



Important Dates

Italian Day

Friday 30 September

**End of term 3. 3pm
finish**

Friday 30 September

Start of term 4

Monday 17 October

P&F School Disco

Friday 21 October

Year 5 Camp

October 26 - 28

Wednesday 26 October

Year 6 Camp

November 1 - 4

Tuesday 1 November

Book Fair

November 9 - 11

Wednesday 9 November

Pupil Free Day

Monday 14 November

Sports Day

Friday 18 November

Year 4 Camp

November 23 - 25

Wednesday 23 November

**R-6 Swimming
Week**

Monday 28 November

End of Year Mass

Wednesday 7 December

Carols Night

Thursday 8 December

Year 6 Graduation

Tuesday 13 December

**Last Day of the
Year**

Wednesday 14 December

**End of term 4. 3pm
finish.**

Wednesday 14 December

Pupil Free Day

Thursday 15 December

Pupil Free Day

Friday 16 December

Introduction



Well done to our year 4-6 students who participated in the annual SACPSSA Touch Football carnival on Wednesday. Thanks to the parents who supported the teams and James McCarthy for his organisation and support on the day.

From the Assistant Principal

Student Free Day

Last Friday while our students were enjoying a day off from school, our staff engaged in our annual staff reflection day, which was hosted by Cardijn College. We had the opportunity and privilege to spend the day listening to Father Richard Leonard, a Jesuit priest and internationally acclaimed author. The day focused on the themes of love, hope and faith and through his inspirational narrative, Fr Richard engaged us and challenged our thinking. The key messages of the day centred on our individual journeys of faith formation and the need for our schools and parishes to instil hope in our children, at a time when they need it the most.

Happy Father's Day

We hope that all of our fathers had a very special Father's day on Sunday and that you were acknowledged for the very important role you play in the lives of your children! Thank you to those who were able to join us for our Father's Day breakfast and liturgy, it was wonderful to gather and celebrate together.

I'd also like to thank the Parents & Friends Committee for their time, effort and commitment to yet another wonderful Father's Day Stall, where students were able to purchase gifts for the special male role models in their lives. We hope you loved the treasures they brought home! Also congratulations to Alden Pascua who won our Father's Day raffle- thanks again to the P&F for this great addition to our

Father's Day celebrations.

Sacrament of Confirmation- Congratulations

On Tuesday night this week, 18 of our Year 4 students received the sacrament of Confirmation. This is a special and significant celebration in their faith journey. The ceremony was presided over by Vicar General Fr Dean Martin, Parish Priest Fr Joseph and Deacon Andrew. This Sunday, they will also receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion, another major milestone for them.

I wish to congratulate the students who received this sacrament and wish them well as they continue their faith journey.

A big thank you to Paula Clark for preparing the students for these experiences.

R U OK Day

On Friday this week (9th September) we will acknowledge R U OK day with the following invitations:

- * Students are encouraged to wear a 'splash' of yellow on the day with their normal uniform.
- * Students will be engaged in activities between recess-lunch in their House Teams with a focus on 'Emotions'.
- * Students will explore the notion that all emotions are helpful for our well-being and we can learn to control and manage our 'big emotions' in many ways. We will discuss what we can do if we are feeling a 'particular' emotion and how we can help others when they are showing 'big emotions'.
- * After lunch (1:30pm) we will gather in the Church for a wrap up assembly of the day. Parents are invited to join us for this assembly.

COVID UPDATE

From 12.01am this Friday 9 September 2022, the mandatory isolation period for COVID-19 positive cases will reduce from 7 days to 5 days.

The change means that, provided the COVID-19 positive case is no longer displaying symptoms on Day 5 of their isolation period, they will be able to leave isolation on Day 6 (noting Day 0 is the date that the positive test was taken).

Please ensure that you notify the school if your child returns a positive covid test.

