

Important Dates

**Bluegum and
Billabong Bob
Incursion**

Friday 17 March

**Harmony Day -
Families Welcome
for Tea and Coffee**
8.30 to 8.45 am

Friday 24 March

**Harmony Day -
Students can wear
orange or cultural
colours!**

Friday 24 March

Swimming Carnival

Friday 31 March

**Good Friday (No
School)**

Friday 7 April

Easter Sunday

Sunday 9 April

**Easter Monday - No
School**

Monday 10 April

**End of Term 1,
2023 - 3 pm Finish
Time**

Friday 14 April

**Dentals for Schools
Visit Week 1, Term
2, 2023**

Monday 1 May

**First Day of Term 2,
2023**

Monday 1 May

**Book Fair Begins -
until May 23rd**

Tuesday 16 May

From the Leadership Team

Dear Families,

This week our Year 3 and Year 5 students began the annual NAPLAN tests, commencing with Writing and following up with Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy. Our students used their new iPads for the majority of these tests and have been quite comfortable with the online format. The NAPLAN tests have traditionally been done in May but this year they have been brought forward to March. This earlier date will mean that we receive results sooner and have a better opportunity to work with the children in the same year as the tests.

Last week all students undertook the Classroom Pulse Check-In Survey. This test is all about wellbeing and is conducted in Week 5 or Week 6 of each term. We are able to gather useful information about how your child is tracking over time.

In Week 10 of this term, we will hold our Parent Teacher Learning Conversations. The dates are Monday 3, Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 April and you should have received a note on Thursday of this week. Please complete and return the 'tear off slip' as soon as possible indicating your preferred day(s). Once they are all booked in, we will notify you of the date and time(s) we have allocated to your family.

I would like to remind you that the City of Playford inspectors have been monitoring parking around the school. So please follow the local by-laws and park in the appropriate places. Also, please remain patient and respectful to others at all times. Remember that the speed limit along both Fairfield Road and Harvey Road, adjacent to the school, is 25kph when students are present. Sadly, we regularly have people exceed this limit, including some of our own parents.

Thank you to those who families who have paid their Resource Fee of \$250 or have started making payments. This is greatly

appreciated. If you have not yet paid or arranged to pay by instalments, please do so as soon as possible.

In this fourth week of Lent, we hear of how Jesus heals a blind man and his sight is restored. While this is quite miraculous, Jesus healing the man is not the main point of the story. Jesus was challenging the people of the time and indeed, us today, to open their eyes and not be blind to all the things that go on around them. We often hear people say that we 'turned a blind eye' to something. In other words, we simply ignored it and moved on. Our challenge is to not turn a blind eye but instead do something about whatever it is that we have seen.

Sometimes it is not about actual eyesight either. Sometimes we are 'blind' because we simply don't have all the information to a particular story or issue. This can often lead to us getting angry or upset when we don't really need to. I invite you to wonder: when are the times that I am blind? Are there times when I've 'lost it' and I then have to apologise because I have made the wrong assumption? We all need to be patient, not make assumptions and always find out all the information before we get ourselves in a state. I acknowledge though that we are all different and have different levels of anxiety. That is a part of simply being a human. Jesus would certainly encourage us to take our time and reflect on things before we act.

Check with your child(ren) about the great Bluegum Bill's Animal Incursion on Friday of this week. This will be a great opportunity for our children to engage with a variety of different creatures that they would not usually experience eg: Frogmouth owl, python, bettong, goanna, etc. Thanks Miss Sam for organising this event.

Happy St Patrick's Day to all our Irish descendants for Friday of this week.

May good luck be with you wherever you go, and your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow. May your days be many and your troubles be few, may all God's blessings descend upon you, may peace be within you, may your heart be strong, may you find what you're seeking wherever you roam.

Shaping the Future Together

Peter Mercer

Head of Campus

"The best way to predict your future is to create it." – Abraham Lincoln

Recent News

Harmony Day 2023 - 'Everyone Belongs'

Harmony Week is a celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging for everyone.

You are invited to wear orange or cultural dress on March 24 to show your support!

We invite our parents and caregivers for tea / coffee served by SMM staff from 8.30am - 8.45am

You are invited to contribute to our 'Everyone Belongs' SMM family tree by adding your family name to our school family tree display,

From the APRIM

LITURGICAL CALENDAR INFORMATION

ST PATRICKS DAY

This Friday, March 17, we stop and take a few moments to think about St. Patrick. St Patrick was a faithful follower of Jesus. At an early age, St. Patrick chose to work in the service of God and to bring the message of God's love to the people of Ireland.

