



Important Dates

Parent Teacher
Conversations (Mon
- Thurs)

Monday 29 July 2024

Feast of Saint Mary
of the Cross
MacKillop

Thursday 8 August 2024

P&F Movie Night

Friday 9 August 2024

Catholic Schools
Open Week

Monday 19 August 2024

School Music
Concert -
Westminster
College

Tuesday 20 August 2024

Principal Tour -
9.15am

Wednesday 21 August 2024

Book Week Parade

Thursday 22 August 2024

Principal Tour - 5pm

Thursday 22 August 2024

School Photographs

Wednesday 28 August 2024

Italian Day

Friday 30 August 2024

Pupil Free Day

Friday 6 September 2024

Yr 3 AFL Max

Friday 13 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



Welcome back for term 3! I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable break away from the routines of school. It was wonderful to have students back at school last week- there were a lot of smiling faces!

It was also a delight to welcome 21 new students and their families to Stella Maris. Of these, 11 are brand new to our school. We are very pleased that you have chosen us to support your child's educational journey. We very much look forward to working with you over your journey with us.

Also, did you know that for our reception students who begun with us at the beginning of the year, they have recently completed their 100th day of school! This is a cause for celebration at Stella Maris, with students wearing bright colours and engaging in a range of fun activities to celebrate being '100 days brighter'.

Catholic Identity

On Friday it was the feast of St Ann and Joachim. Our Parish is known as St Ann's Parish – named after Ann – who was the mother of Mary and Grandmother of Jesus. Grandparents are so important in our lives. Having endured the death of my own grandparents and my Mother in Law (Nanna for my own children) in 2023, the love, presence and joy that Grandparents bring is something that we deeply treasure. I think for our children also, when we talk to them about St Ann and Joachim, it is a way that they can connect with Jesus, to the living, breathing child that he was. We celebrate the beauty of Grandparents and also acknowledge and remember those who are not with us anymore but brought so much joy and love to our world.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank our Stella families for your support of our Winter Woolies campaign at the end of term 2. Through your generosity, we were able to donate approximately \$1700 to the Hutt Street Centre, along with a significant amount of physical donations. Thank you so much! We will have another opportunity to support those in need at the end of term 3, through our annual Market Day fundraising.

As we head into August this Thursday (the year is flying by!!), we will soon be acknowledging the Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first (and only) Saint, on August 8th. Mark MacKillop provides us, particularly in education, with an amazing role model whose vision for education for all is still a calling we hear today. Mary chose to make a difference to the communities in which she, and the Sisters of St Joseph, lived in throughout the 19th century, by educating the poor and working with the marginalised and most vulnerable members of society. We will gather as a school community on Thursday 8th August to give thanks and to commemorate the remarkable life and legacy of Mary MacKillop.

P & F

We had a fantastic quiz night on Saturday at the Marion Club for the P&F Quiz Night. There were great numbers, the venue was fantastic and there was a great energy and buzz in the room. Thank you to the many parents who attended the night and well done to our winning team! I also want to acknowledge and thank Jono Makai (Quiz Night Host and Stella parent), the P&F committee for their outstanding organisation and hard work in preparing for the night and the many families and businesses who generously supported the event. And a big thank you to Kylie - our Chairperson of the P and F - whose hard work and effort is greatly appreciated. Thank you for a great night. The next P&F event will be for the kids- with a Movie Night on Friday 9th August. Tickets can be purchased via QKR!- see flyer

below!

Music Concert

We are really looking forward to hosting our biannual Music Concert on **Tuesday August 20th at Westminster College**. Tickets are now available for purchase via QKR! Families can currently buy up to 2 tickets. Please ensure that tickets are purchased by Wednesday 7th August, as we will then open up ticket sales for extra purchases if there are tickets available. Concert times are:

The concert times are as follows:

6pm: (Students to arrive at Westminster between 5.30pm- 5.45pm)

RKW, RJB, 1LM, 2SK, 3KZ, 4CK, 5HO, 6KH + Band & Junior Choir

7.30pm: (Students to arrive at Westminster between 7.00pm- 7.15pm)

RMT, 1TM, 1EB, 2RC, 3BS, 4JP, 5JW, 6PM + Band & Junior Choir



The poster features the Stella Maris logo on the left, which includes a crown and the text 'EST 1956'. To the right, the text 'STELLA MARIS Music Concert' is displayed in a mix of bold, blocky and cursive fonts. Below this, the date 'Tuesday 20th August 2024' is written in a cursive font and underlined. A light blue rounded rectangle contains the text 'Westminster College Theatre'. Two concert times are listed: 'Concert 1: 6:00pm' with arrival instructions and a list of classes, and 'Concert 2: 7:30pm' with arrival instructions and a list of classes. At the bottom, a yellow box highlights 'Tickets available via QKR!' and provides purchase details.

