

Important Dates

**End of Term 1,
2023 - Normal
Finish Time of 3pm**

Friday 14 April

Term 3 Begins!

Monday 1 May

**Dental for Schools
on Site for the
Week!**

Monday 1 May

Book Fair Begins

Wednesday 17 May

**Dream Big Festival
Excursion - Ms
Haylock & Ms Sam's
Classes**

Thursday 18 May

**Pupil Free Day (No
School)**

Friday 9 June

**Bringing Up Great
Kids Information
Session (Refer to
Flyer below)**

Monday 26 June

From the Leadership Team

Dear Families,

Happy Easter! What a special and joyous time the Easter Season is. It is the time that we remember that Christ has risen and has promised great things for us. All of us need a sense of hope, for ourselves and for our children. Even when things get tough, we can still hold on to the hope that things will improve and get better. I am often amazed at how happy and positive even some of the poorest people can be. It kind of indicates that money and material things don't necessarily bring happiness and can in fact bring sadness and disappointment. I encourage you to always opt for the positive and look for the good in people.

It is an exciting time for our State with the AFL Gather Round in town for this weekend. All nine AFL games are happening in Adelaide. Sadly though, we have heard of a number of racial comments this week towards AFL Players. These comments have been online and from unknown sources. While this is unacceptable behaviour, it is what people are able to do through the various social media platforms. Of great concern to me is what it means for our children. If adults are still doing this, then it is only logical that our children will still do this too. The difference is that, one would hope, adults will have an understanding of what they are doing and what the ramifications might be. Children on the other hand don't have the full understanding of the impact of their online comments.

Hence social media platforms like Snapchat, Tik Tok, FaceBook, YouTube, Fortnite, etc all have an Age Rating of at least 12+. Some are 13+, 15+ or even 18+. It astounds me therefore that we have children in our school using these platforms and possibly without any, or at least, minimal parental supervision. Your children are likely to be more tech savvy than their parents and will 'hide' things from you quite easily. It is essential, if you are allowing your children to use these apps that you have full access and know what your children are doing and writing, even in the chat rooms where they can set up various group chats. Over the past few weeks we have had some children participating in online chat rooms, making disparaging comments towards others. The problem for the school is that this happens at

home and then we as the school have to deal with the fall out. Children cannot access these apps through our school network. Please think carefully before you allow your children to use any of these apps. I urge you to check out the information in the attached letter about Cyber Safety and the following links:

1. [eSafety Commission](#)
2. [eSafety Commission parent webinars](#)
3. [Carly Ryan parent link](#)

Before you grant permission to use a specific app ... check the Carly Ryan site for information about that app and how you might make it safer for your child. At the end of the day we want your child to be safe.

Being a 'Mercy' school, we promote our Mercy Values of Compassion, Courage, Hospitality, Justice, Respect and Service at every opportunity. These are great values for our children and families to have and to hold on to. In terms of Cyber Safety I encourage you to talk with your children about Respect, Justice and Compassion in particular, when online, and Courage to speak out when they perceive people doing the wrong thing to others.

We wish Jasmine (Year 3) all the best for her Baptism on 22 April. We hope it is a very special day for you, your family and our community.

As per the letter sent home earlier this week, I will be taking Long Service Leave for all of Term 2. Luke Ferguson will be Acting Head of School in my absence and I congratulate him and wish him well for his appointment. I have the utmost confidence that our school is in capable and safe hands. Besides Luke we also welcome Tash Pengilly, who will join our team of Co-Educators providing curriculum support to our students and Doris John, who joins our OSHC Team. I ask that you make Luke, Tash and Doris feel welcome when you come across them.

I thank you all for the contribution you and your children have made to our school community throughout Term 1 and I look forward to seeing you all when I return in Term 3.

Happy Holidays!

Shaping our Future Together

Peter Mercer

Head of Campus

*"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." -
Maya Angelou*

Recent News

SNAPCHAT



Snapchat is a popular messaging app that lets users exchange pictures and videos (called snaps) designed to disappear after they're viewed.

