



Important Dates

**Reconciliation
Celebration**
Tuesday 7 May 2024

**Mother's Day
Morning
Celebration/Liturgy**
Monday 13 May 2024

**Catholic Education
Week**
Monday 13 May 2024

**Parent Workshop -
Literacy Numeracy -
9am and 6pm**
Monday 20 May 2024

**Confirmation/Communion
- Session 1**
Tuesday 21 May 2024

**Confirmation/Communion
- Session 2**
Tuesday 28 May 2024

**Confirmation/Communion
- Session 3**
Tuesday 4 June 2024

Pupil Free Day
Friday 7 June 2024

Public Holiday
Monday 10 June 2024

**Mid-Year Reception
Transition**
Thursday 13 June 2024

Term 2 ends
Friday 5 July 2024

Term 3 starts
Monday 22 July 2024

**Parent Workshop -
Strength Switch**
Wednesday 31 July 2024

School Photographs
Wednesday 28 August 2024

Pupil Free Day
Friday 6 September 2024

**Year 6 Camp -
Ballarat 17 Sept - 20
Sept**
Tuesday 17 September 2024

Term 3 ends
Friday 27 September 2024

Public Holiday
Monday 7 October 2024

Term 4 starts
Monday 14 October 2024

Sports Day
Friday 18 October 2024

**Year 4 Camp - 21
Oct - 23 Oct**
Monday 21 October 2024

Pupil Free Day
Monday 18 November 2024

Term 4 Ends
Wednesday 11 December
2024

School Closure Day
Thursday 12 December 2024

School Closure Day
Friday 13 December 2024

From the Leadership Team



We enjoyed a smooth conclusion to Term 1 and a very positive start to Term 2. We welcomed a number of new students and staff who have begun with us this term. Our classrooms moved quickly back into 'learning mode' after a re-energizing break away from the demands of school.

We concluded Term 1 with another very successful 'Stella Colour Fun Run' with lots of fun, laughter and heaps of colour! I thank our Parents and Friends committee and Kylie Bowman in particular for their organisation and support in putting the event together. Thank you also to our families and friends who helped raised over \$6000 for the event. The money our Parents and Friends are fundraising for will all go towards an upgraded external play space at Stella Maris and every cent raised will go directly back to supporting the students at our school now, and into the future.



As I write this newsletter I am currently enjoying the company of our Year 5 cohort on camp in the Finnish River. We have had beautiful weather and a fantastic few days of adventure and fun.

THE EASTER SEASON:

We are only part way through the "Easter Season". As we spoke about at our Easter Liturgy last term, Easter, like Advent and Lent is actually a 'season' and not just one day. Easter goes for 50 days and in this time, we are encouraged to live as Easter people. People of joy, hope and love – bringing these qualities to all we encounter.

The Easter season concludes with the celebration of Pentecost, which will occur on the 19th May.

Speaking of Pentecost, each year a procession celebrating 'Mary the mother of Jesus' is held in Adelaide known as the Marian Procession. This year, the Marian Procession falls on Pentecost Sunday and given that one of the Churches in our St Ann's Parish is 'Holy Spirit Church' our parish community has been invited to have the honour of leading the procession and holding the 2024 banner. This year we also celebrate 75 years of the Procession which is a big milestone.

All Stella Maris families and community members are invited to take part in this special procession, walking from Victoria Park to Victoria Square (approx. 1.5km). You are encouraged to wear some white items of clothing and to bring your rosary beads and a water bottle. Please meet Fr Joseph and St Ann's Parishioners at Victoria Park (Wakefield Road) at 1.30pm ready for the Procession to begin at 2pm. The event will conclude in Victoria square around 4pm.

For further information contact St Ann's Parish office on 8298 1044 or the Archdiocesan Events office on 8210 8220 or email events@adelaide.catholic.org.au

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS:

We look forward to celebrating the 'Stella Mums' (and other important females in our students lives) with a **Mother's Day celebration** on Monday 13th May. This will include a morning tea and coffee from our coffee van and an invitation to join a liturgy run by our R-2 classes. Please rsvp to this event by filling in the following form. <https://forms.office.com/r/KupWAd0ipX>

We have locked in a number of **Parent Workshops** for parents over the coming few months, including the following:

WORKSHOP TITLE: Supporting your child to develop strong Literacy and Numeracy skills at home

WHEN: Monday May 20th Workshop 1 - 9:00am and Workshop 2 - 6:00pm (please note that both workshops will have the same content presented).

