



Important Dates

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

SPORTS DAY

After having to postpone our Sports Day in week one of this term, we held a successful Sports Day on Wednesday 13th of November at Bowker Street Oval. It was a fantastic event marked by ideal weather and great enthusiasm!

Organised by our Health and Physical Education teacher, Mr McCarthy, the day showcased the sportsmanship and athletic abilities of our students.

The event kicked off with an Acknowledgement of Country and Prayer. Following this all students took part in the "Health Hustle," organized by Ms Moroney, which helped students to warm up for an energetic day of activities.

The events included fun tabloid events, track events including the 100m, 400m, 800m and hurdles, as well as field events like the high jump, long jump, and tug of war.

Each student showed great determination and sportsmanship which was a great credit to them and their families.

Thank you to all who helped to make this day such a success, but a particular big 'Thank you' to Mr McCarthy!

Please find below the results from the day.

Good Samaritan Spirit Award

1st – Polding (Red) 1575 points

2nd – Carmel (Gold) 1485 points

3rd – Murphy (Green) 1480 points

4th – Sontrop (Blue) 1460 points

Rev Monsignor Robert Egar Victory Cup

1st – Carmel (Gold) 2080 points

2nd – Polding (Red) 1995 points

3rd – Sontrop (Blue) 1970 points

4th – Murphy (Green) 1775 points

PUPIL FREE DAY MONDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

A reminder that we will hold a Pupil free day on Monday 18th November.

If you need OSHC services on this day, please book with Our Patch.

YEAR 2 COME AND TRY EXPO

On Tuesday the 12th of November, 2RC and 2SK went on an excursion to the Year 2 Come and Try Expo which was coordinated by ACHPER SA and the South Australian Catholic Primary School Sports Association (SACPSSA) as part of their PE WEEK activities. The day was held at the Adelaide Lutheran Sports Grounds on the corner of South Terrace and Goodwood Road. Our students joined with 10 other schools, where approximately 650 students participated in four lessons of sporting activities – 12 of these rotations were organised by sporting codes (SACA, Tennis SA, Golf SA, SA Rugby Union, NRL, SANFL, Volleyball SA, Lacrosse SA, Softball SA, Athletics SA, FFSA) and the other 14 rotations were led by Year 6 students from across 10 Catholic Primary schools - this included our Year 6 Sports Captains running one of the stations. The aim of the day was to promote being active, getting outside and enjoying new sports and games. Here are some comments from our Year 2 students about their experience:

Alisha - I liked the Spread Eagle game run by Our Lady of Grace because it had a lot of running in it.

Sophie - I liked the Rugby because we ran through the line of people and they tried to pull our flags off our belt.

Ryan - I liked the game where we threw the frisbee to get points.

Michael - My favourite game was 'Waspital' run by St Augustine's because the wasps tagged people with pool noodles.

Alessia - the day was great because we got to learn new sports and play new games.

Our Year 6 Sports Captains – led one of the stations, and taught four schools, three new games – these included:

- Zombies - a striking game whereby students had to hit a tennis ball off a tee-ball stand and try and get it past “zombies” who were defending an area.
- Dragons - a variation of dodgeball where two students start as dragons and need to pass a soft ball around a zone and tagged people by touching them with the soft ball, When tagged this player becomes a dragon. The aim is to be the last person remaining untagged.
- Bean Bag Drop – an alternative to “Rob the Nest” - whereby instead of trying to hoard bean bags from other teams – this time you are aiming to have no bean bags left in your hoop.

All of our captains spoke confidently during instructing students on how to play and were actively engaged in the sessions encouraging the students, and reinforcing the rules as needed. The captains were involved in creating and teaching others how to play the games and have been working closely with Mr. McCarthy in preparation for this event. They should be proud of the confident manner in which they represented the school.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Monday the 11th of November we came together as a school Community to honour all the brave Men and Women who died in service of our country. Our Year 4CK students lead us through a moving ceremony which allowed us to reflect on the bravery of each of these people in making sure we live in peace here in Australia.

Many classes made poppies and spent time in class reflecting on this special day of commemoration.

