



Term 4, Week 5 Friday 18th  
November 2022

## Important Dates

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**Preschool & FDN  
Zoo Excursion**

Wednesday 23 November

**Year 6 Aquatics**

Wednesday 23 November

**Interschool  
Athletics Carnival**

Thursday 24 November

**Reception Zoo  
Excursion**

Friday 25 November

**Outreach Day**

Friday 25 November

**5.30pm Community  
Event**

Thursday 1 December

**5.30-6.30pm  
Preschool Picnic**

Tuesday 6 December

**School Board  
Meeting**

Wednesday 7 December

**2pm Preschool  
Celebration of  
Learning (Group 2)**

Thursday 8 December

**9.15am End of Year  
Mass**

Friday 9 December

**Playgroup Picnic**

Friday 9 December

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

Monday 12 December

**Whole School  
Transition**

Tuesday 13 December

**6pm Graduation,  
Final Day for Year 6  
students**

Tuesday 13 December

**Last day of Term -  
3pm finish**

Wednesday 14 December

## From our Principal



### 2023 Class Structures

As we are getting closer to the end of 2023, we are finalising the class structures for 2023. Teachers are working very hard on the extremely complicated process of class placements and later in the term we will be able to announce the year levels that teachers will be assigned to. At this stage we are planning for the following class structures:

Preschool	2 groups
Reception	2 classes + mid year intake (Foundation)
Year 1	2 classes
Year 2	2 classes
Year 3/4	3 classes
Year 5/6	3 classes

### Staffing

There are always a lot of announcements about staffing at this time of the year. Marni Knolder has been appointed as a teacher at Our Lady of the Visitation School, Taperoo. Marni has worked at St Margaret Mary's for 20 years and is looking forward to a new experience as a teacher. We wish Marni all the best for her new adventures.

I am pleased to share the following staff appointments for 2023:

Lucy Centofanti and Kylie Rivera have been appointed to permanent positions in our school. We welcome Julie McGrane, joining us in middle primary. William Dacombe-Bird will be teaching STEM across all year levels and Greg Parker will be leading our Gifted and Talented Program. I am also pleased that Michelle Leonardi will be teaching in our Junior Primary in a replacement position next year.

### Children's University Graduation

I am thrilled to have attended the Children's University Graduation on Wednesday evening at Bonython Hall (University of Adelaide). We are proud of all our graduates. If you would like to find out more about Children's University for 2023, please visit <https://cuaustralia.com/> or look out for information in our newsletter early next year.

A very big thankyou to Pennie Blazely, our CU coordinator, for preparing all the children and helping them get and track their hours!

Students receiving the National Bronze Award for 30 hours:

Kalista Bote  
Rafael Bote  
Edmund Deveney  
Katia Fratamico  
Mumin Mela  
Janice Phan  
Adam Saeed  
Arin Saeed  
Rahmah Sohaib

Students receiving the National Silver Award for 65 hours:

Isabella Djurasevich  
Nate Djurasevich  
Aria Fratamico  
Gia Fratamico

Student receiving the National Gold Award for 100 hours:

Hannah Bui

### **School Celebrations**

Students, staff and families have been a part of many liturgical celebrations this term, including Remembrance Day, Preschool/Foundation/Reception liturgy, Year 5 Mass and All Saints Day Mass.

All parents/caregivers are invited to Community Prayer every Friday morning at 8.45am in the school yard. We will also have tea/coffee available if you'd like to stay to meet other parents/carers.

Thank you for your continued support,

Kelly Campbell

From our Assistant Principal Alicia Boylan



**Celebrations**

Please remember that our End of Year Community Event will be on Thursday December the 1<sup>st</sup>. We are looking forward to showcasing our Performing Arts program and coming together as a community. A big thank you to all those people who have offered to help cook the

BBQ or serve food on the night. Please make sure you have returned your forms to help with our catering!

### Excursions

Next week is a very busy week with three classes and the preschool attending the Zoo, the Year 6's going on an Aquatics Day, and senior students attending an Athletics Carnival. Thank you to all those parents and carers who have volunteered to help. These excursions would not be possible without the help and support of volunteers!

### Traffic

A reminder to not park on the yellow lines along the street. Council was here observing the traffic and have indicated that they will be returning again soon to observe the traffic in the afternoons. We ask that everyone obeys the road rules to ensure the safety of our students and community.

