

Important Dates

Catholic Education Week

Thursday 18 May

Book Fair Continues until Monday 22nd May

Tuesday 23 May

Pupil Free Day (No School)

Friday 9 June

Public Holiday (No School) June Long Weekend - No School

Monday 12 June

Bringing Up Great Kids Information Session (see flier)

Monday 26 June

From the Leadership Team

Week 3 is already upon us and it has been great to see the children settling into their classroom routines and engaging in learning. There have been some key events that have happened over the past two weeks, and this momentum doesn't appear to be slowing down anytime soon.

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on Tuesday, 16th May, and the reports and items were tabled. We have copies of the AGM report available in the front office. We will also be making the report available online through our website. This will be uploaded within the next two weeks.

School Board

Our first School Board meeting of the term will be on Tuesday, 23rd May, starting at 6:45. The School Board is essential to ensure that our school is working in partnership with families to bring our children the best opportunities and education possible. We are looking for nominations for the school board.

The responsibilities of the School Board are to:

- Work in a spirit of partnership for the development of policies that nurture the Religious and Community dimensions of the school
- Further develop the relationship between the school and the local Church
- Financial stewardship
- Support the administration of the school
- Pastoral care of the school community
- Promote community development and involvement within the School
- Attend two meetings per term

If you would like to nominate for the school board or would like more information about it, could you please contact the front office. Please consider being an active member of the St Mary Magdalene's School community by nominating to be on the School Board

Dream Big

We had our Dream Big event on Wednesday this week. It was wonderful to see the children enthusiastically dancing and singing along to the online performance.

We were also fortunate enough to win an excursion for our year 2 and 4/5 classes to visit a Dream Big event in the city. It was an exciting experience for all involved and we hope it has inspired our students to Dream Big.

School Ambassadors

We had the pleasure of announcing our School Ambassadors at Assembly this week. This is a new role for our year 6 cohort that combines the roles of Mercy Leader, School Captain, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leader. We changed the role because the students' applications and interviews demonstrated a broad set of skills and passions.

Our new School Ambassadors will be ambassadors for our school, you will likely see them at school events, assemblies and tours playing a key role in the promotion of our school and what we stand for.

I am proud to announce our School Ambassadors for 2023 are:

- Felicity Care-Wickham
- Rahwa Habtesilasie
- Callum McCafferty
- Tahnay Warrior

We wish our ambassadors much success in their leadership roles this year!

Book Fair

Finally, a reminder about our book fair that is currently happening in the Yarning Place. The fair will be open until Monday so you still have time to visit and make a purchase. The money raised goes to supporting our school with new books for the library.

Recent News

From the APRIM

Liturgical Calendar Information

Special celebrations that we focus on during classroom and whole school prayer throughout term 2 and those that come up in our liturgical calendar include:

May 15 – 21 - Catholic Education Week

May 15 - International Day of Families

May 28 - Feast of Pentecost

May 27 – June 3 - Reconciliation Week

June 4 - Feast of the Trinity

June 5 - World Environment Day

June 20 - World Refugee Day

June 20 - Feast of St. Thomas More

July 2 – 9 - NAIDOC Week

Project Compassion

We would like to say a big thank you to all our families for the donations you made to CARITAS Australia's Project Compassion Appeal in Term 1.

Catholic Education Week

Catholic Education Week has a core focus on celebrating teaching and learning and what it means to be part of a Catholic school community. This year we particularly focus on what students, staff and families love about our school. With the images and words collected from students this week about what they love about our school, we have created a book that will sit in the front office for new families and visitors to explore while they wait.

Included in this newsletter are some images and comments from our students.

Classroom Learning

Our 5/6 students had the opportunity to describe their experience of a connection with God. They responded via padlet where they could add their thoughts to a collective class page. Below are some initial thoughts from students.

A connection is a respectful person.

Connection is when people are hurt, and others help them and care.

Caring, loving, hospitality, respect, service, compassion, courage, and justice.

You can experience it by showing others how you want to be treated.

You can experience a connection by being kind to the person you want to have a connection with.

A connection is when you can pray to God and talk to God whenever.

When you love your family, and your family loves you.

We have a connection with God when we pray because God is listening to us, so we have a connection with God.

Praying, meditating, and reading the bible.

We can experience connection with God just by simply talking to God like you are talking to a friend. God is always there for us.

I wonder how you might respond.

Elizabeth Catholic Parish Sacramental Program

For those families whose child / ren are involved in the 2023 Sacramental Program, please be aware of the following dates for Term 2.

