



Important Dates

Co-Curricular Fees
Day 9.30-2.30
Thursday 23 January 2025

First Day of Term 1,
2025
Tuesday 28 January 2025

From our Principal



Thank you to everyone for your support during the year!

We had a lovely graduation liturgy and ceremony for your Year 6 students last night. We wish them all the best as they move on to their new adventures in High School.

We appreciate everyone's flexibility in moving our Community Event to Monday, due to the extreme weather conditions. Thank you especially to Ms Roper for organising this at short notice.

On Tuesday, all the students spent some time in their 2025 classes with their new teachers. It was great to hear the positive chatter about what they are looking forward to next year. It is important that children develop new friendships and take some risks in a safe environment, building their resilience.

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!

I hope everyone has a safe and blessed Christmas season with families and friends. We look forward to welcoming back all students on **Tuesday 28th January 2025**.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kelly Campbell

Principal

Our Staff

We farewell and thank Julie McGrane as she returns to the Department for Education.

We also thank Greg Parker for establishing and running our gifted and talented program over the past 2 years.

Thank you to Lynne Osborn for stepping into Year 6 for term 4, your support of students in their last term of school was very much appreciated.

We also thank Mikki Barquin for her role in Preschool during Semester 2. We hope that Mikki will continue to be connected with our Preschool team!

We especially thank and farewell Ann Lang. Ms Lang has been a member of staff at SMMS since 1999 and has worked in Catholic Education SA since 1979. Her dedication to the children and this community has been immense. Those who were in her class will remember her love of literacy, big books, craft and creativity in all activities.

Ms Lang loved a good dress up day for Book Week and always made sure every child was included in all activities.

Her support for true welcome and inclusion in our community has been amazing, fostering a sense of identity through multicultural events, especially the mid-Autumn Festivals.

She always has the child at the centre of everything that she does.

We will miss her wisdom and nurturing of our children, especially the youngest members of our community.

We hope that she will continue to be connected to our school community next year.

2025 Staff

Preschool	Maria Iovino	Chloe Van Mourik (+Occasional Care)
Reception	Michelle Leonardi	Olivia Ventura Michaela Cekavicius
Year 1	Ben Smedley/Rebecca Braidwood (Nick Rylander Wks 1-5) Anna Verbi/Gina Armiento	
Year 2	Kellie Byrne	Nicky Watson
Year 3	Julia Vassallo	Kylie Rivera
Year 4	Lucy Centofanti	Joseph Fuda/Patricia Monti
Year 5/6	Charlotte Harms	Claire Dunlop (Greig Graham on leave) Sarah Carritt
EAL/D	Lucy Krause	
PE	Celeste Brown	
Performing Arts	Selina Roper	
Italian	Gina Armiento	
STEM	Ben Smedley	
Gifted and Talented	Nadia Chitti	
Student Support	Rosie Barbon	Nikki Calabro Daniela Fiala
	Carly Antiuschka	Bethany Newhouse Sandra Shepherd
	Adrienne Locke	Tali Anderson Vicky Manalo
	Julia Pollifrone (Preschool)	
Resource Centre	Katherine McCullough	
Finance Officer	Jane Victory	
Administration	Angela Curthoys	Pennie Blazely
School Counsellor	Solina Merlino	
WHS	Frank Massalsky	
Playgroup	Vicky Manalo	
Occasional Care	Chloe Van Mourik	
Principal	Kelly Campbell	
Assistant Principal	Belinda Elliott	
APRIM	Matthew Harrison	

Christmas Carols







Belinda Elliott - Assistant Principal



Dear Families

The end of the school year is upon us and Christmas is not far away! I hope your Christmas shopping is going well, and Santa has received the letters from the children.

End of Year Community Event – Thank You

We were happy that we were able to host the Community Event on Monday after the hot weather caused the cancellation of our event last Thursday. We hope you enjoyed the live performances or via the videos shared on SeeSaw. It was great to see the students enjoying the songs from many different countries in our 'Christmas Around the World' theme.

Special thanks to Selina Roper for teaching the students the songs and movements and for her organisation of the music and performances. Many thanks also to the staff for their efforts and support leading up to the event and on Monday too.

Merry Christmas

I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope you get to enjoy some time off in December/January.

I'll look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 28 January when the 2025 school year starts.

Many thanks for your support across the year.

Stay safe and enjoy!