### Transition visits

The younger students have been having a wonderful time visiting the big school with Mrs B(raidwood) and reconnecting with their friends in Foundation. Mrs B(ottger) and Mrs Pollifrone have also been busy in the Preschool, welcoming the children who will be coming to Preschool in 2023. It makes Wednesday mornings very busy in the school, but everyone is having fun! We are so happy with how the children are settling to the new learning spaces.

**Alicia Boylan**

## APRIM News



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The Season of Advent is almost upon us!

In recent weeks, our Year 1/2 classes commemorated a liturgy for Remembrance Day where we offered prayers as peacemakers for our world. We paused for the Last Post and observed a minute's silence as we remembered those who have given their lives through

service. Our Foundation and Reception classes also shared a liturgy to 'Prepare for the birth of baby Jesus.' This was a joyous occasion, where we listened to the Word as a way of helping us to set up our Nativity scene. Our readers offered prayers, and everyone filled the Church with high energy singing and movements. We were very excited to be joined by our Pre-schoolers on both these occasions.

### **Season of Advent**

Advent is a season of new beginnings, a time of prayer and reflection in preparation for the birth of Jesus. The Season of Advent begins on Sunday 27 November (Week 7) and continues until Saturday 24 December (Christmas Eve) on the Fourth Sunday of Advent. During Advent the Church is dressed in the liturgical colour purple. Each Sunday at Mass, a candle is lit on an Advent wreath reflecting a different theme for the week. The first candle is purple and represents 'hope' – hope for new beginnings. The second candle is purple and reflects 'peace' – Jesus the Prince of Peace and peace in our relationships. The third candle is pink and is an expression of 'joy' – joy that the birth brings. The fourth candle is purple and focuses on 'love' – our love for God and each other.

### **Sacramental Program**

Last week, we started distributing information regarding the 2023 Parish Sacramental Program to families who had expressed initial interest. If your child has previously been Baptised and you are considering participating in the program with your child / children, we invite you to contact the office or myself [matthew.harrison@smms.catholic.edu.au](mailto:matthew.harrison@smms.catholic.edu.au) for further information.

### **Altar Server Training**

As a parish school we are in the planning stages of organising training in 2023 for students who have completed the Sacramental Program and are interested in learning how to Altar serve. The students will be trained during school hours and will then have the option of volunteering to Altar serve and support the priest in our whole school or year level Masses. Once trained, families who also attend parish Masses may choose to contact Paula in the parish office on 8346 0944 for further information on the parish Altar serving roster.

### **Vinnies Christmas Appeal**

The Vinnies Christmas Appeal is all about bringing joy and festivity to families and individuals who may be in need of some extra support. Christmas is a time of celebration and sharing in precious memories together. However, this may not be the reality for 2.2 million Australians, including families and 750,000 children living below the poverty line. Before the school year winds up, Vinnies are inviting families to donate Christmas foods and decorations which will be added to hampers.

This year we are asking families, who are able, to **bring donations to our Community Event on Thursday 1 December**. On the night, families are invited to place any donations under our Christmas tree upon arrival.

Suggested donations include Christmas pudding, long life custard, tinned fruit, shortbread, long life juice, Christmas cake, fruit mince pies, pasta, rice, tinned vegetables, bon bons, tinsel and other Christmas decorations. For further information including a full list of suggested donations you may wish to view the online information kit.

[https://www.vinnies.org.au/content/Document/SA/Misc/XMAS2022\\_SCHOOLS\\_INFO\\_KIT\\_Vinnies%20SA\\_.pdf](https://www.vinnies.org.au/content/Document/SA/Misc/XMAS2022_SCHOOLS_INFO_KIT_Vinnies%20SA_.pdf)

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

**Matthew Harrison**

**Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission**

## Library End-of-Year Schedule



The last day for student borrowing from the Library will be Friday 25th November (Week 6), with all student loans to be returned no later than Friday 2nd December (Week 7).

Thank you for your help in this schedule,  
Mrs DiG

Also, Book Club Issue 8 orders are due by Wednesday 23rd November via LOOP. Details on Page 31 of the magazine. Payments can not be accepted at school.



