



Important Dates

Shrove Tuesday

Tuesday 21 February

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 22 February

Pupil Free Day

Friday 10 March

Public Holiday

Monday 13 March

NAPLAN tests start

Wednesday 15 March

**Parent Teacher
Interviews - week
commencing**

Monday 27 March

**Reconciliation
Meeting**

Tuesday 28 March

**Good Friday -
Public Holiday**

Friday 7 April

**Easter Monday -
Public Holiday**

Monday 10 April

**Year 5 Camp May 8
- 10**

Monday 8 May

**Reconciliation
Meeting**

Tuesday 9 May

**Reconciliation
Celebration**

Tuesday 16 May

Public Holiday

Monday 12 June

**Confirmation
Celebration**

Tuesday 22 August

**First Communion
Celebration**

Friday 25 August

School Photographs

Wednesday 30 August

Introduction



Over the last week or so, we have again been spreading 'school pick up' messages (and letters) in hope of making school pick up safer and smoother for all, particularly along Mulga Street and Ramsay Avenue. The last couple of days have been better, and by 3.10pm the line has almost been non-existent, which has made pick up for families arriving that little later- extremely easy. Again, we encourage you

to come from 3.10pm-3.15pm and we are on duty until 3.25pm. Please ensure this information is passed on to other people who may pick up your children. The picture below was taken at 3.10pm on Tuesday. Families acting on the messages makes all the difference so thank you for your ongoing support and efforts!

From the Deputy Principal

Opening Mass & Farewell to Cathy Lainio:

Yesterday we celebrated our whole school Opening Mass, reflecting on our 2023 theme of Act Justly, Walk Humbly. We were led by Fr Joseph with a number of students assisting with reading and alter serving, It was a wonderful way to celebrate the beginning of the year and students demonstrated our school values perfectly with their reverence and beautiful singing. We thank Tanya Stott for her great work in preparing and leading the mass. Thank you to those families who were able to join us.

At the end of our Mass we had a community farewell for Cathy Lainio, who has been an outstanding member of our staff for over 16 years. It is hard to put into words the impact that Cathy has had on our whole school community. We wish Cathy all the best for her next adventure.

Welcome to Stella Maris gathering

On Monday, 20th February at 8.50am we will gather in the Church to welcome new students and staff. This will predominantly involve a presentation to our new Reception students, along with other students who have started at Stella Maris in 2023. Families are invited to join us.

NDIS Sessions

Catholic Education SA in partnership with Stella Maris and Mission Australia are offering parents the chance to meet in person with a consultant who specialises in NDIS funding and support. See the flyer below for further information.

We will have a consultant here at school on the following days / times:

- Tuesday 21st February 1:45pm - 4:00pm
- Tuesday 23rd February 1:45 - 4:00pm

There is no need to make an appointment, just come to the front office and we will direct you to the Mission Australia consultant. Please feel free to contact Emma Chapman or James for further information.

Lent and Ash Wednesday

Next week we will acknowledge two very significant days in our Catholic calendar. Shrove Tuesday (21st) will entail the traditional pancake cook up. Tony is always looking for registered volunteers to help out on the day. Please see him if you are able to help at any stage in the morning.

On Wednesday we begin the important season of Lent with an Ash Wednesday mass (9:15am Y3-6) and Liturgy (10:30am R-2).

Parents are welcome to attend these events if they wish. More details will be provided about these events in the newsletter this week.

Pupil Free day- Friday March 10th

Please note that the School Board has approved a Student Free Day on March 10th to allow for staff professional development. Our focus for this day will be on Wellbeing and Positive Education. Staff will be introduced to our new Whole School Wellbeing program as a part of The Resilience Project School Partnerships Program. We really look forward to sharing this program with families also. OSHC will be available on this date- bookings are essential.

The following student free days have also been ratified by the school board:

Term 2 = Friday July 7th

Term 3 = Date to be confirmed

Term 4 = Monday November 20th

Term 4 = Thursday December 14th and Friday December 15th

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Stella Maris Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, 15th March at 7:00pm in the Library / Resource centre.

All parents are invited to attend the AGM, which is an opportunity for key members of staff to provide a summary of the 2022 school year and the plans for the 2023 school year. It is also the time where we elect parents to the School Board. More information about the election process and the AGM will be provided to parents early next week.

NAPLAN

This year NAPLAN, which has always been held in the second week of May, will begin on March 15 (week 7) for students in Year 3, 5, 7 & 9. This will mean that results will be available to schools and families earlier in the year, which will allow schools and teachers to better assess what support students need for the coming year.

