



Important Dates

**Cybersafe Families-
Student/Parent
workshops**

Thursday 14 September

**Year 3 AFL Max
Healthy Camp**

Thursday 14 September

**Journey to Emmaus
– Year 6**

Friday 15 September

Stella's Market Day

Tuesday 26 September

Italian Day

Friday 29 September

Last Day Term 3

Friday 29 September

First Day Term 4

Monday 16 October

**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 Deputy Principal

STAFF REFLECTION DAY

Last Friday we had a student free day for our annual Staff Reflection Day. This is a day dedicated to the faith formation of staff along with being a great opportunity to explore our Catholic identity in a collegial and purposeful way. Tanya goes into more detail in her newsletter article, but I would like to thank her for her hard work, dedication and passion in planning and delivering such as worthwhile day.

REPORTING SURVEY:

At Stella Maris, we aim to provide you with ongoing information re: how your child is progressing at school. This is done through informal and formal learning conversations, SeeSaw updates, sending work home etc. In a more official capacity, we offer parent- teacher conversations and formal reports are sent home twice a year, which provides a graded summary of your child's progress.

This year, our reports look a little different to previous years. We have opted for a 'summary' report, whereby teachers provide an overall grade (A-E) for each subject area, rather than also including a grade for each strand within a subject as we have previously done.

We are interested in hearing your thoughts about the ways in which we provide you with information about your child's progress and growth and also the new reporting format we used.

You can do so by completing this short survey:

<https://forms.office.com/r/nJFF9JKETx>

We would appreciate hearing your thoughts.

SPORTING NEWS:

It has been a very busy term in many ways, and our sporting program is no exception. Our students have done a wonderful job representing Stella Maris in a range of sports, with excellent results particularly in our Knockout competitions. We wish our Year 5/6 girls luck as they compete in both the knockout Soccer and basketball carnivals next week.

This week, our Year 4-6 students also had the opportunity to represent Stella Maris at the touch football carnival. We are always impressed by the way our students represent Stella Maris at days such as these. We thank Kym Hill and James McCarthy for their leadership and expertise in making these events possible for our students.

R U OK? DAY

Thursday, September 14 is R U OK Day, which is our national day of action dedicated to reminding everyone that every day is the day to ask, 'are you OK?' and support those struggling with life's ups and downs. It is about noticing when someone around you is not being their usual self, asking them how they are going, giving them an opportunity to talk and ensuring they know who to go to or how to access support.

Students are invited to wear a splash of yellow on this day, and we will acknowledge it with various activities throughout the day.

MARKET DAY

On Tuesday 26th September, our Year 6 class will be holding our annual Market Day. This is a significant component of their Business and Economics studies. The markets will be held between recess and lunch and all classes will take part in the event. This consists of a range of games, activities and food stalls that students can access, with all money raised going to Catholic Charities. Further information will be sent out about the event but in the meantime, it is important that the school has up to date records related to student dietary needs. Please contact the front office if any changes need to be made.

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT:

As we continue to embed 'The Resilience Project' throughout our classrooms and school community, I thought it was a great chance to remind families of the resources available to all parents through the Parent Portal- a great resources provided through the school partnership program. This portal has a huge number of resources that can support parents at home in using well-being tools and strategies for both you as parents and importantly your children.

<https://theresilienceproject.com.au/parent-and-carer-hub-hugh/>

You can also access a number of other resources available through the TRP@Home site:

<https://theresilienceproject.com.au/at-home/home-2023/>

CYBERSAFE FAMILIES - PRESENTATION - WEDNESDAY 13th SEPTEMBER:

Next Wednesday the 13th September we will hold a Cybersafe Families Presentation dealing with Cybersafe practices in the home environment. Last years presentation was well attended and those who attended spoke highly of the information presented on the night.

The presentation will take place here at school (in the library space) beginning at 7:00pm. You can see more information about Cybersafe families and their work by visiting their website: <https://cybersafefamilies.com.au/> The workshop will last for around an hour.

Please RSVP for the evening by clicking here: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=q2QiNpggQkGJVNZfllG_pfvhQh5W_e5MtVMowiUvk1VUREw0VjAySUNWTlo1OFJJMERTFBHWjdBQy4u

Students in Year 3-6 will also undertake a workshop presentation by Cybersafe Families during the day.

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

Kindest Regards

Ella Kirkham

From the APRIM



Dear families and friends,

Precious moments

Life is full of moments where we touch the lives of others, without an inkling of the positive impact of these interactions. Each term, class year levels are rostered to attend the 9.15am Tuesday Parish Mass, joined by a regular group of mainly older parishioners. The students and their teachers are invited to select the songs for the mass and then gather the week before to practise them. I have often reflected on how privileged I am to join them each week, hearing their angelic voices as they sing the songs and responses. We are led beautifully by Victoria Traeger our Music Teacher, who accompanies us with her playing and singing. Often, student musicians add their bit of magic with the Djembe (African hand drum) and tambourine. Father Joseph always thanks our students for their joyful participation and the parishioners provide a hearty round of applause. However recently, parishioners have approached us afterwards and in a very heartfelt manner, expressed how much the music we provide enriches their experience of the mass and starts their day in the best way possible, adding that we probably had no idea how much it meant to them. Such a lovely anecdote to share with you all!