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Music Concert

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Westminster College Theatre

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(Students to arrive between 7.00pm-7.15pm)
RMT, 1TM, 1EB, 2RC, 3BS, 4JP, 5JW, 6PM + Band & Junior Choir

Tickets available via QKR!
Tickets are limited to two per family. Please purchase by 7 August. Remaining tickets will be made available after this date.

REPORTS

Last week you would have received your child's Progress report for Semester 1, via the SEQTA Engage app. These mid-year reports are a 'progress update' on how your child is tracking thus far this year. This formal report is one of a number of ways in which we communicate to you about your child's holistic development. I hope you found the information useful and the Parent Teacher conversations that are happening this week are a great opportunity to further discuss these reports with teachers.

2025 PLANNING

Believe it or not, we are beginning to plan for 2025. Enrolments and enrolment interest at Stella Maris is at an all time high and we have very limited places available throughout the school. As such, I would ask that if you know for any reason you will not be returning to Stella Maris next year you let me know as soon as possible.

As always, please know that my door is open and I am always interested to hear from you about any aspect of your child's growth and development.

Kind Regards

Ella

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

School Photographs

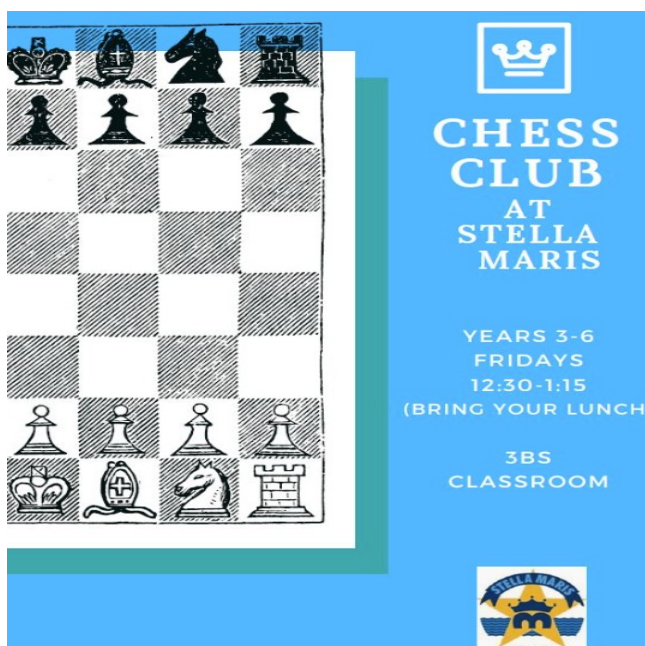
MSP Photography will undertake school photographs on Wednesday 28 August 2024.

Envelopes will be provided and orders are to be completed online (no cash payments).

School Fees

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

Chess Club - Years 3 to 6 - Friday



The poster features a blue background with a white chessboard on the left side. The chessboard is partially filled with chess pieces: a king, queen, knight, and rook on the top row; pawns on the second row; and a king, queen, knight, and rook on the bottom row. To the right of the chessboard, the text reads: "CHESS CLUB AT STELLA MARIS" in large, bold, white letters. Below this, it says "YEARS 3-6 FRIDAYS 12:30-1:15 (BRING YOUR LUNCH)" in smaller white letters. At the bottom, it says "3BS CLASSROOM" in white letters. In the top right corner of the poster, there is a small white square containing a crown icon. In the bottom right corner, there is a small logo for Stella Maris, featuring a crown and the text "STELLA MARIS EST. 1956".

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

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

Newsletter week 1 Term 3 2024

Hello to all Stella Maris Families,

We would like to send a special welcome to all our new families and invite you to come and see our service, ask any question you may have, take home enrolments information you might need in case you require to use our service in the future.

The school holiday program was a great success with many children attending the service, they had so much fun playing at bounce, exploring the Adelaide tree climb, creating short animation films with Goo Roo animation, creating oshc record book, participating in a Lego master's day, cooking and so much more. If any families or children have any suggestions for the next school holidays please share these ideas with your friendly Oshc staff so we can try and incorporate it into the holiday program.



Term theme Cultural awareness

This term we will be exploring the different cultures within our school, we will be exploring different cultural recipes, cultural traditions and celebrations, if you have a favourite recipe or cultural celebration, we can explore at Oshc please let us know.

