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## Important Dates

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**Father's Day Stall -  
11am to 3pm**

Monday 26 August 2024

**School Photographs**

Wednesday 28 August 2024

**Italian Day**

Friday 30 August 2024

**Father's Day  
Celebration**

Monday 2 September 2024

**Yr 6 Journey to  
Emmaus**

Monday 2 September 2024

**School Photographs  
- Catch Up Day**

Tuesday 3 September 2024

**Pupil Free Day**

Friday 6 September 2024

**R U OK Day**

Thursday 12 September  
2024

**Yr 3 AFL Max**

Friday 13 September 2024

**Year 6 Camp -  
Ballarat 17 Sept - 20  
Sept**

Tuesday 17 September 2024

**Market Day**

Wednesday 25 September  
2024

**Catholic Schools  
Music Festival**

Thursday 26 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

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## From the Leadership Team



### **MUSIC CONCERT**

Wow! What a great night it was! It was such a great buzz to see our students put their learning and skills into action on stage and perform to such a high standard. We thank all families for your willingness to make the night a priority.

We hope you enjoyed the performances as much as the students enjoyed performing. The feedback we have received has been very positive.

While this night takes a great 'team' to put together, we particularly thank and congratulate Victoria Traeger on her organisation, skill and talent in preparing the students in the high-quality way that she did. A big 'Thank you' must also go to Bruno and John for their support in the movement of equipment and Caitlin Painter and Pru Howard for the PowerPoint and artwork displayed during the performances.

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN WEEK**

This week was Catholic Schools open week. As part of this special week, we had around 30 families come along for our Principal Tours. They were really impressed with the great learning they could see was taking place in classes and particularly the way we celebrate the Catholic faith in our school.

### **BOOK WEEK:**

This week is Book Week! A great opportunity for us to acknowledge the amazing things books do for us. The theme for this year's Book Week is "Reading is Magic!".

We have had a number of activities running throughout the week and it was great to see so many great dress ups at school on Thursday. A special thanks to Caitlin Paynter for her organisation of the week! The costumes really helped to bring alive the 'Magic' of reading!



### **FEAST OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP**

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> of August we celebrated the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – Australia’s first and only saint.

As a school community we came together for Community Prayer to acknowledge, through both word and scripture, her commitment to follow God’s calling and to dedicating her life to ensure all students could access education regardless of their background.

Mary was born in Victoria to Scottish immigrants. She was the eldest of eight children and spent her early years working to support her family. At the age of 24 she dedicated her life to God and took on the name “Mary of the Cross”.

Along with Fr Julian Tenison Woods, Mary opened a school in a disused stable in Penola, South Australia. Her vision was to provide education for underprivileged children. Many other women came to join her there, and Mary and Julian founded Australia’s first religious order: the Sisters of St Joseph.

Mary and the Sisters, were committed to serving the poor – to going to where the need was and living amongst those in need. This took Mary all over Australia to many rural areas.

Mary faced fierce opposition throughout her life, which at one point culminated in her being excommunicated. In the face of trial, Mary was a model of forgiveness, insisting no ill be spoken of those who wronged her, while also remaining resolute in her convictions.

Mary was remarkable as a strong female leader in 19th century Australia. Education in this country is what it is today thanks to her dedication and determination.

### **THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY INTO HEAVEN - THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

The Feast of the Assumption of Mary into heaven is an extremely important feast in the Catholic Church, so much so that is one of only 2 holy days of obligation, with the other day being Christmas Day.

On this day our Year 3 –6 Students joined with our Parish Community to celebrate Mass together. With Fr Joseph currently on holiday we were fortunate to have Fr John Stewart James celebrate Mass with us.

Our Rec-Year 2 students took part in a liturgy in the afternoon which also helped them to unpack the importance of this special celebration.

This feast of Mary originated in the sixth century. By the seventh century the feast became known as the Assumption of Mary. The date of this feast commemorated a very ancient harvest festival towards the end of summer, which gave thanks to the ‘Earth Mother’ for her fertility in producing the harvest.

