

Important Dates

<p>Walk of Witness: Good Friday Liturgy (5/6 Classes to lead)</p> <p>Tuesday 8 April 2025</p>	<p>ATSI Student Excursion - Carclew - Departing school by 8.30am</p> <p>Wednesday 9 April 2025</p>	<p>TERM 1 ENDS - 3PM FINISH</p> <p>Friday 11 April 2025</p>	<p>Pupil Free Day (No School - OSHC Booking- pls call Jenn 0437609630)</p> <p>Monday 28 April 2025</p>
<p>TERM 2 BEGINS</p> <p>Tuesday 29 April 2025</p>	<p>Easter Liturgy 2.15pm - (Led by Ms Hill & Ms S's classes)</p> <p>Thursday 1 May 2025</p>	<p>Easter Liturgy (R/1JS & R/1BH) 2.15pm</p> <p>Thursday 1 May 2025</p>	<p>Dentals Forms to be returned by today</p> <p>Friday 2 May 2025</p>
		<p>"Mother's Day & Special Women Day" (R/1LD), 9.00am</p> <p>Friday 9 May 2025</p>	<p>School Dental Visit - on site for one week</p> <p>Monday 19 May 2025</p>
			<p>Pupil Free Day (No School - OSHC Booking- pls call Jenn 0437609630)</p> <p>Monday 21 July 2025</p>
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From the Leadership Team

Dear Families

It is hard to believe that we are in the final week of Term 1 already! As we reflect on the past 11 weeks, we can be very proud of all we have accomplished together as a school community. It has been an action-packed term full of learning, growth, and shared experiences,

where challenges were met with determination and successes celebrated with joy. We commend every student, teacher, and family member for their dedication and hard work.

Some of the highlights from the term include Harmony Day, which was a vibrant occasion that brought our community together to honour the unique cultures and traditions that make us so special.

Our shared faith and traditions were beautifully highlighted as we celebrated the feast days of St. Patrick and St. Joseph. These moments allowed us to honour the lives of these saints and reflect on their powerful examples of faith, courage, and compassion. Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of Lent—a time for reflection and spiritual preparation. These significant days offered us an opportunity to pause, reset, and open our hearts to renewal and growth.

The introduction of Auslan lessons has been well received and a great new addition to our school curriculum. Students have embarked on an inspiring journey into learning Australian Sign Language, fostering meaningful connections and exploring the power of communication in new and impactful ways. Our students continue to work hard to prepare for the Catholic Schools Music Festival Choir and the Children's University program has provided wonderful opportunities for exploration and extended learning. This term also brought with it the challenges and triumphs of NAPLAN testing. We are proud of our students for their focus and resilience during this time and we await the results later in the year.

Last Friday we came together as a school community to celebrate **SPORTS DAY**. The weather was perfect, and it was a wonderful day of action and fair play. What a treat it was to see our school buzzing with families. We acknowledge the work of Mr Cristian Morgado who put in hours of work behind the scenes to make this day possible. Congratulations to **McAuley** for taking out the House Cup and to **Coolock** for winning the Spirit Award. If you were unaware, we also unveiled a new award this year. The Doube/Hughes Trophy was awarded for the first time to the 100 metre sprint champion students. Both Nick Doube and Ged Hughes have been outstanding, long standing staff members and absolute stalwarts for our community and it is only fitting to have this trophy named in their honour. Check out some of the photos of Sports Day included in this newsletter, the spirit of teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship was truly commendable.

It can get a little confusing for some given the fact that the dates for Easter each year is determined by the phases of the moon. This time last year, Holy Week had already occurred – but in 2025, we are still a week or so away from Holy Week! Nevertheless, we are getting closer to the most important week in the Catholic calendar, and we continue to prepare ourselves through our Lenten commitments. As we remember the events of Holy Week as a school and look forward to our Easter celebrations during the school holidays, let us take a moment to reflect on the true meaning of Easter. As a Catholic community, Easter reminds us of the triumph of life over death, hope over despair, and love over fear. This Easter, we invite you to reflect on the hollow Easter egg as a symbol of the empty tomb of Christ and the joy of His Resurrection. It is a beautiful reminder that, through faith, we are called to embrace renewal and share love and kindness with those around us. Throughout this week our students will partake in important Liturgical events prepared by our classes including **Holy Thursday and Good Friday (The Walk of Witness)**.

So, as you can see it has been a busy term, and none of this would have been possible without the incredible dedication and cooperation of our staff, students, and families. Thank you for your unwavering support, hard work, and commitment to learning. It is through our combined efforts that we continue to grow as a community centred on faith, excellence, and compassion.

