



Important Dates

Italian Day

Friday 29 September 2023

Last Day Term 3

Friday 29 September 2023

First Day Term 4

Monday 16 October 2023

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

Tuesday 17 October 2023

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

Monday 23 October 2023

**2024 Reception
Transitions**

Tuesday 31 October 2023

**2024 Reception
Transitions**

Thursday 2 November 2023

School Disco

Friday 3 November 2023

**Sports Day - SA
Athletics Stadium**

Friday 10 November 2023

Pupil Free Day

Monday 20 November 2023

**Year 4-6 Aquatics
21/11 to 24/11**

Tuesday 21 November 2023

**Year R-3 Swimming
- 27/11 to 1/12**

Monday 27 November 2023

**End of Year School
Mass 9am**

Wednesday 6 December
2023

**Carols in the
Reserve - Christmas
Carols**

Thursday 7 December 2023

**Year 6 Graduation
Liturgy 7pm**

Tuesday 12 December 2023

**Final Day of the
School Year**

Wednesday 13 December
2023

Pupil Free Day

Thursday 14 December 2023

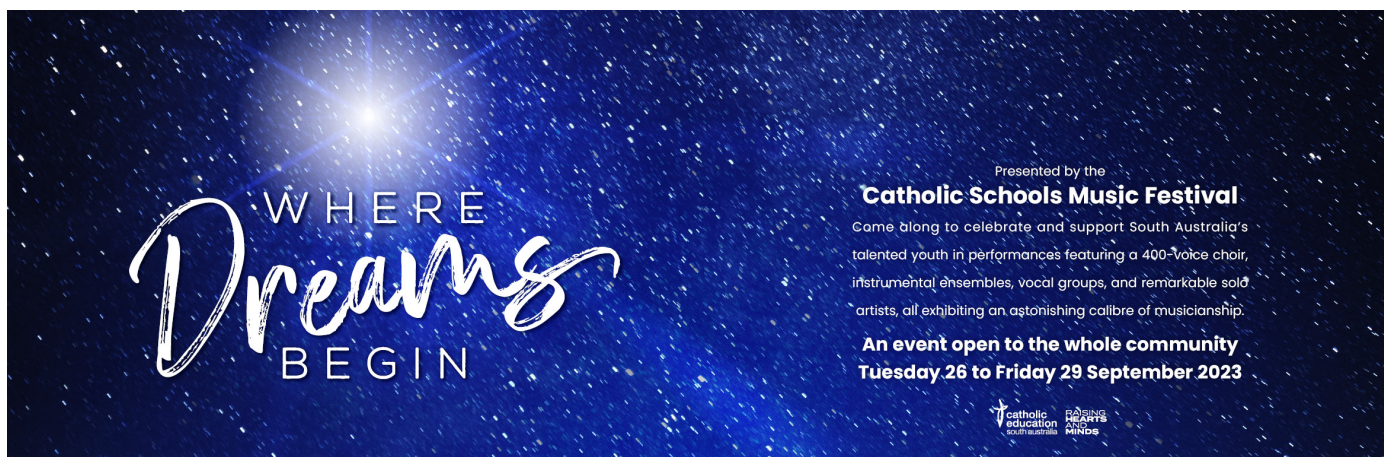
Pupil Free Day

Friday 15 December 2023

Introduction

As we approach the end of term 3, we reflect on the busy term we have had and the experiences, learning and highlights we've shared. Over the last few weeks, we have gathered as a school community for Community Prayer, where we have reflected on the gifts God has given us and the way we can share those with others. At a time of the term where students (and adults) are tired and ready for a break, these moments help us to be grateful and to continue to strive to be 'Stella' people!

From The Deputy Principal



Catholic Schools Music Festival

Tonight our Catholic Schools Music Festival Choir will take the stage at the Festival Theatre for the annual concert. The CSMF has been running since 1989 and has brought together thousands of students, parents, school staff, parishes & the general public, to witness & celebrate the extraordinary talents of young people within Catholic schools across South Australia. Our choir has been practising the songs for most of the year and the big night is finally here. They will take the stage with approximately 14 other schools and a range of feature acts. We thank Kate Mainprize for her commitment, expertise and energy in leading our talented group of singers through this memorable experience. We hope they have a fantastic night!!

Market Day

On Tuesday we celebrated our annual Year 6 Market Day. This event is a major component of the Business and Economics curriculum for our year 6s and coincides with Catholic Charities Month. During this time Catholic schools throughout South Australia play a crucial role in fundraising to assist the many local agencies currently supported by Catholic Charities.

The day involved a whole school liturgy, led by our Year 6s followed by at 10.00am followed by the market stalls in the park. All students were able to enjoy the stalls, which ranged from food stalls, lucky dips, nerf mania, basketball shootout, ring toss, and a jellybean guess.

