planning Outreach Day fundraising stalls where students across the school can purchase items and participate in various activities during outside play. The Outreach Day fundraiser stalls will be set up on Friday 8 December for first play.

We are raising awareness and funds for the charitable works of 'Mary MacKillop Today.' In the spirit of Saint Mary MacKillop, 'Mary MacKillop Today' is focused on partnering with local communities, organisations and groups to bring dignity to thousands of children and families in Australia and throughout the world.

In Week 8, your child is invited to bring in money to purchase tickets for the stalls. The items and activities offered at each stall will cost \$1.00 and to keep things simple each stall will require 1 ticket. Children can purchase up to 5 tickets (maximum of \$5.00) to use at up to 5 stalls.

No money will be exchanged at the stalls on Friday 8 December, so the Year 5/6 students will be visiting each class from Monday 4 December to Thursday 7 December to sell tickets. All funds raised will then be donated to Mary MacKillop Today. Thank you once again for your ongoing generosity and support.

2024 Sacramental Program

Over the coming weeks, we will be distributing information regarding the 2024 Parish Sacramental Program to families who express interest. If your child is in Year 3-6, has previously been Baptised and you are considering participating in the program, we invite you to contact the office or myself matthew.harrison@smms.catholic.edu.au for further information.

Have a good weekend everyone.