On behalf of the entire Leadership team, we extend our heartfelt thanks for the way you have welcomed us both into the community. It has been a term of relationship building, which is paramount to working in partnership. Thank you for your genuine kindness.

As we move into the well-earned break, we embrace the opportunity to rest, recharge, and prepare for the new adventures that await in the next term.

Shaping our Future,

Belinda and Gareth

End of Term 1 and Term 2 Reminder

A reminder that Term 1 concludes **THIS Friday, April 11th at 3.00pm**.

Term 2 commences on **Tuesday 29th April**. Our staff will engage in professional learning on the first Monday of term 2. Our OSHC service will be available on this day, but as always, bookings are essential.

Uniform Reminder for Term 2

All the signs are there to show the gentle change of season and students are coming to school with their jackets and in trackpants. This is a timely reminder to ensure we are wearing our correct winter uniform. Brand name trackpants (adidas, nike, etc) are not a part of our school uniform. For reference, our entire school uniform is available at Lowe's within the Elizabeth City Centre. Please consider using the

school holiday break to ensure your child's uniform is meeting our standards.

Thank you and Farewell - Sam

We are very fortunate to have such supportive student counsellors here at St Mary Magdalene's School which makes it hard when we need to say goodbye. Sam Reynolds will finish her time with us at the end of this term and Shannon O'Toole will continue to work for one day per week. We are in the process of advertising for Sam's replacement and look forward to making an announcement soon. Thank you, Sam, for all the support you have offered to our students.

ICT - Cybersafety

As the holidays approach, it's a good time to remind families about the importance of staying alert and guiding our children to use their devices responsibly. One helpful tip is to encourage kids to use their technology in shared spaces, like the living room or kitchen, rather than private areas such as bedrooms. This makes it easier to keep an eye on their online activities.

We also recommend carefully monitoring your child's use of social media apps. Make sure they meet the age requirements, and consider using filters or parental controls to stay informed about what your child is sharing or receiving in chat groups. This helps you stay connected and aware of their digital interactions.

The online world evolves rapidly, and staying informed about potential risks can be challenging. At school, our teachers are actively teaching students about online safety to help them navigate the digital space responsibly and securely. Let's work together to keep our children safe as they explore and enjoy the online world!

Recent News

McAuley House Captain Mason Morelli's Sports Day speech

I would like to thank staff and students for being here today and supporting our teams and families for spending this day with us. A big thank you to Mr Morgado for your time and effort in organising sports day. I would like to thank everyone in McCauley for your hard work and effort it has paid off. I would also like to thank the other teams for some stiff competition and great sportsmanship. I hope everyone had a great day.

Thank you

Coolock House Captain Kaeleb Rowe's Sports Day Speech

We want to thank our team for an amazing day and for working very hard to achieve the cups. Thanks for being respectful to others and showing team spirit. We would like to thank Mr Morgado and Mr M for setting up all the games and thank everyone that helped in the kitchen.

Great job to all the parents that came out and teams for trying their best and thank copper for being a great Co-Captain.

From the APRIM

This term in Religious Education

Holy Week is a very special time in the Season of Lent. It is the time where we walk with Jesus, to his death on Good Friday. Over the past two weeks we have been guided by classes sharing Jesus' last moments with us through various liturgies.

Last Thursday Year 2 Petersen and Reception / Year 1 Drewett share Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, often called Palm Sunday. Yesterday, the Classes from Year 3/4 shared with us the story of Holy Thursday. They re-enacted the last supper and the washing of the feet. Today our 5/6 classes led us in the Walk of Witness with the Stations of the Cross. As Easter falls in the holidays this year, Reception / Year 1 Hill and Shapcott will lead us in our Easter Liturgy when we return to school next term on Thursday week 1.

I'd like to take the opportunity here to wish you all a safe and blessed Easter. May your family be blessed with peace, joy, and God's

everlasting love. He is not here, he has risen, just as he said, Alleluia! ALLELULIA!



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 communities, to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. This Lent, Caritas Australia's Project Compassion invites us to Unite Against Poverty and take action to make a lasting difference. Stay tuned for our upcoming fundraising for Caritas this year via SeeSaw and Newsletters.

Easter at our Parishes

Please see the parish mass time for the upcoming Easter Services

Mass of the Lord's Supper:

Thursday 17th April March 7.00pm St. Ann's Church

The Way of The Cross:

Friday 18th April 10.00am St. Thomas More Church (outdoor)

Friday 18th April 11.am St Ann's Church (indoor)

Jesus' Passion

Friday 18th April 3.00pm St. Ann's Church

Easter Vigil

Saturday 19th April

7.00pm St. Ann's Church



I refer you back to the image in the last newsletter. On the Liturgical calendar, we are here marked by the arrow.

