



Important Dates

**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

From The Principal



WELCOME BACK:

Welcome to Term 4!

I write to you today from sunny Ballarat where I am with our Year 6 students on camp. Over my 20 odd years as a teacher, I can't remember a year where I haven't been on a camp! I am a very firm and strong believer about the benefits of camps – for both students and staff. Not only are they great fun – they are often the moments and things that students remember most from their Primary school life, but they also are such a fantastic learning and development opportunity for students. It is amazing what students are capable of when they put their mind to it. Once again, our students have been brilliantly behaved and commented on by other adults and staff about their respectful and polite attitude and behaviour.

I thank Kym, Brooke, Tony, Helen and Milano for their willingness to organise the trip and give up their time away from home to allow this opportunity to occur.

Next week our Year 4s take off on their 2 night camp, and we wish them well on their adventure!

A BUSY, BUSY TERM:

As I have recently mentioned in correspondence to you, Term 4 is shaping as a particularly busy one. I often say the most important way families can be 'involved' in their child's education is to ensure that they know what is going on. I also acknowledge that you are often inundated with information and constant messages from us here at school. If you are also engaged at other schools with other kids – the amount of information often doubles and triples in nature!

This week, Ella provided all families with a term calendar outlining key events and dates occurring this term and a reminder about where to find this information on our website.

As we navigate the next few weeks, I would ask that you support us by ensuring you read carefully about and are aware of the many pieces of information we will send to you. In most cases this will take place via email or See Saw. Please ensure you check your email

regularly and read and action the items which require it.

Please see the important whole school, class and cohort dates that are outlined in the newsletter and other correspondence.

SPORTS DAY:

One of our major school events of the year is our annual Sports Day. Information has been sent home in hard copy and email form over the last few weeks and as per the message above I would ask that you read this information carefully and action the things that need to be done.

DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH:

What do Richard Branson, Whoopi Goldberg, Picasso, Dick Smith, Tom Cruise and Steve Jobs have in common? They are all very famous (and some very rich) people who have also have dyslexia. Dyslexia is a specific learning disability that is neurobiological in origin. It is characterized by difficulties with accurate and/or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities. These difficulties typically result from a deficit in the phonological component of language that is often unexpected in relation to other cognitive abilities and the provision of effective classroom instruction.

We are learning more and more about dyslexia and the number of people who are being diagnosed with dyslexia is increasing significantly. It is believed that is because we are becoming more and more aware of it, and many people in the past (and today) have probably had dyslexia but never been diagnosed with it.

October is Dyslexia awareness month. This is a great opportunity to shine a light on dyslexia and we are encouraged to spread the word about ways to support people living with dyslexia, by sharing their stories and planning activities that support their learning.

2024 PREPARATIONS AND CLASS PLACEMENTS:

We are finalising our plans for the 2024 school year and in the coming weeks I look forward to sharing more information and details about the year ahead with you including teaching and ESO appointments.

I can let you know that for next year we will continue to have the same class structure as this year with two classes per year level from Year 2 – Year 6. Due to increased enrolment interest, we have accepted a third class of Reception students next year as we did with our Receptions this year. This will be the final time that this occurs, and from 2025, we will need to revert back to two classes.

One of the very important aspects of our work in Term 4 is the organisation of classes for the following year. I can tell you from previous experiences, that this is very involved and time consuming work. There are many things which we consider when we place students in particular classes. Educational, behavioural, well-being and social needs and a balance between them is vital.

In the first instance I would ask that you trust that our teachers, who know your children in the school environment extremely well will put the time and energy and consideration into placing your child into what they would determine to be a suitable class for the following year.

If you would like any aspect of your child's needs in terms of class placements considered when we complete placements, I would ask that you put this in writing to me via email. I would ask that this is completed no later than Friday 27th October.

Please ensure that your request has a clear 'educational' reason behind them and if you need to discuss any further information with me about this, you are welcome to do so in person with me. I would also suggest that requesting specific teachers is generally unhelpful – as often there will be changes to the teaching structures and personnel we have in place from year to year.