Matthew Harrison

Year 6 Aquatics

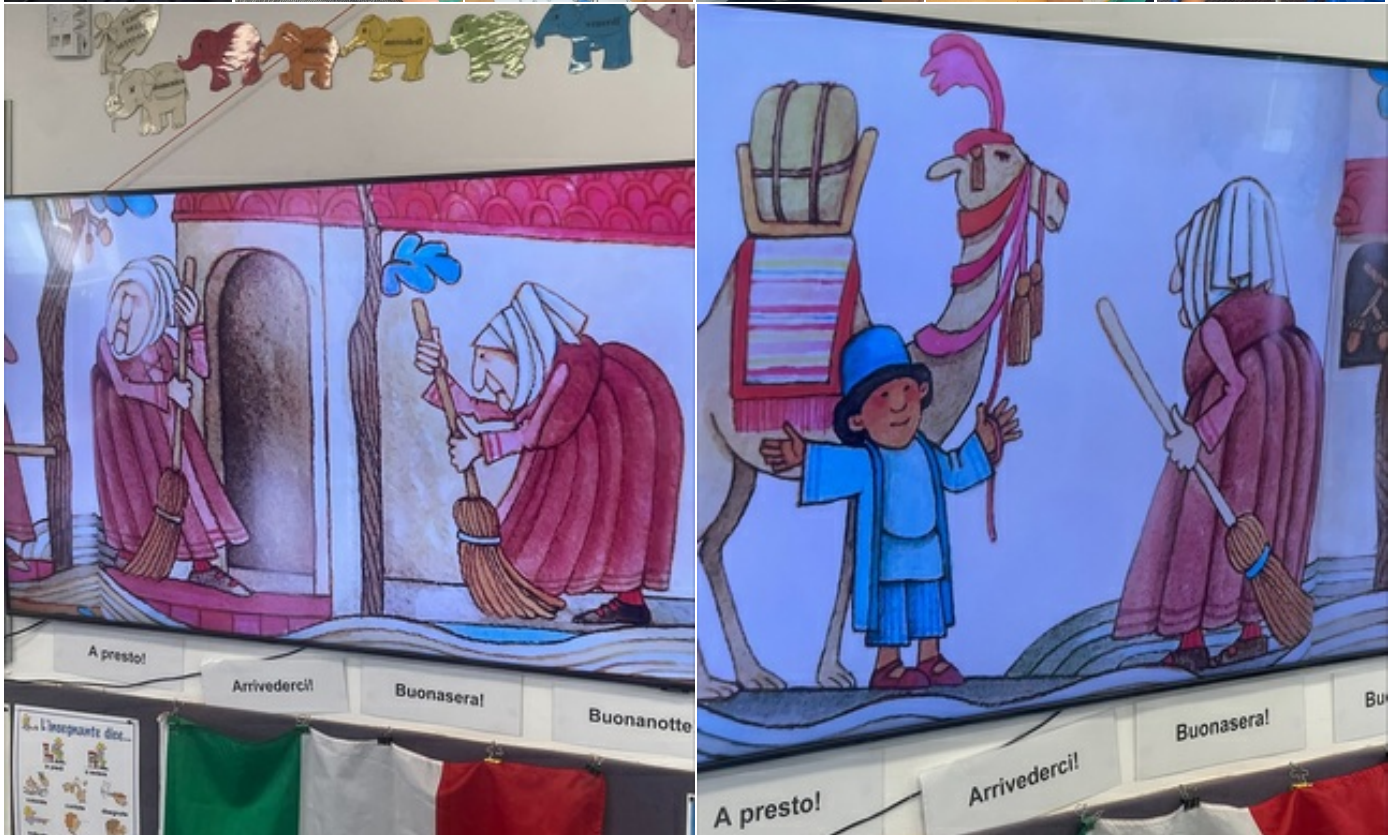


Angolo Italiano

Students in Year 2 are busy learning about La Befana and other cultural facts and traditions about Christmas time in Italy . They are creating a fact file in their workbooks .

Gina Armiento

Italian Teacher



Year 3/4 JM

In Year 3 /4 JM we have been learning about poetic devices as part of our English unit on Poetry. We have explored the poetic devices of alliteration (repeating the same beginning sound), onomatopoeia (word for a sound effect), rhyming, imagery (using the senses to paint a picture in the reader's mind), similes (comparing using like or as) and rhythm. We have also analysed and read poems by famous Australian authors, C J Dennis 'The triantiwontigongolope' poem and 'My Country' by Dorothea Mackeller.

The class have been challenged to write their very own limerick. A limerick is a nonsense poem which is written to make people laugh. They have a defined syllable and rhyming pattern and are only 5 lines long. The first, second and fifth line have 8/9 syllables and rhyme. Whereas the third and fourth line have 5/6 syllables and also rhyme with each other.

Here are the amazing limericks by students in Year 3 /4 JM

<p>The little girl There was a little girl Who liked to play with A piggy bank of gold She had it for so long That she was never told That she was never told That she was never told No more</p>	<p>The little girl There was a little girl Who liked to play with A piggy bank of gold She had it for so long That she was never told That she was never told That she was never told No more</p>	<p>The little girl There was a little girl Who liked to play with A piggy bank of gold She had it for so long That she was never told That she was never told That she was never told No more</p>	<p>The little girl There was a little girl Who liked to play with A piggy bank of gold She had it for so long That she was never told That she was never told That she was never told No more</p>	<p>The little girl There was a little girl Who liked to play with A piggy bank of gold She had it for so long That she was never told That she was never told That she was never told No more</p>	<p>The little girl There was a little girl Who liked to play with A piggy bank of gold She had it for so long That she was never told That she was never told That she was never told No more</p>
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Would anybody like some sand?



We have some sand still sitting in the staff car park next to preschool - would anybody like to take it home, please?

Christmas Toy and Book Drive - Salvation Army



Hi Parents...

Christmas is literally around the corner which means its time for me to launch my favourite project of the year!

For the last 5 years, my daughter Lila and I have collected books and toys for the Salvation Army as part of their Christmas Appeal. Some of you will remember donating to me last year where we managed to collect an amazing 611 gifts!!

This year I am hoping to make a big impact again. I am reaching out to see if anyone would be interested in contributing. The impacts of inflation have increased the number of families suffering financially this year. I can't imagine not being able to give my little girl a present for Christmas. Together we can give some very deserving kids an incredible Christmas morning.

Collection will start today and run **until Thursday 30 November 2023**. I will be unable to accept gifts after this date.

HOW TO DONATE

Purchase your gift (ensuring you follow the gift guide below) and drop it off to the office.

GIFT GUIDE

Your generosity is highly valued, and we appreciate the time and effort it takes to get a special gift for a child in need. It's important to us that your intention is honoured, so please read through the below gift giving guide before choosing your gift.