Belinda

APRIM News



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As our 2024 school year comes to completion, we also prepare for the third week in the Season of Advent. This Sunday, we light the rose candle, representing 'Joy,' the overwhelming sense of joy that the birth of Jesus offers each of us.

End of Year Mass

On Friday 8 December, we celebrated our End of Year Thanksgiving Mass. In his homily, Fr Charles spoke to the children about being thankful for the many blessings we have received this year. To be grateful for the experiences shared and the people who care for us. It was wonderful to see so many families join us in thanksgiving.

Ceremony of Light

Following Mass, we acknowledged the leadership of our students with the annual 'Ceremony of Light.' We expressed our gratitude for the many ways our Year 6 leaders, have drawn on the light of Christ through their service. In the Ceremony, this light was symbolically passed on to the Year 5 students, our leaders in 2025.

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

On behalf of Sr Catherine and St Vincent de Paul, I would like to thank everyone for their enormous generosity throughout the term. We were blown away by the volume of donations placed under our Vinnies 'Giving Tree.' This week, Vinnies volunteers are combining all parish donations into Christmas baskets, ready to deliver to families across Adelaide in their mission to 'bring Joy of Christmas to as many families as possible.'

Year 6 Graduation

On Tuesday 10 December, we celebrated the contributions of our Year 6 students with a Graduation Liturgy of the Word. The Parish Hall was filled with families and staff surrounding our graduates with love, support and sincere gratitude for the many ways in which each of our leaders has shared their gifts in service to our school community. As part of the liturgy, Rahmah, John, Alicia and Grace C gave heartfelt reflections speaking authentically about the special place St Margaret Mary's School will hold in their hearts.

Christmas Eve Vigils

- English Family Mass: Tuesday, 24 December at 6.30pm in St Margaret Mary's Church (Carols from 6.00pm)
- Vietnamese Mass: Tuesday, 24 December at 7.00pm in Mater Dei Church (Carols from 6.00pm)
- English Night Mass: Tuesday, 24 December at 10.00pm in Mater Dei Church (Carols from 9.30pm)

Christmas Day Masses

- English Mass: Wednesday, December 25th at 8.30am in St Patrick's Church
- Polish Mass: Wednesday, December 25th at 8.30am in St Margaret Mary's Church
- English Mass: Wednesday, December 25th at 10.30am in St Margaret Mary's Church

From all of us at St Margaret Mary's School, have a Merry Christmas, enjoy your time with friends and loved ones and have a safe and happy start to the new year. See you all in 2025.

Matthew Harrison

APRIM

Ceremony of Light



Farewell Year 6

Congratulations to all the special Award Recipients from Year 6.

1. Leadership in Sport Award

John Mawi and Mai Ly Nguyen

2. Leadership in the Arts Awards

Kevin Nguyen and Matilda Daley

3. Academic Achievement

Mr Graham and Ms Osborne's class – Hayley Vo and Hieu Duong

Miss Harms' class – Nancy Lam and Edmund Deveney

4. Each year we present the **St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Award**. This award recognises a Year 6's contribution to the school community, not just in Year 6, but over the years they have been a part of our school. Nominations come from all staff members across the school. It is not always about the highest achiever, or the most vocal student. But, someone who has consistently tried hard, understanding that an important part of growth and learning is learning from mistakes. They contribute to the community by living out our core gospel values of: Compassion, responsibility, integrity, perseverance and justice.

I am pleased to announce this year's recipients,

Hannah Bui and Rafael Bote.







Yoga Club



Kids Club Yoga & Mindfulness has been a huge success this year . The benefits of yoga poses , breathwork and mindfulness strategies have made a significant difference to all the students who have attended throughout the year.

Looking forward to offering Yoga Club again in 2025.

From our heart to yours,

Namaste.