All money raised on Market Day, which was approximately \$1500, will be donated to Catholic Charities- so thank you for your support of this wonderful event!

We thank Brooke Penney, Kym Hill, the Year 6s and the many staff who contributed, for their excellent planning and running of the event. The amount of time and planning that goes into events such as these is significant and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Im sure our year 5s are already thinking about what they might do next year!

Sports Day- Save the Date

This year we will be returning to SA Athletics Stadium (formerly known as Santos) for our sports day on Friday, November 10th (week 4). Information and permission slips were sent home today and need to be returned by the end of week 1. Please note that students will need to be dropped at the stadium at 8.30-8.45am for a 9am start, with no OSHC available on this morning. The day will finish around 2pm, with students collected from the stadium. There will be transport back to school for students required to attend OSHC in the afternoon.

Term 4

As we come to the end of a busy Term 3, we also prepare for a number of major whole school events in Term 4. Please take some time to look at the events calendar within the newsletter, which includes many of the key dates for term 4.

Thank you

On behalf of our leadership team, I would like to thank our school community for your ongoing support and involvement within our great school. We wish our Stella community a great school holiday break, and hope that everyone finds some time to relax and reset before a busy term 4.

Thanks again

Ella Kirkham

From the APRIM



Catholic Charities

Year 6 Journey to Emmaus Reflection Day

On the 15th of September the Year 6's took a bus to St Martin De Porres for the first *Journey to Emmaus* day. The other schools that came were St Martin De Porres, McAuley Community School, St Bernadettes and Christ the King. One of the reasons we went was to make friends with other people from other schools, to be ready for high school. To start off the day, we played *Name Bingo* and had to find some people from the other school. Then we went into our groups and played *Would You Rather*, which helped us get to know other people in our group. After that we went out for Recess and played with other kids. We also played *Ultimate Rock Paper Scissors* and if you lost you became the winners' cheerleaders. We went into our groups and wrote positive notes to people in our group. To finish off the day we sang 2 songs altogether and we all enjoyed the day.

The day supported us to overcome our shyness and just go up to people and make new friends. We were also reminded that God always loves us, no matter what we do.

Written by Ella A, Molly H, Rosie M and Alice R M

As you can see from what the students have written, it was a fun day and quite a few games were played to help break the ice and encourage interactions between students of the five attending schools. I have to say that this certainly worked, as by the end, students were mixing with and getting to know each other in a more relaxed way. The day also had a number of important messages for the young people:

- that they are loved unconditionally and treasured by God and the people who surround them in their lives
- that they have enormous capacity to spread that love to others, through words and actions
- that we are called by God into Community through relationships – we journey with others through our lives

Our Year 6's will be attending a second *Journey to Emmaus* day in Term 4.

Year 6 Market Day – Giving a Helping Hand Liturgy

A group of Year 6 students from the Social Justice Student Group, worked together to prepare all aspects of the Market Day liturgy. This included other members of their classes to participate through writing prayers, doing the various readings and managing the PowerPoint. Market Day funds raised go to support the Catholic Charities Appeal.

I will leave you with some wisdom on justice, from the 1971 Synod of Catholic Bishops...

“Christian love of neighbour and justice cannot be separated. For love implies an absolute demand for justice, namely a recognition of

the dignity and rights of one's neighbour."

And from Audrey Hepburn...

"People, even more than things, have to be restored, renewed, revived, reclaimed and redeemed; never throw out anyone."

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

Sports Day - Friday 10 November 2023



Stella Maris School Sports Day will be held at SA Athletics Stadium, Mile End on Friday 10 November. The day will commence at 9am and conclude at approximately 2pm.

Please see the note and permission forms sent home today and please return the permission form by Friday 20 October 2023.



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

Stella's Little Stars Playgroup

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

Stella's Little Stars Playgroup - Term 4

Stella's Little Stars Playgroup

Playgroup Term 4, 2023

20 October 2023	Week 1	9:00am – 10:00am First Playgroup for Term 4, 2023 😊
27 October 2023	Week 2	9:00am – 10:00am
3 November 2023	Week 3	9:00am – 10:00am
10 November 2023	Week 4	9:00am – 10:00am
17 November 2023	Week 5	9:00am – 10:00am
24 November 2023	Week 6	9:00am – 10:00am
1 December 2023	Week 7	9:00am – 10:00am Christmas Craft 🎄
8 December 2023	Week 8	9:00am – 10:00am Last playgroup for 2023 Christmas Craft 🧑🏻🎅



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.

Kelly Sports - Term 4

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Weekly Friday 6:30pm

Start any Friday Night between

6/10/2023 - 15/03/2024

For further information

e: coastaldistrictslac@salaa.org.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@smpls.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

Drums - Gianni Pedicini

Contact Kylie - Hallmark Studios

Ph. 8277 8656
