



## Important Dates

Welcome to Stella  
Gathering

Monday 14 August

Confirmation  
Celebration

Wednesday 23 August

Principal's Tour @  
9.15am

Wednesday 23 August

Principal's Tour @  
530pm

Thursday 24 August

Book Week - 'Read,  
Grow, Inspire' -  
Week 5

Friday 25 August

First Communion  
Celebration

Sunday 27 August

School Photographs

Wednesday 30 August

Pupil Free Day

Friday 1 September

Father's Day  
Morning Tea &  
Liturgy

Monday 4 September

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

## Introduction

“

Never see a need without doing  
something about it.”



*Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> August was the Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first (and only) Saint. She provides us, particularly in education, with an amazing role model whose vision for education for all is still a calling we hear today. Mary chose to make a difference to the communities in which she, and the Sisters of St Joseph, lived in throughout the 19th century, by educating the poor and*

*working with the marginalised and most vulnerable members of society. We gathered as a school community this week to give thanks and to commemorate the remarkable life and legacy of Mary MacKillop.*

## From the Deputy Principal

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of week 3! As always, it has been a busy start to the term with classrooms being hives of activity, various sports carnivals and the building project making great progress. The sunshine we've been having has also been enjoyed by all- a sign that spring is on the way!!

### **WELCOME TO STELLA GATHERING**

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August we will be gathering in the Church at 9am to officially welcome the new students to our school, including our mid-year reception class. Families are invited to join us for this gathering.

### **FATHER'S DAY**

Father's Day is approaching! As always, our P and F will hold a Father's Day stall - with further information about this provided in the next week or so.

We will also hold a Father's Day morning tea and liturgy - with a similar format to the Mother's Day liturgy from earlier in the year. Dads / Granddads or male role models in your child's lives will be invited to attend a morning tea followed by a brief liturgy in the Church on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September from 8:15am. To help with catering, we would ask that you rsvp to the following survey if you are coming along:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=q2QiNppgQkGJVNZfllG\\_pfvhQh5W\\_e5MtVMowlUvk1VUNEZKMIFLQ0JHQ09NSE1FVjRSV1FRMFdQWC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=q2QiNppgQkGJVNZfllG_pfvhQh5W_e5MtVMowlUvk1VUNEZKMIFLQ0JHQ09NSE1FVjRSV1FRMFdQWC4u)

### **LLL SURVEY**

Thank you to the 100+ families who have responded to our Live, Learn, Lead survey- which is an important tool used by schools and CESA to track school satisfaction data.

Just a reminder that you are invited to participate in the short (3 to 5 minute) survey about your school's performance. Similar surveys will be administered to staff and students to enable us to capture a community snapshot. All responses are confidential and will be used for school improvement purposes. Completion of the survey is on a voluntary basis. The survey consists of 6 domains including Catholic identity, Learning and Curriculum and Safety and Well-being.

To complete the survey you can click here: <https://www.nsipartnerships.com.au/>

ENTER CODE: SMPSLLLP

Thank you once again!

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS SA**

Catholic School Parents of South Australia (CSPSA) is an organisation that aims to promote and support parents and families by providing a voice for education and issues which affect their children. The website: <https://cspsa.catholic.edu.au/home> and Facebook page are a great place to find information and resources along with events that are being hosted by CSPSA.

If you use Facebook, I would recommend following the CSPSA page as they are quite active in posting information and promoting events such as the one mentioned below.

The Parent Engagement Program is one of the services provided by CSPSA and welcomes all parents and carers of children in Catholic schools to attend. The next event is an inspirational evening with Madhavi Nawana Parker with a focus on 'helping children and teenagers respond to friendship difficulties and bullying'.

The details of the event are in the attached flyer and below:

**Date:** 20 September 2023 @ 6:00pm – 8:00pm

**Location:** St Mary's College

**Cost:** Free

**Registration:** Registrations can be made via the Registration Centre <https://registrationcentre.cesa.catholic.edu.au/event-5309077>

## **PUPIL FREE DAY**

A reminder that Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September is a pupil free day at Stella Maris. On this day we will be gathering as a staff for a Staff Reflection and Formation day with a focus on our calling to be 'Ecologically Aware in God's creation'. Camp Australia will provide care for those families who required it. Please ensure you book your place asap if you require this care on the day.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support of our great school!!

Ella Kirkham

## **From the APRIM**



Dear families and friends,

***Celebrating Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop and the Feast of the Assumption***

Within a period of a week, we celebrate two very significant and influential women in the Catholic faith; St Mary of the Cross MacKillop who is Australia's first and so far only Saint and Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Our Yr. 2 classes attended the 9.15am Tuesday Parish Mass on St Mary MacKillop's actual feastday and yesterday, our Yr. 5 classes lead Community Prayer for our whole school to acknowledge and celebrate her life and legacy. She was a woman of outstanding vision, compassion, courage and determination, who truly lived one of her most well-known sayings – "Never see a need without doing something about it." Seeing the lack of education opportunities for the children of poor families, she established a school in Penola in a disused stable. From these very humble beginnings, came the establishment of the Josephite Order and the opening of schools throughout Australia and New Zealand which were open to all, especially those with no other means to acquire an education.

