



**Term 4, Week 7 Friday 29th
November 2024**

Important Dates

Community Event
6pm
Thursday 5 December 2024

End of year Mass
9.15am
Friday 6 December 2024

**Preschool Group 2
Celebration of
Learning**
Friday 6 December 2024

**Preschool Group 1
Celebration of
Learning**
Monday 9 December 2024

**Year 6 Students
Final Day**
Tuesday 10 December 2024

**Final Day
Foundation - Year 5
Students**
Wednesday 11 December
2024

From our Principal



I had the pleasure of attending the Arch D Podcasting Awards on Sunday at Sacred Heart College. All our year 6 students participate in the podcasting program here at St Margaret Mary's School. It allows them to work in groups and learn the technical skills of professional podcasting and effective storytelling.

This year, we had 6 students nominated for Awards. This is a fantastic effort as over 900 students participate in the program across South Australia.

Congratulations!

PODCASTER OF THE YEAR (PRIMARY)

An award for a student that demonstrated leadership within their podcasting community elevating the quality of both their own and

other's podcast work to the highest standard.

- Yukti (St Margaret Marys)

PODCAST EPISODE OF THE YEAR (PRIMARY)

Recognising the most engaging episode that consistently and effectively use the techniques taught within the Arch D courses in the creation of their podcast.

- "The Lucky Day or So We Thought" – Anisha (St Margaret Marys), Angie (Xavier), Gabe (St Pius X) and Kelvin (St Gabriels)
[Podcasting Leaders Day]

TEAM OF THE YEAR (PRIMARY)

The Principal Award for the school team that demonstrated team work and great storytelling.

The NBA Banter Boys

- John, Dillen, Joshua and Thomas

Farewell

We will be sad to farewell Ann Lang at the end of the year. Ann has been an integral part of our staff since 1999, as a specialist Early Years teacher. She has been a part of many initiatives for learning and wellbeing of children. Those who know Ann will agree that her focus has always been on supporting the children in her care, helping transitions to school and encouraging literacy and creativity. We wish her all the best in her retirement and thank her for the time she was a part of the SMMS community, and the 45 years of service to Catholic Education SA.

Transition to 2025

We have been welcoming many new faces to our community over the past few weeks during our transition visits.

In Week 9, we will have our whole school transition where your child meets their new class and teacher for 2025. I'd like to remind you of the complex process that is involved in class placements. All students are given an opportunity for input into their placement, these are taken into consideration. Parents were given the opportunity in term 3 to share any learning or other needs that we may not have been aware of. Each year teachers spend a great deal of time looking at class placements for the following year. This process takes many things into account. First and foremost, we take into consideration the learning needs of *all students*. We aim to ensure classes are 'balanced', by also taking into consideration a balance of gender, progress and levels of children's learning, children with specific needs (social/emotional, learning and physical), relationships and family considerations. Positive conversations about transitions are vital to assist your child build resilience and face new challenges.

Remember, your child's best support may be someone they have not yet met!

Community Events

This week we welcomed the Premier, Mr Peter Malinauskas and the Hon Minister Blair Boyer along with Dr Neil McGoran (Executive Director of Catholic Education SA), Mr John Neate (Chair of the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools), Fr Dean Marin (Vicar General) to officially open and bless our outdoor learning facilities. It's been a very busy time for official visits at SMMS over the past 2 months! We are looking forward to sharing our community with our guests.

Thursday 5th is our annual Community Event. The students will showcase some of their performing arts talents. Thank you to the teachers, especially Ms Roper, for preparing the children. Bring along your family picnic and enjoy some time with family and friends.

I hope to speak with many of you over the coming weeks!

Thank you for your continued support,

Kelly Campbell

Principal

Playground Opening & Blessing



Belinda Elliott - Assistant Principal



St Margaret Mary's School

COMMUNITY EVENT 2024

CHRISTMAS

AROUND THE WORLD

THURSDAY DEC 5

GATES OPEN 5.15PM FOR A 5.45PM
START



The end of the school year is not far away, and Christmas is fast approaching – there's only about 23 more sleeps!

