



Important Dates

The Resilience
Project - Parent
Session - 9am &
630pm

Monday 19 June

Principal's Tour @
9.15am

Wednesday 21 June

Principal's Tour @
5pm

Thursday 22 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

Term 3 Commences

Monday 24 July

Confirmation
Celebration

Tuesday 22 August

Principal's Tour @
9.15am

Wednesday 23 August

Principal's Tour @
530pm

Thursday 24 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

Pupil Free Day

Thursday 14 December

Pupil Free Day

Friday 15 December

From the Principal



THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH:

The great feast of Pentecost occurred last Sunday. During this celebration, we are told of the “coming of the Holy Spirit” to the disciples of Jesus. The Holy Spirit gives the disciples courage and new talents to be able to carry out their mission of spreading Jesus’ message and carrying on his vision for a world of peace and unity. I once heard it best described through the use of the analogy of an asthma puffer for the Holy Spirit. The puffer gives it’s ‘patient’ the extra “boost” of air required when they need it – when they feel short of breath or are having difficulty breathing. In the same way the Holy Spirit can give us an extra “boost” when we feel scared or lonely or afraid – as is what happened on the day of Pentecost.

CELEBRATION OF LEARNING:

Last Wednesday we held our first "Celebration of Learning" for a few years. I was disappointed not to have been present, but from what I heard from students, parents and staff it was a great success. I heard of a great 'buzz' and 'energy' during the morning and afternoon. I heard of great conversation and 'expert tours' of classrooms and learning journeys over the last term and a half. I also heard about a fantastic choir and band performance in the Church.

Thank you for your attendance. As always, I would love to hear any other feedback - either in person or via email about your experiences.

WHOLE SCHOOL CONCERT:

Preparations are ramping up for our Whole school concert – Back in My Day. This will take place over two days / nights – with half the school performing on each day. Information has been sent to parents via email and See Saw today regarding logistics and ticket purchasing.

Our Concert will involve both a Matinee (12:00pm) and Evening Performance (6:30pm) on Wednesday the 5th and Thursday the 6th of July.

For those who are 'friends of Stella' (but don't have students at the school) and would like to see the concert, you are most welcome to ring Carol about how to purchase a ticket.

BUILDING UPDATE:

Our Building project continues to roll along. The slab is down and we now await the delivery and installation of the Structural Steel. This is likely to occur later this term / early next term. We are meeting with the builders regularly and at our meeting this week, I was still been assured that our building is on track to be complete by mid December of this year, allowing for a Term 1 start in the new space. As always, if this changes at any point, I will let you know.

Over the course of the next few weeks, external works are going to be undertaken, including the installation of indented parking in Syme Avenue and some extra car parking spaces along Syme Avenue. At this point in time, there will not be any disruption to our normal school business or entry or exit point, but again will let you know if this is the case.

REPORTS:

We take our responsibility of 'reporting' to parents and families very seriously. Sending home official reports twice a year is one of a number of ways in which we provide you with important information about your child's progress and learning. Our teachers are currently completing the Progress Reports for this semester. In most cases it takes upwards of 80 or so hours to complete these reports. Teachers put a lot of time, energy, thought and discussion into completing these reports. To ensure that you receive the most accurate information about your child's progress in the first two terms of the year, we will once again be sending home the reports at the beginning of Term 3. This timeframe allows our teachers an extra few weeks to assess, evaluate and complete thorough and accurate reports. Following the reports, you are encouraged to organise a time to meet with the teacher should you wish to discuss any aspect of the report further.

The reports will be followed up with a parent-teacher conversation in Week 2 of Term 3. Further information about these will be provided in the next week or so.

HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION:

I bumped into a parent recently whose child completed Year 6 with us last year and is now at Sacred Heart College. We got talking about how their child was going and how they were tackling the challenges of High School. This parent was glowing in their praise of how well 'prepared' their child was for the High School challenges they were encountering – on many different levels. Socially, academically, work ethic wise, and the capabilities they had developed in their time at Stella Maris were clearly making a difference to how this child's High School journey had begun. Of course, this is very much about a strong partnership between home and school, but it's always nice to hear this glowing praise for the work we are doing at Stella.

READ ON...

I encourage you to read on through the rest of this week's newsletter – there are some important updates and information about the goings on in our great school from various people about the many and varied work that is happening across the board.

Thanks as always,

James



Dear families and friends,

On Thursday morning, we welcomed 23 new Reception students and their families to the Stella Maris family, sharing this prayer of welcome with them...