ST JOSEPHS DAY

On Sunday March 16, we take time to think about St. Joseph. St Joseph was the husband of Mary, the mother of Jesus. According to the earliest Christian traditions, he was a carpenter. The Gospel of Matthew calls St Joseph, "a righteous man," meaning he was an observant Jew who obeyed God's law.

HARMONY DAY

As a school community, we come together to celebrate Harmony Day this year on 24 March. Created in 1999 to celebrate unity and diversity, Harmony Day was originally an Australian celebration but is now marked worldwide. Harmony Day is all about respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. The colour of Harmony Day is orange and the theme this year is EVERYONE BELONGS. See flyer below for more information.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2023

As we work together to support our brothers and sisters around the world in need, each class in our school will be holding a fundraiser for Project Compassion. See flyer below for more information.

CLASSROOM LEARNING

During the season of Lent, the Catholic Church removes the word 'Alleluia' from the Mass. This practice is a way of recognizing the solemnity of the season. Mrs. Drewett and her students have placed this word in a box, tied it with ribbon and placed it in their prayer space. Students have said...

"There is a word in the box that we can't say yet. When Easter comes, we can open the word and say it"...Keira

"It means celebrating"...Delilah

ELIZABETH CATHOLIC PARISH SACRAMENT PROGRAM

Last week an information session was held at the Elizabeth Catholic Parish for those families interested in enrolling their child in the program for 2023. If you would like more information about this program, please call or email Melissa Musolino.

Phone: 8255 6144

Email: mmusolino@smm.catholic.edu.au

They Call Me Miss Sam!

I teach year 4/5's here at St Mary Magdalene's School. I am a recent graduate, so have only been here for a short time. This will be my second year at the school, last year I won my permanency which I am really happy about.

While I was studying my final years at uni, I worked as a special needs/additional needs Co-educator at Paralowie R-12 school. It set a good foundation for me, so when I graduated, I was ready to hit the ground running.

I love it at St Mary Magdalene's. Working at a smaller school, it gives me the opportunity to really get to know every student and their families, and form those close relationships, which are really important.

The kids truly are my best motivation to show up at work every day and bring my best. Not knowing what is going to make me smile and fill my bucket each day excites me.

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." – Benjamin Franklin.

This is one of my favourite quotes, that really motivates me to be the best teacher I can for our children.

Project Compassion 2023



The theme of Project Compassion is **'For All Future Generations'**. This phrase is a powerful affirmation that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. It is also a call for all of us to play our part in making the world a better place by working together as sisters and brothers in finding long-term solutions to global issues. We invite you to help us put 'faith into action' during the season of Lent and help make the world a more just and better place for all.

Each class will aim to raise **\$25.00** for Project Compassion.

This could help students to have access to supplies for drawing and art in Nepal.

[Keep an eye out on Seesaw for each teams mini fundraising campaign throughout the term.](#)

Little Maggie's Playgroup



THURSDAY MORNINGS

9am

**Please
Bring a Fruit
Snack and
Water**



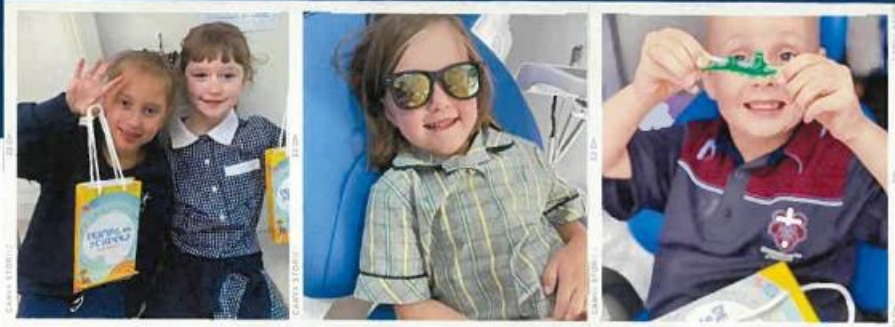
St Mary Magdalene's
Community Hub




St Mary Magdalene's School

DENTAL FOR SCHOOLS

Scan the qr code to fill out the Consent form online instead



We are scheduled to visit on:

1st of May - 5th May 2023

Help us fight dental decay this year at Elizabeth North Primary School by getting involved in our preventive check-ups! *Please fill out* your child's consent form as soon as possible to leave enough time to process your child's forms and to ensure they are seen by our dental practitioners.



Check-up & Clean

Have your child's teeth shining bright again! We will provide a check-up & professional clean. Here we will let you know if there are any areas that require attention.



Goodie Bags + Report

All participants receive a gift bag with essentials and some goodies. You will also have a take home oral health report with any concerns to monitor throughout the year



Visit with friends

Take the stress out of your child's dental visit while they visit with their friends and classmates. Our clinics are fitted with movies to watch while they wait.