How does it work?

On Snapchat, users go by a handle.

To add friends, you can upload your contacts, search for people you know or use the 'Quick Add' feature which suggests friends of friends or strangers easily. You can also automatically add someone by taking a picture of their "Snapcode," a special QR code unique to each user.

To begin a conversation every Snap starts with a photo or video. Snapchatters can layer text, emojis, doodles, and more on top, and choose how long they want the Snap to be displayed (up to 10 seconds, or until the receiver clicks off). Then, you can send the Snap to one or more friends. Stories is a feature that lets you string Snaps together into one longer narrative that stays available for 24 hours.

Be mindful who are you sharing images with and always remember that everything on the internet is permanent. Make sure you are happy for potentially anyone to see your snaps and share without permission.

Live Stories

Live Stories are compilations of Snaps submitted by Snapchatters from events and locations around the world. Discover allows you to explore channels from established publishers who curate their own content. The Discover screen in Snapchat also includes a selection of the day's Live Stories.

Video and Text Chat

Snapchat also allows for one-on-one chat. Like Snaps, chats are cleared when a recipient leaves the Chat screen. But you always have the option to save a message you'd like to keep.

Lenses, Filters and Stickers

There are many ways to customise the look of your Snaps. Lenses add real-time special effects and sounds to a Snap. Filters offer different design overlays. Geo-filters are a popular way to customise your Snap at specific locations or events around the world. Stickers are colourful images and cartoons that give you additional ways to share content.

Memories

Memories is a private collection of the Snaps and Stories that you choose to save and that don't disappear. You can use Memories to create new Stories and Snaps. You can also choose to store certain Memories in the password-protected "My Eyes Only" section, which is an important feature for parents to be aware of.

Snapcash

Snapchat's payment feature is not for users under 18, but you should know about it so nobody "borrows" your debit card to pay someone back or receive money via Snapchat. Snapchat partnered with Square Inc., to enable users to link their Snapchat and debit card accounts to be able to make peer-to-peer payments for things like paying someone back for lunch.

Spectacles

Spectacles consists of sunglasses with a built-in video camera. The glasses light up to show that you are taking a Snap, this may not be obvious to everyone at first so if your kids are using Spectacles, talk with them about protecting other people's privacy by asking permission before recording them. You can connect the glasses directly to a phone via Bluetooth or WiFi to add videos to Memories.

Challenges

Snapchat is the number one application used for 'sexting' or 'sending nudes' between underage people. Users must be mindful of the social and legal consequences of sending images like these. If the user is under 18 years old it is illegal for them to produce, distribute or possess these types of images.

Child abuse pictures are illegal if they are:

- asked for;
- taken;
- received and kept; or
- sent, posted or passed around

The maximum penalty for sharing child abuse material can be up to 15 years in jail this includes an offenders details placed on the sex offender register.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR INFORMATION

EASTER SEASON

Easter celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus, the central feast of Christianity.

Easter is not just one day. It is a whole season of 50 days of joyful celebration, which will last until Pentecost. We take even longer to celebrate Easter than we took during Lent to prepare for it. In these early days of the Easter Season, our readings will tell us how different people reacted to the wonderful news of the resurrection. The resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of our faith. Jesus is truly risen and is with us still.

God of Easter Joy,

We remember Jesus' suffering and death and now we celebrate the joy of the Resurrection. We pray that we might rejoice and live out the new life that Jesus offers us.

May we go forward with hearts renewed, always trusting, and believing in the love God has for each one of us.

