

Important Dates

Pupil Free Day (No School - OSHC Booking- pls call Jenn 0437609630)
Friday 7 March 2025

School Board Meeting 6.30 - 7.30pm
Tuesday 18 March 2025

SACPSSA Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 2 April 2025

Sports Day - Families Welcome
Friday 4 April 2025

End of Term 1, 2025 - Normal finish of 3pm
Friday 11 April 2025

Good Friday (No School)
Friday 18 April 2025

Easter Sunday
Sunday 20 April 2025

Easter Monday (No School)
Monday 21 April 2025

Pupil Free Day (No School - OSHC Booking- pls call Jenn 0437609630)
Monday 28 April 2025

Term 2 Start
Tuesday 29 April 2025

Dental for Schools on site for one week! (forms home soon)
Monday 19 May 2025

Pupil Free Day (No School - OSHC Booking- pls call Jenn 0437609630)
Monday 21 July 2025

Pupil Free Day (No School - OSHC Booking- pls call Jenn 0437609630)
Friday 26 September 2025

Pupil Free Day (No School - OSHC Booking- pls call Jenn 0437609630)
Thursday 11 December 2025

Pupil Free Day (No School - OSHC Booking- pls call Jenn 0437609630)
Friday 12 December 2025

From the Leadership Team

Term 1 is now in full swing and hopefully the hot weather has now passed us by. Thank you to all our families who braved the evening heat and attended our Parent Meet and Greet Evening last week.

These events are crucial in forming a whole team approach and setting the year up for success. Our staff were excited to share their learning space with you and provide you with an insight into your child's learning. As the term rolls on there will be further opportunities to meet with our staff. In the meantime, you are always welcome to meet with your child's teacher. The best way to do this is via a scheduled meeting to ensure our teachers can be completely present.

Thank you to you all for your quick turn around with the Student Information and Medical forms. If yours is still on the fridge or kitchen bench, please make an effort to return these as soon as possible.

Some great things have been happening in our classrooms already. Our students have been busy voting for our student leaders. Developing leadership skills in young people is so important. We want our students to have a voice in what happens in our school. These students were presented to our school community on Tuesday. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for pictures of this presentation.

Our Year 6 students are looking very smart in their commemorative polo tops. If you are still yet to collect yours, please head on in to the Front Office.

We are still giving out a few reminders here and there about overall uniform standards, but we are mostly looking good.

An early reminder that **Friday 7 March** is a Pupil Free Day as our staff undergo professional development. It will be a 4 day weekend as Monday is also the Adelaide Cup Public Holiday. Please pop this date on your calendar. If you require our OSHC service please contact the Front Office or drop into the OSHC building to make arrangements.

Shaping our future together,

Belinda and Gareth

Recent News

Wellbeing Newsletter Article

Our students in St Mary Magdalene's have begun the term by participating in classroom morning circles. These circles promote a greater level of positivity and relationship in the morning with the aim to increase engagement in class and sense of wellbeing.

- The circles begin with greeting each other
- discussing our class values and expectations to promote a safe environment
- sharing any important announcements
- Positive Primer- movement game, activity, music or video to elicit happiness
- What Went Well – discussing small and big moments of what has been good about our morning/ day/ week/ develops students and staff's sense of gratitude and mindfulness

We ask parents and caregivers to help support your children and their teachers by also asking the children **'what went well?'** at the end of the day. Children can sometimes fall into the trap of talking about the things that went wrong during the day and not remember or recognise the moments that were positive! The smaller the moment the better! It may be a hug from a parent, toast was cooked perfectly, the cuddle with a pet, favourite song came on the radio – there is no wrong answer. By doing this we are all developing the children's ability to look for moments of beauty in life and awareness of what is around them. This increases resilience for when things don't go planned because they will continue to look for the good around them instead.

OSHC News!

Hello Families,

I hope everyone is settling in well to 2025. In OSHC so far this Term we have been busy developing new friendships and strengthening old ones, exploring our creativity and having fun.

Just a few quick messages for all families.

Sun Safety

At OSHC we love to go outside, and we love to do so safely. This means we are sun safe and wear appropriate clothing. In OSHC all children and young people must have a hat to wear outdoors.

Children and young people are also required to wear sunscreen. At OSHC we provide sunscreen however we are aware that some may have sensitivities or allergies. In this instance we ask families to provide sunscreen clearly labelled with the child or young person's name for storage at OSHC. This ensures that your child/ren remain sun safe at OSHC and able to participate in all OSHC environments.

Pupil Free Day Friday 7th March 2025

Friday the 7th of March is a Pupil Free Day for staff to undertake professional learning. This means the school is CLOSED.

Pupil Free Day OSHC will be available from 6:45am – 6:00pm but bookings are essential as spaces are limited. To make a booking enquiry contact Jenn at OSHC directly via 0437609630 by Friday 28th February 2025.

Bookings made after this time are not guaranteed.

Please be aware that there is a fee for accessing OSHC services. Please speak to OSHC staff for more information.

Thankyou!