Sickness & Tiredness

As we approach the end of the year, we all get tired and sometimes sick too. We have had many students go/stay home with gastro and coughs and colds recently with visible symptoms of runny noses, loud and persistent coughs and stomach aches. **Please remember that if your child is unwell, they must stay home. If your child has gastro or vomits, they cannot return to school for 48 hours**, even if they no longer have symptoms. This is for the care and respect of everyone in our community and is based on guidelines provided by SA Health. Thank you for your support.

End of Year Community Event – Christmas Around the World

The children are looking forward to performing for you – it's going to be a fantastic event! We are monitoring the weather forecast very closely and will update you on Wednesday of any changes.

DATE: Thursday 5 December

TIME: Gates open 5:15pm. Event starts 5:45pm.

FOOD & DRINKS: BYO family picnic and drinks (no alcohol please).

BRING: A fold-out chair for adults, picnic rug, pillow or towel for children to sit on.

WHO: All students and families Preschool to Year 6.

COSTUME/CLOTHING: Check Seesaw or the note sent home to all families.

PERFORMANCES: Preschool- Christmas Around the World & This Little Light Of Mine, Foundation- Little Donkey, Reception- Jingle Bells, Year 1- Santa Claus Arriva in Citta, Year 2- Mele Kalikimaka, Year 3- Ang Pasko Ay Summupit, Year 4/5- An Aussie Christmas, Aussie Aussie Christmas & Aussie Jingle Bells, Year 6- Feliz Navidad, School Choir- Touch the Sky, Puttin' On The Ritz.

It's going to be a terrific night of celebration, fun and amazing performances. We are looking forward to seeing you next Thursday evening.

Praying for nice weather

See you then!

Belinda Elliott



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This weekend, the Church celebrates the first Sunday of the Season of Advent. The Season of Advent signifies the start of

a new Liturgical Year in the life of the Church. We enter into Year C and the focus for our Masses and Liturgies shifts from Year B and the Gospel of Mark, to Year C and a focus on the Gospel of Luke.

In our learning spaces, the liturgical colour changes from green (displayed during Ordinary Time) to purple which means we are entering into a time of preparation. The Nativity of the Holy Family will be displayed as well as the Advent Wreath. Each week in preparation for the Birth of Christ a new candle is lit. The first candle (purple) is the candle of hope. The second candle (purple) is the candle of peace. The third candle (rose) is the candle of love. The fourth candle (purple) is the candle of joy.

The Season of Advent begins on Sunday 1 December and ends on Tuesday 24 December.

Mary MacKillop Today

Earlier in the Term, our Year 6 students, held an annual fundraising day. As part of the day the students created stalls with delicious treats and fun activities. This year's stalls raised over \$950.00 for Mary MacKillop Today. Special thanks again to Ms Victory, Ms Harms and Ms Osborne and our Year 6 classes.

Vinnies Donations

Thank you to everyone who has generously donated to the Vinnie's Christmas Appeal. A 'Giving Tree' and baskets will continue to be displayed in the entry foyer of the school and we welcome all donations of food, gifts and toys.

The Croydon Park Vinnies group have arranged for our donations to be picked up on Wednesday 11 December (Week 9).

2025 Sacramental Program

If you are interested in your child being a part of the 2025 Parish Sacramental Program, please collect a copy of the enrolment form (available in English or Vietnamese) from the Front Office. Alternatively, you can contact the parish office on 8346 0944 or email matthew.harrison@smms.catholic.edu.au

Have a good week everyone.

Year 6 Aquatics



Foundation JV and AI News

We have been very busy during Terms 3 and 4 learning all about being at school. We now know when and where to line up and all about the good choices we can make at school like having safe hands, feet and mouths and what to do when we need to calm ourselves like sitting in our Quiet Space.



Earlier this term we made fish lanterns and created Diwali designs during Activity Time for our Multicultural Festival.