WHAT: During this workshop you will hear from our Literacy Coach (Marney Yeates) and Numeracy Coach (Paul Hegarty) who will provide you with practical and hands on resources and ideas that you can use to support your child's Literacy and Numeracy development at home.

WHO IS IT FOR: This workshop will be focussed on our families with students in R-2 with another follow up workshop planned for later in the term for families with students in Y3-6.

WHERE: Stella Maris

HOW TO REGISTER: Complete the following form - <https://forms.office.com/r/KYxM6DQbdP>

WORKSHOP TITLE: Visible Wellbeing - The Strength Switch Parenting Course

WHAT: Developed by Australia's leading Wellbeing and Positive Psychology expert - Professor Lea Waters, and facilitated by the SA Visible Wellbeing Lead - Courtney Quigley, this is a 3 part course designed to support parents in helping your children to thrive by drawing on what's best in them and you. More information about the course can be found in the attached flyer. Spaces at this course will be limited to 30, so bookings are essential - get in quick.

WHEN: Time - 6:30 - 8:00pm - Workshop 1 - Wednesday 31st July, Workshop 2 - Wednesday 14th August and Workshop 3 - Wednesday 28th August. Participation and attendance at all 3 nights is highly encouraged.

WHERE: Stella Maris

WHO IS IT FOR: All parents of Stella Maris students

HOW TO REGISTER: Complete the following form - <https://forms.office.com/r/x0uAHbFB4U>

WORKSHOP TITLE: Connecting Parenting Webinar

WHAT: As a Resilience Project school, we are pleased to offer parents the opportunity to hear from Lael Stone who will provide a valuable set of tools for **parents and carers** aiming to raise children through positive connections and communication.

WHEN: Monday 3rd June 6:00pm-7:15pm

WHERE: On line Webinar

HOW TO REGISTER: [Lael Stone Resilience Project](#)

ALL THE BEST:

This will be the last newsletter I write for the year as I prepare to take on a position as School Performance Leader at the Catholic Education Office. I have been very humbled by the extremely kind messages many of you have provided me about this move. No doubt, there are some mixed emotions about this move. I am sure you are aware how much this fantastic community means to me and how much I will miss the staff, students and families at our school. At the same time, I do see this as a great opportunity to step outside my comfort zone and do something which will be a great professional experience for me.

I am very confident that our school will continue to be the outstanding educational environment it has been for many years under the expert and outstanding leadership of Ella, supported by both Josh (Acting Deputy) and Paula (APRIM).

I wish you all well for the remainder of this year and look forward to returning to Stella Maris in 2025.

Go Well!

James

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Dear Stella Maris Community,

I have been overwhelmed with the kind and warm welcome I have felt from the school community this week as I started as your Acting Deputy Principal for the remainder of the 2024 School Year and I thought it a good time to formally introduce myself now that I have had a week to get my feet under the desk and get settled.

My name is Josh Page, and I am honoured to have the opportunity to be working with you in partnership as together we support your children to thrive and flourish in all that they wish to achieve.

A little about my leadership journey which has brought me to Stella Maris - I have worked at Whitefriars Catholic School (Woodville Park) for the past 13 years (spent 2017 at St Pius X – included one term as Acting APRIM at St Therese at Brighton) and during this time I have been the PE teacher, and for the past six years have been there APRIM. In this time in 2021 I was Acting Assistant to the Principal at St Margaret Mary's School for Terms 2 – 4, and last year I was Acting Deputy at Whitefriars at different times as needed. I also spent Week 10 and 11 of Term 1 as Acting Principal at St James school in Jamestown. I am also a father of two active boys who keep my wife and I busy with their various sporting and extracurricular activities.

My passion is to provide a school environment that supports the social and emotional wellbeing of students, encourages all to be actively engaged in their learning, fosters positive relationships and a deep connection with one another. In this regard everyone has a right to feel safe, everyone has right to learn and teachers have a right to teach. I am looking forward to working collaboratively with our teachers, students and parent community to continue to build on the strong nurturing and positive learning environment that is ever present here at Stella Maris.

I look forward to meeting you all over my time here at Stella Maris, and please do not hesitate to come and say hello, have a chat, give me a call, send an email and my door is always open.

Kind Regards,

Josh Page

Be You

Dear School Community,

Welcome back to an exciting Term 2! I hope you all had a safe and wonderful break.

I'm very excited to continue our Garden Produce Stall on a Tuesday, straight after school, on the courts in front of the playground. We accept a coin donation, available on QKR also for your convenience. The produce comes from our school and community garden and we also accept produce donations from school families if you have any surplus in your garden.

We are so grateful for the incredible support we have already received and have raised approximately \$65 to invest back into our garden. On behalf of all the Year 6 Sustainability students - I would like to thank you!