Fathers' Day Liturgy – 'Walk Gently Together'

We were blessed with dry weather on Monday morning, as a large group of dads and grandfathers gathered to enjoy a cuppa, bite to eat, the company of their children/grandchildren and each other. At 9am, we were in the church for a liturgy to celebrate and give thanks for these special men, who 'walk gently together' with their children through life. Our students' thoughts and feelings were expressed in prayer, through a power point reflection, a blessing and through their singing. These are the words of blessing created by senior students especially for the day...

"God of blessings, may all the significant male figures in our lives stay healthy and safe. May happiness follow them through their life journey. May their families and loved ones cherish them. May their passions and dreams come true. May they always be guided to their happy place. We ask God's loving blessings on them all. Amen."

Staff Reflection Day – Ecological Conversion Focus

Last Friday September 1, was our Staff Reflection Day and also the *World Day of Prayer for the Season of Creation*. One of Pope Francis' messages for this day was that *people around the world must resolve to transform their hearts, their lifestyles and the public policies ruling our societies for the healing of the Earth*. Julian Kluge who heads the Religious Education Team at CESA (Catholic Education South Australia) lead us for the first half of the day, with a focus on our relationship with the natural world and after lunch, we were challenged to identify and commit to actions. Fr Philip Marshall completed the day for us beautifully with a very personal staff mass.

We care for, are prepared to make sacrifices for and put in effort for what we love, value and have a relationship with – hence the need to be regularly out and about in the natural world. Moving forward, we will be naming what we have been compelled to commit to as a school staff in terms of Ecological Conversion and begin to map out a plan for this journey together.

Journey to Emmaus – Year 6

Next Friday September 15, our Year 6 classes will join their peers from McAuley Community School, Christ the King, St Bernadette's and St Martin de Porres, on the first day of a student retreat programme, which complements and enhances our Religious Education curriculum. The theme for Day 1 is 'You are Loved' and we have chartered a bus to take us to and from the venue – St Martin de Porres School at Sheidow Park. In the next newsletter, our Year 6's will provide us with a summary of their day. A second day is planned for Term 4.

I will leave you with some wisdom from St Thomas Aquinas,

"The things we love, tell us who we are."

Many blessings to you all,

Tanya

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.

Outside School Hours Care Newsletter



08/09/2023

SA Stella Maris Parish school Oshc

Your
OSHC.



The term is flying by and the children have enjoyed exploring their creativity through painting, card making and drawing classes, this has seen some amazing art work created and children growing in confidence as they gain a great sense of achievement and receive recognition for their efforts. Children have also enjoyed getting together to play a range of group games and sports including keeper of the keys, capture the flag, cricket, football and basketball. The children have really enjoyed these experiences building on the physical health and wellbeing as they activity participate in physical play. The children demonstrate respects, inclusion, and fair play as the welcome everyone into these play experience, it's wonderful to see the older children supporting the younger children, modifying rules for them and pairing up together to ensure the younger children feel included and have equal opportunities throughout the games.

As the weather continues to warm up we remind families that we will be following our sunsafe policy. This requires children to bring hats and drink bottles to oshc each day they attend and apply sunscreen in the afternoon. The service provides suncream however if you child requires their own cream please speak to your oshc coordinator Linda, to complete a medical plan for this and provide suncream to be kept at the service. If possible, could a spare hat for oshc be kept in childrens bags as school hats are often left in class.

Rocketeer booking are increasing quickly so please book in now to ensure the service can roster staff according to number of children requiring our service. We have lots of fun experience planned so jump online and book now.

From your friendly OSHC Staff

Activities coming up

- Wall Ball
- Basketball for all
- stain glass craft
- symmetry drawing
- ice breaker bingo
- hip hop dance.

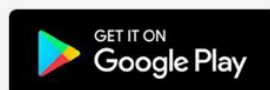
Make a booking

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



BUILDING STRONGER BONDS

JOIN OUR SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH NEURODIVERSITY

This group program aims to provide valuable insights, strategies, and support to help parents to navigate the unique challenges and opportunities of raising a child with neurodevelopmental difficulties. The program is aimed at parents with a child aged between 4 to 12 years. We encourage all parents to attend (only one fee will be charged per family).



The program consists of seven interactive, face to face sessions, run by two experienced clinical psychologists. Parents will be guided through a comprehensive curriculum that covers aspects of child development, behaviour, and neurodevelopmental difficulties.

Register your interest, further information:

P: 7081 5888

E: info@supportedminds.com.au

W: <https://supportedminds.com.au/autism-group>

Don't miss this opportunity to gain valuable knowledge, connect with other parents, and empower yourself to support your child effectively.

FRIDAYS 10am – 11:30

SESSION 1: 20th October 2023

SESSION 2: 27th October 2023

SESSION 3: 3rd November 2023

SESSION 4: 10th November 2023

SESSION 5: 17th November 2023

SESSION 6: 24th November 2023

Three week follow up

SESSION 7: 15th December 2023

Stella's Little Stars Playgroup - Term 3

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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



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



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INFORMATION
FOR PARENTS

MULTI-SPORT
PROGRAMME

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



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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

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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

Drums - Gianni Pedicini

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