This week we have been counting the sleeps before we go to the zoo on Wednesday... we can't wait to see all the animals!

In class we have been making props and practicing our Venezuelan Christmas song since the beginning of the term for our Community Event and hopefully we will be ready by the 5th of December.



We also have Assembly on Monday of week 8, so as we said, we've been really, really, super dooper busy!

Angolo Italiano

Year 4/5 students are learning about significant Italian Christmas customs and traditions.

Gina Armiento

Italian Teacher



Kids Club Yoga

This week we incorporated some new poses during yoga time. We have started to incorporate using crystals to help us set intentions before we practice our breath work and yoga flow.

Such a special time every Thursday at first play.

Gina Armiento





THE HON PETER MALINAUSKAS MP
PREMIER OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Dear parent/caregiver

Today, the Federal Parliament passed laws to implement 16 years as the minimum age for access to social media.

This globally-leading reform was initiated here in South Australia.

The State Government was determined to see reform in this area amid mounting concern and recognition from experts, clinicians, educators, parents and caregivers of the negative impacts of social media use on children's mental health, wellbeing and development.

Following substantial engagement with these stakeholders, it became clear to us that, on balance, a national minimum age for access to social media, is the right thing to do.

That's why here in South Australia, we commissioned former Chief Justice of the High Court, the Hon. Robert French AC, to conduct an independent legal examination into enforcing a minimum age limit for social media access.

His report outlined a path forward to legislate; however, our preference was always for a nationally consistent law, which is why I raised the matter at National Cabinet.

Now, through the work we started here in South Australia, our nation will be a global leader in keeping our next generation safe from the harms of social media.

When we see products doing children harm, whether it be drugs, cigarettes or alcohol, governments have a role to play. The addictive nature of social media is no different.

The national laws will commence following a 12-month implementation period and will establish a minimum age for platforms like Facebook, Snapchat, TikTok and Instagram. They will place the onus on social media platforms – not parents or young people – to take reasonable steps to keep kids under 16 years of age off their platforms.

In 2019, we announced that in Government, we would pursue a full mobile phone ban for students in South Australian Government schools. We've seen strong and positive outcomes from this pursuit and now every other state has implemented a similar ban.

From next year, all students in state government and Catholic schools will be taught about online safety and the dangers of social media through a strengthened curriculum, providing the tools to navigate the online world confidently and safely.

The new social media laws are another step in ensuring our kids live healthy, active lives – and that smartphones and social media are not the defining feature of their childhood.

We are proud that South Australia has led the way on this important reform that will ensure our children and young people are protected and well-equipped for the world they are growing up in.

Yours sincerely

Peter Malinauskas
PREMIER

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Blair Boyer
MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING AND SKILLS

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SPIN Kids camp 2025



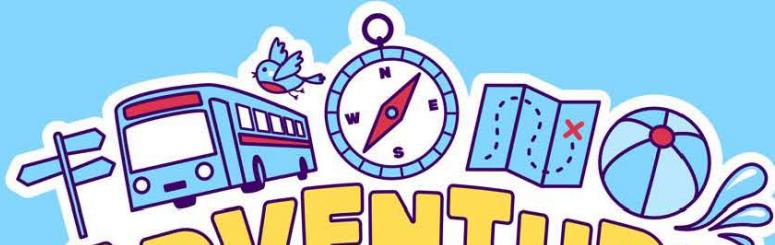
Calling all campers! SPIN kids camp is a four-day, three-night Christian camp for years 4-6. Join us for a week of fun, games and faith at Camp Kedron, Barmera (private bus transport available from Adelaide).

The camp runs from 14-18th January 2025. First-time campers cost only \$50!

To register your child for camp, either use the QR code in the flyer, or click on this link:

<https://www.blueprintministries.org.au/camps/spin/>

Vacation Program at OSHC



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FUN AWAITS!