Building update - community invitation to view plans:

We are very pleased to let you know that we are at a point where our architects from Russell and Yelland are ready and able to share the plans for our new building to be completed during the 2023 school year. All parents and families are invited to this presentation where we will outline the current design and the purpose behind the plans and the current projected timeline for completion of the build.

DETAILS:

When: Tuesday September 13th

Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm (we will provide supervision for school aged children if required)

Where: Community Room

RSVP: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=q2QiNpggQkGJVNZfllG_pfvhQh5W_e5MtVMowIUvk1VUNjJWMEhDR1Y2UVhRWUxVVEgwNDY0SExMUy4u

We look forward to sharing these exciting plans with you.

Cybersafety Parent Workshops

We have a very positive response and turn out to our Parent Workshops this term. A final workshop this term will be offered with the details below:

Creating a Cybersafe Home:

WHEN: Wednesday September 14th - 7:00pm

WHAT: Cybersafe Families school parent sessions provide parents and guardians with strategies to make their home environment cybersafe. It's important for parents and guardians to understand both the opportunities and the threats that the online world provides, to equip them with knowledge about the best practices available to protect their family.

WHO: Presented by Cybersafe Families

REGISTER: [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=q2QiNpggQkGJVNZfllG_pfvhQh5W_e5MtVMowiUvk1VUN0dVWEkzRFZHRUdHUfkwME5DVIMxUUtNOC4u)

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Premier's Reading Challenge

Following a number of discussions, we have made the decision not to continue with the Premier's Reading Challenge at Stella Maris this year. There are a number of reasons for this including decreased participation and engagement and minimal overall benefits to student reading. We would like to acknowledge the initiative for the positive role it has played in schools since it began in 2004.

Reading is at the heart of students' literacy development and there are a number of ways that we support students to develop an intrinsic love of reading, all of which will continue- such as exposure to high quality literature, weekly library sessions, celebrations such as Simultaneous Story Time and Book Week, book fairs and the daily immersion in quality books of all genres.

For families wanting to continue with the challenge and collect the medals, there is an 'at home' option whereby the forms can be completed and returned by families, based on books that the students have read this year. Please see the link below for more information. Forms can be printed off at home or if you contact me here at school, I can send one home with your child.

Families have until 30th September to complete and return the form to the PRC team at the address on the bottom of the reading challenge form. The form can be filled out retrospectively based on books students have read.

[Home Education Families and Individual Students | Premiers Reading Challenge SA](#)

Please feel free to contact me at school if you have any questions.

2023 INTENTIONS:

Our enrolment interest continues to be very high here at Stella, and a number of our year levels are now full. As such, we would ask that if you are intending on not being with us next year that you let James know officially in writing as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support of our school. As always, please feel free to contact me at school if there is anything you would like to discuss further. We look forward to a busy and exciting final three weeks of term 3!

Kind Regards

Ella Kirkham

From the Assistant Principal - Religious Identity and Mission



CONFIRMATION

Eighteen students from Stella Maris along with 13 students from both St Bernadette's School and St Ann's Parish, celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation this week after undertaking a number of preparation sessions in readiness for this celebration. The service was presided over by Vicar General Fr Dean Marin, Parish Priest Fr Joseph Raja and Deacon Andrew Kirkbride. Pictured above is a photo of the group.

FIRST COMMUNION SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER, 9.15AM HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

This Sunday 17 students from Stella Maris will celebrate their First Holy Communion at the 9.15am Parish Mass at Holy Spirit Church. Following this Mass a special morning tea will be held in the Parish Hall to celebrate. All are welcome to attend to support these students and their families.

YEAR 6 CLASS MASS TUESDAY 30 AUGUST 9.15AM HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

Parents of our Year Six Students are invited to join us at our Parish Mass on Tuesday 13 September. Students will be joining in singing at the Mass and engaging in all parts of the Mass. We look forward to seeing those who can join us at this Mass.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2022

With our Newsletter this week each family will receive a leaflet asking to please support the Catholic Charities Appeal. Each year in September the Catholic Church runs this appeal to support the good works of Catholic Charities.