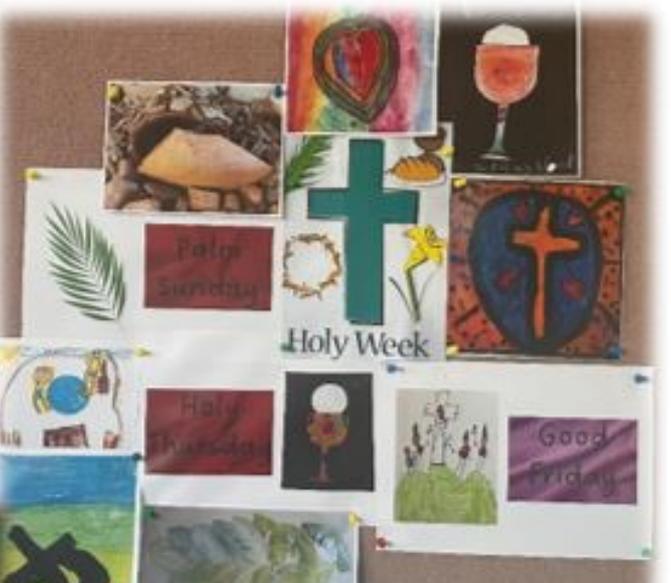
Amen

Included in this newsletter are images and art works that that reflect our Holy Week celebrations.

ELIZABETH CATHOLIC PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

For those families whose child(ren) are involved in the 2023 Sacramental Program, please be refer to the table below for Term 2 dates:

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	St. Thomas More Church
Celebration of Reconciliation	Term 2 Week 4	Sunday May 28 11.30am – 12.30pm	St. Thomas More Church
Celebration of Reconciliation	Term 2 Week 5	Saturday June 3 11.30am – 12.30pm	St. Thomas More Church
Eucharist Session for Parents and Candidates	Term 2 Week 9	Saturday July 1 9.00am – 11.00am	St. Thomas More Church



**Holy Week
2023**



In Mrs. Haylock's Class We Have Been....

.... learning about the lifecycles of living things. As a class, we have looked at the different stages within the life of plants, frogs, butterflies and sunflowers. As part of our Assessment, students had to do some research about a living thing of their choice and then create a poster. Below is a picture of Harry with his amazing poster about Spiders.



