

## Important Dates

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Assembly - Led by  
Year 2 Class

Tuesday 5 March 2024

Swimming Carnival  
Trials

Thursday 7 March 2024

Pupil Free Day (No  
School) (OSHC avail  
with bookings)

Friday 8 March 2024

Adelaide Cup Long  
Weekend (No  
School)

Monday 11 March 2024

Good Friday (No  
School)

Friday 29 March 2024

Easter Sunday

Sunday 31 March 2024

Easter Monday (No  
School)

Monday 1 April 2024

Swimming Carnival

Thursday 4 April 2024

Sports Day -  
Families Welcome

Friday 5 April 2024

School Board  
Meeting, 6.30 pm

Tuesday 9 April 2024

Last Day of Term 1  
(3pm Finish)

Friday 12 April 2024

Term 2 Begins!

Monday 29 April 2024

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## From the Leadership Team

Dear Families,

In the church year, we are in the **season of Lent**. It is a time when we predominantly see the colour purple. This is the colour of royalty, of kings and queens. Historically this is the time when people were waiting for a new king to come and save them from the Romans and other leaders of the day. Interestingly, their new king was Jesus and he wasn't the king they were expecting! Instead, Jesus challenged the people of his time to think differently, to change their ways, to be better people. Instead of having power over people, he called for people to care for and love others. So this time of Lent is now a time when we are encouraged to change those things about us, where we might exert power over others, or are 'mean' to others, to be compassionate, courageous, hospitable, just, respectful and to serve others. These are our Mercy values and they fit nicely within the Gospel values that Jesus gives us. I invite you to think about how you could be an even better person than you are today. Thank you Mrs Tullio for a great line that you gave us during our staff prayer on Monday:

*"Let today be the day you give up who you have been, for the You, you can become."*

This week we welcome a **new student**: Makenzie in Year 5 and some **new staff members**: Ebony Dekort (Co-Educator) and Matt McGinty (Leader of Learning - Wellbeing). Matt will be shared with St Thomas More School. We hope your time with us is full of learning, friendships and fun! We look forward to three more students commencing next week!

Earlier this week I met with our **student leaders** for this year: Zachary, Freya, Luka, Mickaylah, Keira, Caelan, Tilda, Elijah, Aiden, Yonatan, Aurora, Emelia, Hunter, Oliver, Stella, Stella and Cooper. Our first meeting was to set the scene as to how our meetings would

operate and to share the 'ground rules' around sharing and listening. Each meeting the children bring their meeting book with some "celebrations/positives, questions, ideas and issues". Our plan is to discuss these items, take action if necessary and feed back to their peers in their classroom. I look forward to working with them. Congratulations for being chosen by your classmates for this important leadership role. We will present your badges at our Assembly on Tuesday at 2:15pm.

This week and next week our students will be undertaking the **Classroom Pulse Check In Survey**. This is a Catholic Education SA survey that our students undertake each term at this time (Week 5 & 6). We use this survey to gauge how our students are travelling with regards to their wellbeing and endeavour to pick up any trends over a length of time.

This week our Year 3 and Year 5 students undertook the **NAPLAN** practice test. This test helps to familiarise the students with the NAPLAN testing environment but also helps to check that our school ICT capabilities are sufficient for the actual NAPLAN testing days (commencing 13 March). Each year, for various reasons, some parents withdraw their children from NAPLAN testing. It may be to do with various diagnoses, anxiety, health, personal or other reasons but a 'withdrawal' form needs to be completed and signed by the parent. Please see your child's teacher, Michelle Menadue, or myself, if this is the case.

Our staff are always concerned about **safety of all children**, especially around the school. Please remember that if you are driving past a school and there are children present, the speed limit is 25kph. We are amazed at how many people travel through our school crossing at higher speeds than this ... even with the amber lights flashing. Please note that the speed limit is also 25kph along Harvey Road and Murphy Street if children are present ... it is not just where or when the lights are flashing.

We would also like to remind students and families to be wary of approaches from strangers, especially when they are unaccompanied or travelling to and from school. If they are approached, students should not respond and should not accept offers of rides or gifts. Students should seek the assistance of other nearby adults if they feel unsafe and should report any events to a trusted adult (parent or school staff member) as soon as possible. SAPOL advises that taking out a mobile phone and calling police can deter an offender and they recommend the student making a formal report to their closest police station.