YOUR SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM



St Margaret Mary's School

Address: 5 Eldon Street CROYDON PARK SA 5008

Phone: 0404 452 628 **Program Times:** 07:00 am - 06:15 pm

Mon 16 Dec	Mission Takeoff: Time Travel Adventures	 <p>Project Incursion</p>	Tue 17 Dec	Experience Takeover: Water Warriors	 <p>Experience Takeover Incursion</p>
<p>Get ready for the ultimate adventure to launch your holidays! Build a time machine, train as a time traveler, and create a clock to mark your journey. This is the thrilling start to an unforgettable season!</p> <p>Full Fee \$109.24 After Max. CCS* \$10.92</p>		<p>Get wet 'n wild like never before as you'll be treated to an action-packed session of water games, including sponge toss, relays, water balloon toss, rob the nest, and more! Run by specialists, remember to bring change of clothes and a towel.</p> <p>Full Fee \$115.24 After Max. CCS* \$11.52</p>			
Wed 18 Dec	Adventure: Moana 2 at Cameo Cinema	 <p>Excursion</p>	Thu 19 Dec	Project: Hawaiian Luau & Culinary Fun	 <p>Project Incursion</p>
<p>Set sail with Moana 2 as she embarks on a thrilling journey across the far seas of Oceania! Called by her wayfinding ancestors, Moana ventures into new waters, discovering ancient secrets and unlocking her true destiny.</p> <p>Full Fee \$137.24 After Max. CCS* \$13.72</p>		<p>Get ready for a Hawaiian adventure! Make a yummy Haupia with pineapple, design your own surfboard door sign, and create a colourful lei to take home. It's a day packed with tropical fun!</p> <p>Full Fee \$112.24 After Max. CCS* \$11.22</p>			
Fri 20 Dec	Operation: Festive Fun	 <p>Base Camp Day</p>	Mon 06 Jan	Operation: Animal Planet	 <p>Base Camp Day</p>
<p>It's time to get festive! Join us as we dive into a world of STEAM activities, where creativity meets exploration. From hands-on experiments to holiday-themed challenges, we're bringing the spirit of the holidays to life with all sorts of engaging and fun activities. Get ready to unleash</p> <p>Full Fee \$88.74 After Max. CCS* \$8.87</p>		<p>Let's celebrate all things furry, feathered, and scaly! Dive into the world of animals with fun science experiments and creative art projects. It's a special day to express our love for our animal companions!</p> <p>Full Fee \$88.74 After Max. CCS* \$8.87</p>			
Tue 07 Jan	Adventure: Pin-Smash! at Zone Bowling	 <p>Excursion</p>	Wed 08 Jan	Project: High Tea in the Sky	 <p>Project Incursion</p>
<p>Roll on in as we head to tenpin bowling. Leave nothing to spare, as you aim for as many strikes as possible! How will your pins fall?</p> <p>Full Fee \$136.14 After Max. CCS* \$13.61</p>		<p>Soar into a world of fun! Whip up a delightful high tea with scrumptious cakes, snacks, and sandwiches, then unleash your creativity by decorating gliders to take home. It's a sky-high day filled with flying fun and delectable treats!</p> <p>Full Fee \$112.24 After Max. CCS* \$11.22</p>			
Thu 09 Jan	Operation: Embrace Your Culture	 <p>Base Camp Day</p>	Fri 10 Jan	Project: Knights of the Realm	 <p>Project Incursion</p>
<p>Let's celebrate the beauty of where we come from! Today, we'll explore each other's cultures, traditions, and stories. It's all about connecting, sharing, and learning in a day of discovery.</p> <p>Full Fee \$88.74 After Max. CCS* \$8.87</p>		<p>Step into the medieval world and become a knight! Try bouncy jousting, build your own catapult, and create your own shield to take home. It's a day packed with epic medieval adventures!</p> <p>Full Fee \$113.24 After Max. CCS* \$11.32</p>			

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FUN AWAITS!