LIFE CYCLE OF A SPIDER

1 Egg

Develop inside a sac-like structure

2 Egg Sac

Protects eggs till they hatch into spiderlings

3 Spiderling

Spiderlings hide in spiderling go through several molts before adult stage

4 Adult

lays eggs and has babies and eats bugs bits of other spiders



Little Maggie's Playgroup



TUESDAY MORNINGS

9am

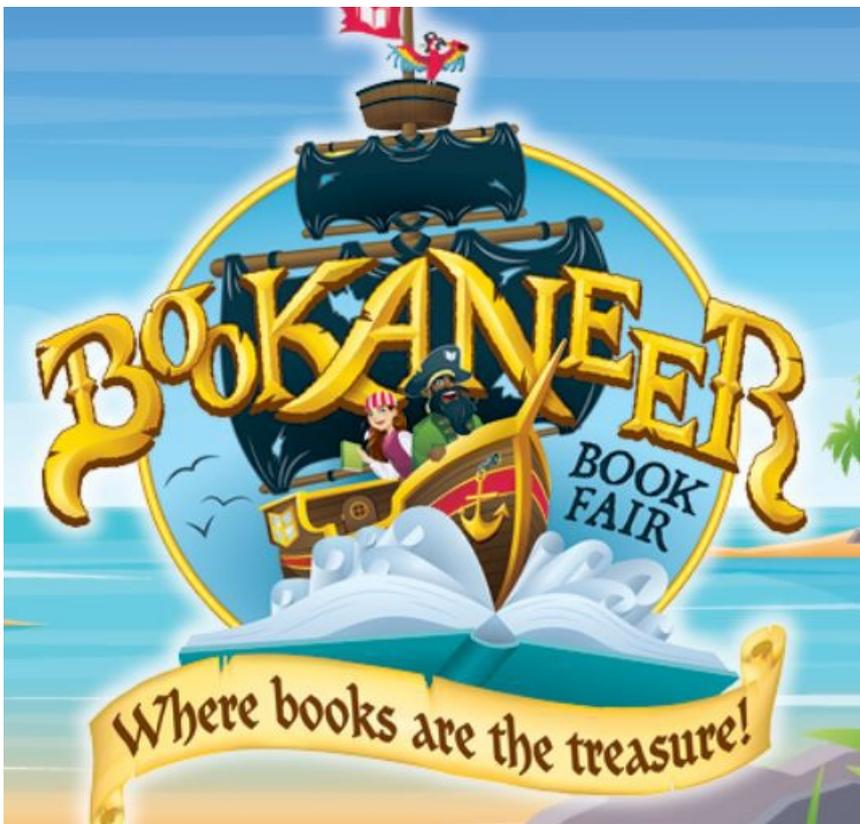
**Please
Bring a Snack
and
Water**



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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

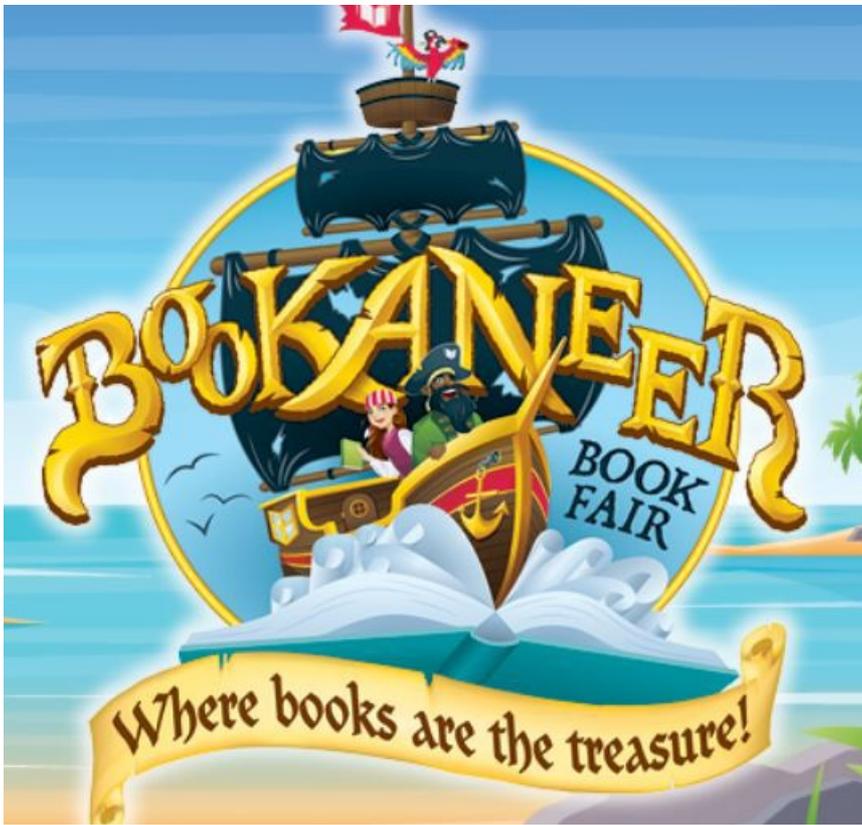
4 session programme
running in Term 3

Time: [9am - 10am]

Where: [The Yarning
Place (Hall)]

Contact: [Kerryn
Chambers]

Text or call 0437609976]



Swimming Carnival 2023













Community Hub

St Mary Magdalene's School - 82 Fairfield Road Elizabeth Grove
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Term 2, 2023 TIMETABLE

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	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: KERRYN Call or Text 0437 609 976 kchambersesmm.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 Kerryn to join The One Box waiting list</p>

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Community English Classes

MONDAY & THURSDAY AFTERNOONS

1pm - 3pm

*You can leave early if you need to pick up children from Kindy/other Schools

*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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