



Important Dates

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 School
for 2022**

Wednesday 14 December

Pupil Free Day

Thursday 15 December

Pupil Free Day

Friday 16 December

Introduction

Welcome to Week 5 of Term 4! It is hard to believe that we are only 3 and a half weeks away from the end of 2022. As always, lots is happening at Stella, as you will see in the many articles throughout the newsletter this week!

From the Principal



REMEMBRANCE DAY:

Last Friday was Remembrance Day – a day where the world acknowledges the atrocities of war and loss of human life. In our Remembrance Day liturgy at 11:00am in the Church, each of our prayers of the faithful began with “God of Peace”. One of our foundational theological Catholic beliefs is that ‘our God’ is a God of peace and love and hope.

It is our job to live our lives in the way God wants us to. God wants us to be people of peace, love and hope. To treat our ‘neighbour’ – the person sitting next to us, standing in front us, living in our country and the rest of our world with compassion and kindness. To be ‘Good Samaritans’.

Our students acknowledged the significance of our ceremony with their behaviour and reverence.

STAFFING NEWS – 2023:

We are well and truly into planning mode for 2023 with class structures, class placements and ongoing work around strategic focus areas being developed and worked through. I can share with you the following ‘comings and goings’:

- As has been reported previously, **Maureen Thompson** (ESO Curriculum), **Cathy Lainio** (Front Office) and **Charlotte McCann** (Y1 teacher) have announced that they will be departing us at the end of the year.
- Further to this, **David Molloy** has recently won and accepted a permanent teaching position at Tenison Woods Catholic School in Richmond. We congratulate Dave on this appointment.
- I can also announce that **Hannah Moroney** and her partner Brad are expecting their first child in May next year. We congratulate them both on this exciting news. Hannah will be with us for Term 1 of 2023 before taking maternity leave.
- We have appointed the following people to begin with us in 2023: **Julia Roy** (ESO – Curriculum), **Emma Chapman** (Inclusive Ed Coordinator), **Cody Kelsh** – Teacher – Cody comes to us from Hawthorndene Primary school where she is currently the Year 5 teacher. Cody has also completed a number of temporary relief days with us this year. **Tomara Brown** – Teacher – Tomara is currently working at our site supporting our Year 4 classes and also works part time at Tenison Woods as a Year 6 teacher. All

other staff currently with us will remain at Stella Maris in 2023.

- We are currently completing the process to appoint Cathy's replacement and I look forward to sharing this news with you in the coming week or two.
- I also look forward to sharing our 2023 Teaching and ESO structure with you all in the coming weeks.

Our teachers are also continuing the important job of placing students in classes for 2023. We aim to have this complete by Week 8 and as always students will have the opportunity to meet their teacher and new classmates on Tuesday morning – December 13th.

SPORTS DAY:

Our 2022 Sports Day is upon us! We are looking forward to another fantastic day at Bowker St oval from 8:45 – 2:15pm. Please see the separate email sent to families today with some final reminders about the day.

BUILDING UPDATE:

Our Building plans continue to move along at a good pace. While not a lot can be 'seen' at present, we are working hard with our Architects – Russel and Yelland and our Builders – Sarah Construction behind the scenes to ensure that our it is as smooth and successful a process as possible.

The Developmental Approval Plans are currently sitting with the Marion Council, and you may have seen the signs around the school which form part of the Community Consultation phase of this approval process. I have been approached by a few of our neighbours about our plans and have had some discussions with them about the reason and purpose behind the build.

Without doubt the main concern from our neighbours (in fact really the only concern) they are raising with me is the parking challenges and the kiss and drop times in the morning and afternoons. They are worried about 'extra students and families' making this more of an issue into the future. I have reiterated that we are very close to the 'cap' number of students who will attend Stella Maris. We are not a school which has the capacity to grow much bigger than we are now and so what we are experiencing now is generally what we will experience into the future. As part of the plans which were put into Council, we have outlined a number of things we will do to try to limit the current parking and kiss and drop challenges we are experiencing – acknowledging at the same time that some of these challenges are 'unavoidable' and very difficult to 'fix'.

One of the things as a community we can do is to ensure that we abide by our school and council expectations during these times. I again provide you all in this newsletter with some important reminders about our school expectations during these busy times and ask that you respect our residents and the parking laws and requirements set in place. As always, I again ask that you pass on this information to whoever may be involved in the pick up or drop off of your children.

The other major element of our building planning is exactly what the 2023 school year will look like. As I have said previously, there will be a need to do things 'differently' to how we do things now in some instances. However, I am very committed to ensuring that the 'educational program remains unaffected over the course of the year. Over the next week or two and into early 2023 I will continue to share information with you about the changes to our school environment which will need to occur during the 2023 school year. As always, I know that you will support us during what will be a challenging time in our school life, and see this with an 'end in mind' approach.

I encourage you to come and see me (or send me an email) should you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of these plans.