Circle of Stella Maris

We pray together, in the presence of our God and one another.

We join this circle of kindred spirits, of shared hopes and dreams, of love for our children.

With hearts that are open to each other and willing to reflect.

Willing to collaborate and celebrate.

Willing to be in community with each other and journey together.

Willing to be open to the nurturing presence of God.

We pray that God's blessing be upon us and especially upon the new students who are beginning their Stella journey and the families who entrust them into our care.

We pray they may encounter life to the full, in all its wonderful dimensions.

We ask that they and our whole community are lovingly held in the embrace of our Creator God.

May all feel welcomed and that they absolutely belong.

May their unique gifts and personalities flourish, as they are recognized, appreciated and enriched.

May our Stella community continue to flourish.

Amen.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

It is so heartwarming to see the donations of warm winter clothing, blankets and long-life food coming in from our compassionate community. We will continue to collect items on behalf of Vinnie's until Week 9, so there is still time to contribute if you are able to. Listening to the radio in the morning, one hears many stories of families and individuals who need to seek support from charities in order that their basic needs can be met – more and more people are struggling as interest rates and cost of living continues to rise. Your children learn valuable life lessons from you, from the conversations you no doubt have with them in relation to the Vinnie's appeal. These conversations bring to life the Stella Values of *Compassion* and *Respect for others*.

As we welcome another group of very young people and their families to Stella Maris, this wise quote from Socrates seems very appropriate...

“Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel.”

Many blessings,

Tanya Stott



Lonsdale/Flinders Uni

Student Lunch Thursday 22nd June

***Please order through Stella Maris QKR
Under Parents & Friends***

Pricing from \$9

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6 inch sub			Footlong sub		
Bread Roll:	White	Wheat	Gluten free 12' wrap(\$1 extra)		
Meat:	Ham	Chicken Strip	Pizza (Salami/Pepperoni)	No Meat	
Cheese:	yes	no			
Salad:	Lettuce	Tomato	Cucumber	Carrot	
Sauce:	Tomato	BBQ	Mayo	No Sauce	
Drink:	Apple Juice	Choc Milk	Water	NO Drink	
Cookie:	Choc Chip	Double Choc		No Cookie	

Last day to Order June 16th(3PM)

Volunteering at Stella Maris

To volunteer at Stella Maris there are 3 steps to take:

1. Complete the online **RRAHN training** (see flyer) and forward the completed certificate to Kirralee Philips
2. To have your catholic **Working with Children Check (WWCC)**
3. To complete the **onsite induction** and fill out the necessary forms

To obtain your **WWCC** you can bring **100 points of identification** to the school office, and we can start the process for you.

If you have a **DHS** clearance, you can provide your certificate and we can forward it to obtain a catholic clearance.

Please contact **Kirralee Philips** E: kirralee.philips@smps.catholic.edu.au our volunteer coordinator for more information. Kirralee is available most afternoons from 2pm onwards to complete the onsite induction.



It's that time!!! start thinking of who you want to either entertain you, or who will help your table win. Our quiz night plans are underway and you won't want to miss out on this event!

Saturday, 5th August 2023

Get your calendars out and lock it in... now... I said, do it!

SAVE THE DATE



Catholic School Parents SA is pleased to present:

A diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and its impact on your family

presented by Mark Le Messurier

Tuesday July 4 2023
6.30pm - 8pm (in person or online)

St John the Baptist Catholic School
342 Anzac Highway, Plympton

This Parent Engagement Evening is hosted by Catholic School Parents SA.

In this workshop you will learn some facts about ASD, but this isn't the primary goal. The workshop will explore how an ASD diagnosis can feel, what it means and how parents go about achieving connected and respectful behaviours in their children.

This will be a poignant workshop for teachers, parents, and carers. The event will have online and in person attendance options.

Mark Le Messurier is a teacher, counsellor, author and public speaker. He works in private practice as a mentor to children and adolescents, and as a coach to parents.

Register via the [CESA Registration Centre](#) or go to the [Events page](#) on the CSPSA Website.

cspsa.catholic.edu.au



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

We invite you to join our

Term 3 Mini-Breakers Program

Suitable for beginner basketballers aged 5-10 years

When: Every Thursday from 4-5pm

Dates : August 3 to September 21

Where: Hub Rec Centre, Aberfoyle Park

Cost:

\$88 for the 8 week term



Register now at:

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

More information:

Facebook page: [Fastbreak Academy](#)

Website: www.fastbreakacademy.com.au



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@smps.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
