



Important Dates

Pupil Free Day

Friday 10 March

Public Holiday

Monday 13 March

NAPLAN tests start

Wednesday 15 March

Annual General Meeting

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

Term 2 Starts

Monday 1 May

Year 5 Camp May 8 - 10

Monday 8 May

Reconciliation Meeting

Tuesday 9 May

Reconciliation Celebration

Tuesday 16 May

Public Holiday

Monday 12 June

'Back In My Day' school concert - Westminster Theatre

Wednesday 5 July

'Back In My Day' school concert - Westminster Theatre

Thursday 6 July

Pupil Free Day

Friday 7 July

Confirmation Celebration

Tuesday 22 August

First Communion Celebration

Friday 25 August

School Photographs

Wednesday 30 August

Introduction



As a school community, we keep James, Courtney, their children and the whole Quigley family in our thoughts and prayers as they grieve the loss of James' mother, Cecilia. As well as being deeply loved and cherished by her family, Cecilia was also a long standing and well respected leader within Catholic Education for many years. As I mentioned in the email I sent to families, one of the many great things about the Stella Maris community is the way that we support each other during times like these, and we are greatly appreciative to staff and the wider school community for their support, thoughts and prayers during this time.

From the Deputy Principal

Staff News

We wish Nicole Giannoni and her fiancé, Michael all the best as they celebrate their marriage on Friday. We look forward to welcoming Nicole back next Thursday.

Victoria Traegar will also be taking three weeks long service leave, beginning next Thursday. During this time, Lisa Berrigan will be teaching performing arts.

We welcome James Budd who has joined our ESO team and is predominantly working with our year 4-6 classes.

Building Update

Our building site has been a hive of activity again over the last couple of days, with commencement of civil works. We continue to meet regularly with the site supervisor and architects. The machinery has certainly been a talking point for many of our students this week.



Parent Workshops

We are looking forward to our first parent workshop on Monday 6th March (see details below)

Maths and Numeracy - the first workshop will focus on how you can support your child with the development of key skills in Numeracy and Maths.

WHEN:

Reception to Year 2 parents - Monday 6th March - 2 workshops offered at 9:00am or 6:00pm

Year 3-6 parents - Tuesday 14th March - 2 workshops offered at 9:00am and 6:00pm

We will also be holding a parent workshop on the 'Stella Capabilities', which will outline our approach to capabilities and how this can also be reinforced at home. This workshop will take place on Monday 3rd April at 6pm.

Over the course of 2023, we look forward to offering other parent workshops focusing on areas such as Literacy, Well-being and Digital Device and Social Media support. If you are interested in other types of workshops, I encourage you to let me know of your suggestions.

Pupil Free day- Friday March 10th

Please note that we have 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 look forward to sharing this program with families also. OSHC will be available on this date- bookings are essential.

ENSURING OUR SCHOOL IS A SAFE PLACE FOR ALL:

As the school year commences I want to assure all parents and carers of our absolute commitment to ensuring that Stella Maris is a safe place for all. Some of our key initiatives include the fact that:

Our staff are committed and trained to protect the children and young people in our care.

All staff and regular volunteers have current police checks and necessary training.

We teach our children age-appropriate strategies to keep themselves safe through South Australia's Keeping Safe Child Protection Curriculum.

Staff complete certification and undertake regular updated training in Responding to Abuse and Neglect in Education and Care Settings.

We also promote strategies to minimise bullying and help students stay safe online.

Additional information about the broader protection policies of Catholic Education SA can be found on their website.

<http://www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/safe-environments-for-all> The website also includes links to online resources for parents and students on a range of topics including anxiety, depression, bullying and how to support your child.

If you have any questions or concerns about child safety please contact me.

Week 5 reflection

As we come to an end of week 5, and we say goodbye to Summer (although I'm not sure I'd call it summer for the most part) and hello to Autumn, we can reflect on the beginning of the year so far. This year we have welcomed new staff and many new students and families. We have also adapted to new processes and ways of doing things as we commence our major building project. Although it has been a busy start to the term, our commitment to the learning and overall wellbeing of our students, and partnerships with families remains a part of who we are at Stella Maris. It is a special place to be and we look forward to continuing to work as a community to ensure that Stella Maris continues to be a place where we can all thrive.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support and please contact me if there are any matters that you'd like to discuss.

Kind Regards

Ella Kirkham

From the APRIM



Dear families and friends,

Classes attending Parish Masses

Next Tuesday March 7, our Yr 5 and 6 classes will be attending the 9.15am Parish Mass. We warmly invite you to join us and the regular parishioner attendees.

Just to give you the 'heads up' here is the roster for the remainder of this term.

