



## Important Dates

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Last day of Term -  
3pm finish  
Wednesday 14 December

Co-Curricular  
payment & Uniform  
Shop Day  
Wednesday 25 January

First Day of School  
2023  
Monday 30 January

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## From our Principal



Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for working in partnership with us at St Margaret Mary's School throughout the year to support your child's learning and wellbeing. We are always grateful for the trust you place in us with your most precious gifts each day at school.

I would like to thank all the hard-working staff for their dedication and care for every child at St Margaret Mary's School. We wish Marni Knolder, Gretchen Welch, Julie Bottger and Kimberly Truong all the best in their new teaching roles. Best wishes to Ann Lang and Louise Ferris as they take leave at the beginning of the year. A special mention to Kathy Day as she begins her retirement.

As our minds move towards the next year, I'd like to share the staff for 2023 with you. Your child/ren met their new teachers today and had a 'sneak peek' of learning and activities in store for next year. Although some children will be nervous about moving to a new class, positive comments and support from families is a large factor in transition success. Remember, your child's best support could be someone they have not yet met! Parents/carers will have a chance to meet with your child/ren's 2023 teacher at our Welcome evening on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

### 2023 Staff

Principal	Kelly Campbell
Assistant Principal	Alicia Boylan
Assistant Principal (Religious Identity and Mission)	Matthew Harrison
Preschool	Maria Iovino – Teacher and Coordinator Chloe Van Mourik - Teacher Julia Pollifrone and Tia Gleeson – Educators
Reception	Michelle Leonardi Rebecca Braidwood

Year 1	Olivia Ventura Anna Verbi and Jo Cutajar (replacing Louise Ferris in Term 1)
Year 2	Nicky Watson Kellie Byrne
Year 3/4	Kylie Rivera Julie McGrane Nadia Chitti and Pat Monti
Year 5/6	Lynne Osborn Lucy Centofanti Greig Graham
Italian	Gina Armiento
Physical Education	Celeste Brown
Performing Arts	Selina Roper
English as an Additional Language	Lucy Krause
STEM	William Dacombe-Bird
Gifted and Talented	Greg Parker
Education Support Officers (Curriculum)	Nikki Calabro, Daniela Fiala, Rosie Barbon, Vicky Manalo, Carly Antiuschka, Bethany Newhouse, Sandra Shephard
Education Support Officer (Library)	Susan DiGirolamo
School Secretary and Enrolments	Angela Curthoys
Admin and Student Services	Pennie Blazely
School Bursar	Jane Victory
Speech Pathologist	Jessica Curnow
School Counsellor	Julie Taylor
Grounds and Maintenance	Scott Van Koote

I wish you a safe a blessed Christmas with your families and look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

**School recommences on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023.**

Thank you again for your continued support,

Kelly Campbell

**Principal**

From our Assistant Principal Alicia Boylan

### Playgroup's Picnic



2022 has been a very busy year! There have certainly been a lot of things happening and we were pleased to see many events and activities return for the 2022 school year!

The children have moved into our new learning spaces with ease, and it is difficult to remember how the school building used to be. The new buildings are certainly wonderful learning spaces. We are now looking forward to the new yard redevelopment, which will begin over the school holidays.

### **Community Event 2022**

It was such a wonderful night to celebrate our End of Year Community Event on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December. The weather was perfect and there was a very large crowd! We were so pleased to have so many parents, carers, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends come along to enjoy the evening and see the children perform!

I want to thank Mrs Selina Roper, our Performing Arts teacher, our organising committee and all the teachers for all the hard work that went into getting the children ready to perform. There was also a lot of work to get ready for the night. Also, a big thank you to the students who helped with different jobs in preparation and on the night!

I was also very happy to have so many parents offer to help cook the barbeque or serve the food. I would especially like to thank Craig, Lisa, Adam, Nick, Trang, Truc, Prageeth, Claire, Savroop, Tik, Emilia, Carla, Jesse, Thuy, Sharon, Dan, Amrit, Yuan, Amrit, Almaz, Yoana and The Mi. Thank you for your help on the day and for your offers to help as well. Without parent support, these events cannot go ahead!

### **Occasional Care**

This term we have been using Occasional Care to provide children with the opportunity to transition to Preschool. The children have been developing their independence and resilience as they transition to a new environment without their parents and/or carers. The children have also been learning the routines of the Preschool and practising their sharing and turn taking skills! It has been a wonderful opportunity for the staff and children to get to know each other before the new Preschool year begins.

Occasional Care will begin again on Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Occasional Care will be running from 8.45 to 11.45 each Wednesday morning during term time. Families are reminded to contact the Front Office to book their child in.

### **Playgroup**

I would like to thank Vicky Manalo for her work in running Playgroup this year, and Nikki Calabro for her support of Vicky. This year has been an opportunity for the Playgroup to rebuild after going online due to Covid. It has been wonderful to see some families return to Playgroup and to see new families join in.

The families had a wonderful time last week, when Playgroup went to the park for their end of year picnic. There was even a special visit from Father Christmas!

A big thank you to all our Playgroup families for your participation and support for a wonderful year of play and fun!

Playgroup will begin again on Friday February the 10<sup>th</sup> (Week 2).