Please remember that we have the following dates set aside as **Pupil Free Days** for the staff to undertake professional development, staff reflection, complete hand over activities, etc. There are still two more dates to be set for later in the year. Currently we have set: Fri 8 March (next week), Fri 23 August, Thu 12 December and Fri 13 December. Please mark them in your diary and book in to OSHC if you require this service (spaces are limited).

Our next Assembly is this Tuesday at 2:15pm and will be led by Ms Peterson's Year 2 class.

Kind regards

Peter Mercer

Head of School

*'Shaping our Future Together'*

## Recent News

### From the APRIM

#### CATHOLIC IDENTITY

##### LITURGICAL CALENDAR INFORMATION

A Liturgical Calendar 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 focusing on or celebrating in our school.

Special celebrations that we focus on during classroom and whole school prayer throughout term 1 and those that come up in our liturgical calendar include:

[Week 6](#)

9/3 Ramadan begins

Week 7

17/3 Feast of St. Patrick

Week 8

19/3 Feast of St. Joseph

21/3 Harmony Day

Week 9

24/3 Palm Sunday

28/3 Holy Thursday

29/3 Good Friday

Week 10

Easter Sunday 31/3

LENT

With Ash Wednesday beginning the Season of Lent, we are reminded that 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. Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving we take the focus from ourselves and instead focus on our relationship with God. Vicki Rubino led our combined schools prayer last week for students and staff across both schools guiding us to focus on being more caring and loving towards each other just as Jesus showed us.

During the season of Lent, is the perfect time to create opportunities where we can be a support to others in our wider world and to those within our own school community.

With a focus on 'giving' during Lent, you may have heard about our '40 items for 40 days' campaign where students, families and staff who wish to join in, can donate 40 items over 40 days to charity.

If you would like to join in, you can send your items to school to be placed in the St. Vincent De Paul bins provided.

HOLY WEEK

Join us as we celebrate Holy Week through story and song in week 9. Dates and times tbc.

SACRAMENT PROGRAM

Our Sacrament Program begins this weekend. For those families who have enrolled in the program or are wanting to enrol, please be aware of the following dates:

Baptism Workshop

Saturday March 2

9am – 11am

St. Thomas More Church – 19 Laverstock Rd, Elizabeth North.

Eucharist Workshop Session 1

Saturday March 23

9am – 11am

St. Thomas More Church – 19 Laverstock Rd, Elizabeth North.

Eucharist Workshop Session 2

Saturday April 13

9am – 11am

St. Thomas More Church – 19 Laverstock Rd, Elizabeth North.

## Welcome Mrs. Dickson!

We're excited to introduce Leah Dickson, our new Year 4/5 teacher at St Mary Magdalene's School.

2024 will be Leah's 8th consecutive year in the classroom, having taught across both Department and Catholic Education schools. In recent years, Leah has discovered her passion for middle years education and is beyond excited to teach our year 4/5's alongside Angela Rose (who we will introduce to you in the coming weeks).

Having also studied Drama while at university, we are certain Leah's 4/5's are going to really enjoy the creative energy she will no doubt bring to the classroom and have lots of fun!

We feel incredibly fortunate to have Leah as part of the SMM community. Welcome, Leah



## LEAH DICKSON

| *Staffing Announcement*



### WORDS

This week we have learnt all about the power of our words. Mrs Dickson set 2 students a challenge: you have 10 seconds to squeeze all the toothpaste out of your tube. Easy! The next pair's challenge was a little trickier: use a spoon put it all back in... in 10 seconds. Not so easy!

As a class we then read Proverbs 15:1 "A mild answer turns away wrath, sharp words stir up anger."

Quickly we made the connection between the toothpaste and our words... it's easy to speak with anger, to say unkind things. It's not so easy to take them back. Our words hold power and it's important we choose them wisely and use them for good whenever we can!

We ended our lessons by watching Kid President "20 Things We Should Say More Often".

Later this week we will write down some kind words we can use for good- look out in the front office for our wrinkled hearts and kind words in week 7!





## Collection Notice for parents/guardians

### 2024 Student Residential Address and Other Information

The Australian Government Department of Education (the department) would like to notify you that we have requested for your child's school to provide residential address and other information.