CAMPS:

Over Weeks 2 and 3 of this term our Year 5 and 6 students headed off to Pt Hughes for thier annual camp. Camps are such an important element of our school life. They provide so much for our students and staff - including opportunities to connect with each other in a different environment, learn life skills, conquer fears, engage in 'different learning' experiences and most importantly have a lot of FUN.

Of course, these experiences take much effort, energy and organisation and a big commitment from our staff – who as always with the children at heart of what they do, are more than happy to spend. I do acknowledge and thank those staff who attended camps over the last couple of weeks – Hannah, Dave, Lou, Milano, Paula, Tony, Jenna, Kym and Julie.

CAROLS IN THE RESERVE:

We are very much looking forward to gathering in Ramsey Avenue Reserve for our annual Community Carols night on Thursday 8th December. Further information about the logistics of the afternoon and evening will be provided in the next week or two, but please note the details in today's newsletter and sent via See Saw earlier this week. We are looking forward to another great Stella Community gathering.

Thanks for your ongoing support of our great school!

James

From the Assistant Principal - Religious Identity and Mission

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL TOY DRIVE:

This Christmas Stella Maris is again planning to support the 'Vinnies Christmas Drive'. Our Year 6 'Social Justice Group' will be helping to coordinate this important outreach work.

Items can be sent to school during weeks; 6, 7 and early week 8, so they can be delivered for sorting into Christmas hampers.

This year our local Vinnies Chapter is asking **just for donations of new toys**, as they have a shortage of storage space. Please see below examples of items which can be donated. Gifts can be placed in baskets in your child's classroom up until **9am Thursday 8 December**. **Please do not wrap** any of the items as this will be done by Vinnies as it allows them to allocate gifts appropriately

Toy Suggestions:

- Building blocks, hand-eye co-ordination toys or crawl and play mats
- Musical toys
- Beach or surf gear
- Puzzles and games
- Gift voucher for a retail outlet
- Microscope or science kit
- Teething toys, bath toys or rattles
- Action figures, dolls or dress-ups
- Toy cars (Hot Wheels or similar) or remote control cars/bikes/trucks with batteries
- Backpacks, handbags or accessories
- Arts and crafts supplies or stationery
- Sporting equipment
- Perfume, aftershave or other toiletries
- Movie tickets
- Story books, novels or diaries

******* All items must be in by 9am Thursday 8 December.**

ADVENT LITURGIES MONDAY MORNINGS UNTIL THE END OF TERM, 8.50AM HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

ALL INVITED TO JOIN US!

Starting a week early, on Monday 21 November, we will be holding Whole School Liturgies for the liturgical season of the Catholic Church which is called, 'Advent'. The students and staff will on these days to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

The Season of Advent offers us each year, an opportunity to seek God within the boundaries of our souls while living outwardly amidst the noise and activity of the world around us.

Advent is a time where we re-sow the seeds of faith and hope.

The four weeks of Advent allow us time to ponder how Jesus came into this world in such a stunningly humble way. As we contemplate His birth in a bed of straw in a messy stable, perhaps, we see our own life as being a little messy too.

Our life is often distracted, a little self-centred and sometimes leaves us wishing we were better people. If we can slow down and refocus our attention, we might realise that God is there, waiting to love us even though we often have so many unfulfilled good intentions and so many unfulfilled desires about our own spirituality.

We invite all families to join us each Monday until the end of term to prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

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:

God has included you in His plans – have you included Him in yours?

Stella Maris Christmas Raffle

1st Prize

The 'Orangutan' Funky Monkey swing set and monkey bars is designed for narrow backyards. The Orangutan is a 5m x 2m frame. The Orangutan has fast become the swing set of choice for modern Australian backyards, for its size and stylish design.

VALUED AT \$1690



3rd Prize

\$600 Voucher

Coastal views at Port Victoria is a gorgeous modern large 5 bedroom home hosting up to 15 people. It comes with 2 living spaces, large lawn area, balcony overlooking the ocean view. Enjoy a wine on the balcony, while the kids keep busy with the pool table, Wii & Playstation.

VALUED AT \$600



2nd Prize

2 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION Hamptons on the River is a new fully renovated shack located in Swan Reach. The 'shack', styled in crisp coastal furniture, overlooking the river with plenty of amenities for children and parents to keep everyone busy. Sleeps 11 people.

VALUED AT \$1200



4th Prize

Google Nest Hub 2nd gen and Google Nest Doorbell

Talk directly to visitors with your new Google Nest doorbell, while planning your family's day to day activities with your new Google Nest Hub 2nd Gen

VALUED AT \$465



GOOGLE NEST HUB 2ND GEN & DOORBELL

7th Prize

Coleman 3P traveller tent

A compact and durable 3-person tent with a big dose of quality and topped with functionality, the Coleman Traveller 3P Dome Tent is the gold standard when it comes to camping

VALUED AT \$70



5th Prize

Jurlique gift pack

- Activating Water Essence (\$80.00)
- Rosewater Balancing Mist (\$38.00)
- Rose Hand Cream (\$32.00)

VALUED AT \$150



JB HI-FI



8th Prize

Board Game Bundle

Elf Monopoly and Seinfeld Festivus board games.