The feast of the Assumption commemorates the glorification of Mary, chosen by God, to be the mother of Jesus the Christ. The feast acquired a special status as a feast of Mary when Pius XII in 1950, defined the assumption as a dogma of faith. On this feast we are encouraged to affirm our humanity and work to enhance the dignity of people as daughters and sons of God.

### **FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION**

Recently four students who attend Stella Maris, celebrated the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in the Brighton Parish. Pictured below are Chase, Brooke, Grace and Tate. We congratulate these students on this special occasion.



### **MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD (MITIOG) SEXUALITY AND RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS CURRICULUM**

The Made In The Image Of God (MITIOG) Human Sexuality and Respectful Relationships Curriculum is designed for students who attend Catholic schools in South Australia from Years R-12. This curriculum is grounded in the Catholic belief that human beings are made in God's image and likeness.

It celebrates the Catholic Church's teaching centering on the dignity of the human person and as such honours the individual's worth and their right to experience respectful and healthy relationships. It is an inclusive curriculum which acknowledges and respects the uniqueness of each person's inherent goodness.

The MITIOG curriculum has been developed to ensure that human sexuality and respectful relationships education is accessible to all students in Catholic schools, and that it is delivered in an age appropriate and culturally sensitive manner. It is respectful of an individual's right to make healthy and informed choices about their bodies and their relationships.

At Stella Maris classes will be teaching the Made in the Image of God (MITIOG) and Respectful Relationships Curriculum either late term 3 or early term 4. A letter will be sent out to families via SeeSaw, outlining the content to be covered at their child's year level, and letting families know when students will be commencing this learning.

### **FATHERS' DAY MORNING TEA & LITURGY – MONDAY SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>**

We want to celebrate Dads and all the significant male role models in our lives, so we invite them to morning tea at Stella Maris School on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> of September from 8.15am. The morning tea will be followed by a Reception – Year 2 Liturgy in the church at 9am, which will run for about 15-20 minutes. All Reception to Year 2 Students will be attending this liturgy which will be hosted by our Reception classes. If Dads or significant male roles are present, they are also welcome to take students from other year levels across with them to this special celebration.

### **PUPIL FREE DAY: FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

A reminder that we will hold a Pupil free day on Friday 6th September. On this day staff will take part in a spiritual reflection and formation day, and as such the front office will be closed for the day.

Our Patch will be running a whole day program for those families who require it. Please book in via the normal means.

Be You

Dear School Community,

I would like to share some parent webinars that are free and available to attend online. They are offered through a Psychology Service named Developing Minds, which have some fantastic resources for parents and children. Please check out the links below;

[www.developingminds.net.au/webinars](http://www.developingminds.net.au/webinars)

The Topics include;

Childhood Anxiety - how to help

Challenging Behaviours in Childhood

Friendship and Social Difficulties in Childhood

They are all programmed to run in September and are only 30 minutes long!

It is also worth checking out the website for free articles and support ideas!

[www.developingminds.net.au](http://www.developingminds.net.au)

Thanks,

Emily Hughes

[Emily.Hughes@smps.catholic.edu.au](mailto: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)

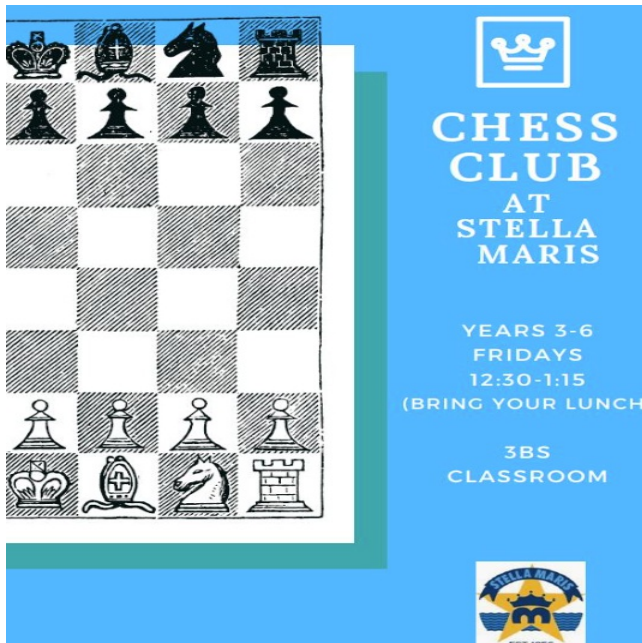
School Garden (Monday Recess times).