Jenn Firth

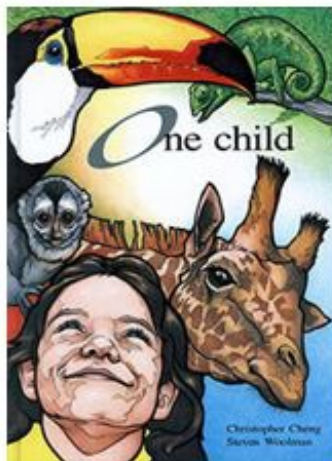
OSHC Director



What is the Liturgical Year?

A Liturgical Year shows the cycle of seasons in the Catholic Church. The Church year consists of six liturgical seasons: Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time after Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time after Pentecost. In each newsletter we aim to highlight different events in the Liturgical Calendar that we might be celebrating in our school. An important liturgical season that comes up in our liturgical calendar during term 1 is Lent and Easter.

Each term, we gather in a variety of ways as a school to engage in liturgical celebrations of prayer, liturgy and the celebration of Mass. Sometimes we gather as a whole school and other times our classes join in teams to lead these celebrations. We invite you to join us in our celebrations and will advertise these to you in advance.



Growing in Mercy

This year, classes will be engaging with the book "One Child" by Christopher Cheng. This book focusses on the difference one child can make to our world through an environmental lens. Through the lens of 'Growing in Mercy' we hope to have the students begin to think about what difference they can make to our world, our school, our classrooms, and homes to make it a better place for all.

SHROVE TUESDAY, ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT

In Week 6 this term, we enter a new liturgical season in the Catholic Church, the season of Lent. This season lasts for forty days and forty nights. Our students recognise the change in prayer cloth colour on our classroom prayer tables as it changes from green to purple.

Shrove Tuesday

This day is celebrated by people around the world in different ways. Some refer to it as Pancake Day, Mardi Gras or Carnevale. In preparation for Lent, Catholics would use up foods which they were not permitted to consume during Lent. This included eggs, fat and rich foods. This year, we will celebrate Shrove Tuesday with sharing pancakes with staff and students. More information will be sent to families regarding this in the coming weeks.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday begins the Season of Lent. The marking of ashes on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday is a reminder for us all to walk with Jesus during the season of Lent, to say sorry for the times we have hurt others and aim to become more loving as we work to put others' needs before our own. It is a special time when we stop and think about how we can play our part in God's hope for a world that is fair, just and peaceful. Our next Whole School Liturgy is our **Ash Wednesday** celebration with the distribution of the ashes. This will be held on **Wednesday 5th of March, at 2:15pm, in Yarning Place.**



PROJECT COMPASSION 2025

During the season of Lent, we connect with CARITAS Australia and fundraise for Project Compassion. Each year Project Compassion brings together thousands of Australians in schools, parishes and the community to stand in solidarity with the world's most vulnerable com

ELIZABETH CATHOLIC PARISH SACRAMENT PROGRAM

The Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist form the Sacraments of Christian Initiation. If your child is 7 years of age (or older) and would like to be involved in the program for 2025, please contact Amiee Tullio for more information.

atullio@smm.catholic.edu.au

Learning Kindness

At our school, kindness isn't just something we talk about—it's something we practice. Recently, Mr. Richard and Mr. Morgado led an activity that encouraged students to spread joy in a simple way.

Armed with paint pens and creativity, groups of students decorated small rocks with affirming words like joy, kindness, love, and justice. The idea behind the project was simple: to create something positive and send it out into the world with no expectation of return—just a small act of selfless kindness to make the school a better place.

Once the rocks were decorated, students placed them in special spots around the school—hidden in gardens, nestled near walkways, or tucked into quiet corners—waiting to be discovered by others. Each rock now serves as a little reminder that kindness is everywhere, sometimes in the places you least expect.

Through this activity, students learned that kindness doesn't always need recognition. Sometimes, the best acts of goodwill are the ones done purely for the sake of making someone's day a little brighter.

So, keep an eye out! You never know when you might find a small, hand-painted rock carrying a message meant just for you.

Because kindness, no matter how small, has the power to ripple outward and make a difference.





School Leaders for 2025!





FREE COMMUNITY ENGLISH CLASS

*PLEASE CHECK THE HUB TIMETABLE ON FACEBOOK FOR CLASS DATES
www.facebook.com/CommunityHubSMM OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW



THURSDAYS
Easy English Class
 All Levels Welcome
12pm - 2:30pm
 *Free Child Minding *Booking Required

+ MONDAYS
Cuppa and Chat Group
9:30am - 11am
 Practice and Build Your
 Speaking and Listening Skills

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Community Hub

St Mary Magdalene's School - 82 Fairfield Road Elizabeth Grove
(Enter through the gate on Harvey Road. Please sign in at the Front Office)



TERM 1, 2025 TIMETABLE

All sessions are FREE and open to the Community - Everyone is welcome!