Under the Australian Education Regulations 2023, the school is required to provide the department with the following information about each student at the school:

- names and residential addresses of the student's parent(s) and/or guardian(s)
- student residential address (**excluding student names**)
- whether the student is a primary or secondary student (education level)
- whether the student is boarding or a day student (boarding status).

The school collects the above information by generating a **unique and unidentifiable** student reference number (SRN) for each student record. The school only uses the SRN for this collection. **The SRN cannot be used for any other purpose.** The number only indicates to the department that each record provided is for one student.

#### Purpose of the collection

The Student Residential Address and Other Information Collection (the collection) informs Australian Government school education policy and helps ensure funding for non-government schools is based on need.

The information collected is used to inform school funding calculations. It is combined with Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data to calculate a non-government school community's anticipated capacity to contribute to schooling costs.

In 2020, the department introduced a new measure of capacity to contribute: the Direct Measure of Income (DMI). The DMI is based on the median income of non-government school students' parents or guardians using the collection data. For more information see [Direct Measure of Income \(DMI\) Methodology](#).

#### Use and disclosure of personal information

**Your personal information is protected by law** under the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) (the Privacy Act). Personal information is information or an opinion about an identifiable individual. Personal information includes an individual's name and contact details.

Any use or disclosure of your personal information must occur in accordance with the Privacy Act, the *Australian Education Act 2013* and Australian Education Regulations 2023.

Your personal information provided to the department through the collection may be:

- disclosed to the ABS for the purposes of capacity to contribute calculations and analysis as a part of the Multi-Agency Data Integration Project (MADIP). Find more information about MADIP on the ABS website [MADIP page](#)
- disclosed to a contracted auditor where the department may audit a school's collection submission. The contracted auditor compares the school's submission with the student enrolment information. The contracted auditor will not use the information for any other purpose

- disclosed to our service providers for the purpose of providing the department with information and communications technology support
- used or disclosed where it is otherwise required or authorised by law.

The department does not intend to disclose your personal information to any overseas recipients.

Find the department's privacy policy on the [Department of Education](#) website which includes information on:

- how individuals can access and modify personal information held by the department
- how complaints about potential breaches or breaches of the Privacy Act can be made
- how the department will deal with these complaints.

The department commissioned an independent Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA). The PIA assesses the flows of information under the Collection, compliance with the Privacy Act and measures in place to safeguard the personal information being collected. The current version is available on the [2018 Student Residential Address Collection: Additional Required Information Privacy Impact Assessment web page](#).

### What do you need to do?

You are not required to do anything. Your school is responsible for providing the department with the requested details; however, you can contact the school to update your family's details.

### Contacts for further information

Your school can provide additional information about the collection process.

Alternatively, please visit the [SchoolsHUB Address Collection help and support page](#).



# REGENERATE

## NEWSROOM

AKKF - SA - Feb 2024

### Amazing News!

We are so excited to announce Bupa Foundation has come on board as a Principal Partner of the Australian Kookaburra Kids Foundation.

This new partnership means Australian young people impacted by family mental illness will receive increased support.

As Principal Partner, the Bupa Foundation is providing funding in 2024 for a new flagship nature-based program, Regenerate.

Delivered in cities throughout Australia and nationally online, Regenerate is an emotionally and environmentally regenerative program for young people impacted by family mental illness that will see camps, activity days and online connect sessions delivered in 2024 – helping approximately 1,000 young people.

We are so excited to unveil our new Regenerate program and are very thankful to Bupa Foundation for their generous support.

### Programs scheduled for the first half of 2024:

CAMP- 22-24 March - Birrigal Outdoor School, ACT  
ACTIVITY DAY - 6 April - Port Phillip Bay, VIC  
ACTIVITY DAY - 1 June - Sydney Botanic Gardens, NSW

### Online Connect Sessions:

20 March- Earth Hour/Harmony Day  
3 April - World Health Day  
15 May - Mental Health Awareness Week.  
5 June - World Environment Day

More programs will be announced soon.

For more information, or to find out how to register a young person to take part in one of these programs, visit our website. <https://kookaburrakids.org.au/regenerate/>

### We need your help

Thank you to the everyone for embracing and supporting our programs by spreading the word about the important work we do.

We need your help to continue this momentum and reach more young people who would benefit from our programs.

Do you know a young person impacted by family mental illness? Visit our website to refer them today!