When this leaflet arrives, please have a look at the stories in the brochure to find out more about the essential works of the charitable

agencies that Catholic Charities supports.

We ask you to please consider how you might be able to help Catholic Charities during the September appeal. If you are able to assist please tear the envelop off of the brochure and send directly to Catholic Charities. No stamp is required to send this in Australia, and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Thank you.

STAFF REFLECTION AND FORMATION DAY

Fr Richard Leonard presented a day, entitled 'Known and loved – exploring the Law of Love, to staff from Stella Maris and all the campuses of Cardijn College last Friday. The day was full of rich reflection and allowed each of us to come away with some key take away learnings. Below I have highlighted just some of the key messages Richard shared with us.

There are many ways into knowing and connecting to God and that there are many places where God meets us in our complex realities. Using the Truman Show to unpack this, Fr Richard helped us explore how God does not send evil upon us, however accompanies us, as we are called to freedom from our destructive moments into the joy of being forgiven and loved. In this he talked about the importance of each of us realising that we will not always be happy every moment of our lives and that it is important for us to experience the ups and downs of life.

He went on to talk to us about how every mental health indicator in Australia demonstrates that things are deteriorating quickly for young and old alike. He said we have never needed to hope more than now in something greater, something more, something enduring in this world and the next. If ever we needed an example of how much hope we should have in Christ's invitation of starting again, we can reflect on the life St Paul, who went from being a murderer to a missionary.

Richard finished off his address by explaining that love is the summary of Jesus' message: love God; love your neighbour; and love yourself. He explained that for each of us our pilgrimage of faith is meant to be a journey of love where we communicate, or pray, with God to be the best witnesses we can in the world. For each us a great example of this is Pope Francis, who is showing us how real and practical our sacrificial love needs to be.

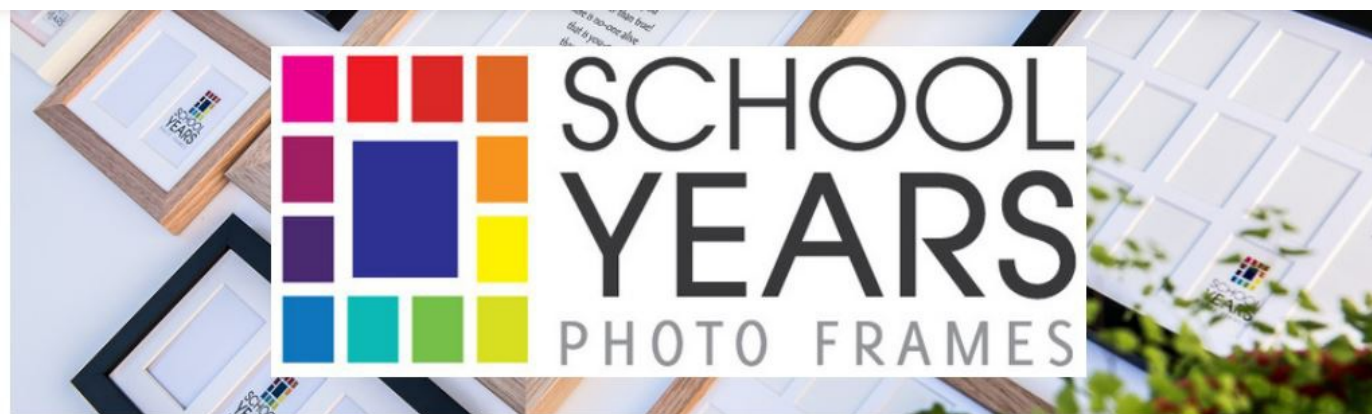
The day allowed staff to reflect on their own faith journey and to acknowledge the privileged position we have of walking alongside our Stella Maris students and their families in the area of faith.

SOUTHERN CROSS:

The current edition of the Catholic newspaper put out by the Archdiocese called, 'The Southern Cross,' is available at: www.thesoutherncross.org.au

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

A kind word spoken can make another's day. A kind word not spoken leaves an empty hole.



