



Important Dates

**Confirmation/Communion Pupil Free Day
- Session 3**

Friday 7 June 2024

Tuesday 4 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



Hello and welcome to the half way point of the term! It has been a very busy start to the term and I would like to begin by thanking the school community for the support and well wishes on my recent appointment as Acting Principal for the remainder of the school year. I am very excited to take on this opportunity within a school and community that I know and love.

Catholic Identity

At Stella Maris, our Catholic Identity, which reflects who we are and what we do, is at the heart of everything that we do at Stella Maris. Since the last newsletter (in week 1), we have had many opportunities to gather as a school community to celebrate our Catholic Identity through the many celebrations we have had. This includes our Mother's Day Liturgy, our Whole school Mass, on the Feast of Mary Help of Christians and Community Prayer gatherings. It has been wonderful to see families join us for these events.

This term we have also introduced Class Liturgies as a way of helping our students to make links between classroom learning, Scriptural texts - including the Gospels, and how we are called to follow the example of Jesus in the way that we live. A number of our classes will prepare and celebrate a class liturgy this term, with the remaining being scheduled next term. Families will be invited to these liturgies, which are scheduled on a Thursday afternoon at 2.30pm in the Church.

Catholic Education Week

We recently celebrated Catholic Education Week, which is an opportunity to celebrate the 101 schools, 53000 students and 8500 staff who form Catholic Education in South Australia. It is a week to celebrate the excellent teaching and learning that takes place in Catholic schools every day and an opportunity for families, students and staff to reflect on what they love about our Catholic school and what makes our schools so special. For me, as a leader and a parent, I find it difficult to narrow down the things that I love the most. I love the community and the genuine partnerships that we develop with families. I love that our schools are inclusive and encourage and support students to be themselves in an environment where their needs are met. I love that each and every one of our students contributes to our school through their personalities, their passions and the many strengths they show on a daily basis. I love coming to work each day, where we have expert teachers and staff who are not only dedicated and committed to every one of the students in their care, they are collegial and huge supporters of each other. Most of all, I love that we are a part of Catholic education, where our Catholic faith, traditions and ethos are at the centre of all of the wonderful things that we do and experience. How lucky are we!!

National Reconciliation Week

This week has been particularly special as we celebrate National Reconciliation Week. The theme for this year is "Now More Than Ever," which emphasizes the importance of continuing the fight for justice and the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people despite the challenges faced along the reconciliation journey. This is also a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. Yesterday during Community Prayer, I spoke to students about how I grew up in Port Augusta and I remember a number of occasions where Adnyamathanha elders would visit the school and share stories, cook damper or kangaroo on a small fire near the oval or play music for us. Although these activities were wonderful, it was the learning and sharing of stories that was the most important part. That is what I hope students got out of the activities and community prayer this week, learning more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, so they can make a difference in the 'now' and into the future as we continue our journey of reconciliation.

Celebration of Learning

At Stella Maris, we believe that community engagement and partnerships with our families is key to the success and culture of our school. We also know that when parents are more involved and engaged in their child's learning, and a strong home-school relationship exists, there is a much greater likelihood of student engagement, positive wellbeing and successful outcomes. On Wednesday June 19th, parents are invited and encouraged to engage in our Celebration of Learning open morning / afternoon. Further information will be

emailed early next week. In short, classrooms will be open from 8:00 - 8:45am and again from 3:00 - 5:00pm. Parents will be taken on a 'learning tour' by their child - including a tour of the classroom and some of the learning that they have completed and encountered in the last term and a half.

Mid Year Receptions

In week 7, we will welcome 21 new reception students to Stella Maris as they begin their school transition visits prior to starting school in term 3. This new reception class will be taught by Milano Vizarri, who is very familiar with the Stella Maris community through his previous ESO role and his current role as Performing Arts specialist. I know you will join us in welcoming our new students and their families to our Stella Maris community.

Parent Opportunity

Catholic School Parents of South Australia (CSPSA), which is connected to the Catholic Education Office SA, is an organisation that aims to promote and support parents and families by providing a voice for education and issues which affect their children. They regularly host seminars and information nights on a range of topics that are highly relevant and engaging. They have information on their website <https://cspsa.catholic.edu.au/home> and we regularly advertise upcoming events.

CSPSA are hosting a Cybersafe parent engagement evening at St Martin de Porres Catholic Primary School, Sheidow Park (see flyer below) on 19th of June and registrations are now open for this event. This is a FREE event for families/carers & educators. Families can register via either of the links below:

CESA Registration Centre <https://registrationcentre.cesa.catholic.edu.au/event-5732346>

Events page on the Catholic School Parents SA Website <https://cspsa.catholic.edu.au/newsroom/events>

We look forward to a wonderful second half of term 2!