Emily Hughes

Emily.Hughes@smps.catholic.edu.au

Lunch Time Club Information

Dear School Families,

Stella Maris Parish School is a place that believes in and fosters the values of Inclusivity, Compassion, Courage and Respect. We can see this in our learning, our classrooms and our school yard. We are always looking for new ways to model and practise these values and have identified an opportunity to offer more diverse play options to our students.

We are so excited to announce we will be running Indoor Lunch Time Clubs throughout the term on Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, starting in Week 2. They will have a General Theme each day so students can know what type of activity to expect.

Monday - Board Games

Tuesday - Mindfulness Club

Wednesday - Art Club

Clubs will be held on the ground floor of the new building and will begin after student's eating time. The pack up bell will go 10 minutes before the lunch bell to allow students to pack up and have time to use toilet and have a drink before going back to class.

Play is an essential part of the school day, and is important for boosting social connection, emotional wellbeing and also for self regulation. Play looks different for all students and we are hoping that the clubs offer a different style of play to that already on offer in the park, the playground and courts. Students will have an inviting space to play in a small group or to still feel connected while playing alongside others, and to follow their interests that benefit from a quieter area. The library has offered a space for students in the past and can now be redefined for a quiet reading space during the lunch times it is open.

Year 6 students will help in the promotion of these clubs to all students, please look out for the posters around school and take the opportunity to talk to your child and hear what they have to say about what play options they enjoy accessing and meets their needs during the school day.

We are so lucky to have so many options here at Stella that includes;

The Park, Basketball Courts, Playground (Everyday)

Library (Tues - Thursday)

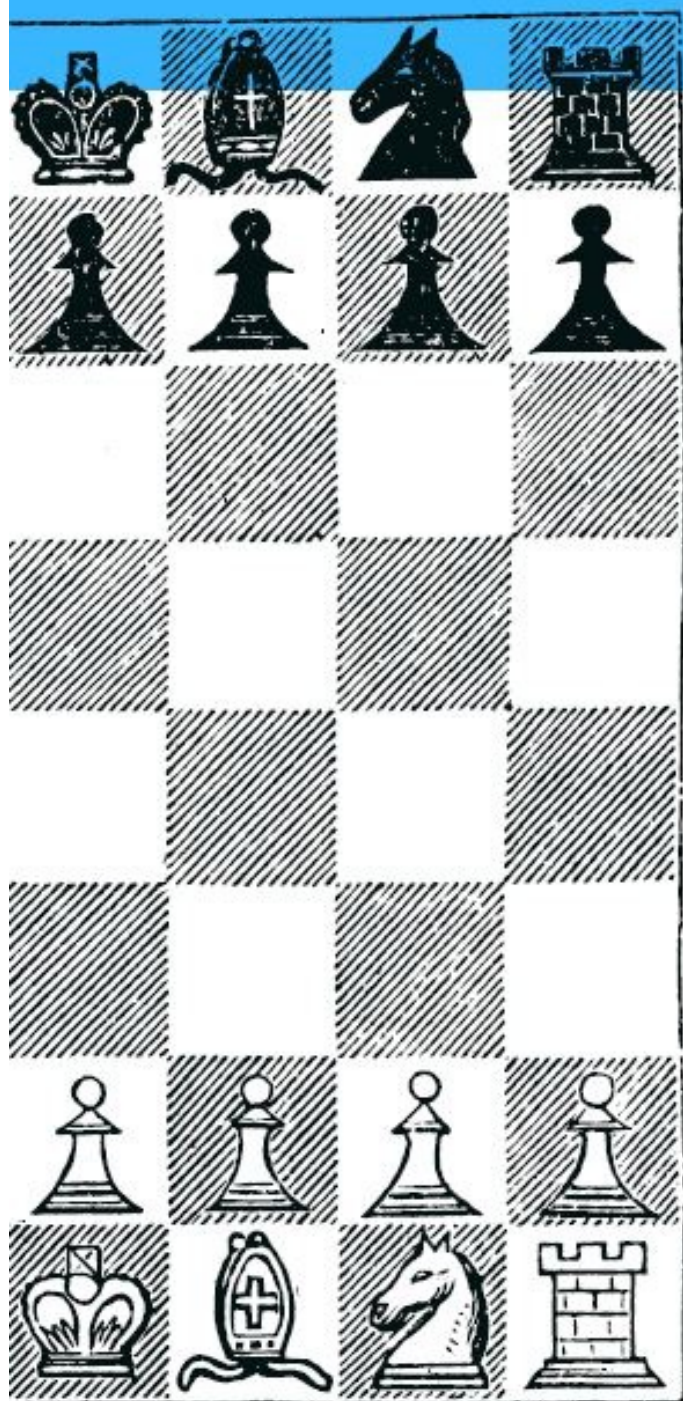
Lunchtime Clubs (Monday - Wednesday)

School Garden (Monday Recess times).