Gift requirements:

- Toys and books must be new and good quality.
- Your gift should be ready to read or play with as soon as it's opened on Christmas morning (i.e. include batteries, or colouring pencils for colouring books, etc)
- No gift wrapping, please. While it may seem helpful to wrap your gift, this creates problems in the sorting and packing process and means that parents don't get to see or wrap the gift for their child.

Items we can't accept

Unfortunately, there are some items that are difficult to sort and pack. Others may not be appropriate for a wide range of children.

Repurposing these items costs money that we'd prefer to spend on getting more toys and books to more children. You can help us reach more children by avoiding the sorts of items listed below.

- Breakable items such as glass or porcelain
- Calendars and diaries

- Candles and lamps
- CDs and video games
- Clothing including shoes, costumes and pyjamas
- Food or drinks
- Games suitable for adults (16+ years)
- Toys that look like weapons such as guns and swords
- Items that contain liquid
- Promotional Marketing or branded items (items with company logos)
- Second-hand or handmade items
- Sheets and towels
- Toiletries, perfume and makeup
- Large items such as bikes, hula hoops, ride-ons etc. Try to keep your gift smaller than a school backpack.

Any questions please ask! Thank you again!

Nadia and Lila

More Diwali Photos



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Team Dragon must return the last dragon egg to fulfil the prophecy. 144 pp. AGES 7+ **\$14.99**

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The Dragon Girls must find the magical navel. 144 pp. AGES 7+ **\$14.99**

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The home pitch is destroyed. Where will The Lions play now? 128 pp. AGES 7+ **\$14.99**

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Will Tom get his story finished for the school story book? 256 pp. AGES 8+ **\$17.99**

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It's up to Greg to save his crumbling school before it's shuttered for good. 224 pp. AGES 10+ **\$14.99**

010 NEW! Toy Time!
Heddog and his friends enter a toy-making contest. 128 pp. AGES 6+ **\$14.99**

011 NEW! The Bad Guys: A Very Bad Holiday
The Bad Guys have been working on the heist of the year! 96 pp. AGES 7+ **\$12.99**

012 Where's Santa?
Yelp Detective Inspector Scrooge track Santa down in time to save Christmas. 24 pp. AGES 4+ **\$16.99**

EVERY CHILD DESERVES A BOOK \$3

SCHOLASTIC

The final Book Club for 2023 has arrived.

Due date for orders is Friday 24th November.

ALL orders done online via Book Club LOOP.

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

2024 School Fees



**St Margaret
Mary's School**

Preschool to Year 6



2024 Fees

	Full fees	Low Income fees
1 Child	\$2010 per annum \$ 670 per term 3 terms	\$1200 per annum \$ 400 per term 3 terms
2 Children	\$3600 per annum \$1200 per term 3 terms	\$2160 per annum \$ 720 per term 3 terms
3 or more children	\$4800 per annum \$1600 per term 3 terms	\$2880 per annum \$ 960 per term 3 terms
Preschool	\$ 800 \$ 200 per term for 4 terms	

Billing Cycle

These fees will be billed at the beginning of the year but are due in three instalments, with payments due by the end of Week 5 of Terms 1, 2 & 3.

Payment dates for 2024 are

- **Term 1** Friday 1st March 2024
- **Term 2** Friday 31st May 2024
- **Term 3** Friday 23rd August 2024

Co-curricular Fees for 2024

Tuesday 23rd January 2024

- Existing students - \$100
 - New students - \$110
- 9.30 am – 2.30 pm

Payment of co-curricular fees must be made prior to your child commencing school unless they are included in an approved payment schedule.

School Card forms will also be available on this day. Please bring your Health Care or Pension Cards with you to apply for School Card.

**If you would like to set up your Payment Plan for the 2024 school year now,
please bring in your bank details.
These figures presume you will pay the co-curricular fee prior to the school
year commencing.**

Frequency Schedule

Full Fee				
	Weekly (42)	Fortnightly (22)	Monthly (10)	Term (3)
1 Child	\$ 48	\$ 92	\$ 201	\$ 670
2 Children	\$ 86	\$ 164	\$ 360	\$ 1,200
3 Children	\$ 115	\$ 219	\$ 480	\$ 1600

School Card Approved Lower Income Fee				
	Weekly	Fortnightly	Monthly	Termly
1 Child	\$ 29	\$ 55	\$ 120	\$ 400
2 Children	\$ 52	\$ 99	\$ 216	\$ 720
3 Children	\$ 69	\$ 131	\$ 288	\$ 960

Preschool – not eligible for low income fee reduction				
	Weekly	Fortnightly	Monthly	Termly
1 Child	\$ 20	\$ 37	\$ 80	\$ 200

Weekly - starting 9/2/24 ending 22/11/24 (providing no payments missed).
Fortnightly - starting 4/2/23 - ending 22/11/24 (providing no payments missed).