Next Tuesday morning, our school will join with parishioners for mass to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. On this day we celebrate Mary, Jesus' mother and the day her earthly life ended and she was tenderly received into heaven. Mary is often referred to as Jesus' first disciple. From scripture, we learn that she was also a woman of great courage, lovingly accepting the gift of Jesus through the Holy Spirit and raising him with the support of her husband Joseph, in the Jewish faith. She supported Jesus in his early ministry through to his death, suffering the unimaginable anguish and pain of seeing her son put on trial, be sentenced to death and die on a cross.

One of Mary's titles is 'Stella Maris' (meaning 'Star of the Sea') and we are honoured to have her as our schools' Patron Saint.

### **Sacramental Programme News**

A group of 22 young people, 10 of which attend Stella Maris, are currently engaged in the Parish Sacramental Programme in preparing for Confirmation and First Eucharist. Next Tuesday August 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm is the final preparation session, in which Confirmation Sponsors are asked to attend along with the students and their parents.

This year, Archbishop Patrick O'Regan is officiating at the Confirmation Ceremony which is being held on Wednesday August 23, 7pm at Holy Spirit Church. On Sunday August 27 at the 9.15am Mass, the candidates will receive their First Holy Communion and celebrate with a special morning tea afterwards in the Parish Hall.

Our school community is warmly invited to attend these celebrations and support our young people and their families.

### **Religious Education Related Events for Term 3**

I have once again included a timetable below for your information, of Religious Education related events that we have so far scheduled for this term. Hopefully having some advance notice, may give you the opportunity to attend, especially when your child/children are involved.

<b>Religious Education Events for Term 3 2023</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event/Celebration</b>
Week 1 Tues 25/7	Session 1 Confirmation Workshop 7-8pm (Sacramental Programme)
Week 3 Tues 8/8	Feast of Mary of the Cross MacKillop – class-based prayer services Yr. 2 classes attending 9.15am Parish Mass
Thurs 10/8	Session 2 First Eucharist Workshop 7-8pm (Sacramental Programme) Whole School Community Prayer lead by Yr. 5 classes at 2.15pm in the church.
Week 4 Tues 15/8	Feast of the Assumption Whole School attending 9.15am Parish Mass Session 3 Confirmation & First Eucharist Workshop 7-8pm (Sacramental Programme)
Week 5 Tues 22/8 Wed 23/8 Sun 27/8	Yr. 5 classes attending 9.15am Parish Mass Confirmation Ceremony 7pm at Holy Spirit Church First Holy Communion 9.15am at Holy Spirit Church
Week 6 Tues 29/8 Thurs 31/8 Fri 1/9	Yr. 4 classes attending 9.15am Parish Mass Whole School Community Prayer lead by the Yr. 3 classes at 2.15pm in the church. Staff Retreat (Pupil Free Day)
Week 7 Mon 4/9 Tues 5/9	Fathers' Day Liturgy 9am Yr. 3 classes attending 9.15am Parish Mass Yr. 4 classes ReLAT practice week
Week 8 Tues 12/9 Fri 15/9	Yr. R classes attending 9.15am Parish Mass Yr. 6 classes attending Journey to Emmaus day at St Martin de Porres, Sheidow Park Yr. 4 classes ReLAT assessment week
Week 9 Tues 19/9 Thurs 21/9	Yr. 1 classes attending 9.15am Parish Mass Whole School Community Prayer lead by the Yr. 2 classes at 2.15pm in the church.
Week 10 Tues 26/9	Whole School Liturgy lead by the Yr.6 classes at 10am Market Day – Social Justice Fundraising for Catholic Charities lead by Yr. 6 classes

*I will leave you with more wisdom from St. Mary MacKillop...*

**“Be calm and full of hope...”**

**“Believe in the whisperings of God in your own heart...”**

*Many blessings to you all,*

*Tanya*

## School Photographs - Wednesday 30 August 2023

More details will be provided next week.

## School Fees

Please be advised that the third instalment of school fees are due by Friday 25 August 2023.

Please contact Kathy Groat, Finance Manager, [kathy.groat@smpls.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kathy.groat@smpls.catholic.edu.au) if you have any questions.

## 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@smpls.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kirralee.philips@smpls.catholic.edu.au) our volunteer coordinator for more information. Kirralee is available most afternoons from 2pm onwards to complete the onsite induction.





# EARLY INTERVENTION

## GROUP

A 10-week program designed for children recently diagnosed, or in the process of being diagnosed with disability, and their parents/carers.



Parents/carers are guided through eight key domains that young people with disabilities can sometimes find difficult. Opportunity to connect with others experiencing similar challenges.



Children work with a practitioner and our support staff in a group environment.



Sessions are led by the Principal and Clinical Leads of our Positive Behaviour Support service with support from the skilled practitioner team and support staff.