Reconciliation Session for Parents and Candidates

Term 2 Week 3 Saturday May 20 9.00am – 11.00am St. Thomas More Church

Celebration of Reconciliation

*Term 2 Week 4 Friday May 26 5.00pm – 6.00pm **OR** Sunday May 28 11.30am – 12.30pm **OR** Term 2 Week 5 Saturday June 3 11.30am – 12.30pm*

Eucharist Session for Parents and Candidates

Term 2 Week 9 Saturday July 1 9.00am – 11.00am St. Thomas More Church

Catholic Education Week



Year 5/6 Class

What are some of the ways that we connect to God....

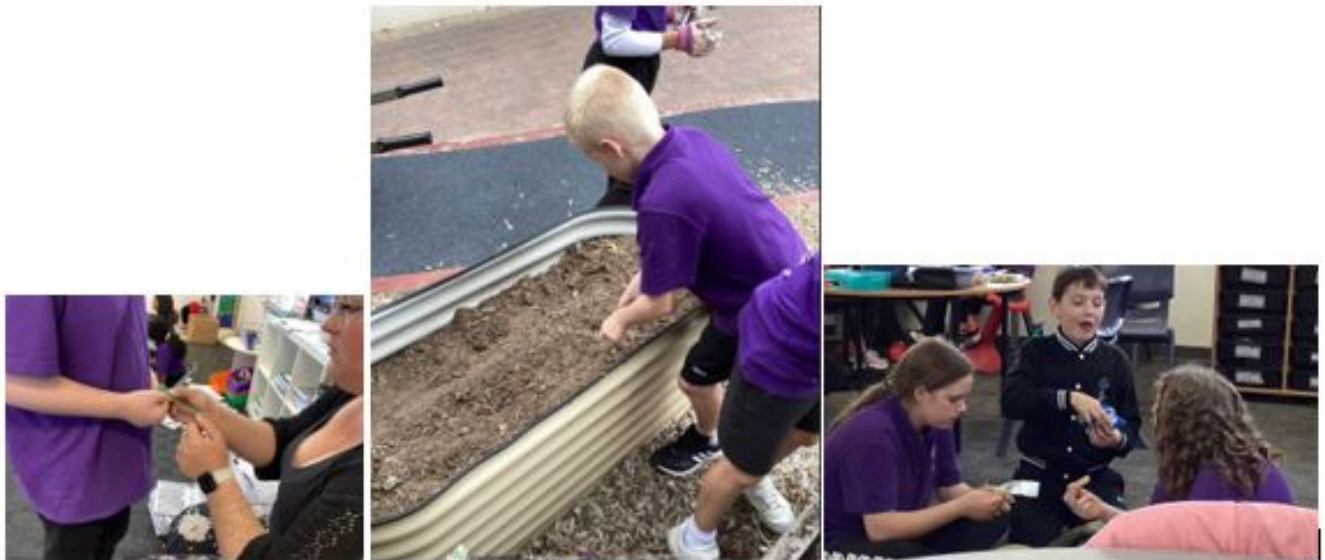
In Our Religious Education lessons this term the year 5/6's students are learning about "Connection", with a big focus on "how do we build connection with others and with God?" with each other and with God.

This week we have focussed on highlighting the many direct and indirect ways in which we can begin to build and encourage this connection with God.

- Short personal prayers
- Following the Mercy values
- Going to church
- Making a prayer table
- Helping the sick
- Reading the bible
- Christian Meditation
- Sharing what Jesus has done for us
- Listening to gospel music
- Helping someone when they are sad
- Helping those who need it most

- Giving donations to the church
- Helping poor people
- Spending time with God
- Participating in charity work
- Praying The Rosary
- Giving change to the homeless
- Spread the bible (sharing stories)
- Blessing others

Challenge for families: What is something small that you can do this week to build a connection with a neighbour or with God?



OSHC News!

In the first few weeks back at OSHC we've been doing some new and interesting things and showcasing our design thinking and creativity through the art of sewing and clothing design.

It turns out that sewing is a lot harder than we first thought and takes a lot of time, planning, patience and perseverance. Some children spent lots of time planning and designing including drawing up designs on paper first, others were a bit more spontaneous and used trial and error as they went. It was great to see the children interested in learning a new skill and giving it a go.

We have also swapped over to our winter menu in OSHC which means we have been trying a variety of new foods for afternoon tea like Pumpkin & Carrot Soup, Curried Sausage and Fried Rice. I have been very impressed by the children's willingness to try new things and expand their taste buds.

Finally, just a quick reminder to all.

If you need to contact OSHC for any reason or would like to enrol or book in your child/children OSHC Staff can be contacted via phone on (08) 8255 6144 during school business hours or on 0437609630 during OSHC hours. Please feel free to also send an e-mail to info@smm.catholic.edu.au or text message and staff will get back to you as soon as they can.