Monday

ENGLISH CUPPA AND CHAT GROUP

9:30am - 11am

A WEEKLY GROUP THAT MEET TO PRACTICE AND BUILD ENGLISH TALKING AND LISTENING SKILLS

3rd Feb - 31st March

INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT APPOINTMENTS

HELP WITH FILLING IN FORMS, SERVICE REFERRALS, RESUME WRITING, JOB APPLICATIONS, COMPUTER ACCESS + MORE
*BOOKING REQUIRED

TO BOOK A TIME
CALL OR MESSAGE
KERRY ON
0437 609 976

Tuesday

Little Maggies Playgroup

9am - 10:30am

FUN ACTIVITIES + MAKE NEW FRIENDS
CHILDREN FROM BIRTH - 5 YEARS

4th Feb - 1st April

CUPPA & CRAFT

11:30am - 12:45pm

JOIN US FOR A CUPPA AND CHAT BYO CRAFT OR GROUP ACTIVITY

28th Jan - 8th April

MY TIME SUPPORT GROUP

1pm - 3pm

SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS & CARERS OF CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS
*BOOKING REQUIRED

4th Feb - 11th March

Wednesday

BEACH PLAYGROUP

SPECIAL EVENT

10am - 1pm

JOINT COMMUNITY EVENT
PLEASE SEE KERRY FOR DETAILS

*BOOKING REQUIRED

2nd April



INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT APPOINTMENTS

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0437 609 976

Thursday

SING AND GROW

MUSIC PROGRAM

9:15am - 10:30am

FOR CHILDREN AGED BIRTH - 4 YEARS
MUSIC, SINGING & DANCING!

6th Feb - 3rd April

COMMUNITY ENGLISH CLASS

12pm - 2:30pm

FREE CHILD MINDING
*BOOKING REQUIRED

NO COST - FREE CLASSES

ALL LEVELS WELCOME

6th Feb - 3rd April



3pm
*REGISTERED FAMILIES
3:10pm
WAIT LIST FAMILIES



TOY LIBRARY OPEN TIMES

Tuesdays

*During Playgroup

Thursdays

*After Sing and Grow



SPECIAL EVENTS
COMING SOON!

Hub Contact Info:

Call or Text Message

KERRY

0437 609 976

Email:

kchambersemm.catholic.edu.au

www.facebook.com/CommunityHubSMM

Join Us for Sing&Grow!



part of the
play matters
family

What happens at Sing&Grow?

Sing&Grow provides Music Therapy services in the community for families with children aged from birth to 5 years. Groups usually meet for an hour, once a week, for 8 weeks.

During sessions, a Music Therapist will lead you in singing, dancing and playing instruments with your child. We use familiar and original songs to help you and your child have fun playing together and learn new ways to support child development.

Group Information

When: **Thursday Mornings**

9:15am – 10:30am

Where: Community Hub
St Mary Magdalene's Primary School

82 Fairfield Road, Elizabeth Grove
**Please enter via the gate on Harvey Road and
sign in at the Front Office*

Dates: 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th February
13th, 20th, 27th March
3rd of April 2025

To register contact:

KERRY N – 0437 609 976

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Why MyTime?

MyTime is for parents and carers of a child with a disability, chronic medical condition or other additional needs including developmental delay.

FIND US AT:

St Mary Magdalene's School
82 Fairfield Rd. Elizabeth South
Tuesday 1-3pm (6 sessions)

CONTACT:

Keryn Baker-Cocks
0414 912 816 or 0403937 956
Keryn.baker-cocks@sa.gov.au

Unwind and
share experiences
with others who
understand



mytime.net.au

Little Maggie's Playgroup



**TUESDAY
MORNINGS**

9am -10:30am

* DURING SCHOOL TERMS
* EXCLUDING LAST
WEEK OF TERM

**Please
Bring a Snack
and
Water for
Group Time**



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

Located at 82 Fairfield Road, Elizabeth Grove 5112
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COME & TRY Calisthenics

2 FREE LESSONS

MODBURY UNITING CHURCH

576 Montague Rd
Modbury North



Ridgehaven Calisthenics



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2025 Term days and times below:

Monday	SENIORS (18+ years) Competitive
Tuesday	EVOLUTION (any age) Inclusion / Non-competitive INTERMEDIATES (14-17 years) Competitive
Wednesday	SUB-JUNIORS (8-10 years) Competitive MASTERS (26+ years) Competitive
Thursday	JUNIORS (11-13 years) Competitive
Saturday	TINIES (2-7 YEARS) Non-competitive (2-7 years) & Competitive (5-7 years)



Register Here



Ridgehaven Calisthenics



Koala United Netball Club are looking for more players for our Netball club for Seniors and Juniors. We play at Argana Park Elizabeth Downs.

Juniors

Under 9s, Under 11s, Under 13s, Under 15s, Under 17s

Juniors' fees: \$110.00

PlayHD fees: \$135.00

Junior's Training

Thursday Night 4:30 to 5:30

Junior's Game - Friday Night

Times - 6.15pm, 7.30pm & 8.45pm

Seniors

Senior's fees: \$130.00

PlayHD fees: \$145.00