<https://kookaburrakids.org.au/get-involved/refer/>

### Online Connect Sessions:

Kooka Connect is a perfect introduction for young people to Kookaburra Kids.

Term 1 is now underway.

February Connect Dates:

Feb 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29

All sessions are at 6pm & 7pm AEDT.

For more information or to book in a session click [here](#).



[www.kookaburrakids.org.au](http://www.kookaburrakids.org.au)

## Camps and Activity Days Galore!

That's what's happening at the Australian Kookaburra Kids Foundation over the next few months.

There's just too many to list here, so to make it easier for families, individuals and organisations, we have rearranged a few things on our website.

To see what's coming up for Defence Kids, click [here](#).

To see what's coming up for our Core Kids, please click [here](#).

These links will also give you access to our referral and booking system.

## Kooka Gatherings

A game of footy? ✓

Fun and games? ✓

Vital mental health education? ✓

All were checked off the list at our FIRST EVER Kooka Gathering of the year. We hosted our NSW Core young people at Bungarribee Park in Sydney's Doonside. It served as an amazing opportunity for connection, emphasising the importance of bonding to enhance a positive mental health journey.

There's more to come, with a host of FREE Kooka Gatherings scheduled across the country throughout February and March. Find out more information about our Kooka Gatherings [here](#).

## Programs



In January we headed to Base Camp Ninja Warrior. We put our Ninja training to the test as we ran, swung, and climbed our way through the Ninja courses. We are excited to have some upcoming opportunities for CORE kids, starting with our Kooka Gathering on 2nd March. This will be a great opportunity to find out more about what we do! There is still time to register or if you have any queries, please contact Jodie in South Australia [jodie.mlikota@kookaburrakids.org.au](mailto:jodie.mlikota@kookaburrakids.org.au)

[Coming Up March:](#)

Defence Kids - Camp at Nunyara 22-24th March

Core Kids - Kooka Gathering March 2nd Carisbrooke Pk Salisbury



Want to see more photos from our programs?

We have a new Facebook page set up especially for families to see the wonderful experiences their kids are having on our Camps and Activity Days.

Go to [Australian Kookaburra Kids Families](#) on Facebook and hit that like button.





# JOIN THE FUN! GET INVOLVED NOW

**Central United FC**

Starts Thursday 7th March at 5pm

centralunitedfc@hotmail.com

[play.afl/auskick](https://play.afl/auskick)

NAB AFL Auskick is FREE with the use of the ORSR Sports Voucher or \$100 without.  
1) Enter your 11-digit voucher code (medicare number + child's ref number) in the comment box at the payment screen  
2) Select apply and the price of your order will reset to \$0

**SATURDAY MARCH 16TH**

**11-2PM**

**YOU'RE  
INVITED TO**

*Celebrate*

ELIZABETH  
SOUTH  
COMMUNITY  
CENTRE

**LISTEN  
LOVE  
LEARN**



**ELIZABETH  
SOUTH**

**ELIZABETH SOUTH  
SHOPPING  
CENTRE,  
100 PHILIP  
HIGHWAY**

**BOUNCY  
CASTLE**

**FUN ZONE**

**MARKET  
STALLS**

**LOCAL  
BUSINESS/SERVICES**

**FREE FOOD**



## What is ParentsNext?

ParentsNext is a supportive pre-employment program that helps parents and carers plan and prepare for work before their youngest child starts school.

Support includes:

- help arranging financial support for learner's permit, driving lessons, training, and other work-related expenses
- writing a résumé and job interview practice
- counselling
- support if you are experiencing domestic and family violence
- childcare
- self-help and support groups (for example, homelessness intervention, financial counselling, Indigenous cultural activities)
- work experience, voluntary work, part time/casual paid work.

Eligibility:

- be in receipt of Parenting Payment (partnered or single)
- youngest child is under 6 years old

## Site Locations

- Parafield Gardens
- Ingle Farm
- Elizabeth
- Gawler
- Glanville

Services may vary at the above sites

For any enquiries, please contact:

Lee on 0418 128 554 or Annette on 0437 119 350

**Address:** 39 Kinkaid Road, Elizabeth East, SA, 5112

The Salvation Army, Para  
39 Kinkaid Road  
Elizabeth East, SA, 5112  
Phone: 136 123



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# PLAYGROUP

## Meet and Play @ THE PARK

**WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH**

**PLAYFORD ALIVE TOWN PARK**

307 PEACHEY ROAD DAVOREN PARK \*BEHIND THE STRETTON CENTRE

**9:30AM - 11AM**

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR SUN SMART CLOTHING & HATS  
PLEASE ALSO BRING A CHANGE OF CLOTHES!