Gina Armiento & Kids Club Yoga Group

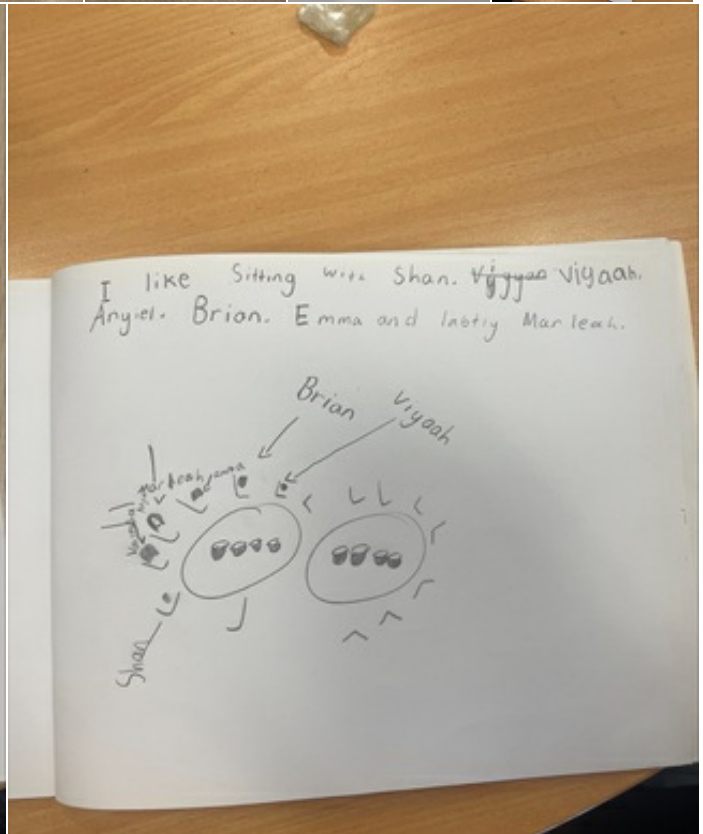
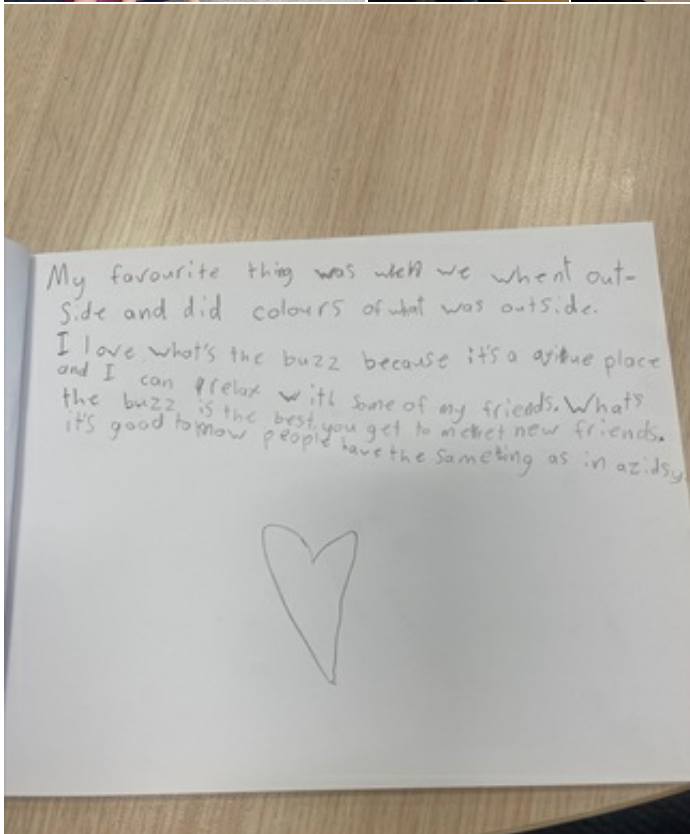
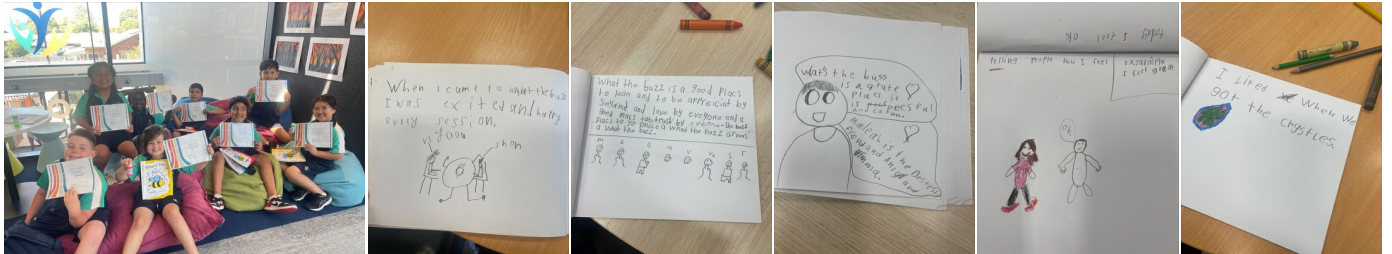
What's The Buzz

Congratulations to this wonderful group of students who have participated in the social skills programme "What's The Buzz" throughout semester 2.

