



Important Dates

**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

**'Catch Up' School
Photographs**

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

From The Principal



The sun is shining, spring is in the air, it feels like the dark, wet winter is behind us, and there is a great energy at our school currently. Welcome to Week 5 of Term 3!

CONFIRMATION CEREMONIES:

On Wednesday night this week, we had a number of our students receive the sacrament of Confirmation with the Archbishop of Adelaide – Patrick O'Regan preceding over the ceremony. This is a special and significant celebration in their faith journey. The ceremony itself is steeped in tradition and symbolism and involves the ancient tradition of the 'Laying of Hands' and the use of the 'Chrism oil'. Candidates are asked to select a 'Saint' and a special person to be their 'sponsor' as they continue their faith journey.

We congratulate and acknowledge Maya, Willow, Ethan, Patrick, Imogen, Sebastian, Sam, Will, Bryn and Alisa on this important step in your faith journey.

BOOK WEEK:

This week is Book Week! A great opportunity for us to acknowledge the amazing things books do for us. The theme for this year's Book Week is "Read, Grow, Inspire". We have had a number of activities running throughout the week and it was great to see so many great dress ups at school today. A special thanks to Chandra Payne for her organisation of the week!

SPORTING SUCCESS:

As I write this article, our Year 5/6 boys football SAPSSA knockout team is through to the State Grand Final after a comprehensive victory in their Semi-final today.

This year has again been a huge year of sporting success for Stella in this highly competitive competition, with the following teams still alive and playing:

- Semi-final - girls football
- Semi-final – girls soccer

- Grand final – girls basketball
- Grand final – boys football
- Grand final – boys netball
- Semi-final – boys and girls cricket

What an outstanding effort! Good luck to all of our teams competing this year and thanks and congratulations to our coaches and organisation committee – including Kym Hill, James McCarthy and Brooke Penney.

PUPIL FREE DAY:

A reminder that we will hold a Pupil free day next Friday 1st September. This day will be used a whole staff spiritual reflection and formation day and as such the front office will be closed for the day. Camp Australia will be running a whole day program for those families who require it. Please book in via the normal means.

2024:

We are well and truly in planning mode for the 2024 school year. At our Principal Tours as part of Catholic Schools Open Week this week we had over 35 families present for our tours. We are finalising enrolments and continue to receive lots of interest in various year levels. To allow us to plan as effectively as we can, I would ask that you let me know if you do not intend on being here at Stella Maris next year. If you know of anyone who wishes to enrol with us, please encourage them to contact us here at school as soon as possible.

MY DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN:

I say it often, and I do mean it! Please know that should you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's growth, development or wish to share any celebrations or otherwise with me, my door is open, my phone is on the hook and my email is checked regularly. It has been really beneficial to have met with a few parents over the last few weeks about their child and their schooling experience, I do thoroughly believe it is the most important part of my role at our great school!

UPCOMING WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS:

- School photos – Wednesday 30th August (Sibling photos and catch up day – Monday September 4th)
- Pupil Free day – Friday September 1st
- Father's Day liturgy and morning tea – Monday 4th September
- Touch football carnival – Wednesday 6th September
- Cybersafe Families – Student and Parent workshops – Wednesday 14th September
- Stella's Market Day – Tuesday 26th September
- Italian Celebration day – Friday 29th September
- Last day of Term 3 – Friday 29th September

Regards,

James

From the APRIM



Dear families and friends,

Lots to Celebrate!

Celebrations are scattered throughout our life journey, marking significant events in our lives. A number of families in our school and parish are particularly blessed at the moment, having just celebrated their children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday evening and looking forward to them experiencing their First Eucharist on Sunday morning. After Sunday, Willow, Sam, Maya, Ethan, Patrick, Imogen, Sebastian, William, Bryn and Alisa will be fully initiated into the Catholic faith. You are warmly invited to join us at the 9.15am Sunday Mass at Holy Spirit Church and for morning tea afterwards.

Archbishop Patrick O'Regan who officiated at the Confirmation, was very engaging and had many words of wisdom to share with our young people and their families on the night. Amongst them was the suggestion that each day we pray a very simple, but powerful three word prayer – 'Come Holy Spirit' – to welcome God's presence into our lives and use the Spirit's gifts for the benefit of all.