At Stella Maris, we see these tests as one aspect of our thorough assessment and reporting process. They are not a replacement for the extensive, ongoing assessments completed by your child's teacher throughout the year. Students have and will be given an opportunity in class to practice answering similar type questions and get used to the format of the Online NAPLAN testing in the lead up to testing days.

All families of children in year 3 & 5 were emailed further information. If you have any further questions about the tests, or wish to seek clarification on any further information, please do not hesitate to call me or speak to your child's class teacher. Likewise, if you did not receive the information, please let us know. Helpful information can also be found at the following website:

<https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/for-parents-carers>

Kind Regards

Ella Kirkham

From the APRIM



Dear families and friends,

Yesterday, our whole school gathered for our first mass for the 2023 school year. Our theme was 'Act Justly, Walk Humbly' and our senior classes contributed and supported in a number of ways. It was an extra special occasion, as it is Cathy Lainio's last week with us, so she was officially farewelled and presented with a large bunch of flowers and a gift. It was lovely to have some family members and friends join us and I am sure they would have appreciated the beautiful singing of the students and the reverence they displayed during the service.

Sacramental Programme 2023 – St Ann's Catholic Parish

St Ann's Parish is now accepting registrations for the 2023 Sacramental Programme, which is Parish Based and School Supported. We welcome Sr Jasmine who is new to the Parish this year and among her other duties, she is also the Sacramental Coordinator. Fr Joseph, myself and Matthew Min (APRIM at St Bernadette's School) are also members of this team. There is an information and registration sheet included with the newsletter this week. If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the

parish. I may also be able to assist you on the days I am at Stella Maris; these are Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Help needed for Shrove Tuesday – Tuesday February 21st

Traditionally, the day before Ash Wednesday is known by a number of names including Pancake or Shrove Tuesday. Long ago, it was a tradition for families to use up all their delicacies (eggs, butter, milk) prior to the start of the Lenten Season, which was to be a period of abstinence and fasting. Pancakes were useful in ensuring this. Nowadays, many of us still continue this tradition and so pancakes will be the order of the day on the 21st! Special dietary requirements will be catered for, so that all can participate. **(Please ensure that you have informed the school via the Front Office, of any changes to your child's/children's dietary requirements, so we have the most up to date information.)**

If you are a cleared volunteer, who is on our register and are able to help with the serving of pancakes anytime between 9am and 2pm, please contact Tony Carbone, who is coordinating this event. Include in your email, the time you are available to help out - Tony will then create a roster for the day.

Tony's email is tony.carbone@smps.catholic.edu.au

Many thanks!

Ash Wednesday – Wednesday February 22nd

The Season of Lent is almost with us, beginning on Ash Wednesday. Just as nature has its seasons, so too does the Liturgical Year of the Church. Lent is an opportunity to reflect on our lives and prepare ourselves spiritually for the most significant celebration of the Liturgical Year – Easter.

Our Year 3 to 6 students will be attending the parish Ash Wednesday Mass at 9.15am on February 22nd. Following this at 10.30am, our Year R to 2 students will have a simple Liturgy in the church. During these celebrations, those attending receive the sign of the cross in ashes on their foreheads. This symbol is a visual reminder of our commitment during the 40 days of Lent, to try to be the best versions of ourselves and make good choices for the benefit of all.

I will leave you with some words of wisdom from scripture...

"My dear friends, we must love each other. Love comes from God, and when we love each other, it shows that we have been given new life."

1John 4:7

Many blessings,

Tanya Stott

Be You

Dear School Community,

Welcome to all families, returning or new, to Stella Maris. We are becoming used to starting our school year in a 'different' way, this year not thanks to Covid so much as 'Building Works"! Yet another chance to increase our Resilience and improve our Flexibility, but also important to acknowledge it is a change, and has an impact on each and every one of us. Whether it be due to parking, playspace, noise or the excitement of diggers and trucks! It will all be worth it.

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and my role of Pastoral Care Support, especially as we have grown rapidly as a school since my role began here at Stella Maris six years ago. I came to Stella from a background of Social Work, where I spent most of my career supporting Children and Families. I joined the school in the role of Curriculum ESO and 'unofficial Pastoral Care', as it was back then.....which fed my passion of helping children be the best they can be, knowing they are fully capable human beings and have the ability to meet many of their own emotional needs, understanding that they may require support from time to time to learn the tools and strategies to enable them to do this as they grow.

As time went on the school were very proactive in making the role of Pastoral Care Support official in Stella Maris. I love my role here at school, and am so privileged to get to know so many students and families in our school community. All families have their ups and downs, their challenges and tough times. It is my aim to be someone who can listen without judgement, provide support when necessary to students, teachers and parents. This may be in the form of 1:1 check ins or mentor sessions with students, small groupwork or

providing information to parents or teachers about an issue affecting the student in the classroom or at home. This role does not provide counselling, but I can help identify when there is a need and help link with external services for further help and support. I am so lucky to have great flexibility in this role so if you have a need, reach out to me. Most importantly, I'm available for a chat.