## Angolo Italiano

La Befana is a gift giver in Italy. She will give gifts to children who behave but she leaves coal to children who are bad. La Befana comes on January 5<sup>th</sup> so children can open their gifts on January 6<sup>th</sup>. La Befana flies from house to house on her broom stick. La Befana loves to clean. La Befana visits children every year because she is actually looking for Jesus and has been for many years.



By Isabella D Year 4/5

2023 Fees



**If you would like to set up your Payment Plan for the 2023 school year now please bring in your bank details and payment plan form.**

**Frequency Schedule**

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

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

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

**Weekly - starting 11/2**  
**Fortnightly - starting 4/2**

If you would like to set up your payment plan for 2023 fees now please bring in your bank details and payment plan form.

Co-curricular fee day is Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023. School Card forms will be available then.

Many thanks

**Jane Victory**

Finance Officer

Community Prayer & Coffee

## Community Prayer & Coffee

**We are pleased to be able to once again offer coffee for anybody who is free to come along to Community Prayer on Fridays. Please join us outside the Uniform Shop for a coffee expertly brewed by Rosie.**



# Salvation Army Christmas Appeal



Hi Families...

My name is Nadia Siv, and my daughter Lila attends St Margaret Mary's School in foundation class.

For the last few years, Lila and I have collected books and toys for the Salvation Army as part of their Christmas Appeal. Last year we managed to donate an amazing 722 gifts!! I was blown away by everyone's generosity!

This year I am upping the ante and hoping to get to 800 presents! So I am reaching out to everyone I can to achieve this goal. The impacts of the bushfires, floods and COVID have increased the number of families suffering financially this year, so let's get some seriously good toys and books to some incredible, deserving children.

**Collection starts now and will run until the 30th November 2022.** 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 front office at St Margaret Mary's for me to collect

<b>GIFT GUIDE</b>	
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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.
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- 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)
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- No gift wrapping, please. While it may seem helpful to wrap your gift, this creates problems in the sorting and packing process and also means that parents don't get to see or wrap the gift for their child.

### Gifts most needed

This year we have a shortage of gifts for children between 6 and 12 years of age. By donating a gift suitable for a child in this age group, you will help us meet the needs of many more families. Gifts such as board games, STEM and activity-based toys are always well-received.

### 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 Siv

## Holiday Club Program

Please click on a photo to view what is planned for Camp Australia OSHC Holiday Club these holidays.

## Entertainment Book Offer

Dear Parent,

Your support for our fundraising at St Margaret Mary's Primary School can now save you money everywhere you travel in the next 12 months.

### Your round trip ticket to **everyday savings!**

A promotional graphic with an orange background and dashed lines. It features a paper airplane icon in the top left and bottom right. The central text is arranged in a list format: 'RENEW ANY: Single City', 'RECEIVE A: Bonus Upgrade\*', and 'TO: Multi City'. To the right, there is a question 'Who doesn't love a free upgrade?' and a red 'RENEW NOW' button. At the bottom center, there is a small asterisked note: '\*Terms and conditions apply'.

For a limited time only, you can purchase a Single City Membership to the Entertainment App, and receive a **bonus** Multi City upgrade\*, unlocking access to 20 cities and thousands of offers anywhere in Australia, New Zealand and Bali.



**One Membership  
20 cities  
1000's of offers**

And of course 20% of the membership goes directly to support our school fundraising at St Margaret Mary's Primary School

**Save on the cost of a Membership that will  
have you exploring more for less!**

3 Month Membership

**Single City  
\$29.99**

**BONUS UPGRADE  
to Multi City**

**SAVE \$10**

12 Month Membership

**Single City  
\$69.99**

**BONUS UPGRADE  
to Multi City**

**SAVE \$50**

24 Month Membership

**Single City  
\$119.99**

**BONUS UPGRADE  
to Multi City**

**SAVE \$110**

Now you can enjoy the best restaurants, cafes, fine dining and shopping with your family while traveling - and donate to fundraising at our school.

