

Important Dates

Pupil Free Day

Friday 10 September

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Monday 11 October

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Friday 22 October

Pupil Free Day Friday 10 December

Upcoming Events

P&F Quiz Night

Date: Saturday 11 September

Venue: Club Marion -

Marion

School Photo Day

Date: Wednesday 1 September Venue: School - Seacombe

Gardens

Catholic Schools Music Festival

Date: Thursday 23 September Venue: Adelaide Entertainment Centre Theatre - Hindmarsh **School Concert**

Date: Thursday 21 October Venue: Christian Family Centre - Seaton

Sports Day

Date: Friday 29 October Venue: Bowker St Oval -Somerton Park

From the Principal



Our term continues at breakneck speed, we welcome a special guest to our school, school photos occur with precision, we acknowledge a big few weeks of events and activities and we thank our P and F for 'keeping things moving along'! This is Week 7!

VISIT FROM DR NEIL MCGORAN - DIRECTOR OF CESA:

On Wednesday we had a visit from Dr Neil McGoran, the Director of Catholic Education SA. I invited Neil to join us for a tour of the school and to discuss the work we have been doing over the last 18 months and how we continue to be a 'school of choice' for families in the South-West region. He met with our Leadership team and spent time visiting classrooms. He was very impressed with our school, our students and the direction in which we are heading.

A BIG FEW 'WEEKS':

Over the course of the last few weeks, we have acknowledged some significant focus weeks in the life of our school.

In Week 5, we celebrated Science Week. This year our theme was: Food: Different by Design. As such, classes were immersed in activities and learning about 'sustainable food production' and the importance of 'living off the land'. We acknowledged the week in a number of ways and I thank Nicki McCann and Ella Kirkham for their organisation and support of the week.

During Week 6, it was one of my favourite weeks of the year. I will unashamedly tell you that I think the MOST important learning skill we can develop in students is READING. Reading is such an important skill in our lives. Almost everything we are asked to do in our lives involves some form of 'reading'. I also strongly believe that we must 'inspire' kids to love reading and love books. The more a child reads, the more likely they are to read with fluency, good comprehension, build a strong vocabulary and therefore achieve success.

Book week allows us to focus on books and reading. Once again, a number of class and whole school activities were completed throughout Book Week and although I missed the opportunity to 'dress up' there was plenty to keep us entertained through the week. Once again I thank Ella and Chandra Payne as well as our classroom teachers for ensuring that Book Week and the importance of 'reading' remains a very high priority at our school.

And finally, on Friday we acknowledged the beginning of Child Protection Week. Our most important job as teachers and educators is to ensure that we provide a safe, welcoming and supportive environment for our students and families. Child Protection is key and central to this. As you would know, every class teaches the Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum which aims to develop understandings and skills which enable and empower students in their relationships with others.

This Thursday we will acknowledge R U OK day. I encourage you to read on and hear from Emily Hughes about our activities planned for the day.

COVID CONTINUES:

One of the disappointing aspects of all of the information and activities I have spoken about above has been the inability to welcome parents in to see and hear about this wonderful work. Believe us, we would like nothing more than to have parents wandering our corridors, entering classrooms and seeing our students in action. Unfortunately, it is still not able to occur. Recently, we were provided with a very important (and directed) reminder from CESA about our current restrictions in place and the need to abide by them:

The COVID cases interstate are keeping us on high alert. As such we ask that the following is occurring across all school sites, at all times:

- · No non-essential visitors are allowed in the school
- · Large gatherings (of students and particularly parents) should not be occurring
- · Adults are required to wear masks if they enter school grounds
- · All practise social distancing, good hygiene and ensure your child is well

I again thank you for your ongoing support of our school and the current restrictions asked of us.

