

Important Dates

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

SACPSSA Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 2 April 2025

Sportsday
Friday 4 April 2025

End of Term 1 for 2025, 3pm Finish Time
Friday 11 April 2025

Good Friday
Friday 18 April 2025

Easter Sunday
Sunday 20 April 2025

Easter Monday
Monday 21 April 2025

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

Term 2 Begins
Tuesday 29 April 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

Hello and welcome to the 2025 school year. We hope your holiday period was a time of rest and relaxation and you are looking forward to an exciting year ahead. We are looking forward to getting to know each member of our school community and encourage you to introduce yourself to us over the coming weeks.

There is always an enthusiastic buzz around that first day of school. Packing the school bag for the first time and putting on the uniform can bring about a mixture of emotions. Our staff cannot wait to work with your child to settle them into the new school year and set them up for success. We encourage you to maintain open, positive communication with your child's teacher and keep them informed of anything along the way. As a school, our teachers use Seesaw as a way to keep in touch and share your child's learning journey. Please see your class teacher to ensure you are connected.

It has been a very busy time for me (Gareth) as my family and I relocated from Whyalla to join this vibrant community. I am very much looking forward to immersing myself into the St Mary Magdalene's school community and working alongside you to ensure the best outcomes for your child/ren.

You will also see Belinda Bennett regularly at our school. Belinda is our new Principal and is bringing a wealth of knowledge and

enthusiasm to our team. Belinda will work across both St Mary Magdalene's and St Thomas More schools throughout the week.

We also welcome Richard Symons to our teaching staff. Richard will teach AUSLAN to our students for one lesson each week. As this is a new language for our school we are excited by this opportunity. Here are a few fun facts....

- Aslan is over 200 years old and relies on a mix of hand shapes, movements and facial expressions to convey information.
- **Hand shapes** – There are 38 hand shapes with 28 variants in Aslan
- **Direction** – The direction of your palm and hand to your body can change the meaning of words or add context.
- **Location** – Signs are made near different body parts to convey meaning Movement – Big or small movements of the head, arms, and hands can suggest other words
- **Expression** – Head and facial gestures or expressions convey emotion and emphasis

This year we are also fortunate to have Aimee Tullio as our APRIM. Aimee will work in collaboration with Melissa Musolino (St Thomas More), Fr Santosh and the Elizabeth Catholic Parish to lead the religious dimension and faith formation of our school. We look forward to Aimee's leadership and support of our staff and families.

We also welcome a whole host of new students into our school community:

Reception / 1 Drewett: Naira, Muna, Abbas Ali, Zohair, Cecila

Reception / 1 Shapcott: Dante, Navi, Lilly, Elvis, Lavie, Zaiden

Reception / 1 Hill: Prisha, Sabriella, Zyah, Mykah, Zeik

2 / Petersen: Jaxon

3 / 4 Haylock: Dave, Anum, Amiah, Oliver,

3 / 4 Dickson: Jackynziie, Jhennifer (Sophia), Heidi, Noorpret, Memenyas, Minha,

5/6 Rose: Manu (Emmanuel)

5/6 Tullio: Alisha, Arpan

In the early days of this term your child will bring home some paperwork for you to sign and look over. These important documents help us know who to contact throughout the day if required.

A reminder that the yard access gate closes at **8:45am** each day. Students who are late need to enter the school via the Front Office, collect a "late" pass and be signed in by a parent or guardian (if available).

A reminder to always drive safely within our school zone. Please adhere to the appropriate speed limit, respect our road crossing monitors and park in designated areas.

Finally, our Meet and Greet Night will be on **Tuesday of Week 3**. This evening provides a wonderful opportunity for you to meet your child's 2025 teacher. More information about this evening will be circulated soon.

Both Belinda and I are very much looking forward to the year ahead and 'shaping our future together'.

Belinda, Gareth, Michelle, Aimee and Matt

SMM Leadership Team

Recent News

Morning Circles

New year, New Class, and New Routines

In Year 5/6 Tullio / Storrie, we have been learning about each other, our classroom and our new class routines.

Soft Starts:

We start our mornings with a soft start as soon as students arrive, where we get straight into our morning learning and settle out bodies for the day. You will notice, if you visit in the morning that students are working with a whisper on learning that is self-directed.

Sometimes this will be paper, or iPad based or a mixture of the two.

Morning Circle:

Prior to school starting, all staff participated in Berry St Training which is a program to support students in the classroom.

One of the most impactful learnings that we had was the introduction of the Morning Circle into our routines. Our class has participated in this since starting back at school.

Each part of the morning routine is crucial to helping us start in a positive and energetic way, but the Positive Primer is something that allows each of us to have a giggle and let the positive emotions flow through our bodies providing us with a more open, curious and flexible mindset helping us to be ready to learn for our first lesson.

The Morning circle includes the following:



6. Maaaaate

Have fun exaggerating these crazy sayings and form positive connections with others.

Ask students to form small groups and to stand in a circle, facing each other.

Everyone looks down at the ground, counts backwards from three then looks up at someone else in the circle.

If the person you're looking at also looks at you, say 'maaaate', 'duuuude' or 'heeeeey' and point fingers at each other.

Zooper Doopers

Sold Fridays

2nd lunch

From week 2

50 cents



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



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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



Hub Contact Info:

Call or Text Message

KERRY ON

0437 609 976

Email:

kchambersmm.catholic.edu.au

 www.facebook.com/CommunityHubSMM

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
(Enter through the gate on Harvey Road)





Toy Library

OPENING TIMES

TUESDAYS
9am - 10:15am

*During Playgroup



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CONTACT KERRY N - 0437 609 976

*We are volunteer run, Please check we are open before making a special trip





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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CREATIVE KIDS
ART EXHIBITION

2025
SUBMISSIONS
ARE NOW OPEN

COMMUNITIES FOR CHILDREN

Artists receive a certificate
& a 2026 Calendar



"What's Important to me?" Children's Art Project

STEP 1: Draw / Paint / Collage a piece of art on a supplied template. Include a sentence about what is important to you and why.

STEP 2: Submit your art by Monday 28th April 2025.

STEP 3: Art is displayed as part of a state-wide art exhibition & event in May during National Families Week.

STEP 4: Community vote to select art that features in the '2026 CFC Creative Kids Family Calendar'!

For more information and order your entry template contact the CFC team
email: cfcplayford@anglicaresa.com.au
Call: 08 8209 5754

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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
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Keryn.baker-cocks@sa.gov.au

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share experiences
with others who
understand



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