Thankyou,

Jenn Firth (Acting Coordinator)



Community Hub

St Mary Magdalene's School - 82 Fairfield Road Elizabeth Grove
(Enter through the gate on Harvey Road)



Term 2, 2023 TIMETABLE

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

Monday	Tuesday		Thursday	Friday
<p>INFORMATION SESSION 26th of June 9am - 10am *BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS* Find out about our 4 session program running in Term 3</p>	<p><i>Little Maggies</i> Playgroup 9am - 10:30am *Weeks 1 - 9 only</p>	<p>Contact: KERRY N Call or Text 0437 609 976 kchambersasm.catholic.edu.au</p> <p> Follow us on Facebook for Reminders, Cancellations and Special Events</p>	<p>INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S STUDIES 9:30am - 12:30pm Free Child-minding/Creche -Class Full - Contact us to go on the waiting list</p>	<p>INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN'S STUDIES 9:30am - 12:30pm Free Child-minding/Creche -Class Full - Contact us to go on the waiting list</p>
<p>COMMUNITY ENGLISH CLASS 1pm - 2:30pm *Free Child Minding *Booking Required EXTENDED ENGLISH 2:30pm - 3pm *For those that wish to stay longer</p>	<p>CRAFT GROUP 11am - 12:45am Join the group activity or bring your own craft</p>		<p>COMMUNITY ENGLISH CLASS 1pm - 2:30pm *Free Child Minding *Booking Required EXTENDED ENGLISH 2:30pm - 3pm *For those that wish to stay longer</p>	<p> Thursday 8:45am/3pm or Friday by 8:45am Unclaimed boxes will be given to families on the waiting list See Kerry n to join The One Box waiting list</p>

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Little Maggie's Playgroup



TUESDAY MORNINGS

9am

**Please
Bring a Snack
and
Water**



Contact Kerryn on 0437 609 976
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JOIN THE FUN!

Central United FC

Trimmer Rd, Elizabeth Vale SA 5112

Starts Thursday 18th of May at 5pm

Alex Waite - centralunitedjunior@yahoo.com

0478 188 297

FREE with the use of the ORSR Sports Voucher

play.afl/auskick



Centacare

Circle of Security Parenting

This course is for families experiencing separation

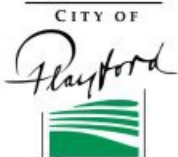
**Do you want to have more understanding about your child's behaviour?
Come along to this FREE 6 week course and learn how to:**

- Help your child organise their feelings
- Enjoy a more fulfilling relationship with your child
- Help your child to feel secure, both now and into the future

Time: 1:00pm – 2:30pm
Date: Tuesdays:
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 August
5 Sept

Venue: Elizabeth Rise Community Centre
Shop 5/26 Hamblynn Road
ELIZABETH DOWNS 5113

Please note childcare facilities are not available and children cannot be present at this course



Bookings essential. Please contact Centacare on 8215 6700 or email your details to: registrations@centacare.org.au

This project is jointly funded by Centacare Catholic Family Services and the Department of Social Services

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Bringing Up Great Kids



Overview

Bringing Up Great Kids is a reflective, mindful, respectful program that provides parents with an opportunity to reflect on their parenting journey.

Bringing Up Great Kids provides a friendly and safe environment for parents to learn from each other as they continue their parenting journey.

Program Content

The Bringing Up Great Kids' program supports parents and carers to:

- learn more about the origins of their own parenting style and how it can be more effective;
- identify the important messages they want to convey to their children and how to achieve this;
- learn more about brain development in children and its influence on their thoughts, feelings and behaviour;
- understand the meaning behind children's behaviours, and how to respond to children's underlying feelings and needs;
- explore new ways of communicating with children;
- discover ways for parents to take care of themselves and to find support when they need it.

Date: [Monday 26 June]

Information session

4 session programme
running in Term 3

Time: [9am - 10am]

Where: [The Yarning
Place (Hall)]

Contact: [Kerryn
Chambers]

Text or call 0437609976]

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College

2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

For more information visit: olsh.catholic.edu.au/node/50

We are pleased to offer a wide range of scholarships and support to families enrolling their daughters at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College. Scholarships include; Academic, Financial Assistance, Performing Arts and Parishioner. Applications for 2024 close on Friday 2nd June, 2023.

OLSH College scholarships are offered to new students starting in Years 7 & 8 to help girls flourish and achieve their full potential



Community Hub

Community English Classes

MONDAY & THURSDAY AFTERNOONS

1pm - 2:30pm

*Extended English runs from 2:30pm-3pm for those that wish to stay longer

*You are welcome to come to both classes

*During School terms only

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

*FREE CHILD MINDING AVAILABLE

*BOOKING REQUIRED

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