THANKS TO THE P AND F COMMITTEE:

The last few months have continued to challenge our ability to gather and our sense of 'community'. I have been so impressed however, with our strong and committed Parents and Friends Committee who have met very regularly to ensure that our sense and invitation to live as community remains well and truly in place including supporting the following things:

QUIZ NIGHT:

Our committee have worked tirelessly to ensure that our planned Quiz night, originally scheduled for August, has had every chance of going ahead. Despite many hurdles and phone calls, I am pleased to say we will be holding our Quiz night, albeit in a modified and different form. For those that have bought tickets, stay tuned for more information coming out tomorrow.

To the many local business (many of which are owned by families here at Stella) our deep thanks is extended to you. We have a phenomenal line up of raffles, prizes and auction items up for grabs. Again, for those unable to attend on the night, you will have a chance to bid for these prior to the night and buy raffle tickets as well. Stay tuned for more details.

FATHER'S DAY STALL:

We have also managed to have a 'different' Father's Day stall organised and run once again. We hope you have found a great gift for the special 'man' in your child's lives.

I want to acknowledge our outstanding P and F committee and Maureen Watts (as Chair) for their ongoing work in ensuring all of these opportunities are provided to our students.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY:

Finally, I hope that all of our fathers had a very special Father's day on Sunday and that you were acknowledged for the very important role you play in the lives of your children!

Take care,

James

From the APRIM

STAFF REFLECTION DAY FRIDAY 10 SEPTEMBER - PUPIL FREE DAY

Staff will be taking part in a reflection day on Friday 10 September. This day is a pupil free day for our students.

The reflection day will be centred around our Catholic Identity. We are proudly a school founded in the 'Good Samaritan Tradition'. This year our school theme is 'We are Good Samaritans'. Being founded in the 'Good Samaritan Tradition' we work to display in a meaningful way the key values of, Compassion, Courage, Inclusivity and Respect.

Staff will reflect on how they live out the 'Good Samaritan Charism' within our school and how this is also unpacked with our students and families.

FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to all students who have celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. The last group of students will celebrate their First Communion this Sunday.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL 2021

With our last newsletter I mentioned that each family would receive a leaflet asking for your support of the Catholic Charities Appeal. Each year in September the Catholic Church runs this appeal to support the good works of Catholic Charities. Please have a look at the stories in the brochure to find out more about the essential works of the charitable agencies that Catholic Charities supports.

We ask you to please consider how you might be able to help Catholic Charities during the September appeal. If you are able to assist please tear the envelop off the brochure and send directly to Catholic Charities. No stamp is required to send this in Australia, and all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Thank you.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT CAN GO INTO YOUR GREEN BIN AT HOME TO HELP LOOK AFTER OUR PLANET?

Over the next 4 weeks, more than 40,000 households in the City of Marion will have a free kitchen caddy and roll of liner bags delivered to their door. Line your caddy with the biodegradable liners provided and then you can place things like, coffee grounds, nail and hair clippings, cheese and yoghurt, food scraps (raw and cooked), kitchen paper towel, vegetable and fruit peelings, meat, bones and seafood, egg shells, tissues, tea bags, small amounts of shredded paper, leaves and flowers into the caddy. Once full place these caddy items into your green bin.

Help do your bit to care for our 'common home' and teach your children about the importance of placing items into the correct bins. You might like to share this song with your children which helps them remember what goes into the

bin, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X7tJxNVMxrA

SOUTHERN CROSS

The current edition of the Catholic newspaper put out by the Archdiocese called,' The Southern Cross,' is available at: www.thesoutherncross.org.au

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

A kind word spoken can make another's day. A kind word not spoken leaves an empty hole. God's Blessings,

Paula Clark

APRIM

From the APL&W







Book Week 2021

Students had a great week exploring the theme 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds'. Thank you to families for your support of the Book Swap, it was great to see the excitement as students picked out their 'new' books.

Parent Workshop: Resilience, The Heart Of Wellbeing

Please see the flyer below for details of a CESA parent workshop focusing on resilience, that is being offered at Christ the King on the 15th of September. Please register by September 9th using the link below (password: Resilience150921).