We are pleased to offer Stella Maris Parish School a fabulous fundraising opportunity!

School Years Photo Frames are custom designed to display your child's school photograph each year, starting with either Preschool or Prep/Reception through to Year 12. Prices start at \$39 for our popular Signature frame, you can see the entire range at www.schoolyearsphotoframes.com.au

School Years Photo Frames will donate 15% of the total value of sales back to the school, plus you will save minimum \$12 by avoiding our usual shipping fee when you enter your discount code. Here is how to order:

- Jump onto our website and select your desired frame(s) www.schoolyearsphotoframes.com.au
- When checking out please enter your unique discount code **SMPS22**. This will identify you as a Stella Maris Parish School family and deduct the shipping fee from your total.
- Once the fundraising campaign has ended your frames will be shipped back to the school for you to collect.

ORDERS TAKEN: 29/8/22 - 6/9/22

DISCOUNT CODE: SMPS22

Delivery to the school will be approximately 2-3 weeks after orders close.

On behalf of Stella Maris Parish School P&F committee, thank you for your support!

www.schoolyearsphotoframes.com.au

Please note this has now been extended you now have until Friday 9th September to grab a stunning frame and help raise funds for our school.

If you haven't already jump online and order yours before they close.

Keep every school year photo together in one frame and watch the changes as your child grows.

These frames come in a number of options to choose from (one child per frame to multiple children per frame), there are also a number of layouts to chose from.

Simply use the code SMPS22 when placing your order, this will automatically ensure your order is shipped to the school (free postage) and also help raise funds for the school at the same time.

Orders extended to Friday 9th September.

www.schoolyearsphotoframes.com.au

Community News

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
MUSIC FESTIVAL

PRESENTS

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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

26-29 SEPTEMBER 2022

Festival Theatre
Adelaide Festival Centre

BOOKINGS THROUGH

 **TICKETEK**

 catholic
education
south australia

www.musicfestival.cesa.catholic.edu.au

Tickets are on sale now.

You will be in awe of the 320-voice choir of year 5 & 6 students from Catholic schools around the state. The nights will also feature soloists, big bands, vocal groups and more.

The Stella Maris Parish School choir will be performing on the Tuesday evening, September 27.

Newsletter



A message from your Coordinator

The term is going fast and the upcoming rocketeers' program is now on line and bookings are open.

This term the children enjoyed science week and book week, this saw the children enjoy exploring the human body, rocks and plants, electronics and chemical reaction. They gained new knowledge and understanding about their world while enjoying hands on experiences. Throughout book week the children explored books, created roleplay extended from their favourite stories and explored story telling through puppets, aminating playdough characters and creating flip books.

Now that spring is here and the weather is getting warmer it is important that the children are sun safe while at Oshc, therefore we ask that your child keeps a hat in their bag to use at Oshc, as many children leave their school hats in their class tray, we ask that an extra hat is provided for them at Oshc, please ensure it is a broad brim hat or legionaries



Activities coming up

- Logic games – rush hour, visual brainstorm
- Friendship bracelet making
- Tennis
- Construction challenge

What's on the menu

- Peach crumble
- Spaghetti
- Hedgehog slice

It's free to register

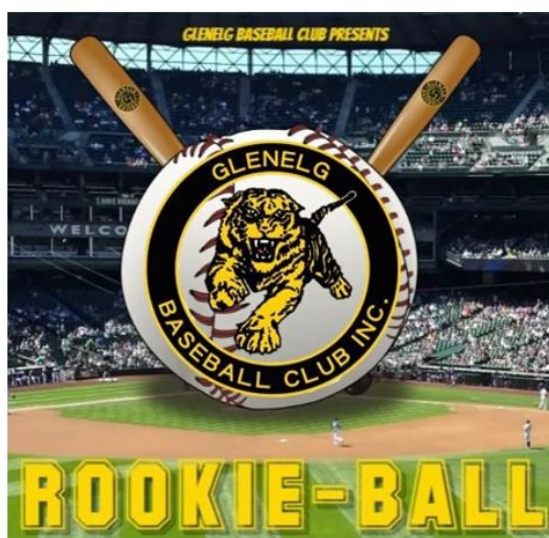
To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Visit our blog