Week 7 9.15am Tuesday March 14	Yr 4 classes
Week 8 9.15am Tuesday March 21	Yr R-2 classes
Week 9 9.15am Tuesday March 28	Yr 3 classes

Plans for Holy Week and Easter are yet to be confirmed, so there will be information with regards to this in the next newsletter.

Lent & Project Compassion

You will shortly be receiving a small Project Compassion box for your family, inviting you to fill it with any spare change that you have. Student members of the 2023 Social Justice Group will be distributing these to classes, for students to take home to you. Caritas is a Catholic organization, supporting vulnerable communities in Australia and all over the world with the goal of ending poverty, promoting justice and upholding dignity. Each year during the Season of Lent, they launch and promote Project Compassion. You are invited to return your boxes to Stella Maris in the last week of term and on your behalf, we will pass on all donations to Caritas.

Sacramental Programme

Just a reminder that St Ann's Catholic Parish is now accepting registrations for the 2023 Sacraments of Initiation Programme. Children from the age of 8, who you feel are ready to participate, can be enrolled. There was an information letter from the Parish sent out recently. If you missed it, please let me know and I am more than happy to send you a copy. The Sacramental Team is led by Sr Jasmine and includes Fr Joseph and the APRIMS from the two Parish Primary Schools – myself and Matthew Min from St Bernadette's. We are gathering for our first planning meeting next week and the programme will commence with Session 1 of Reconciliation

Preparation at 7pm on Tuesday March 28th.

I will leave you with two inspiring quotes for this first week of Lent...

"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver." Maya Angelou

"I'm a little pencil in the hand of a writing God, who is sending a love letter to the world." Mother Teresa

Many blessings,

Tanya Stott

Be You

Our Year 6 cohort are in the process of applying for Leadership Roles within our school. This requires courage and vulnerability to take a risk in putting themselves out there. I've had feedback from the panel about the high quality of applications, they were impressed with how the students have presented themselves and how they have coped with changes throughout the process which has lasted a number of weeks.

Week 6 will see the candidates announced, however it's important to acknowledge that all applicants should be recognised for their effort. Let's help them see how they've built their resilience by facing a challenge and to bounce back quickly by sharing how proud we are of them for giving it a go! Their experience will help them with the next thing they decide to go for!

Emily Hughes

Pastoral Care Support

School Fees

Please be advised that the first installment of school fees are due Friday 3 March 2023.

Please contact Kathy Groat, Finance Manager, telephone 8306 4833, if you have any questions.

Parents & Friends Easter Raffle



raffle sales and we couldn't have done this without all your generous donations!!!

THIS YEAR WE WANT TO GO BIGGER AND BETTER!!!

If you would love to share your support to help raise money for the school, please donate any Easter chocolates/gifts/crafts to your child's class who will have a basket for collection.

We will then wrap these into raffle prizes and draw them before Easter (Date TBA)

**Donations will be collected until
Friday 24/3/2023**





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



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2023 College Tours

Marcellin Campus

Located in Somerton Park, Marcellin Campus is the learning environment for students in Years 10 – 12.

Please visit the College website to book into a tour.

Tuesday 7 March	9.15am
Tuesday 30 May	9.15am
Thursday 7 September	9.15am
Saturday 4 November	9.15am



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REGISTRATIONS

HUB NETBALL CLUB

OPEN

WINTER TRIALS & COME AND TRY

Ages 7-9: Come & Try Session on Monday 6 March 5-6pm

Ages 10-13: Club Scratch Match on Monday 6 March 6-7pm

Ages 14 - Seniors: Trials on Thursday 9 March 6.30-8pm

Players new to netball or starting club netball very welcome!

Trainings & trials at Tarnham Rd, Seacombe Heights

Games played at SUNA in Morphett Vale on weeknights

Register: <https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/register/20f31d>

More info: admin@hubnetballclub.com



1st Darlington
Scout Group



1st Somerton Park
Scout Group

OPEN DAY

Sunday 19th March 2023, 11am – 3pm

Darlington Scout Hall
12 White Cres, Seacombe Gardens,
with some activities on the Darlington Primary School Oval

Come along and join our Joeys, Cubs and Scouts for some
FREE and FUN activities, games, and more!

There will also be a FREE BBQ as well.



Joey Scouts

5-7 Years Old



Cub Scouts

8-11 Years Old



Scouts

11-14 Years

For further info, contact Mike Sellwood (Darlington Scout Group Leader) 0401 691 228



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 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@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

Please contact Kirralee Philips to arrange a time.

E: kirralee.philips@smpls.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

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Singing - Hallmark Music Studio

Email: kylie@hallmarkmusicstudio.com.au

Violin - Jenny McDonald

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