Thankyou,

Emily Hughes

Pastoral Care Support

## Chess Club - Years 3 to 6 - Friday



## School Events/Calendar

Please note that Important School Calendar Dates / Events can be found on the home page of the School Website <https://www.smcs.catholic.edu.au/home> as well as the Important Dates panel on the e-newsletter.



## Events

[Home](#) > [News & Events](#) > [Events](#)

ALL

PRINCIPAL TOUR

COMMUNITY EVENT

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

SIGNIFICANT DAYS

### Book Week Parade

22 August 2024

School, 1 Syme Ave, Seacombe Gardens, South Australia 5047

[Read More](#)

#### School Photographs

28 August 2024

School, 1 Syme Ave, Seacombe Gardens, South Australia 5047

[Read More](#)

#### Italian Day

30 August 2024

School, 1 Syme Ave, Seacombe Gardens, South Australia 5047

[Read More](#)

## School Photographs

A reminder to families: please return the MSP Photography envelopes to the class teacher/front office for school photo day on Wednesday 28 August 2024.

## School Fees - Third Instalment

The next fee instalment is due before Friday 23 August 2024.

Please email [kathy.groat@smps.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kathy.groat@smps.catholic.edu.au) if you require further information.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@ourpatch.education)

[www.ourpatch.education](http://www.ourpatch.education)



a patch for every child to GROW

# Our Patch Holiday Program

## holiday program

Our Patch Stella Maris  
7:00am - 6:00pm

### How To Book

Bookings can be made via the OWNA Childcare App



[Click here to register today](#)

### Costs

Fees start at \$6.60 per child per day based on 90% Child Care Subsidy, assumes parents meeting activity levels and 5% withholding amount

<b>Early Bird</b> Booked Before 6pm 18th SEPT	<b>Booked After</b> 6pm 18th SEPT
<b>\$66.00</b>	<b>\$68.50</b>

There are additional costs for incursions and excursions which are reflected in the program. Standard cancellation policy applies for all other bookings as per the Program Flyer.

p. 1300 018 310  
e. [customer care@ourpatchgroup.com](mailto:customer care@ourpatchgroup.com)

## our patch

30th September - 11th October

### What We Provide

- Opportunities for free play in our well-resourced room and grounds
- Incursions and excursions generally run between 8.30am to 3.30pm, please ensure your children arrive prior to this so they don't miss out on the core activities of the day

### What to Bring

- Broad-brimmed hat, sun-smart clothing (no singlets) and enclosed shoes (no thongs, crocs, slip on shoes or roller shoes)
- Healthy lunch daily unless otherwise specified on day (staff are unable to heat or cook food for children)
- No nut products
- Large water bottle
- Check program for other special items that might be required for the day (e.g. bikes, helmets, costumes)

## holiday program

Our Patch Stella Maris  
7:00am - 6:00pm

## Uniform Shop



**Belgravia Apparel**  
10 Newton Rd,  
Campbelltown SA 5074

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



# Catholic Schools Music Festival

## Where Dreams Begin 2024

Come along to celebrate and support South Australia's talented youth on one of four evenings presented by the Catholic Schools Music Festival

Featured soloists, big bands, a cappella vocal groups and more exhibit an astonishing calibre of musicianship and you will be in awe of the 370-voice choir!