\*CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED BY THEIR PARENT OR GUARDIAN AT ALL TIMES  
IMMUNISATION NURSE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND  
FREE IMMUNISATIONS FOR ELIGIBLE ADULTS AND CHILDREN ON THE DAY!



PLAY WITH ME!  
MAKING BUBBLES

PLAY WITH ME!  
WITH WATER



PLAY WITH ME!  
AT THE PARK



**A JOINT COMMUNITY EVENT - PLEASE REGISTER WITH YOUR CENTRE/HUB**  
TRACEY / RACHEL - ELIZABETH GROVE CHILDREN'S CENTRE 0456 991 606 | 82557515  
KERRYN - ST MARY MAGDALENE'S COMMUNITY HUB - 0437 609 976  
NINA - ELIZABETH VALE COMMUNITY HUB - 0400 847 265  
LEONIE - CONNECTED BEGINNINGS - KAURNA PLAINS CHILDREN'S CENTRE - 8209 5840  
HELEN / EMMA - ELIZABETH PARK COMMUNITY HUB - 8255 1160



WORDS  
GROW  
MINDS



Elizabeth Park  
community





# 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, 2024 TIMETABLE

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

### Monday

#### COMMUNITY ENGLISH CLASS

9:30am - 11:30am

\*FREE CHILD MINDING

\*BOOKING REQUIRED

NO COST - FREE CLASSES

ALL LEVELS WELCOME

5th Feb - 8th April

#### PARENTS, CARERS & FRIENDS

2pm - 3pm

POP IN FOR A CUP OF TEA OR COFFEE, CHAT TO OTHER FAMILIES AND BROWSE OUR OP-SHOP!

5th Feb, 26th Feb, 4th March & 25th March

### Tuesday



9am - 10:30am

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

30th Jan - 2nd April

#### CRAFT GROUP

11am - 12:45pm

JOIN THE GROUP ACTIVITY OR BRING YOUR OWN CRAFT  
30th Jan - 2nd April

#### MY TIME

1pm - 3pm

SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS & CARERS OF CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

\*FREE CHILD MINDING

\*BOOKING REQUIRED

6th Feb - 12th March

### Wednesday

#### PLAYGROUP SPECIAL EVENT

JOINT EVENT WITH ELIZABETH VALE COMMUNITY HUB, ELIZABETH GROVE CHILDREN'S CENTRE + MORE

9:30AM - 11AM

PLAYFORD ALIVE WATER PLAY AREA  
\*BOOKING REQUIRED

21st February

#### ONE BOX COLLECTION

3pm

FORTNIGHTLY BOX OF FRESH FRUIT, VEG & BREAD



\*See Kerry to join the waiting list

### Thursday

#### OZ HARVEST COOKING PROGRAM

9:30am - 12pm

\*FREE CHILD MINDING

\*BOOKING REQUIRED

NO COST - FREE CLASSES

\*LIMITED SPACES

8th Feb - 14th March

#### COMMUNITY ENGLISH CLASS

12:30pm - 2:30pm

\*FREE CHILD MINDING

\*BOOKING REQUIRED

NO COST - FREE CLASSES

ALL LEVELS WELCOME

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1st Feb - 4th April

#### IMPORTANT DATES

#### FREE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CHECKS

INFO SESSION:  
TUESDAY - 19th March  
DEVELOPMENT CHECKS:  
TUESDAY - 26th March

Contact:

**KERRY N**

Call or Text:

**0437 609 976**

Email:

kchambers@smm.catholic.edu.au



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# Little Maggie's Playgroup



## TUESDAY MORNINGS

\*DURING SCHOOL TERMS

9am

Please  
Bring a Snack  
and  
Water



Contact Kerryn on 0437 609 976  
[www.facebook.com/CommunityHubSMM](https://www.facebook.com/CommunityHubSMM)  
Located at 82 Fairfield Road, Elizabeth Grove 5112  
(Enter through the gate on Harvey Road)

