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## Important Dates

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**Term 2 Starts**

Monday 1 May

**Year 5 Camp May 8  
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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

**Italian Day**

Friday 29 September

**Year 6 Camp - Oct  
17 - 20**

Tuesday 17 October

**Year 4 Camp - Oct  
23 to 25**

Monday 23 October

**Sports Day**

Friday 10 November

**Pupil Free Day**

Monday 20 November

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## Introduction

We celebrate the season of Easter with great joy, we conclude a busy term together and we look forward to another bumper Term 2 at Stella. This is Week 11 of Term 1!

## From the Principal



### **THE EASTER SEASON:**

I apologise if your child came home on Tuesday letting you know I said that they could eat Easter Eggs for the next 50 days!

I spoke to the students on Tuesday after our joyous Easter Liturgy about the fact that the Easter season is not just 1 day – but rather a season with 50 days! I used the chocolate egg analogy to try and explain this to the students - some may have taken this literally!

I also spoke to the students about the contrast in our Holy Week liturgies – particularly our sombre and quiet reflection during the Holy Thursday liturgy compared to the joy and happiness of our Easter Sunday liturgy. This was very deliberate. The sadness and darkness of Good Friday is wiped away by the joy and light of Easter. You can't have one without the other. You can't have happiness without feeling sadness, you can't have light without dark. You can't have Easter Sunday without Good Friday.

During this season of Easter, we are called to be Easter people – people of peace, kindness, and joy and to bring happiness to others in our life.

I wish you a great Easter season – and perhaps a few extra days of chocolate eggs!

### **A BUSY TERM:**

What a busy term we have had. We knew at the start of the year that this year would pose some challenges and a need to do things 'differently' and with agility and flexibility. I can not speak more highly of the way our staff, students and families have managed the changes that have needed to occur due to our building program.

I mentioned in my correspondence throughout the lead up to the year starting, our most important aim in managing the building project, was to ensure that the learning, progress, wellbeing and safety of your child is made the absolute priority. I am quite confident that this has been the case. The data and observations we collect regularly at school, and my casual conversations with parents indicate that this is the case as well.

Of course, if you are concerned about any aspect of our schooling life, then as always I encourage you to email me or see me about this.

We have had another busy term of sport this term as well. We have had the following events occur:

- A large number of students have once again completed a very successful term of after school sport.
- Statewide Knockout games have been ongoing with the Boys Cricket team having a forfeit meaning they have won through to the Quarter final and our Girls Knockout Cricket team winning through to Semi-final in Term 4.
- The SAPSSA Girls and Boys Football Carnival occurred earlier in the term.
- We have also had a number of sporting carnivals including the SACPPSA Swimming Carnival where we finished the Section 3 competition in 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and the Hockey Carnival where 3 sides were named Champion teams.

We thank James McCarthy for his ongoing leadership in this domain.

#### **ARTS FOCUS:**

Our Arts focus also continues to gather momentum and go from strength to strength. Our major focus this term has been on preparations for our Bi-Annual Whole School Concert which will take place over 2 nights, in 2 separate concerts (similar to the music concert) at Westminster Theatre in Week 10 of Term 2. Kate Mainprize continues to do a great job in leading this extravaganza. Information about this will continue to be provided to families.

We have also had very strong interest in our School Band and Year 3/4 Choir – both led by Victoria Traeger and our Senior Festival Choir – led by Kate Mainprize.

We thank both Kate and Vic for their leadership in this area of our school.

#### **TERM 2:**

We now turn our attention to another bumper Term 2 which begins for all students on Monday 1st May.

We are looking forward to more learning, celebrations, gatherings and joy as we continue to “Act Justly and Walk Humbly” at Stella.

During the holidays I will provide parents with some information about the upcoming events in Term 2 which will be occurring and provide some further updates on other school related matters.

I wish all families at Stella a very relaxing, safe and enjoyable holiday period and thank you all for your continued support of our great school.

During the holiday break, our office will be closed and we will re-open on Monday 1st May. In an emergency, you can send an email to [contact@smcs.catholic.edu.au](mailto:contact@smcs.catholic.edu.au) and we will get back to you when we can.

**Take care.**

**James**

From the APRIM



Dear families and friends,

Blessings of the Easter Season to you all, which extends from Easter Sunday until Pentecost. White and Gold are the representative colours of this season of the Liturgical year, symbolising **Joy** and **New Life**. We celebrated the Resurrection when we returned to school on Tuesday, with a joyful whole school Easter Liturgy lead by our Year 4 and Year 6 classes. Having live music courtesy of our very talented Music Teacher, Victoria Traeger and student musicians, adds a special dimension and richness to Liturgical Celebrations here at Stella Maris and certainly inspires the beautiful singing of our community.

A few reminders for next term...