YOUR SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM



St Margaret Mary's School

Address: 5 Eldon Street CROYDON PARK SA 5008

Phone: 0404 452 628 **Program Times:** 07:00 am - 06:15 pm

Mon 13 Jan **BIG Art's BIG LEGO Challenge!**

Are you ready for the ultimate LEGO challenge? Let's kickoff the holidays with a BANG! Join us for Big Art's ultimate LEGO Showdown with a range of fun challenges to complete!

Full Fee \$99.74 | After Max. CCS* \$9.97



Tue 14 Jan **Big Art Day: Beach Bash**

Grab your sunnies and get ready for some beachy fun! Join a volleyball tournament, tie-dye your own personalised beach towel, and dive into summer games and crafts. Sun, fun, and creativity—what a combo!

Full Fee \$114.24 | After Max. CCS* \$11.42



Wed 15 Jan **Operation: Rainbow Extravaganza**

Step into a world of colour! From rainbow science to colourful art, today's your chance to turn the room into a kaleidoscope of fun. Get ready for a wild day of creativity and rainbow-inspired STEAM activities!

Full Fee \$88.74 | After Max. CCS* \$8.87



Thu 16 Jan **Experience Takeover: Beat Breakers**

Get hyped for Beat Breakers! Academe Time is coming to help us master hip-hop moves, from helicopters to headstands, and put on an epic group performance. It's all about rhythm, style, and unstoppable fun!

Full Fee \$117.39 | After Max. CCS* \$11.74



Fri 17 Jan **Adventure: Kick Off the Fun at AFL Max**

Whether you're a fan of footy or not, there's something for everyone at AFL Max. Enjoy an hour of action-packed fun, filled with trampolines, rock-climbing walls, interactive screen games, inflatables, challenges and so much more!

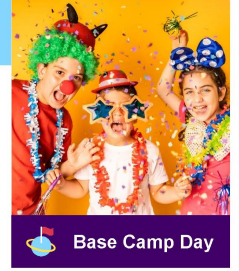
Full Fee \$144.24 | After Max. CCS* \$14.42



Mon 20 Jan **Operation: Super Celebration**

Get ready to celebrate! It's your time to shine as we host an epic celebration day! We'll have fun games, surprises, and a special moment to recognise everyone's achievements. Whatever the occasion, let's make it a day to remember!

Full Fee \$88.74 | After Max. CCS* \$8.87



Tue 21 Jan **Adventure: Paddington in Peru at Cameo Cinema**

Join us for an adventure with Paddington in Peru! Paddington and the Browns head to Peru to visit his beloved Aunt Lucy, but unexpected events lead them into thrilling misadventures through the Amazon rainforest and the stunning mountains of Peru.

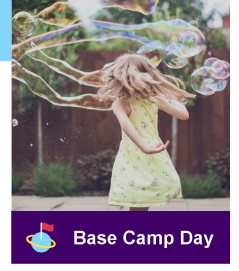
Full Fee \$137.24 | After Max. CCS* \$13.72



Wed 22 Jan **Operation: Bubble Bounce Bonanza**

Get ready for a day of bubbles, bounces, and games! Dive into giant bubbles, hop around with fun bouncy activities, and play all your favourite games. It's going to be a blast—are you ready to bounce?

Full Fee \$88.74 | After Max. CCS* \$8.87



Thu 23 Jan **Providoor: Sweet Treats with Anna Polyviou**

Ready for a sweet adventure? Join culinary star Anna Polyviou for a dessert-making tutorial, snap pics in our photobooth, and take home a recipe card for more fun at home!

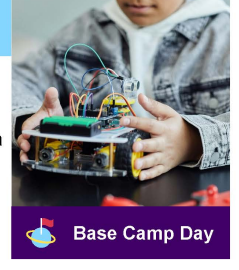
Full Fee \$113.24 | After Max. CCS* \$11.32



Fri 24 Jan **Operation: Wheelie Awesome**

Ready, set, roll! It's all about wheels today! Whether you're crafting wheel-inspired inventions or exploring other fun activities on wheels, there's no limit to the fun. Get ready for a wheelie good time!