E. info@dentalforschools

W. dentalforschools.com.au

P. (08) 7225 8142



DENTAL FOR SCHOOLS

We are scheduled to visit on:

Monday the 1st of May 2023

We will be visiting St Mary Magdalene's School to provide check-ups & onsite treatment. Simply fill in our dental consent form located below for your child to be a part of this unique experience!

Medical Consent Form: www.dentalforschools.com.au/registration



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Have your child's teeth shining bright again! We will provide a check-up & professional clean. Here we will let you know if they need any further work.



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Parenting Workshops

Learn parenting strategies from expert psychologists.

You're invited to these unmissable **free** parent events!

The Parenting Success Formula (Transition to School) - 15th March 2023 | 10am - 11am

Healthy Sleep Routines for Kids - 22nd March 2023 | 10am - 11am

Helping Children Cope with Divorce & Separation - 29th March 2023 | 10am - 11am

How to Have a Healthy Mind (For Parents) - 5th April 2023 | 10am - 11am

Understanding & Overcoming Anxiety in Kids - 12th April 2023 | 10am - 11am

Each workshop is a 45-minute presentation plus 15 minutes for Q&A.

Venue

Playford Uniting Church
232 Curtis Road (Cnr Douglas Drive),
Munno Para SA 5115

How to book

To book, please visit:
<https://www.trybooking.com/CGFYB>



Meet your facilitators



Dr Tom Nehmy
Clinical Psychologist



Dr Neralie Cain
Clinical Psychologist



Dr Kaitlin Harkess
Clinical Psychologist



Jacinta Durrand
Clinical Psychologist

Questions & further information

Leanne at Healthy Minds | 0467 999 706 | leanne@healthymindsprogram.com

An event for adults. Children under 12 months welcome. Registration forms are available via our booking system or at the school reception. Please submit prior to or on arrival - if you are attending more than one of the five sessions, only one registration form is needed.

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TERM 1, 2023 TIMETABLE

All programs are FREE and open to the community - Everyone is welcome! *All classes are subject to change, Please book.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	
<p>9am - 11am 27th March (Week 9) Centacare Workshop "THE FAST FIVE"</p> <p>Learn strategies to improve children's behaviour, problem solving skills and emotional regulation + more! *BOOKING REQUIRED *Free Child minding available</p>   <p>CITIZENSHIP/ ENGLISH COMPUTER CLASS</p> <p>1pm - 3pm Learn how to use a computer! Citizenship and English Support. *Limited spaces *BOOKING REQUIRED *Free Child Minding - 0437 609 976</p>	<p>Community Hub OP-SHOP</p>  <p>By Appointment or One-Off Events Only</p> <p>Follow our Hub Facebook Page!</p> <p>**11am - 12:45pm</p> <p>CUPPA AND CRAFT Bring your own craft or join the group activity. *BOOKING REQUIRED *Free Child Minding - 0437 609 976</p> <p> 1pm - 3pm 7th Feb - 14th March</p> <p>For Parents and carers of children with a disability or other special needs. *MyTime bookings only - 0414 912 816 *Free Child Minding</p>	<p>DO YOU NEED HELP WITH: FILLING IN FORMS CHILD HEALTH CHECKS MANAGING MONEY LINKS TO LOCAL SERVICES KINDY ENROLMENTS ANYTHING ELSE? WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER IN THE SCHOOL OR HUB? Please see Kerryn to book a time</p> <p>**12:30 - 2:15pm</p> <p>SEWING GROUP *Sewing support provided *Limited spaces *BOOKING REQUIRED *Free Child Minding - 0437 609 976</p> <p> 3pm Wednesday or 9am Thursday</p> <p>Uncollected boxes will be given away to another family on the waiting list. Join the waiting list today!</p>	<p>9am - 10:30am</p> <p>Little Maggies Playgroup</p> <p>Children learn through play. Make new friends and most importantly, Have fun! Children from Birth - 5 years</p>   <p>Conversational ENGLISH CLASS</p> <p>1pm - 3pm Learn or practice your English in a safe and welcoming place. All levels welcome. Bring a friend! *Free Child Minding - 0437 609 976</p>	<p>ASK KERRYN IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT:</p> <p> Free play based learning program for Children aged 3 years!</p> <p>Kids Club After school Fun for School aged children.</p> <p>playford communities for children+ Fun for the whole family, Special events and more!</p> <p>St Mary Magdalene's School Elizabeth Grove </p> <p>Catholic primary school with no tuition fees.</p> <p>CONTACT KERRYN 0437 609 976 kchambers@smm.catholic.edu.au</p>
				<p> Follow us on Facebook for Reminders, Cancellations and Special Events. www.facebook.com/CommunityHubSMM</p>