**In September 2024, the annual Catholic Schools Music Festival will showcase 2000 extraordinary students from the ages of 10-18 years on the stage of the Festival Theatre.**

For information on which schools are performing on which nights, please visit [musicfestival.cesa.catholic.edu.au](https://musicfestival.cesa.catholic.edu.au)

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**Monday 23 | Tuesday 24 | Wednesday 25 | Thursday 26 September**

**Festival Theatre, Adelaide Festival Centre | King William Road, Adelaide | 7.30-9.15pm**

**A Reserve \$41.00 | B Reserve \$36.00**

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- ♪ Children under 3 are free on the knee and do not need to purchase a ticket.
  - ♪ The Music Festival is a Companion Card affiliate.
  - ♪ For enquiries / groups over 20 / special needs bookings - please call 131 246
  - ♪ Service & Handling Fees and Delivery Fees apply (\$9.55 fee per transaction, not per ticket)
  - ♪ No exchanges or refunds on purchased tickets
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**Ticket Sales open August 12**

**Book online at**



All tickets purchased via the Ticketek network are subject to Terms and Conditions. Visit [ticketek.com.au](https://ticketek.com.au) for details.

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*It takes great **commitment and dedication** to be a musician, but the **rewards** are abundant, giving the chance to **express yourself** and to **entertain** and **inspire** people of all ages.*

*You may not know these students personally, but if you wish to be thoroughly awe-inspired & uplifted, then an evening out with Adelaide's future entertainers is one you won't want to miss!*



## 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](http://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.





**Season 2024 25 Now Open for Registration**

*We are Little Athletics!*



**HAVE YOU EVER WATCHED THE OLYMPICS AND WISHED YOU KNEW HOW TO DO THE ATHLETICS EVENTS?**

**Do you love to run, jump and throw?**

**Do you love having fun, spending time with your family and friends and achieving your personal best?**

**REGISTER FOR YOUR FREE 2 WEEK COME AND TRY PERIOD**

**<https://coastaldistrictslac.org.au/>**

**WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU!**

**Coastal Districts Little Athletics**

**Bowker Street Reserve North Brighton**

**Weekly Friday 6:30pm**

**Start any Friday Night between**

**11/10/2024 - 14/03/2025**

**For further information**

**e: [coastaldistrictslac@salaa.org.au](mailto:coastaldistrictslac@salaa.org.au)**

**f CoastalDistrictsLAC**

**@coastaldistrictslac**



# Term 3 Programs

FREE sports program for young people aged 5 to 18 years. Bookings are required!

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY	
<b>Soccer</b> 12th of August to 16th of September @4pm to 5pm George Street Reserve		<b>Little Warrior Training</b> 13th of August to the 17th of September @4pm to 5pm Yanyarrie Avenue Reserve		<b>AFL</b> 14th of August to the 18th of September @4pm to 5pm Bandon Terrace Reserve	
<b>Chess</b> 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd of September @3:30pm to 4:30pm Hendrie Street Reserve		<b>Mountain Bike Riding</b> 27th of August, 3rd, 10th and 17th of September @4:30pm to 6pm O'halloran Hill Bike Trail		<b>Children Mat Pilates</b> 14th of August to the 18th of September @4pm to 5pm Jervois Street Reserve	
THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
<b>Skateboarding</b> 15th, 22nd 29th of August and 5th of September @ 4pm to 5pm Capella Reserve Skatepark		<b>Multi-Sport Program</b> 16th of August to the 20th of September @4pm to 5pm Mitchell Park Reserve		<b>Parkour</b> 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st of August @11am to 12pm MAB Building Tonsley	
<b>Basketball</b> 15th of August to the 19th of September @4pm to 5pm Rajah Street Reserve					

Scan the QR code for bookings.



## 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@belgrviasports.com.au](mailto: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.

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## WHS Inductions for Volunteers

Please contact Kirralee Philips to arrange a time.

E: [kirralee.philips@smps.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kirralee.philips@smps.catholic.edu.au)

P: 8306 4888

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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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## 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

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