### **Parish Sacramental Programme**

Reconciliation preparation continues with Session Two on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> of May at 7pm in the Holy Spirit Church hall.

Our focus will be on preparing the students for their very first Reconciliation, which will occur the following week on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> of May. We plan to start this session promptly at 7pm and be finished by 8pm. Please remember to look through the booklet you received when we met a few weeks ago and go through the activities with your child – many thanks!

It is not too late to register your child for Confirmation and First Communion preparation, which will commence on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The Parish has suggested that students who are 10 years of age and above can participate. Sr Jasmine, who is our Sacramental Coordinator can be contacted on 0415 577 976 if you have any queries or require clarification.

If you would like the Parish Information letter and Registration form, please email me on [tanya.stott@smps.catholic.edu.au](mailto:tanya.stott@smps.catholic.edu.au) and I will send it to you.

Finally, many thanks for supporting the work of Caritas, through their Lenten Project Compassion Appeal. Donation boxes can still be returned to the Front Office this week.

As we head into the school holidays, may you have the opportunity to slow down and spend time with those you love. May you create and capture precious memories, have adventures, be silly, try new experiences and live each and every day to the full.

*May the blessing of light be upon you, light without and light within*

*And may Jesus, the light of the world, be your guide, your support and your inspiration.*

**Tanya Stott**

**APRIM**

## **Be You**

As I was watching a tv show last night I heard the most beautiful quote I thought I'd share....

"A perfect life is made up of a lifetime of imperfect days!"

Have a happy and safe school holidays and enjoy those imperfect moments that make up our memories!

**Emily Hughes**

**Pastoral Care Support**

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May 5th to June 30th  
Friday afternoon (5-6pm)  
@ 262 Sturt Rd, Marion

SEACLIFF PS AUSKICK CENTRE

May 14th to July 2nd  
Sunday morning (10-11am)  
@ 5 Barwell Ave, Seacliff

## FastBreak Basketball Academy Term 2





Fastbreak Academy is a family based academy operating in the Flagstaff Hill/Aberfoyle Park area.

**We invite you to join our**

## **Term 2 Mini-Breakers Program**

Suitable for beginner basketballers aged 5-10 years

**When: Every Thursday from 4-5pm**

**Dates : May 11 to July 6**

**Where: Hub Rec Centre, Aberfoyle Park**

**Cost:**

**\$88 for the 8 week term**

**Register now at:**

<https://www.trybooking.com/CGYIZ>

More information:

Facebook page: [Fastbreak Academy](#)

Website: [www.fastbreakacademy.com.au](http://www.fastbreakacademy.com.au)





**SA Police have noticed an increase in antisocial behaviour in the vicinity of the Belair mountain biking trails, surrounding streets, and on trains and train platforms.**

**There have been incidents of objects being thrown at cars on Belair Road and Old Belair Road. Throwing objects on roads and at cars can cause serious injury and even death.**

**Police have also received reports about dangerous bike riding on the roads leading to the trails around the Mitcham and Lower Mitcham areas.**

**With Easter and School Holidays approaching SA Police support young people being involved in healthy, physical activities including mountain bike riding, however we need to consider the safety of the whole community.**

**Police encourage parents and caregivers to discuss safe and responsible riding.**

## Kaurna Language & History

### City of Marion - Kaurna Language & History

#### Who are Kaurna?

For those on Kaurna Country, the Marion Council are offering an information session during **Reconciliation Week on Friday 2 June from 10:00am – 11:00am** titled, “**Kaurna Language and History – Who are Kaurna**”. Tickets are free and bookings are required. A precis of the event from the website:

Jack Buckskin is a Kaurna, Narungga and Wirangu man, born in the Adelaide Plains region, who has dedicated himself to learning and sharing the Kaurna language and culture. He has been heavily involved in the Kaurna revitalisation movement for more than 15 years and continues to contribute to the development and teaching of the Kaurna language. Jack also shares his culture and stories through dance and other cultural workshops through his cultural services and dance group, Kuma Kaaru, which translates to ‘one blood’. Jack and Kuma Kaaru have also been given the opportunity to showcase dance, language and culture internationally, having been invited to perform and speak in a number of countries, including India, Nauru, Canada and Austria.

Participants will be taught Who Kaurna are, Kaurna Lands, the History of the Name, Observers and who documented Kaurna Language, the important people in the documentation and the revitalization of the Kaurna Language and how Kaurna is used along with its strengths and weaknesses.

Weblink: <https://www.marion.sa.gov.au/things-to-do/events-calendar/kaurna-language-and-history-who-are-kaurna> (for online bookings).

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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## WHS Inductions for Volunteers

Please contact Kirralee Philips to arrange a time.

E: [kirralee.philips@smps.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kirralee.philips@smps.catholic.edu.au)

P: 8306 4888

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## 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

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## 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

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