REMINDERS:

The start of the term is always a good time to remind parents of important whole school practices.

LATE ARRIVALS:

As you know our gates are open from 8:15am and close at 8:50am. Our expectation is that students arrive at school anytime between 8:15am and 8:40am when our classroom doors open. Our day officially begins at 8:45am. Arriving on time is a very important deal. Often the first 5 – 10 minutes of each day involves important information and preparation for the day ahead.

We often find that when students arrive late, they are rushed and this impacts upon their success in the morning learning block – which is generally the core curriculum area of Literacy / English.

Please ensure that you are making the effort so that your child arrives on time to school.

PICK UPS AND DROP OFFS:

I provide these reminders about our Kiss and Go protocols:

We'd ask that you ensure that you read and pass on these messages to any member of your family who uses our kiss and drop area in the morning or afternoon:

- Don't arrive prior to 3:00pm to pick your child up. There is no point, students do not leave classrooms until 3:00pm and you risk a \$192 fine for 'parking' in a no parking space. Instead, arrive between 3:05 – 3:15pm and this will ensure that you will be waiting for no longer than the 3 minutes allowed. We have staff on duty and supervising students until 3:20pm, so there is no need to rush to get to pick up time.
- If you arrive and the line in the Kiss and Drop in Mulga Avenue is full, do a lap of the block and wait until a spot in Mulga Ave opens up. It is both illegal and very dangerous to 'line up' down Ramsey Avenue.
- Ensure that if you are using the Kiss and Drop to collect your child, they can quickly, easily and without adult support get in the car, do their seatbelt up and allow you to move off from the line straight away. There really should not be a need for you to get out of your car at this time. If there is, we'd ask that you park and walk in to school to collect the students.
- We will keep reminding students of the need to be 'ready' and concentrating on knowing when your car arrives.

As always I thank you for your continued support of our school!

James

From the APRIM



Dear families and friends,

Welcome to Term 4 of 2023! As I reflected on the Stella community and began to ponder what I needed to include in this newsletter, this thought popped into my head... *We are all so very, very blessed and in a myriad of ways!* Our hearts and prayers go out to those in our world at this time in particular, who would not be feeling this way.

Term 4 RE Focus Calendar

I include a snapshot of this term's RE focus events. Families are always most welcome to come along and join us.

Date	Event
Week 2 <u>Tues Oct 24</u>	9.15am Parish Mass – Yr. R classes attending
Week 3 <u>Tues Oct 31</u> <u>Thurs Nov 2</u>	9.15am Parish Mass – Yr. 5&6 classes attending 2.30pm Yr. 4 classes leading Whole School Community Prayer (All Saints Day focus)
Week 4 <u>Wed Nov 7</u>	9.15am Parish Mass – Yr. 2 classes attending
Week 5 <u>Tues Nov 14</u> <u>Wed Nov 15</u> <u>Fri Nov 17</u>	9.15am Parish Mass – Yr.1 classes attending 2.20pm Whole School attending launch of Vinnie’s Christmas Appeal Yr. 6 classes attending ‘Journey to Emmaus’ Day 2 at McAuley Community School
Week 6 <u>Tues Nov 21</u> <u>Thurs Nov 23</u>	9.15am Parish Mass – Yr.3 classes attending 2.30pm Yr. R/1 classes leading Whole School Community Prayer (Advent focus)
Week 7 <u>Tues Nov 28</u> <u>Thurs Nov 30</u>	9.15am Parish Mass – Yr. 4 classes attending 2.30pm Whole School Community Prayer (Advent focus)
Week 8 <u>Wed Dec 6</u>	9.15am Whole School End of Year Mass
Week 9 <u>Tues Dec 12</u>	7.00pm Yr. 6 Graduation Liturgy

Fr. Joseph Raja will be on leave for the next month, returning to India to visit with his father and family. This will not affect classes attending the 9.15am Tuesday Parish Mass, as Fr. Joseph has organized other priests to come in his place. We wish him a safe, relaxing and very enjoyable holiday as he has a break from his many Parish commitments and look forward to seeing him on his return. He will be back in time for our End of Year Mass on Wednesday December 6th.