In the Classroom, teachers will be sharing the journey Jesus took to the cross on Good Friday.

These Special days include Plam Sunday, Holy Thursday, and Good Friday





OSHC News!

Hello Families,

I cannot believe we are at the end of Term 1. It has gone so fast!

In OSHC we have like always been busy. We have since our last newsletter explored construction with a variety of resources such as magnetic tiles, straw connectors and a fan favourite – LEGO. We have acknowledged Harmony Week and celebrated everyone's belonging in our OSHC space through a collaborative poster. We have expressed school spirit and good sportsmanship in preparation for sports day by designing and making spirit signs for our house teams. And we have begun to prepare and celebrate Easter in our service by engaging in different arts and crafts.

Before the end of Term a few quick important notices from our OSHC team:

- Monday **29th April** is a **PUPIL FREE DAY**.

Bookings are essential as spaces are limited. Please contact OSHC staff via **0437 609 630** by Friday 11th April (end of term) if you require care for this day. *Bookings made after this date will not be accepted.*

- Term 2 marks the beginning of our Winter/Autumn OSHC Menu.

This menu runs for the duration of Term 2 and 3 and has been developed in consultation with children and nutritional guidelines. It includes a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables and hot meals to keep our bodies fuelled and warm in the cooler months.

- As we move into Term 2 and our cooler months, we remind families to ensure children are dressed appropriately for the weather and all jackets, gloves, scarves and hats are labelled appropriately.

OSHC staff do not hold responsibility for lost items.

- In Term 2 Ms Jay will be taking some time away to undertake a pre-service teaching placement as part of her studies. During this time staffing adjustments will be made to support us as a service while she is away.

For now we wish you all the best over the holiday period. Have a safe and happy Easter and we look forward to seeing you refreshed and recharged in Term 2!



Pizza & Paper Plane Evening!







Sports Day 2025

Sports Day - 2025

4th of April, St Mary Magdalene's School celebrated Sports Day in perfect weather for outside activities. It was great to see students illustrating their, agility, coordination, speed and strength to the best of their ability throughout sports day. To see everyone having so much

d striving to gain points for their team was a highlight.

you to all the staff for their help and support throughout Sports Day. The students appreciated your enthusiasm, encouragement and
ness to get involved and celebrate a day of activity and fun.

o like to congratulate the students on their willingness to demonstrate the Sports Day values of Respect, Effort, Teamwork and
ration. Thank you to all the Sports Captains and students leaders for their help and support in preparing for and assisting on Sports day.

atulations to the **McCauley House** team on winning the House Cup and **Coolock** on winning the Spirit Cup.

Results:

<u>House Cup</u>	<u>Kath Platten Spirit Cup</u>
Auley – 840	1 st Coolock – 3650
oolock – 785	2 nd Fitzpatrick – 2952
zpatrick – 775	3 rd McCauley – 2650

Champions

Cooper Phillips

Angelina Hatangimana

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stic Effort Everyone!

SACPSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2025

Wednesday 2nd April St Mary Magdalene's School competed in the SACPSSA swimming carnival at the SA Aquatic Centre. A small team of 7
its represented the school at the carnival.

udents proved themselves to be very competitive amongst strong opposition, each swimming in a variety of races and achieving great

you to Max and the parents that supported the students on the day. They all appreciated your wonderful words of encouragement.

Well done Everyone!

acher/Coordinator

n Morgado



The Hughes & Doube Award







Little Maggie's Play Group Beach Play!

"Little Maggie's Playgroup" joined 6 other playgroups from across the South Australian Community Hubs Australia Network to deliver the second instalment of **Bush&Beach Playgroup**. During these sessions we focus on the wonders of nature and the importance of Nature Play, Talking, Singing, Playing and Reading with your children. This term was our Beach Playgroup at Webb Beach and all of the children had such a wonderful time riding on the big bus, collecting shells, finding little crabs and fish, digging and creating in the sand and spending time with their family. For some of our families, this was their first time to the beach and they loved it! We would like to thank Green Adelaide and Words Grow Minds for Partnering with us to deliver this very exciting project. If you would like to join our Playgroup or attend our next Bush Playgroup, please contact Kerry on 0437 609 976.