Year 5 and 6 camps and Year 6 jumpers will be billed separately.

SPIN Kids camp

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SPIN FOR ALL AGES
FOR ALL AGES

Calling all campers! SPIN kids camp is a four-day, three-night youth camp for years 4-6 this year. Join us for a week of fun, games and faith at Camp Kedron, Barmera (private bus transport available from Adelaide).

The camp runs from 9-12th January 2024 and first-time campers cost only \$50! Any questions? This link will answer them - [SPIN - Blueprint Ministries](https://www.spinministry.org.au/camp)

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 6: Justina, Jayla, Jasmin

Week 7: Thomas, Abahyjot, Savannah

Week 8: Sifat, Hannah, Jasmine

OSHC Hours



Morning: 6.30am - 8.30am;

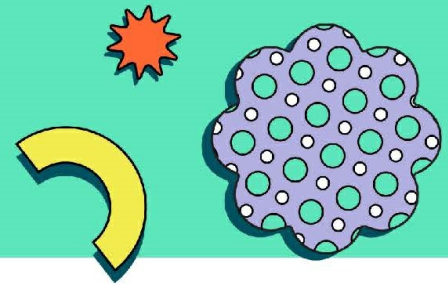
Afternoon: 3.00pm - 6.15pm

Phone Camp Australia: 1300 105 343

[Read More](#)

OSHC News

Newsletter



Hi Everyone

In this week's OSHC newsletter, we've had a fantastic time engaging the children in recycling activities, emphasizing the importance of caring for the environment. Our young eco-warriors have been learning creative ways to reduce waste and repurpose materials, all while understanding the significance of sustainability.

With Halloween happening this week, we've also injected a spooky spirit into our activities. The children have been busy crafting Halloween decorations using recyclable materials, creating a unique blend of Halloween fun and our eco-conscious values.

In addition to our recycling adventures, we've continued to nurture our Mini chefs with healthy cooking. This week, we've whipped up nutritious and scrumptious cakes, satisfying their sweet cravings while instilling the principles of a balanced and nutritious diet. It's all part of our ongoing commitment to making learning both enjoyable and beneficial.

This week's LEGO activities in OSHC were a blast! Watching the kids unleash their creativity and teamwork through building and themed challenges was heartwarming. It's a reminder of how play and hands-on learning go hand in hand, leaving both kids and adults with smiles and a sense of endless possibilities.

<i>WEEK 6</i>	
<i>Monday</i>	Water & Sun Safety Poster, Games Tournament
<i>Tuesday</i>	Glue Sun Catcher, Continue Water & Sun Safety Poster
<i>Wednesday</i>	LEGO Spinners, Basketball Drills, What Makes a Volcano?
<i>Thursday</i>	Sun Smart Sun Hand, Pokémon Soccer
<i>Friday</i>	Why Do WE Need Sunscreen? Cooking with Emma

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

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



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November Birthdays

Happy
Birthday

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

Angus	RRB
Fifi	5/6LC
Jasmine	5/6LO
Jessie	5/6LO
Jordan	2NW
Madison	PRE2
Tammy	2KB
Hayley	5/6GG
Michas	2KB
Harry	PRE2
Zecharias	RML
Rosalie	3/4MC
An	5/6LO
Jade	3/4JM
Scott	3/4MC
Elise	PRE1
Patrick	5/6LC
Charm	3/4MC
Angel	3/4JM
Han	3/4MC
Taye	2NW
Jaxon	1VC
Scott	1OV
Varshana	PRE1
John	5/6LC
Harry	3/4MC
Logan	PRE2
Lucas	RML
Nicholas	3/4KR
Victoria	2KB

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