Fathers' Day Liturgy – Monday September 4

We want to celebrate dads and all the significant men in our lives, so you are invited to morning tea from 8.15am, followed by a Whole School Liturgy in the church at 9am.

Please remember to RSVP so we can cater for the numbers who are able to attend – hope to see you there!

I will leave you with some wisdom from Mother Teresa...

"Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing."

Sharing our gifts can involve as little as smiling, but the effect can be very powerful.

Many blessings to you all,

Tanya

Be You

Dear School Community,

I am attending a Parenting Conference on Saturday 2nd September in Modbury. It "is a one-day event for parents and professionals who live and work with young people. It's a place where Australia's top parenting experts come together to offer you insights on cutting-edge issues affecting today's kids and teenagers". Tickets are \$85.00. To find out more check out resilientkidsconference.com.au

Also, you may have heard that Stella Maris has been running a Scarecrow Club, many children have been involved in the design, decoration and creating of the Scarecrow. The aim is to enter it into a competition for the Royal Adelaide Show. If you are planning on attending, please visit our Scarecrow (yet to be Christened with a name!)

Emily Hughes

Pastoral Care Support

School Photographs - Wednesday 30 August 2023

MSP Photography envelopes/order forms has been provided to families last week.

If you require another envelope or a sibling envelope, please collect from the office.

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@smps.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@smps.catholic.edu.au our volunteer coordinator for more information. Kirralee is available most afternoons from 2pm onwards to complete the onsite induction.

P & F Father's Day Stall Pre-Orders



P & F Fathers Day Stall - Pre-orders

Fathers Day gifts are available to purchase via Qkr until Sunday 27th August 2023

These can be taken home the last week in August.

There are limited mugs if you are interested in these designs. I would suggest buying ahead if you want to ensure you dont miss out.

Outside School Hours Care Newsletter



25/08/2023

SA Stella Maris Parish school Oshc

Your
OSHC.



What a busy term we are having so far, with children enjoying the Science week activities including cup holder Lego challenge, magic milk and exploring the science table to gain knowledge of modern-day innovations. This week we have been celebrating book week, the children have shared their love of books as they roleplay their favourite scene, draw their favourite characters, make their own books, craft jack and the bean stalk and book bouquets.

As the term is going quickly a reminder that bookings are now open for the holiday rocketeers' program, please book in as early as possible to ensure we can staff according to the number of children needing to use the service.

As the weather improves, we will be implementing sun safe play with the children expected to wear hats and sunscreen when playing outside, as the children leave school hats in class, we ask that a spare sun safe hat is kept in their bags to use at OSHC, when UV ratings are 3 or above, we will enforce no hat no outdoor play.

If you have any queries please speak to your friendly OSHC coordinator Linda.

Your OSHC staff, Linda Benjamin, and Binal



Activities coming up

- Keeper of the key
- I spy.
- Cd marble fidget craft
- Father's Day craft
- Dominoe trails

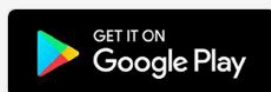
Make a booking

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.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.



Find out more and book now at www.campaustralia.com.au



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.



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.



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.

CONTACT

Email
EDC@lutherancare.org.au
or call 1800 352 437

For more information, visit



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

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	PUPIL FREE DAY – No playgroup
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

Fastbreak Academy Term 3



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



St Vincent De Paul Society

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.

COME AND SEE: SUNDAY 27 AUGUST 2023

Holy Spirit Church Seacombe Gardens 10.15am

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.

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EXTERNAL DISTRICT TRIALS

TRIAL TIMES

Under 10 Boys & Girls
Born 2015-2017
3:00-4:30pm

scan the QR Code below to register

AUGUST 27	LOCATION MITCHELL PARK SPORTS AND COMMUNITY CENTRE MORELAND AVE, MITCHELL PARK	
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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@belgrviasports.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

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Violin - Jenny McDonald

Mobile: 0410 441 974

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Drums - Gianni Pedicini

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