## School Times & Term Dates

**Front Office:** 8.30am - 3.45pm

**Student Supervision:** 8.30am - 3.20pm

**Classes:** 8.45am - 3.00pm

### 2022

**Term 4:** Monday 17 October to Friday 16 December

### 2023

**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 Friday 15 December

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## Preschool Times



**Group 1:** Monday & Tuesday 8.45am - 2.45pm;

Wednesday 8.45am - 11.45am

*Occasional Care: Wednesday 9-12 (bookings required)*

**Group 2:** Wednesday 12.15pm-3.15pm;

Thursday & Friday 8.45am - 2.45pm

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## Playgroup





# St Margaret Mary's School

## PLAYGROUP

Friday 9:15am – 10:45am

0–4 years welcome

\$3:00 per family

Bring a healthy snack



Playgroup is a fun place for you and your child to play and learn together and to become a part of our community.

Children are learning from the moment they are born and they mostly learn from playing along with you.

We offer experiences for you to **play**, **talk**, **sing** and **read** with your child and with other families.

Our playgroup is part of the Supported Playgroups in Catholic Education (SPiCE) program.



**FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT:**

**Phone:** 08 8245 5800

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

**Website:** [www.smms.catholic.edu.au](http://www.smms.catholic.edu.au)

## Crossing Monitors



***Thank you*** to these students who have volunteered to be crossing monitors:

**Week 6** - Aaliyah, Phillip N, Kobe

**Week 7** - Monique, Mia M, Natalie K

**Week 8** - Kevin, Kenzo, Bobby

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## Uniform Shop Times



**Tuesday:** 2.30pm - 3.30pm;

**Friday:** 8.30am - 10.00am

Please Note:

short sleeved polos have arrived!

track pants are expected to arrive by week 8;

more short sleeved polos are expected to arrive at the start of 2023;

long sleeved polos and jackets are expected to arrive in March 2023.

## OSHC Hours



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

**Afternoon:** 3.00pm - 6.15pm

Phone Camp Australia: 1300 105 343

[Week 5 OSHC Newsletter](#)

## Croydon Park Catholic Parish

**Parish Priest:** Fr Charles Lukati

Ph: 8346 0944

## 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](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

## November Birthdays!



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

Phillip	6LO
Angus	PRE1
Fifi	4/5GG
Hoang	3GW
Jasmine	4/5GG
Jordan	1/2ML
Tue Tam	1/2AL
Hayley	4/5CM
Michas	1/2CF
Zecharias	PRE2
Rosalie	1/2AL
Bethlehem	6LO
An	4/5CM
Natalie	6LO
Jade	1/2CF
Scott	1/2KB
Patrick	4/5GG
Zara	PRE2
Mia	6LO
Greatest	3MK
Greatness	3GW

Han	3GW
Taye	1/2ML
Jaxon	RRB
Scott	RRB
John	4/5GG
Harry	3GW
Lucas	PRE1
Nicholas	1/2CF

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# PAKA PAKA

## PLAY THERAPY

At Paka Paka, we use Child-Centered Play Therapy (CCPT), an evidence-based counselling method for Children. Our mission is to provide and create a positive and safe environment for children to use the unique benefit of play to process and explore their thoughts, feelings, and experiences.



### Services:

- Play Therapy for ages 2-11
- Family Therapy (we use Theraplay principles)
- Parental support

### Referrals:

- Plan and self-managed clients can use their NDIS Funding for both Early Intervention (Under 7s) and Therapy Supports (Over 7s)
- We accept referrals from the Department for Child Protection, Return to Work SA and Insurances.
- Private pay



### Benefits:

- Become more responsible for behaviors and develop more successful strategies.
- Develop new and creative solutions to problems.
- Develop respect and acceptance of self and others.
- Learn to experience and express emotions.
- Cultivate empathy and respect for thoughts and feelings of others.
- Learn new social skills and relational skills with family and peers
- Develop self-efficacy and thus a better assuredness about their abilities.

## CONTACT US

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SHOP 1 /97A Old Port Road, Queenstown 5014

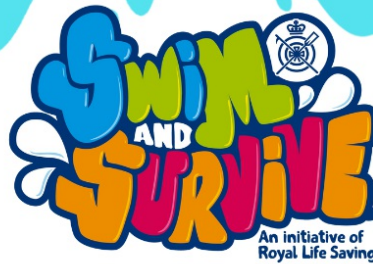
## MORE INFORMATION

[www.pakapaka.com.au](http://www.pakapaka.com.au)  
[@pakapakaplaytherapy](https://www.instagram.com/pakapakaplaytherapy)



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