Full Fee \$88.74 | After Max. CCS* \$8.87



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School Times & Term Dates

Front Office: 8.30am - 3.45pm

Student Supervision: 8.30am - 3.20pm

Classes: 8.45am - 3.00pm

2025

Term 1: Tuesday 28 January to Friday 11 April;

Term 2: Monday 28 April to Friday 4 July;

Term 3: Monday 21 July to Friday 26 September;

Term 4: Monday 13 October to Friday 12 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 7: Kenzi, Arin, Habity;

Week 8: Katelyn, Elena, Grace C;

Week 9: Tiffany, Rafael, Janice

OSHC Hours



Morning: 6.30am - 8.30am;

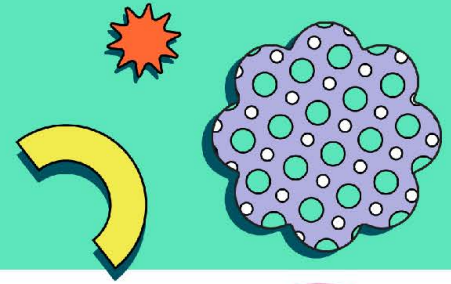
Afternoon: 3.00pm - 6.15pm

Phone Camp Australia: 1300 105 343

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OSHC News

Newsletter



Date St Margaret Mary's 25th November 2024



Hi Everyone,



Last week in OSHC, we celebrated Imagination Play with activities that sparked creativity and connection.

Sand Sensory Play encouraged exploration and sensory development, Sock Puppets allowed children to design characters and perform puppet shows, Teddy Bears' Picnic brought role-playing fun and fostered belonging, Storytelling had children writing and sharing imaginative stories, building confidence and community, and Cultural Cooking experiences featured Asian noodle stir-fry and a Mexican Nachos dish, with older children leading and showcasing teamwork. These activities were designed to engage children of all ages and abilities, promoting creativity, leadership, and social connection. The children's active participation and enthusiasm truly brought the program to life, creating a warm and inclusive environment for everyone.

Next week in OSHC, we'll dive into an exciting week of cooking, exploring cultural dishes, and learning about kitchen hygiene and food safety. It's a chance for children to build new skills while enjoying delicious creations together.

WEEK 9 Monday	30 Years Fairy Jelly, Paint Wooden Tree, Sand Art Christmas	
Tuesday	Lego Christmas, Cooking Gingerbread Cookies, Friendship Christmas Cards	
Wednesday	Big Art Display, Santa Chasey, Cooking Rice bubble Honey Treats	
Thursday	Rocketeers	
Friday	Rocketeers	

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.

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Keep Smiling 😊 Louise, Jenny & Emily



Your OSHC.

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ROCKETEERS

Newsletter



Date St Margaret Mary's 25th November 2024



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Student Absences

Phone: 8245 5855 (answering service - call anytime)

Email: absent@smms.catholic.edu.au

SMS: 0497 901 493

November Birthdays



Congratulations to these students celebrating birthdays in November:

Angus	1SB	Patrick	6GG
Fifi	6GG	Charm	4/5MR
Adam	1AV	Angel	4/5CC
Jordan	3KR	Han	4/5CC
Tammy	3JF	Taye	3JF
Hayley	6GG	Jaxon	2NW
Harry	RML	Varshana	ROV
Michas	3JF	Scott	2NW
Anaya	ROV	Miriana	PRE1
Zecharias	1AV	John	6CH
Rosalie	4/5JM	Logan	RML
Huy	6CH	Harry	4/5MR
Jade	4/5CC	Lucas	1AV
Ethan	PRE2	Nicholas	4/5JM
Scott	4/5JM		

Croydon Park Catholic Parish

Parish Priest: Fr Charles Lukati

Ph: 8346 0944

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

| Ages **5-14*** | Mighty Days **\$55**** | Other activities **\$12.50**

- Nerf wars
- Mighty Days
- Aqua inflatable

Book online:

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