Stella Maris places huge value on wellbeing, for students, families and staff. They have committed to support and grow my role in response to need. This means I have an increase in hours and availability to support the growth of our School Community. It also means I am no longer Curriculum ESO, but solely Pastoral Care Support. This change, as well as the many other additions to support staff in the school, is designed to benefit our whole school community and help us all be in an environment where we feel supported and in the right space to learn!

You can reach me by phone through the front office, or by email Emily.Hughes@smps.catholic.edu.au

Monday (8:45am - 3pm)

4:30pm)

Wednesday (8:45am - 3:00pm)

Tuesday (8:00am -

I look forward to reconnecting, or getting to know you and your family.

Thankyou,

Emily Hughes

Pastoral Care Support

Camp Australia OSHC

Newsletter



A message from your Coordinator

Welcome to Oshc 2023,

It's been a busy start to the year as many new children start and many others return. We have adjusted to our new space and will continue to explore new experiences as children learn the new routine and staff get to know the children's interest.

We have returned to using the tablet for parents to sign their child/children in and out of the service. Please also ensure a familiar staff member is aware of the arrival or departure.

Sun safety is important, and the weather continues to be extreme at times. We ask children to bring a hat for Oshc. Some classes prefer the hats are left in class therefore a spare hat that is sun safe (doesn't need to be a school hat) should be provided and kept in their school bag.

As every child's health is important, please ensure you provide any medical conditions on your Camp Australia enrolment details and provide the service with an up-to-date Action plan as soon as possible. Forms to administration medication also require signing. Please speak to Linda to complete any medical documentation.

Also, we have a consent form for children to use the Ramsay St Oval and for using laptops. If your child would like to do either of these please sign the forms on the parent information cupboard.

We hope your child/children have an enjoyable time at Oshc and we look forward to a year full of excitement, discovery and growth...

Your friendly Oshc Staff. Linda, Benjamin, Kane and Peter

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.



Activities coming up

- Wool Laser Maze
- Gravitrax Marble run
- Creative painting
- Polygon construction

What's on the menu

- Chocolate cake
- Noodles
- Cheese toasties
- Baked beans and spaghetti pita pockets

Visit our blog

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

[Visit our blog](#)



2023 College Tours

Champagnat Campus

Located in Mitchell Park, Champagnat Campus is the learning environment for students in Years 7 – 9.

Please visit the College website to book into a tour.

Thursday 2 March	4.15pm
Wednesday 29 March	9.15am
Tuesday 23 May	9.15am
Wednesday 21 June	9.15am
Tuesday 29 August	9.15am
Tuesday 24 October	9.15am



**SACRED HEART
COLLEGE**

Champagnat Campus 28 Percy Avenue, Mitchell Park SA 5043
(08) 8350 2500 | enquiries@shc.sa.edu.au

shc.sa.edu.au

Enrolment at Sacred Heart College

For families who have children currently in Year 5 and are considering Sacred Heart College as a pathway for Year 7, 2025, enrolment applications are currently being accepted. Due to an increasingly high demand for placements, applications for this entry point will close at the end of **Term 1, Friday 14 April 2023**. Prospectus packages will be delivered to your school shortly for all Year 5 students, inclusive of an Application for Enrolment Form. Application forms can also be accessed anytime on our College website www.shc.sa.edu and if you have already submitted an application, you do not need to complete another form.

We have a number of advertised College Tours during 2023, which you are warmly welcome to attend and bookings can be made via the website under the Enrolment tab. Should you have any questions regarding the enrolment process, please contact the Enrolment Office on **8350 2500** or by email registrar@shc.sa.edu.au for further assistance.

Mission Australia NDIS

Local Area Coordination Place-based Sessions

Mission Australia is the NDIS Partner delivering Local Area Coordination Services in your area and will be based at your school to provide information, support and answer questions about:

- Mission Australia and the services they offer
- What services are available for people with disability
- Understanding the NDIS and eligibility, NDIS plan applications and reviews
- Accessing supports and services for those not eligible for the NDIS, or who do not wish to access the Scheme

Stella Maris, Seacombe Gardens

1.45-4.45pm

Tue 21/02/2023 (Term 1 Week 4)

Tue 23/05/2023 (Term 2 Week 4)

No need to register, come along and have a chat



Delivering the NDIS in your community



STELLA MARIS PARISH SCHOOL PARENTS & FRIENDS

• PLEASE CLICK THE LINK TO READ UP ABOUT ALL OUR 2022
EVENTS AND THE BREAKDOWN OF MONEY RAISED •

2022 OVERVIEW

What a year we had in 2022! After the Covid interrupted years, our focus was to bring the school community together, have fun, great events for our kids and maybe raise some money along the way.