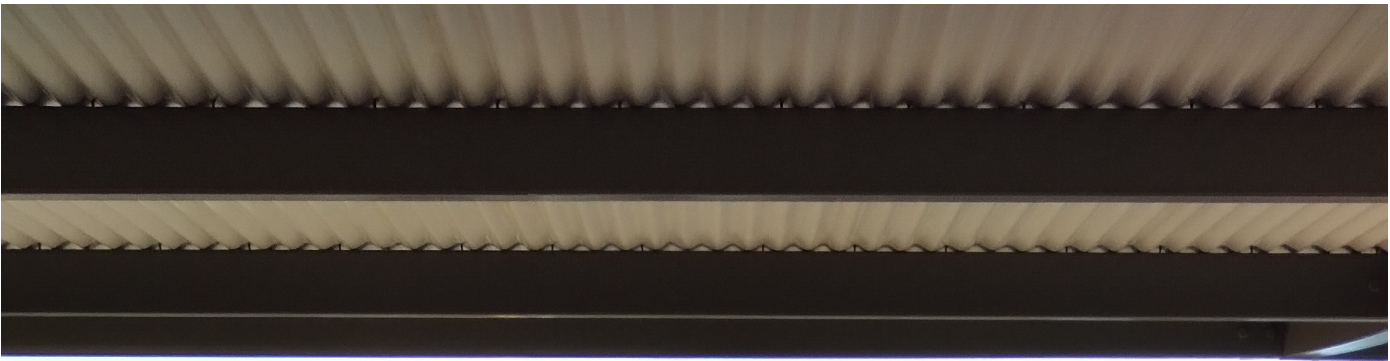
BEACH Playgroup



Beach Play!



Pizza & Paper Planes Evening!









More Sports Day Photos!









Beach Play at Webb Beach!

BEACH

Playgroup



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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Me!

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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

 **the fathering project**
SPECIAL EVENTS
COMING SOON!

Hub Contact Info:

Call or Text Message

KERRY

0437 609 976

Email:

kchambers@smm.catholic.edu.au



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Toy Library

OPENING TIMES

TUESDAYS
9am - 10:15am

*During Playgroup



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FREE COMMUNITY ENGLISH CLASS

*PLEASE CHECK THE HUB TIMETABLE ON FACEBOOK FOR CLASS DATES
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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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Located at 82 Fairfield Road, Elizabeth Grove 5112 (Enter through Harvey Road gate)

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 Kerry on 0437 609 976
www.facebook.com/CommunityHubSMM

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TERM 2, 2025 SOCCER FUN FOR GIRLS & BOYS AGED 2-12!

STARTING FROM 3rd MAY

EARLY ENROLMENTS DISCOUNT!
ENROL BY 24TH APRIL TO RECEIVE
\$5 OFF YOUR ENROLMENT FEE

FOR A **FREE** TRIAL P: 0415 925 325

MITE-E SOCCER (2-3YO)

A great introduction to Soccer!
Children work with their parents to
learn new soccer skills and develop
their motor skills! Lots of fun games
in a non-competitive environment!

35 MINUTE CLASSES
\$165 FOR 8 WEEKS



PINT SIZE SOCCER (4-5YO)

Children take their first kicks in soccer! They'll
be introduced to shooting, dribbling, goal
keeping and more. Children get to play lots
of fun, skill based games. Grasshoppers get
introduced to Pint Size 1v1 Big Game!

50 MINUTE CLASSES
\$180 FOR 8 WEEKS



INTRO TO MICRO (5-6YO) MICRO (6-8YO)

The ultimate challenge for young
soccer players! They'll learn the rules
of the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game
and develop their skills in passing,
dribbling, shooting and more!

INTRO - 60 MINS \$185 FOR 8 WEEKS
MICRO - 60 MINS \$185 FOR 8 WEEKS



MICRO PLUS (8-12YO)

This program focuses on skill development and teamwork
in preparation for club soccer. Children
will enjoy all the favourite soccer based
games, fine tune their skills as well as
play the Grasshopper Soccer Big Game!

60 MINUTE CLASSES
\$185 FOR 8 WEEKS



M: 0415 925 325 | E: adelaidenorthwest@grasshoppersoccer.com.au

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GOOD CLEAN FUN

PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK

POORAKA FC AUSKICK

FREE COME AND TRY SESSION

Fridays

5pm - 6pm

More Info - John - 0457 723 214



CREATIVE KIDS
ART EXHIBITION

2025

SUBMISSIONS
ARE NOW OPEN

COMMUNITIES FOR CHILDREN

Artists receive a certificate
& a 2026 Calendar

TEMPLATE

Anglicare SA
playford
communities for
children

Funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services.
Visit www.dss.gov.au for more information.

"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



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

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share experiences
with others who
understand



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