CESA Registration Centre - Parent Workshop: Resilience, The Heart of Wellbeing

This workshop will explain the neurobiological development of children aged 0-6 and adolescents 9-17. It will discuss some of the key parental and family interactions that underpin healthy neurological development, the foundations of emotional regulations, the skills for developing and maintaining peer relationship and engagement with learning. Further, it will explore how these things promote resilience and enhance the experience of wellbeing.

Kind Regards

Ella Kirkham

Assistant Principal (Learning & Wellbeing)

Be You

Thursday, September 9 is R U OK Day, a day that is particularly relevant amidst a global pandemic. It's about noticing when someone around you is not being their usual self, asking them how they are going, giving them an opportunity to talk and ensuring they know who

to go to or how to access support. We will be celebrating this in combination with Gratitude Day which is officially September 21. Students will be involved in a special activity and community prayer based in classrooms that highlight and celebrate being a good friend, and being grateful for our connections and relationships at school.

Students are invited to wear a splash of yellow on this day, whether that be a ribbon, bracelet or socks.

Emily Hughes

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P&F QUIZ NIGHT SPONSORS 2021

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SILENT AUCTION ITEM #6























Guiding children's growth

Newsletter



A message from your Coordinator

This term has been very busy with increasing numbers of children booked into our service, we are reaching maximum capacity therefore to secure your booking it would be advised to book in as soon as you know you need care.

As we are now in spring time we return to wearing hat, oshc will no longer supply any hats so please make sure your child has a spare hat in their bags for use during oshc.

The last couple of weeks the children have enjoyed science week and book week, This saw the children exploring chemical reactions with food substances, enjoying making lemon volcanoes, making perfume with nature, making sherbet, fizzing lemonade and exploring the science of baking. So much fun was had by the children as they gained awareness and knowledge of the science behind food. Throughout book week the children enjoyed exploring books through puppets, recreated popular stories into puppet shows and using thier own ideas to make their own books.

Oshc will be available for all student free days, and bookings are open for the next holidays for our rocketeers program, please book in early to ensure your place and allow camp Australia to meet the staffing requirements.

Your friendly oshc staff Linda and Helena

Activities coming up

- Tennis
- Grow vegetables, daily visit to vegetable garden
- Plank creations

What's on the menu

- Noodle
- Rice bubble slice
- Pizza toast

It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.







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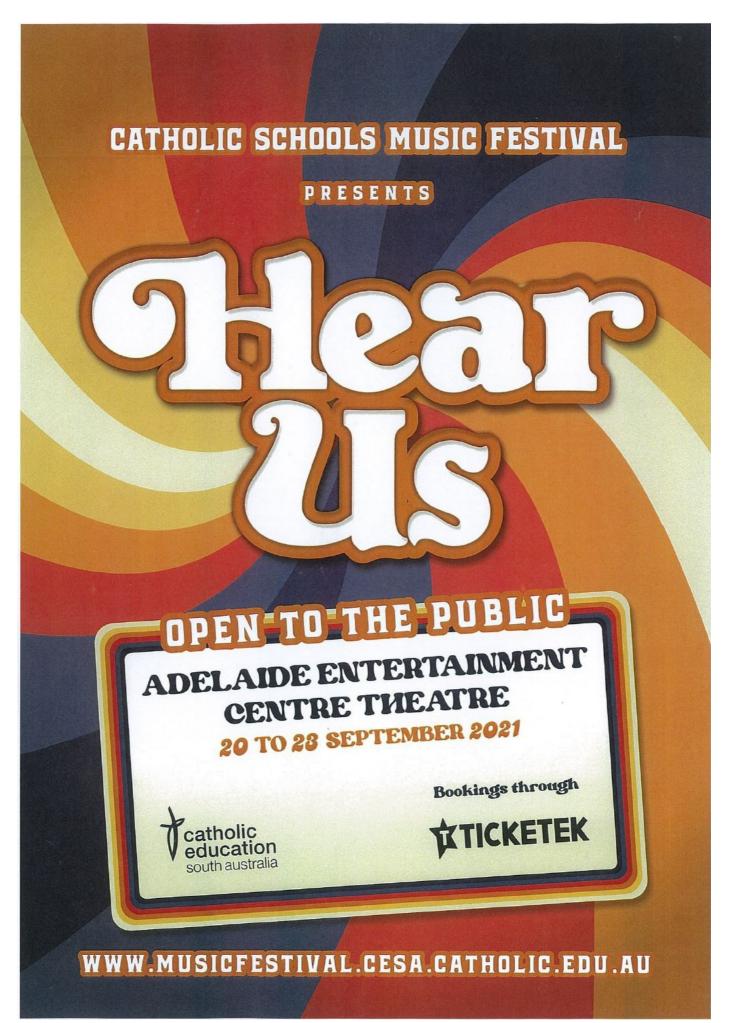
New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