I would like to thank the students and families for their support over the school year. I am very excited to see what 2023 will bring and to be working and learning with you all again.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Have a wonderful break, enjoy some sleep-ins and a well-deserved break from the routines of school!

### **Merry Christmas**

Alicia

# Occasional Care





Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This is the third week in Advent. This week, we light the rose-coloured candle, representing 'Joy,' joy that the birth of Jesus offers each of

us.

### **End of Year Mass**

On Friday 9 December, we celebrated our whole school End of Year 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 great to see some of our families join us and to witness the children singing and engaged with such joy.

### **Ceremony of Light**

On Monday 12 December, we gathered as a whole school for a Ceremony of Light. We listened to John's Gospel that Jesus is the light of the World and that He wants to be a light in our lives. This year, the Year 6 leaders have drawn on the light of Christ through their service and symbolically passed on a candle to each of the Year 5 students, our leaders in 2023.

### **Vinnies Christmas Appeal**

It was wonderful to see all our families together again at our Community Event on Thursday 1 December. On behalf of Sr Catherine and St Vincent de Paul, I would like to thank everyone for their enormous generosity. We were blown away to see so many donations hand delivered on the evening and placed under our Vinnies 'Giving Tree.' This week, Vinnies volunteers will create baskets to deliver to families across Adelaide in their mission to show that 'a little bit of love can change someone's Christmas.'

### **Parish News**

Information regarding the 2023 Parish Sacramental Program and Altar Server training will be distributed at the beginning of Term 1, 2023. Copies of the sacramental program letter and registration form are available from the front office. If you have any questions please let me know via email [matthew.harrison@smms.catholic.edu.au](mailto:matthew.harrison@smms.catholic.edu.au)

### **Christmas Eve Masses**

- English Family Mass: Saturday, 24 December at 6.30pm in St Margaret Mary's Church (Carols from 6pm)
- Vietnamese Mass: Saturday, 24 December at 7.00pm in Mater Dei Church (Carols from 6pm)
- English Night Mass: Saturday, 24 December at 10.00pm in Mater Dei Church (Carols from 9.30pm)

### **Christmas Day Masses**

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

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas, time with friends and loved ones and a safe and happy start to the new year.

**Matthew Harrison**

**Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission**





Buon Natale a tutti!

Merry Christmas to all.

Wishing everyone a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year . Tanti Auguri for 2023.

**Gina Armiento**  
Italian Teacher

## Community Event

The Community Event was a wonderful night - thank you for your contributions.





## Co-Curricular Fees for 2023

- Existing students - \$100
- New students - \$110

Co-Curricular Fee Payment Day will be Wednesday 25th January 9.30am - 2.30pm.

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

Thank you,

**Jane Victory**

On behalf of the St Margaret Mary's School Board

## Holiday Club Program

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

**YOUR PASSPORT TO FUN!**  
BUILD YOUR ULTIMATE SUMMER HOLIDAY ADVENTURE.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITH EXPERIENCES

BRAZILIAN CARNIVAL

KOREAN CULTURE

EGYPT EXPLORER

EXPERIENCE TAKEOVER: TAKE ME TO BASE CAMP

BOOK YOUR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS NOW!

**MISSION VIII PROGRAM**

St Margaret Mary's School  
Address: 5 Elson Street CROYDON PARK SA 5008  
Phone: 0404 452 628 Program Times: 07:00 am - 06:15 pm

<b>Wed 07:00</b> Mission: Takeoff VSI	<b>Wed 07:00</b> Operation: World Cup Fever	<b>Wed 07:00</b> Operation: Festive Fun	<b>Wed 07:00</b> Operation: Aussie Aussie Aussie
<b>Wed 07:00</b> Project: String Tastic	<b>Wed 07:00</b> Operation: Escape to Oz	<b>Wed 07:00</b> Operation: Brazil Carnival	<b>Wed 07:00</b> Project: Journey to Korea
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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

### 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 9** - Jett, Christian, Alex

Big thanks to all of the students who have kept us safe on the crossing this year.

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## Uniform Shop Times



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

**Friday:** 8.30am - 10.00am

Please Note:

short sleeved polos and track pants have arrived!

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.

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## OSHC Hours



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

**Afternoon:** 3.00pm - 6.15pm

Phone Camp Australia: 1300 105 343

[Week 9 OSHC Newsletter](#)

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## 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

## December Birthdays!



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

Kingston	1/2CF
Jeremy	PRE1
Pearl	RRB
Habity	3GW
Kevin	6LO
Hannah	1/2CF
Ivy	RRB
Johnathan	PRE2
Patrick	1/2ML
Saranyaa	6LO
Hannah	4/5CM
Finley	PRE2
Andrew	1/2KB
Emma	RRB
Antony	6LO
Jamie	6LO
Zian	3MK
Dakota	4/5CM
Winnie	4/5GG
Tyler	1/2CF



Sifat 4/5KT  
Jayden 1/2ML  
Ayet RRB  
Elena 4/5KT  
Lily 3GW  
Sovanthavy 1/2AL  
Ryan 1/2AL

Strikers Holiday program

# HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

ADELAIDE  
*Strikers*

GRANGE OVAL  
JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup>  
3:30PM – 6:00PM