Less we forget!

YEAR 3 CLASS LITURGY

Our Year 3 classes came together on Thursday of week four to share a liturgy to celebrate the learning they have undertaken in class in Religious Education lessons.

Students broke open the understanding that they have gained in relation to the biblical story of 'Moses and the Burning Bush' and the '10 Commandments given to us by God.'

During class lessons prior to the liturgy, students had taken the 10 Commandments and changed the wording to allow them to create their own "Class 10 Commandments", breaking them open in a contemporary manner. During the liturgy they were able to share these with those attending and to open up the possibility for further conversation at home about how these could be adapted to use at home or in the wider community.

Thank you to our Year 3 Classes as their teachers Mrs Zervas and Ms Steciuk, for sharing the learning that has taken place, in a joy filled liturgy.

NEW RECEPTIONS FOR 2025 TRANSITION VISITS

How exciting the last few Thursdays have been not only for our new students and families starting with us in Term 1 of 2025, but also our Reception Teachers Mrs Michelle Thomson and Jane Button, and the wider school community.

It has been lovely to see these children sharing smiles as they undertake learning and fun activities that are assisting them to get to know one another and to settle into the Stella Maris School Community.

We wish them and their families a welcoming start to their time here at Stella Maris and know that you will all help them to feel a part of this inviting community.

RAA ROAD SAFETY SESSIONS

This term our Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 students have participated in a Road Safety Lesson which has been coordinated by the RAA. The sessions were designed to provide our students with a chance to learn about how to be safe inside cars, exiting cars, and navigating crossings roads safely regardless of if there is a crossing present or not. Students learnt the importance of booster seats for younger children, why they should wear a seatbelt, and how to be a safe passenger to avoid distracting the driver. As part of the session, the RAA setup a mock road crossing for students to navigate and to practice safe crossing skills including looking both ways (right, left, right) before crossing, walking across the road, and trying to cross at designated crossing places where possible. We hope the students use the skills they have learnt during these sessions and put them into daily practice when they are out on the roads to remain safe.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Friday the 1st of November, the Stella Maris sporting juggernaut rolled on as we sent 42 students (from Years 3 to 6) to the Athletics SA Stadium to compete in Section 2 of the SACPSSA Athletics Carnival. We participated against 8 other Catholic Schools in a range of track and field events including 100m/200m sprints, 400m/800m, Hurdles, Shot Put, Long Jump, High Jump, and Relays.

We had four age champions which means that these students accumulated the most points for their high finishes in their events:

Ariana – Year 3 girls, Noah – Year 3 boys, Koby – Year 5 boys, Madi – Year 6 girls

We won the Year 3 boys age group, and the Year 6 girls age group. Overall, our boys came second, and our girls came first. Due to this high finish, we are now relegated into Section 1 in 2025, for the very first time, which is a fantastic achievement.

We congratulate all our sporting superstars for their achievements, efforts and for representing the school respectfully. Thank you to the parents, staff and to Mr McCarthy for their support of this day to ensure that our students were able to attend and participate to the best of their abilities.

YEAR 6 JOURNEY TO EMMAUS

The final of the Journey to Emmaus days for our Year 6 Students was held at McAuley Community School on Monday the 4th of November. Throughout this year, our Year 6's have joined with other Year 6 students from St Martin de Porres, St Bernadettes, Christ the King and McAuley Community School to reflect on how they can follow the example of Jesus in their interactions with others now, into

their secondary education and beyond school into their adult life.

The final of our days began with prayer before students were fortunate to listen to guest speaker, Maddie Kelly talk about her charity work in Tanzania at the School of St Jude. She went on to encourage the students to think about the small changes they could make to help others and explained that they don't need to go overseas like she did, if they don't want to, they can just help right here in Australia.

The students asked great questions of Maddie and spent time following her talk reflecting on what they could do to help others.

In the afternoon students headed down to the beach to engage in an art activity where they depicted the key learnings they were taking away from the Journey to Emmaus experience. On their return to McAuley students were given the opportunity to talk to other students going to the same High school as them next year.