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Community News





Did you know both Lionel Messi & Cristiano Ronaldo give credit to Futsal for their success? Futsal is a 5-a-side indoor soccer game based on skill and quick decisions.

Do you have a child eligible for U7 or U8?

This is your chance to join an entire term of the Futsal Academy For Soccer Development for FREE.

This is ten weeks of academy training sessions with our Head Coaches (valued at \$180). Join the Academy of 100+ players.

Redeem via the website or contact us!

Contact: 0423619188 (Kyle)

Register At: SoccerLifeMastery.Com/Offers

Locations: Angle Park, Kilburn (Inner North),

Wayville (City South), Highbury (North-East), Lockleys (West)





PARENT WORKSHOP: RESILIENCE, THE HEART OF WELLBEING

DATE Wednesday 15 September

TIME 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm

VENUE Christ the King School Hall - 126 Dunrobin Road, Warradale

PRESENTER Michael Lincoln

COST N/A

PLACES Limited to 100 – masks and COVID check in is compulsory

REGISTRATION LINK https://registrationcentre.cesa.catholic.edu.au/event-4446823

PASSWORD Resilience150921

WORSHOP DESCRIPTION

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ABOUT THE PRESENTER

Michael Lincoln is a teacher within Catholic Education South Australia. His current role is an Education Advisor: Engagement and Wellbeing within the Learning Diversity and Wellbeing Team in the Catholic Education Office. In this role Michael works with schools to support teachers to understand the causes of student inappropriate behaviour and develop strategies to modify the behaviour or assist it to stop. Michael has a keen interest in the power of Restorative Practices to assist children and young people to develop conflict resolution skills and transform school communities. For the last 9 years Michael has worked closely with The Australian Childhood Foundation to understand early childhood and adolescent brain development and the importance of strong, healthy, nurturing relationships for self-management, social engagement, resilience and learning.

Places are limited so please register your attendance as soon as possible.

Canteen Roster

CANTEEN CLOSED

Uniform Information

The full range of uniforms and sizes are available for fittings at SMPS. Fitting times are Tuesday morning -8:35am - 9:00am and Wednesday afternoon 2:45pm - 3:15pm. Fittings will be in the 'old uniform shop'. Please contact Tony in the office to make an appointment time.

The new Active uniform can be ordered at:

https://belgraviasportsonline.com.au/collections/stella-maris-parish-school

Their uniform Shop is located at 3/378 Goodwood Rd, Cumberland Park

Due to the current COVID restrictions, JS Sports advise that online ordering is still available, however personal instore shopping is suspended until further notice.

WHS Inductions for Volunteers

These are conducted at 2:30pm on Tuesday afternoons and 9am on Wednesday mornings. Please contact Tony or Cathy in the Office to make an appointment time.

Holy Spirit Church

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