The year would not have been a success without all the support from the parent volunteers, sponsors and families who supported us through the year. I personally want to thank each one of them for helping create such a successful year.

We raised just over \$13,000 towards the school and look forward to a fantastic 2023.



WANT TO HELP??

If you are interested to help with events or help plan and manage fundraisers, please fill out the JotForm link I have attached below this article. Please note you will need a current WWCC police clearance, RRHAN training expiry date 12/2024 and a current WHS onsite induction to volunteer at the school.

Please email Kirralee Philips at kirralee.philips@smps.catholic.edu.au
For more information about being a volunteer.

If you would like to participate in the Parents & Friends Committee 2023, please register via the link below:

<https://form.jotform.com/230427543424855>

Book Busters - Marion Libraries

BOOK BUSTERS

A graphic illustration featuring a pair of black-rimmed glasses positioned over the word 'BOOK' in the title. Below the glasses is a simple line drawing of an open book with its pages slightly curved as if being read. The entire graphic is set against a bright yellow background.

Is your child an avid reader looking to meet up with other readers? At Book Busters, we meet in the library each week after school and browse new books, read, chat, and share the excitement about reading.

Bring a friend and have some fun!

This program runs for 8 weeks. Snacks provided.

Weekly during school term
Tuesdays, 3:45 - 4:30pm
Park Holme Library

FREE! *Bookings essential*

Book online

marionlibraries.eventbrite.com

T 8375 6755

Tennis Lessons



COACHING AT MORPHETTVILLE PARK TENNIS CLUB WITH

Deanna Shillabeer
Club Professional
Club Pro Coach



Ebony Harper
Junior Development Coach

TENNIS LESSONS

Hot Shots
Red, Orange
& Green
Ball



Cardio
Tennis



Privates,
All
Standards

Group
Trainings



For further enquiries, contact:

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SEAVIEW
HIGH SCHOOL



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

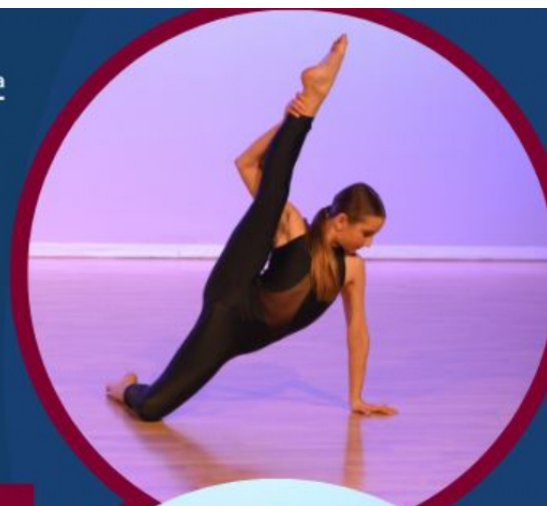
2024 APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

In Zone and Out Of Zone

SPECIAL INTEREST DANCE

Auditions will be held in Week 10.

For more information and to apply please call
8377 8000 or visit www.seaviewhs.sa.edu.au





St Marys Junior Kookas Registration Day



**Saturday 18 February
from 4pm**

*Nature
Adventure
Centre will be
there with some
reptile friends!*



Bar & Canteen open
for snacks and drinks
Food trucks from 4pm
Live Music from 6pm

*Kids bring
your bathers
for some
COOL water
activities!!*



**FREE footy shorts and socks
for all new families that register on the day!**

*don't forget
fees are FREE
with sports
voucher!*



Kenilworth Football Club
Laura Ave, St Marys



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@smpls.catholic.edu.au

Uniform Information



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

<https://www.belgraviaapparelschools.com/pages/shop-campbelltown-schools>

Their uniform warehouse is located at 10 Newton Road Campbelltown

phone: 0451 725 600

email: campbelltown@belgraviports.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

Please contact Kirralee Philips to arrange a time.

E: kirralee.philips@smpps.catholic.edu.au

P: 8306 4888

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

Music Tutors

Guitar - Chris Larsson

Mobile: 0424 241 040

Email: chrisslarsson01@gmail.com

Piano - Patricia Heller

Mobile: 0403 645 271

Email: patricianheller@gmail.com

Singing - Hallmark Music Studio

Email: kylie@hallmarkmusicstudio.com.au

Violin - Jenny McDonald

Mobile: 0410 441 974

Email: jenjen7@outlook.com