Term Incursions

Last term the children thoroughly enjoyed Aikido gaining great confidence and skills in agility and body control. This term we will be providing a basketball skills incursion run by Cube sport. This is free to all children attending on Wednesday afternoons, participation by children is voluntary but with a strong interest in sports we anticipate many children will enjoy participating. This week the first session saw children enjoy ball skill activities and simple ball games that build on their basketball skills.

Breakfast Club

Mornings can be very busy times for families with children often struggling to eat breakfast, At Oshc children are provided a variety of choices for a healthy breakfast, including cereals, fruit bread/toast, wholemeal bread/toast, a variety of spreads, hot chocolate and milk. This time also allow children to connect and socialise before school while gain a full belly to give them the energy and concentration they need at school. Children have really enjoyed the variety Our Patch offer. Vacancy are available every morning if this breakfast club support your child and family needs. once CCS is applied to fees the cost are often minimal to families.

We hope you all have a great start to your term and look forward to seeing you throughout the term.

From your friendly Oshc Staff and Patch Leader Linda Dunk

Stronger Families - A Positive Parenting Conference

STRONGER FAMILIES:

A POSITIVE PARENTING CONFERENCE

PRESENTED BY



**Catholic
School
Parents**
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

OUR SPEAKERS



MAGGIE DENT

HELP ME
HELP MY TEEN



PAUL DILLON

TEENS, PARTIES,
ALCOHOL AND VAPES.
WHAT DO PARENTS
NEED TO KNOW?



**MADHAVI
NAWANA PARKER**

BEING CALM IN
THE EYE OF A
PARENTING STORM

**THE SANCTUARY
ADELAIDE ZOO**
1 PLANE TREE DRIVE

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 31**

**9AM
REGISTRATION**
9.30AM TO 3PM

\$25 + Booking Fee per person. Light lunch included

Tickets available at Humanitix
www.events.humanitix.com/stronger-families-conference

cspsa.catholic.edu.au/events

STELLA MARIS
PARENTS & FRIENDS

MOVIE NIGHT

Friday 9th August 2024
Movies start 7PM

TICKETS \$5 EACH FOR A SMALL GOODIE BAG AND
A BOTTLE OF WATER - THROUGH QKR!
MOVIE 1. CAPEFIELD MOVIE (DATED C)

MOVIE 1: GARFIELD MOVIE (RATED G)

MOVIE 2: WONKA (RATED PG)*

DRESS CODE: PJ'S, OODIES, BLANKIES, UGGS & PILLOWS

* PLEASE NOTE PARENTAL APPROVAL WILL BE REQUIRED FOR CHILD TO ATTEND THIS MOVIE

MOVIE NIGHT

Stella Maris presents a cozy, fun, movie night with your school friends.

FRIDAY 9TH AUGUST 2024

\$5 entry for a small goodie bag and bottle of water.

Movies to watch:

WONKA PG

GARFIELD MOVIE G

Tickets are on sale via Qkr!

Please note parent approval required for the movie WONKA

Students are encouraged to come in their most comfortable winter wear, bonus points for pyjamas

Year 7 2027 Applications for Enrolment



New closing date for enrolment applications

Please submit an application for enrolment when your child is in Year 4, before the end of Week 9, Term 3.

Applications for Year 7, 2027 close 20 September 2024.



For further information on enrolling at Sacred Heart College, please visit shc.sa.edu.au or call our College Registrar on 8350 2500



NEW CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS

Applications for Year 7, 2027 will now close on Friday 20 September, 2024.

Please submit your application for enrolment if your child is in Year 4, by the end of Term 3.



Disabled Parking - Council Expiation Notices

The City of Marion Council Community Safety Department has been monitoring the flow of traffic at school drop off points, including the use of disabled parking zones.

Inspectors have observed multiple parents utilising the disabled parking zones on Syme Avenue as a school drop off point for their child/children, and have issued expiation warnings. The council will be monitoring this area regularly.

Uniform Shop



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

The Cove BMX Club



AusBike

AGES 5 - 12



A new national program, designed by Australia's peak cycling body, AusCycling, is running at Sam Willoughby International BMX Facility.

AusBike gives kids the essential skills to experience the freedom, fun and adventure of life on a bike.

AusBikers are safe & active kids!

Our accredited coaches will help build your child's competence and confidence on two wheels...and who knows where their love of riding will take them?!

SPORTS VOUCHERS accepted. Contact ausbike@auscycling.org.au



REGISTER NOW

The AusBike program has been developed with the support of the Australian Government through the Australian Sports Commission.



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

Or SMS to Absentee Text Line: 0417 038 063

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