Thank you to classroom teachers Kym Hill, Brooke Penney and Hannah Moroney, and ESOs Helen Minear and John Manfrin, for their support and organisation of students in attending these days.

P & F DISCO

A big 'Thank you' is extended to Kylie Bowman and the P & F Committee for organising a fun filled evening of singing and dancing at the Disco organised for our students.

The delight that could be seen on the children's faces as they danced and sang along with the disco leaders was a great joy to watch!

Our students are certainly lucky that the P & F Committee provide such fun events to bring our school community together, so again, we say 'Thankyou'!

VINNIES CHRISTMAS DRIVE

This Christmas Stella Maris is again planning to support the 'Vinnies Christmas Drive' with support from our Year 6 'Social Justice Group'.

Items can be sent to school and placed in the baskets in students' classrooms until Thursday 5th December (Wk 8), so they can be delivered for sorting into Christmas hampers.

This year our local Vinnies Chapter is asking for donations of new toys only.

Please see below for examples of items which can be donated. Gifts can be placed in the baskets in your child's classroom up until 9am Thursday 5 December.

Please do not wrap any of the items as this will be done by Vinnies that they can allocate gifts appropriately to required age levels.

Toy Suggestions:

- Building blocks, hand-eye co-ordination toys or crawl and play mats
- Musical toys
- Beach or surf gear
- Puzzles and games
- Gift voucher for a retail outlet
- Microscope or science kit
- Teething toys, bath toys or rattles
- Action figures, dolls or dress-ups
- Toy cars (Hot Wheels or similar) or remote control cars/bikes/trucks with batteries
- Backpacks, handbags or accessories

- Art and crafts supplies or stationery
- Sporting equipment
- Perfume, aftershave or other toiletries
- Movie tickets
- Story books, novels or diaries

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

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

Thanks,

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)

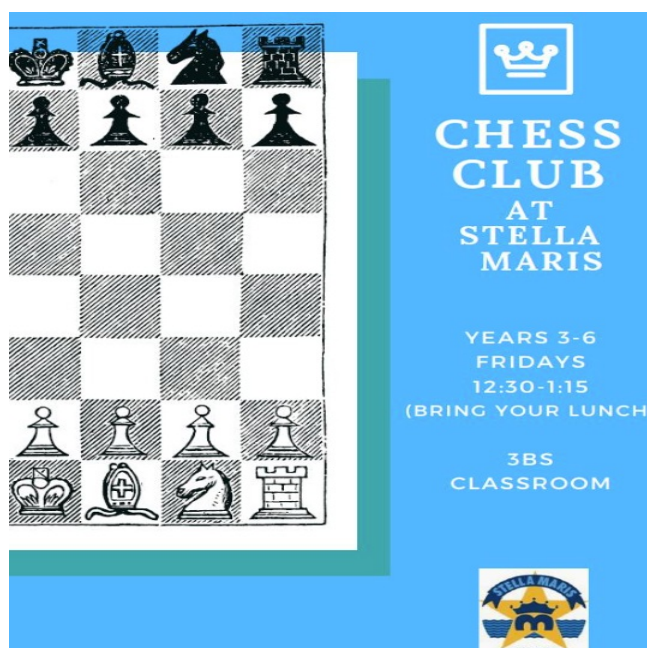
School Garden (Monday Recess times).

Thankyou,

Emily Hughes

Pastoral Care Support

Chess Club - Years 3 to 6 - Friday



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.

holiday program

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

our patch

30th September - 11th October

How To Book

Bookings can be made via the
OWNA Childcare App



[Click here to register today.](#)

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)

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

Early Bird

Booked Before
6pm 18th SEPT

\$66.00

Booked After
6pm 18th SEPT

\$68.50

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

holiday program

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

Wine Fundraiser

Stock up for Christmas or the New Year!!
Orders are open for a short window. Wine
pick up will be from 28th November 2024



ORDERS CLOSE

Saturday, 23 November 2024

Please email orders to
stellamarisparentsandfriends@gmail.com



School Uniform



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

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

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

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