I will leave you with some wisdom from Pope Francis...

“This is important: to get to know people, listen, expand the circle of ideas. The world is crisscrossed by roads that come closer together and move apart, but the important thing is that they lead toward the Good.”

Looking forward to journeying with you this term!

Many blessings,

Tanya

Be You

Dear School Community,

Stella Maris has been successful in winning a grant from Woolworths and Junior Landcare to be used for revamping the Vegetable Garden (situated near the Ramsay Street School Gates and the Church).

This is very exciting news as the students gain so much joy from being involved with our garden, whether it's planting, composting with the worm farm or harvesting. We have an opportunity to make the garden bigger and better than ever, and would like your input and help.

We are organising a Working Bee for Sunday 12th November, and are looking for around 20 volunteers. It will involve some digging, moving soil and some heavy lifting.

If you have some skills or interest in this area please email me at Emily.Hughes@smps.catholic.edu.au

More information to come on School Facebook Page, please consider getting involved - it will be a great opportunity to make something amazing!

Thanks!



**Catholic
School
Parents**
SOUTH AUSTRALIA



Catholic School Parents SA is pleased to present:

A window into the adolescent brain

presented by Mark Le Messurier

Wednesday October 25 2023
6pm - 8pm (in person or online)

St Thomas School & Preschool
10 Rushton Street, Goodwood

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

The ages between 11 to 20 years are loosely considered adolescence. It is a critical time for human development and is best-known as a period of change – physically, emotionally, sexually and neurologically. Yet, adolescent behaviour can be a puzzle to many – parents included.

So, what is a parent to do...? Firstly, understand what's really happening within your teenager during this vulnerable time. Change gears and shift your parenting to embrace this new dimension.

Mark will also present some fast, practical and helpful ideas for you to work with.

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 CSPA Website.

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Here is a link to register for this free event

<https://registrationcentre.cesa.catholic.edu.au/event-5420335>

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.

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.

Outside School Hours Care Newsletter

20/10/2023

SA Stella Maris Parish school Oshc



Welcome back to school for the final term of the year,

The school holidays were packed full of fun with children enjoying the roller blading excursion, Gymnastic incursion, exploring new construction play with plus, plus blocks and participating in World play day with Lego challenges and a Lego competition to build a playground, the children showed some amazing creations that were layer out to make a playground and a photo submitted into the competition. The competition saw hundreds of entries from all over the country and Stella Maris rocketeers' entry was selected among the 10 winning schools, Congratulations to all children who participated on the day, we will discuss with the children what to spend our \$100.00 prize money on. Well done

CA has recently teamed up with the Lego company and we recieved some new Lego at the service, this partnership will see different Lego experiences and challenges incorporated into our weekly programs as well as special Lego focused days and a Lego film festival in the summer holidays. This is exciting as the children love to explore their creative ideas and accept new challenges to build on their problem solving, collaborate with others and explore their creativity.

Coming up over the next couple of weeks to build on the childrens understanding of the risk around water, protecting their health and wellbeing as well as protecting our waterways, we will focus our group yarning circles and some activities around safety in summer and protecting our oceans.

We look forward to a fun term 4.



Activities

coming up

- Cooking blueberry muffins
- Hand sewing
- Lego spinner challenge
- Loom bands
- Netball, basketball

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 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.



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
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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Coastal Districts Little Athletics

Bowker Street Reserve North Brighton

Weekly Friday 6:30pm

Start any Friday Night between

6/10/2023 - 15/03/2024

For further information

e: coastaldistrictslac@salaa.org.au

 CoastalDistrictsLAC

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Student Absence Notification

Please use one of the following options to notify the school that your child will be absent:

Select **Option 1** when calling **telephone 8306 4888** to advise absentee information

Absentee Text Line: 0408 279 478

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@smpps.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

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