Supporting Children After Separation Information Session

Dealing with change after separation

Information session for separated parents wanting to understand and manage the changes in their family

This workshop will enable you to:

- Share with others about what is different now that the family has changed
- Learn about what your children need from you
- Learn about communicating respectfully with the other parent
- Identify what gets in the way of working together as parents
- Develop strategies to deal with what gets in the way
- Understand the developmental attachment needs of your children



Available Sessions

Venue: Centacare 1A/2 Sturt Reserve Road, Murray Bridge		Cost: \$5.00 – No fee for mediation clients	
Friday 05.05.2023	10.00am – 12noon	Friday 16.06.2023	10.00am – 12noon

INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S STUDIES

This 10-week program will support you in increasing your confidence and helping you identify your employment or study pathway. We understand the many challenges that women experience and we want to help empower you to create a new path forward.

The program includes:

- Building self-confidence
- Wellbeing and resilience
- Planning employment and study pathways
- Understanding advocacy
- Healthy Mind and Body
- Communicate Assertively*

*WOMCOM204 Communicate Assertively TAFESA RTO Code 41026)
Participants will receive a statement of attainment on completion of program



**FREE
TRAINING**

Starting Thursday 4th of May 2023

Thursdays and Fridays 9:30 am-12:30 pm

St Mary Magdalene's School-Community Hub
82 Fairfield Rd, Elizabeth South SA 5112

Participants must be aged 17 years or over and not enrolled in school. Child Minding (creche) is available for caregivers attending program.

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST:

Phone: (08) 84068488 or 0432487611 (please leave message) or Email:

pfccfoundationskills@gmail.com

**LEARNING
NEVER
ENDS**



The Fast Five Workshop

**MONDAY 27th March 9am - 11am
COMMUNITY HUB**

**Parenting tips that really work.
This two-hour workshop collects key
concepts from current Australian research
into effective parenting strategies.**

**The workshop brings five key parenting
activities designed to:**

- Cut through unnecessary parenting information
- Provide strategies to assist improve children's behaviour
- problem solving skills and emotional regulation
- Improve the child/parent relationship

*****Bookings are essential, please contact**

**Free Creche available - Contact Kerryn
0437 609 976**



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Community English Classes

*LEARN ENGLISH AT YOUR OWN PACE
IN A FRIENDLY PLACE!*

*FREE CHILD MINDING AVAILABLE
*BOOKING REQUIRED

DIGITAL ENGLISH / CITIZENSHIP
MONDAYS 1pm - 3pm

CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH
THURSDAYS 1pm - 3pm

Contact Kerryn on 0437 609 976
www.facebook.com/CommunityHubSMM

Located at 82 Fairfield Road, Elizabeth Grove 5112
(Enter through the gate on Harvey Road)



Centacare

Keeping Families Safe: Picking up the pieces after domestic violence

This course is for families experiencing separation

This FREE workshop is for separated Parents and Carers to explore:

- How children experience domestic violence
- What children might learn from this experience
- How parents can help children heal
- Strategies to support children's on-going wellbeing
- Nurturing strategies

Time: 9:30am – 11:30am
Dates: Tuesday 4 July 2023
Venue: Centacare Level 2
45 Wakefield Street,
Adelaide 5000



Kids Club



Kids Club is a FREE program for school children (5 to 12yrs) living in the Playford area.

Kids Club provides a safe, nurturing environment where children can come in from school, engage in fun but educational activities, have a place to feel safe and to make new friends.

Ask about our School Holiday Programs!

Mondays 3pm to 4.30pm

The Precinct
112 Coventry Road
Smithfield Plains

Tuesdays & Wednesdays 3pm to 5pm

The Platform
73 Elizabeth Way,
Elizabeth

Check out our Facebook page



During School Term

- Hands on learning activities
- Afternoon Snack
- Fun games

Please contact Kids Club workers to reserve your place for each session as places are limited.

Melissa - 0409 755 973 or

Leonie - 0407 977 351

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Together we change lives.

Playgroup Meet and Play @ The Park

WEDNESDAY 29TH MARCH

FREMONT PARK 9:30AM - 11AM

*Children must be supervised by their parent or guardian at all times

COLOUR RUN!

Wear white or black clothes
to show all the beautiful colours!

BUBBLES!



FUN!



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KERRY - ST MARY MAGDALENE'S COMMUNITY HUB - 0437 609 976

JORDON - ELIZABETH VALE COMMUNITY HUB - 0400 847 265

MARY - KAURNA PLAINS CHILDREN'S CENTRE - 8209 3840