VALUED AT \$45

9th Prize

Star Wars Bundle Pack

- Cap
- Key ring
- Mug
- Quiz Game
- 2023 Planner

VALUED AT \$55



6th Prize

Family Pass to Cleland Wildlife Park (2 Adults 2 Children)

A short 20 minute drive up to Crafrers, enjoy a casual afternoon feeding animals, and learning all about the native animals in their natural environment.

VALUED AT \$77



10th Prize

- Nintendo Bundle Pack
- Mario Mug and coaster set with key ring
- 4x Pokemon Card packs
- Pokemon Daily Planner
- Animal Crossing Card Game

VALUED AT \$45



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Raffle books (10 tickets per book) will be coming home this week.

Tickets are \$2 each. We will be offering discount for bulk ticket purchases up front (pricing to be confirmed)

Thankyou to the following families for your generous donations!!

Robbie Hart

Keiko Hart

Ashlea Quigley

Todd Quigley

Alicia Egidio

Anthony Egidio

Loretta Delfino

Funky Monkey Bars

Clealand Wildlife Park

Snowys Outdoors

Jurlique

JB Hi-Fi

Raffle will be drawn 8th December 2022 at the School Carols event.

Newsletter



A message from your Coordinator

Wow the year is nearly over and the children at oshc have been busy enjoying their favourite sports, boards games and craft.

We would like to congratulate Juliet Hollis and Greta Bobrige on winner Best story in Camp Australia's country wide Aminated film festival. Well Done.

The children spent last week building awareness of sustainable practices as we explored different ways to upcycle our rubbish this saw children make bird feeders, wrapping paper and gift bags from recycled materials. They demonstrated strong knowledge and awareness of the importance of recycling, upcycling, composting and caring for the environment.

With the weather continuing to challenge us it is important to remember the children require hats for outside play, please ensure your child has a hat in their bag for oshc as school hats often remain in class.

If your child attends an extra-curricular experience, can you please ensure you inform the oshc staff, sign a permission for and remind your child to book into oshc before going to their extra-curricular experience

As you are probably aware the oshc service will be closed for all of January. We will be here until 23 December with lots of fun experiences for the children to participate in. there are available service nearby including Paringa Park primary school at 21 Bowker Street NORTH BRIGHTON SA 5048 and St Therese School at : 7 Oxford Circus COLONEL LIGHT GARDENS SA 5041. This can be booked through your app by selecting the preferred school and make your bookings. Programs are available online or paper copies in the oshc room.

From your friendly oshc Staff

Activities coming up

- Team tic tac toe challenge
- Trivial pursuit
- Cricket
- Bead craft and jewellery making
- Slime making experiment

What's on the menu

- Chocolate cake
- Crackers and cheese
- baked beans and spaghetti
- rice cakes with jam

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](#)



Mandy Handy's Family Day Care

is excited to offer quality home-based child care for school aged children on alternate weekends in Seacombe Heights.



Mandy is a diploma qualified educator, registered with the Department for Education and provides a fun, exclusive, family focus service where love, learning and laughter is prioritised and children's learning is entwined with play.

Child Care Subsidy (CCS) is available (depending on your individual eligibility) with only 3 vacancies still available get in touch to secure your spot or enquire about casual care.

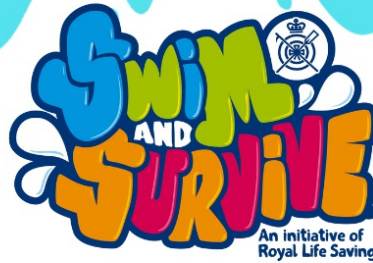
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EVERYONE WELCOME!

Morphettville Park Tennis Club Coaching Clinics

Learn how to play tennis and improve your skills.
Suitable for children 5-15 years old.



Clinic 1 – Tuesday 20th to Thursday 22nd December 9-10:30

Clinic 2 – Tuesday 10th to Thursday 12th January 9-10:30

Clinic 3 – Tuesday 17th to Thursday 19th January 9-10:30

Cost is \$70 per clinic 9-10:30



For more information, please contact.

Deanna Shillabeer 0417844960

Ebony Harper 0428022020

Look forward to seeing you on the tennis court.

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@smcs.catholic.edu.au

Uniform Information



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

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

Their uniform warehouse is located at 10 Newton Road Campbelltown

phone: 0451 725 600

email: campbelltown@belgrviasports.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

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St Bernadette's Church:

Sunday 10:45am

Wednesday & Friday 12 noon

Holy Spirit Church:

Saturday 6pm

Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday 9:15am

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