Kind Regards

Ella Kirkham



Catholic School Parents SA is pleased to present:

Cybersafe Families

presented by Todd Murfitt

Wednesday June 19 2024

6pm - 8pm (in person or online)

**St Martin de Porres Catholic School
1 Berrima Road, Sheldow Park**

This Parent Engagement Evening, hosted by Catholic School Parent SA, welcomes all parents and carers of children in Catholic schools.

The workshop will explore how we as families can work together with our children to be Cybersafe.

Todd Murfitt has a unique perspective on the importance of technology and education, following nearly twenty years as an educator, including ten years as a primary school principal.

This will be a poignant workshop for teachers, parents, and carers.

The event will have online and in person attendance options.

Register via the [CESA Registration Centre](#) or go to the [Events page](#) on the Catholic School Parents SA Website.

cspsa.catholic.edu.au

Be You

Dear School Community,

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.

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.

Indoor Lunch Time Clubs will be held throughout the term on Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. 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)

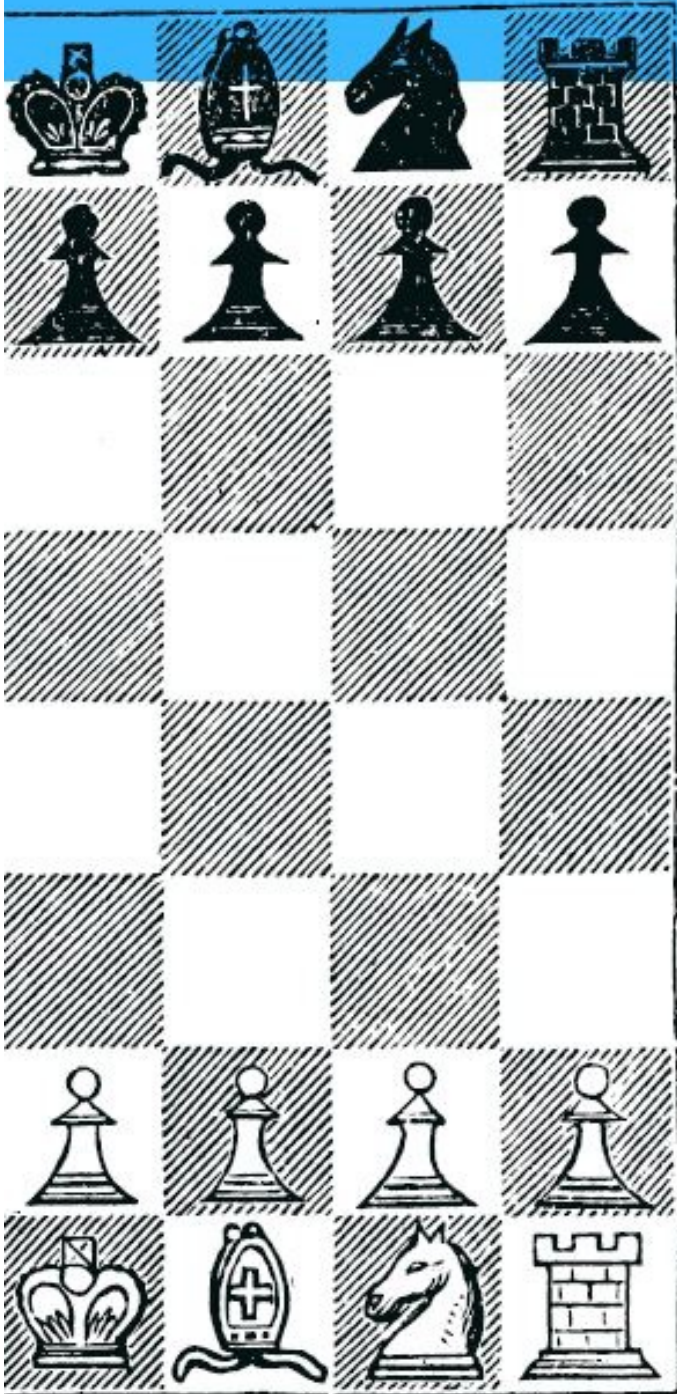
Lunchtime Clubs (Monday - Wednesday)

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



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.



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Outside School Hours Care

at Stella Maris Parish School!

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

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e: info@ourpatch.education
www.ourpatch.education



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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

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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

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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

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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)



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@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

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