### Topics covered include:

- Toileting programs and troubleshooting challenges
- Speech and language development
- Supporting children through big feelings
- Creating schedules and other visual aids
- Connecting with peers and friendships.

## CONTACT

Email  
[EDC@lutherancare.org.au](mailto:EDC@lutherancare.org.au)  
or call 1800 352 437

For more information, visit



[lutherancare.org.au/EDC](http://lutherancare.org.au/EDC)



**WHEN:** Wednesdays (10am-12pm),  
18 October - 13 November 2023



**WHERE:** Edwardstown Baptist Church



**COST:** \$1745.90

*(can be claimed through NDIS Capacity Building Supports)*



Please contact the office if you would like more information.





Catholic School Parents SA is pleased to present:

## Helping children and teenagers respond to friendship difficulties and bullying

*presented by Madhavi Nawana Parker*

**Wednesday September 20 2023**  
**6pm - 8pm** (in person or online)

**St Mary's College, Veritas Centre**  
**253 Franklin Street, Adelaide**

This Parent Engagement Evening, hosted by Catholic School Parent SA, welcomes all parents and carers of children in Catholic schools.

Social and friendship challenges are common. Learning how to have a good relationship with others, regulate emotions when socially isolated, and respond proactively to bullying, are crucial life skills. This workshop will help parents and carers identify the difference between bullying and social clumsiness, whilst also providing practical and constructive ways for young people to cope with confidence and resilience.

Madhavi Nawana Parker, Director of [Positive Minds Australia](#) is one of Australia's leading experts on Mental Health and Wellbeing.

Register via the [CESA Registration Centre](#) or go to the [Events page](#) on the Catholic School Parents SA Website.

**[cspsa.catholic.edu.au](https://cspsa.catholic.edu.au)**



## Stella's Little Stars Playgroup - Term 3

Stella's Little Stars <i>Playgroup</i>		Playgroup Term 3, 2023
28 July 2023	Week 1	9:00am – 10:00am First Playgroup for Term 3, 2023 ☺
4 August 2023	Week 2	9:00am – 10:00am
11 August 2023	Week 3	9:00am – 10:00am
18 August 2023	Week 4	9:00am – 10:00am
25 August 2023	Week 5	9:00am – 10:00am Father's Day Craft
1 September 2023	Week 6	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY – No playgroup</b>
8 September	Week 7	9:00am – 10:00am
15 September 2023	Week 8	9:00am – 10:00am
22 September 2023	Week 9	9:00am – 10:00am
29 September 2023	Week 10	9:00am – 10:00am

## Camp Australia Newsletter

# Outside School Hours Care Newsletter



28/07/2023

SA Stella Maris Parish school Oshc

Your  
OSHC.



Welcome back for another fun filled term,

We would like to welcome our new families to the school, Feel free to pop by before or after school to meet the staff, introduce yourself and child/children and see what the service offers. As we already have several new children booked in to our service, we remind all parent to book in as early as possible and make ongoing bookings if possible, as we are limited to 50 children and some days are fully booked throughout the term.

The rocketeers program was full of fun and excitement as children visited the planetarium, watched a movie at the cinema, learn some self defence skills and explored a lot of art experiences and active play.

Later this term in conjunction with national science week, we will run a program focused on exploring the world on innovation. The children will have the opportunity to get hands on with exploration and experiments to build on their knowledge and understanding of our innovative world.

We look forward to seeing you throughout the term, if you have any questioned or enqiries please speak to Linda in the Library between 7.00 am and 9.30 am, or 2.30 and 6.00pm. I can be reached in service or via phone on 0450 260 902.

Have a great we,

Kind regards friendly Oshc Staff Linda, Benjamin and Binal

## Activities coming up

- Spiral art
- Paper plane challenge
- Puppet shows
- Obstacle course
- Popstick people craft

## Make a booking

Join in the fun of Outside School Hours Care activities and experiences with Your OSHC and Rocketeers.

[Book now](#)

## Register free and book in 24/7 via our app

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at [pp.campastralia.com.au](http://pp.campastralia.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.



Find out more and book now at [www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.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](http://www.fastbreakacademy.com.au)**





**THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** has been in operation for 139 years in South Australia, and for 62 years in St Ann's Parish, and to this day, continues to assist families and individuals across our region. Induction and orientation is offered to all new and existing members

**YOU ARE INVITED** to 'Come and See' how the St Vincent de Paul Society operates in our local region – home visitation, soup vans, emergency recovery, Vinnies shops, and more.

**COME AND SEE: SUNDAY 20 AUGUST 2023**  
Holy Spirit Church Seacombe Gardens 10.15am  
**NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**

## Cabra Dominican College

Students commencing at Cabra in Year 7, 2024 will be invited to attend an Orientation Day held in Term 4 on Thursday 24 November 2023.

For any families who may be considering enrolment at Cabra in Year 7, 2026, applications will close at the conclusion of Term 1, 2024.

## 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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