Thankyou,

Emily Hughes

Pastoral Care Support



CHESS CLUB AT STELLA MARIS

YEARS 3-6
FRIDAYS
12:30-1:15
(BRING YOUR LUNCH)

3BS
CLASSROOM





STELLA MARRIS
P & F COMMITTEE PROUDLY

PRESENT

Mother's Day Raffle

**1ST PRIZE - \$1000 FLIGHT CENTRE VOUCHER
DONATED BY P&F COMMITTEE**

**2ND PRIZE - 3 MONTH MEMBERSHIP AT
FERNWOOD FITNESS
DONATED BY FERNWOOD FITNESS, PARKHOLME**

**3RD PRIZE-1 HOUR MASSAGE
DONATED BY THE MASSAGE STUDIO**

**ALL PRIZES INCLUDE A BUNCH OF FLOWERS
DONATED BY BLOOMS BY BEC,**

**CHAMPAGNE AND CHOCOLATE
DONATED BY HACKETT ELECTRICAL**

ONLY 150 TICKETS

\$15EA

ON QKR

**DRAW DATE 13/5/2024 AT THE MOTHERS DAY
MORNING TEA**



THE MESSAGE Studio
REMEDIAL-RELAXATION-PREGNANCY

HACKETT
ELECTRICAL | COMMUNICATIONS

Don't miss out on the chance to win some amazing prizes in our raffle!

First prize is a \$1000 Flight Centre voucher donated by the P&F Committee, second prize is a 3 month membership at Fernwood Fitness donated by Fernwood Fitness Parkholme, and third prize is a 1-hour massage donated by The Massage Studio.

All prizes include a bunch of flowers donated by Blooms by Bec, champagne, and chocolate donated by Hackett Electrical.

There are only 150 tickets available at \$15 each, so get yours before they sell out! The draw will take place on 13/5/2024 at the Mother's Day morning tea.

Good luck!

School Fees

Please email kathy.groat@smps.catholic.edu.au if you require information.

Uniform Shop



Belgravia Apparel

10 Newton Rd,
Campbelltown SA 5074

UNIFORM SHOP - Belgravia Apparel

Stella Maris is one of the many online schools we cater for at Belgravia Apparel Campbelltown meaning that school stock is held in the back storeroom and **not on display**.

To avoid long waits and disruptions to other customers who have appointments we ask that you please book for an appointment on the below link.

<https://www.belgraviaapparelschools.com/collections/stella-maris-parish-school>

Thank you

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.



our patch

Outside School Hours Care

at Stella Maris Parish School!

Open from 7am – 6pm
Book now for Before & After School Care,
and Holiday Programs!

Contact us to find out more!

ph: 1300 018 310
e: info@ourpatch.education
www.ourpatch.education



a patch for every child to GROW

Music - Violin Lessons

There are a couple of vacancies for violin lessons at Stella Maris Parish School this term. Lessons are held at Stella Maris on Wednesday mornings. The violin is such a beautiful and versatile instrument and as they come in many sizes, are suitable for children of any age to learn. Jenny McDonald is an experienced violin teacher and has a Bachelor of Music Teaching Degree as well as Suzuki Teacher accreditation.

Please phone Jenny on: 0410 441 974 for more information.

Autistic-Led Online Mentoring Groups



AUTISTIC-LED ONLINE MENTORING GROUPS

BOOST SOCIAL CONFIDENCE & CONNECT WITH AUTISTIC PEERS

Inclusive and supportive interest-based social groups
designed for Autistic young people aged 8-22

At I CAN Online, you can...



Feel included and connected to others

Have opportunities to grow your social network

Increase your confidence

Develop skills to be more independent

Have discussions with others who share your interests

Develop skills to be communicate safely online

Have fun and be accepted for who you are!



online@icannetwork.com.au

icannetwork.online

We are not a registered NDIS provider, however we can be accessed through NDIS funds by those who are self-managed or have a Plan Manager.

Many of our families utilise the following categories:

Capacity Building Supports: Improved Social and Community Participation

Core Supports: Daily Activities & Social, Community, and Civic Participation

You can privately pay for the program at the same price.