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

[Visit our blog](#)



GBC ROOKIE BALL

**Glenelg Baseball Club is proud host of ROOKIE-BALL each Spring
FRIDAY NIGHTS during September, 5:30 – 6:30PM**

5 WEEK PROGRAM

OPEN TO AGES 5-10

WE WELCOME BUDDING YOUNG BASEBALL PLAYERS OF ALL SKILL LEVELS

**The 5-week program allows kids and parents to get a taste of baseball in a fun and exciting
environment at Tigerland – Home of the Glenelg Baseball Club.**

BASEBALL SKILLS STATIONS

CASUAL, RELAXED, FAMILY ATMOSPHERE

EXPERIENCED COACHES

FUN GAMES

FREE TO CLUB MEMBERS REGISTERED FOR PEE WEE AND MINOR LEAGUE

\$50 FOR NEW MEMBERS

BBQ AND BAR FACILITIES OPEN

FREE ROOKIE BALL BASEBALL CAPS FOR NEW MEMBERS!

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Round up some mates and get a taste of baseball at Tigerland

Anderson Reserve, Anderson Ave, Glenelg North.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT

Grant Wilson

Junior Coordinator

0411 230 694

INFORMATION

FOR PARENTS

MULTI-SPORT

PROGRAMME

Programmes for R-2 students run weekly on one day a week for one hour.

This term we will focus on the following sports:

- ✓ Cricket
- ✓ Athletics
- ✓ Teeball
- ✓ Lacrosse

This weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings - giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future. Children will learn all four sports over an 8 week program.

8 WEEK PROGRAM FOR \$120 INCL. GST

OR redeem your \$100 Sports Voucher and pay only \$20!

WHEN: Wednesday
COMMENCING: 19/10/2022
CONCLUDING: 7/12/2022
TIME: 3:15pm-4:15pm
MEETING PLACE: Outside Community Room

To enrol and/or redeem your sports voucher discount, register online at www.kellysports.com.au. Payments can be made online at www.kellysports.com.au or by EFT to Kelly Sports Adelaide Metro BSB 035 045 A/C No 342581. For further information about your Sports Voucher eligibility please visit www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au.

Website: kellysports.com.au/events
Contact: Ian Barnes
Email: ianbarnes@kellysports.com.au
Phone: 0421 888 400
Facebook: #KellySportsAdelaide



Student Absence Notification

Please use one of the following three options to notify the school that your child will be absent:

Absentee Text Line: 0408 279 478

Absentee Phone Message: 8306 4888

Absentee Email: contact@smps.catholic.edu.au

Uniform Information



The new Active uniform can be fitted (by appointment only) and ordered at at our offsite uniform shop:

<https://belgraviasportsonline.com.au/collections/stella-maris-parish-school>

Their uniform warehouse is located at 10 Newton Road Campbelltown

phone: 0451 725 600

email: campbelltown@belgraviasports.com.au

The full range of uniforms and sizes are available for fittings at SMPS. Please contact Tony in the office to make an appointment time.

WHS Inductions for Volunteers

These are conducted at 2:30pm on Tuesday afternoons and 9am on Wednesday mornings. Please contact Tony or Cathy in the Office to make an appointment time.

Holy Spirit Church

Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday, 9am - 2pm

Phone: 08 8298 1044

Email: stannparish@adam.com.au

Address: 24A Ramsay Ave Seacombe Gardens SA 5047

PARISH MASS TIMES:

St Bernadette's Church:

Sunday 10:45am

Wednesday & Friday 12 noon

Holy Spirit Church:

Saturday 6pm

Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:15am