Gina Armiento

Teacher

What's The Buzz Facilitator



Nitro Nat



The Year 3-6 students had a visit from the exuberant and talented Nitro Nat. Nitro Nat visited St Margaret Mary's Primary School on Friday 22nd November to present her science show Supreme States of Matter with Liquid Nitrogen.

The students were extremely fascinated by this mesmerizing substance called Liquid Nitrogen and its properties. What is liquid nitrogen and how can it freeze an onion in 20 seconds? We discovered that nitrogen has the chemical symbol N on the periodic table and that it is naturally a gas that makes up 78% of the Earth's atmosphere. We watched nitrogen change from its liquid state of matter into a gaseous state as we understood that when nitrogen is stored below minus 196 degrees Celsius it is a liquid and as it meets room temperature it evaporates to form a gas.

The students watched many experiments that demonstrated the powers of liquid nitrogen showing its extreme coldness to instantly freeze a rubber ball, onions and contract a metal ball, rod and monkey balloon the students named Jamal.

At the end, the students formed a circle and Nitro Nat safely poured the remaining liquid nitrogen into a 52-litre bin and watched as the evaporating substance formed clouds around us. Students discovered the gas was completely odourless, colourless and tasteless, yet in its liquid form has super powers to freeze away warts and cause frost bite.

The students had a great time watching Science in action!

SPIN Kids camp 2025



The flyer features a blue background with three cartoon astronauts in space suits (one in blue, one in red, and one in green) floating among yellow stars. In the top right corner, logos for Lutheran Church of Australia, South Australia Northern Territory, and Blueprint Ministries are displayed, along with a sponsorship logo for Finance with a Mission. The central logo for SPIN is colorful and includes the tagline 'TURNING CHURCH UPSIDE-DOWN'. The main title 'OUT OF THIS WORLD' is written in large, bold, yellow letters, with the dates 'January 14 - 17, Barmera 2025' below it. A QR code is located in the bottom left corner.

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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Friendships



Discover
Adventure



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*Please note the fees on the following pages are only of the maximum Child Care Subsidy (CCS) a family may be entitled to. To find out your eligibility, simply log into MyGov and complete your CCS Assessment.

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**

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!

Full Fee \$109.24 | After Max. CCS* \$10.92



Project Incursion

Tue 17 Dec **Experience Takeover: Water Warriors**

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.

Full Fee \$115.24 | After Max. CCS* \$11.52

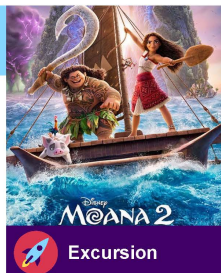


Experience Takeover Incursion

Wed 18 Dec **Adventure: Moana 2 at Cameo Cinema**

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.

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



Excursion

Thu 19 Dec **Project: Hawaiian Luau & Culinary Fun**

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!

Full Fee \$112.24 | After Max. CCS* \$11.22



Project Incursion

Fri 20 Dec **Operation: Festive Fun**

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

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



Base Camp Day

Mon 06 Jan **Operation: Animal Planet**

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!

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



Base Camp Day

Tue 07 Jan **Adventure: Pin-Smash! at Zone Bowling**

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?

Full Fee \$136.14 | After Max. CCS* \$13.61



Excursion

Wed 08 Jan **Project: High Tea in the Sky**

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!

Full Fee \$112.24 | After Max. CCS* \$11.22



Project Incursion

Thu 09 Jan **Operation: Embrace Your Culture**

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.

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



Base Camp Day

Fri 10 Jan **Project: Knights of the Realm**

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!