Program	Hours of Service	Total Cost
Term 2*	8 x 1hr sessions	\$388
Minecraft Server	4 x 2hr sessions	\$388
April School Holiday Special Interest Groups*	5 x 1hr sessions	\$291

**NDIS Report available at an additional cost*

There is a difference between feeling confident interacting in the way you've been taught to and feeling confident interacting as your authentic self

online@icannetwork.com.au

MINECRAFT SERVER



AUTISTIC LED & DESIGNED MINECRAFT SERVER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

ENROL HERE!



**Explore and make new connections with
Minecraft-loving peers & mentors in a secure,
friendly and supervised environment.**

Our Minecraft program works towards building skills
including:

- ★ Teamwork & collaboration
- ★ Creativity & imagination
- ★ Social development
- ★ Communication and emotional regulation skills
- ★ Confidence and self-esteem
- ★ Building a sense of belonging and self-worth

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 I CAN Groups	 Executive Functioning Skills	 LGBTQIA+	 Girls & Gender Diverse
 Embracing Autism	TERM 2 EVENING GROUPS 6:30PM-7:30PM AEST <i>Ages 8-22</i> <u>ENROL HERE</u>		 Cats
 Legend of Zelda	 Harry Potter	 Anime	 Roblox
 Gaming	 Minecraft	 Natural Disasters	 Sci-Fi & Fantasy
 Drawing & Art	 AFL	 Dungeons & Dragons	 FNAF

PROGRAM OUTCOMES



Teamwork - opportunities to collaborate with others

Focus and sustained attention - interactive and collaborative activities to help engage participants; stimming is encouraged to maintain focus

Verbal and written communication - participants will be able to communicate using microphone and chat features over zoom

Social development - facilitating friendships, greetings, sharing, taking turns, and handling differences in opinion

Resilience - talking about when things go wrong, discussing emotions, resolving conflicts, and encouraging flexible thinking

Communication and emotional regulation skills - engaging in activity-based play will aid communication skill development and help participants practice strategies to maintain emotional regulation

Confidence and self-esteem - interaction with peers with similar life experiences, interests, and challenges builds a sense of belonging, self-worth, and confidence

online@icannetwork.com.au

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Groups subject to availability - find full listing on webpage

TERM TWO

8 WEEK PROGRAM - ENROL HERE!

MONDAY

AFTERNOON (8-12 yrs)

- IMAGINATION CLUB
- DRAWING AND ART

EVENING (8-22 yrs)

- CATS
- GIRLS AND GENDER DIVERSE
- HARRY POTTER
- GAMING

TUESDAY

AFTERNOON (8-12 yrs)

- DINOSAURS & REPTILES
- ROBLOX

EVENING (8-22 yrs)

- ANIME
- I CAN GROUP
- SCI-FI & FANTASY

WEDNESDAY

AFTERNOON (8-12 yrs)

- MINECRAFT
- FIVE NIGHT'S AT FREDDY'S

EVENING (8-22 yrs)

- DRAWING & ART
- EMBRACING AUTISM (13-22 YRS)
- ROBLOX
- NATURAL DISASTERS

THURSDAY

AFTERNOON (8-12 yrs)

- POKEMON
- GAMING

EVENING (8-22 yrs)

- FRIDAY NIGHT AT FREDDY'S
- LEGEND OF ZELDA
- LGBTQIA+. (13-22 YRS)
- AFL

FRIDAY

AFTERNOON (8-12 yrs)

- LEGEND OF ZELDA
- DUNGEONS & DRAGON

EVENING (8-22 yrs)

- GAMING
- DUNGEONS & DRAGON
- EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING SKILLS (13-22 YRS)



Gymnastics for all

FREE

COME AND TRY SESSION

CLASS TIMES:

TUESDAYS

JUNGLE FUN 4-5YRS 4:30PM
GYMFUN 6-8YRS 5:30PM
GYM SKILLS 9+ YRS 5:30PM
GYMFUN 6-8YRS 6:30PM
GYM SKILLS 9+ YRS 6:30PM
& 7:15PM



SATURDAYS

GYMFUN 6-8YRS 8:45AM
GYM SKILLS 9+ YRS 8:45AM

Childs Name:

Childs DOB:

Preferred Session*:

Parent Name:

Email Address:

Contact Number:

*Preferred session is subject to availability



To book a session please email seacliffgymnastics@gmail.com

ALL ENQUIRIES: SEACLIFFGYMNASTICS@GMAIL.COM

9 32 YACCAROAD, SEACLIFF SA 5049

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

Music Tutors

Guitar - Chris Larsson

Mobile: 0424 241 040

Email: chrislarsson01@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