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



Project Incursion

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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



Base Camp Day

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



Project Incursion

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



Base Camp Day

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



Experience Takeover Incursion

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

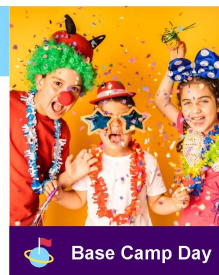


Excursion

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



Base Camp Day

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

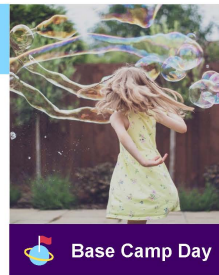


Excursion

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



Base Camp Day

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

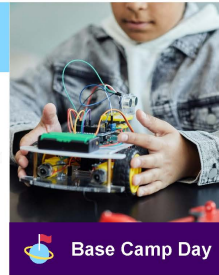


Project Incursion

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



Base Camp Day

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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 this year

OSHC Hours



Morning: 6.30am - 8.30am;

Afternoon: 3.00pm - 6.15pm

Phone Camp Australia: 1300 105 343

[Read More](#)

OSHC News

Merry Christmas Newsletter

Date St Margaret Mary's 9th December 2024



Hi Everyone

Book your Rocketeers Holidays now and embark on an unforgettable journey filled with endless fun, creativity, and discovery! Explore exciting adventures, build lasting friendships, and unlock your imagination through unique experiences designed to spark joy and curiosity. Whether you're chasing thrills or creating masterpieces, every moment promises memories to treasure forever. Don't wait—secure your place in the ultimate holiday adventures today.

May your Christmas be filled with love, laughter, and the warmth of family and friends. As you celebrate this festive season, take a moment to reflect on the joy of togetherness and the spirit of giving. Wishing you a safe, peaceful, and truly Merry Christmas, where every moment becomes a cherished memory. Stay safe, spread kindness, and embrace the magic of the holidays.

See you all in 2025 for an incredible year ahead, packed with exciting adventures, endless possibilities, and unforgettable memories waiting to be made.



TERM 1 WEEK 1 2025	PUPIL FREE DAY
Monday	
Tuesday	Lego world country, Welcome aboard, Create a chatterbox
Wednesday	Cooking Lamingtons, my Culture Poster, Draw and write your favorite things
Thursday	Playdoh Brain Model, Bubbles not Balloons, Hoisin & Garlic Noodles
Friday	The Art of Tracing, Aussie Fairy Bread, Creating a Flower Lei



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

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 🎄 Louise, Jenny & Harry



Your OSHC.

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

ROCKETEERS

Merry Christmas Newsletter

Date St Margaret Mary's 9th December 2024



Your OSHC.

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Date St Margaret Mary's 9th December 2024



Student Absences

Phone: 8245 5855 (answering service - call anytime)

Email: absent@smms.catholic.edu.au

SMS: 0497 901 493

December Birthdays



Congratulations to these students celebrating birthdays in December:

Kaylie	RML	Emma	2NW
Kingston	3KR	Zian	4/5CC
Thomas	1SB	Zoe	6CH
Pearl	2KB	Harvey	RML
Habity	4/5JM	Helena	RML
Ivy	2NW	Taison	ROV
Hannah	4/5CC	Winnie	6CH
Sahibjot	PRE2	Tyler	4/5MR
Johnathan	1AV	Jayden	4/5CC
Patrick	3KR	Ayet	2KB
Hannah	6CH	Elena	6GG
Finley	1AV	Lily	4/5JM
Samarveer	ROV	Sovanthavy	4/5JM
Salma	PRE1	Ryan	4/5MR
Tiffany	RML		
Andrew	3JF		

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:

parksrsc.ymca.org.au/school-holidays





AUS LIGHTS ON THE RIVER

EVENT PROGRAM

FREE EVENT

25-26 JANUARY

**ELDER PARK
Tartanya Wama**

5:00 PM

AUS LIGHTS ON THE RIVER
5.00pm - 11.00pm

RESPECTING COUNTRY PARADE
7.00pm - 8.00pm

Start at Adelaide Oval and travel across the footbridge into Elder Park/Tantarnya Wamma.

OFFICIAL CEREMONY
8.00pm - 9.00pm

Reflect on this great land, share our stories, music and national identity followed by

FIREWORKS DISPLAY
9.30pm

VIEW THE FULL PROGRAM ONLINE www.auslights.au



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MOURNING IN THE MORNING

SMOKING CEREMONY

RESPECTFULLY JOIN
FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE
AS THEY SHARE
THEIR CULTURES,
PERSPECTIVES AND
ASPIRATIONS

FREE EVENT

26
JANUARY

ELDER PARK

Tarntanya Wama

7:30
AM

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Australia Day
Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

