

## Important Dates

**SACPSASA  
Swimming Trials -  
(Y3,4,5,6)**

Friday 14 March 2025

**Pizza & Paper  
Planes, Dads, bring  
your children! 5 to  
6pm at school**

Monday 17 March 2025

**School Board  
Meeting 6.30 pm**

Tuesday 18 March 2025

**Harmony Day -  
Wear Orange or  
Cultural  
Clothes/Gold Coin  
Donation please**

Friday 21 March 2025

**Palm Sunday  
Liturgy 2.15pm (Ms  
Drewett & Ms  
Petersen's Class)**

Wednesday 2 April 2025

**Sammy D  
Foundation  
Presentation (Year 5  
& 6 Students only)**

Thursday 3 April 2025

**Sports Day - All  
Welcome**

Friday 4 April 2025

**Holy Thursday  
Liturgy - 2.15pm -  
(3/4 Classes)**

Monday 7 April 2025

**Walk of Witness:  
Good Friday Liturgy  
5/6 Classes to lead  
- Session times in  
next newsletter**

Tuesday 8 April 2025

**End of Term 1, 3pm  
Finish**

Friday 11 April 2025

**Pupil Free Day (No  
School - OSHC  
Booking- pls call  
Jenn 0437609630)**

Monday 28 April 2025

**Term 2 School  
Begins**

Tuesday 29 April 2025

**Easter Liturgy (T2)  
2.15pm - Ms Hill &  
Ms S's Classes to  
lead**

Thursday 1 May 2025

**Dental Form Return  
Date**

Monday 5 May 2025

**School Dentist on  
Site for the Week**

Monday 19 May 2025

**Pupil Free Day (No  
School - OSHC  
Booking- pls call  
Jenn 0437609630)**

Monday 21 July 2025

**Pupil Free Day (No  
School - OSHC  
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Jenn 0437609630)**

Friday 26 September 2025

**Pupil Free Day (No  
School - OSHC)**

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School - OSHC)**

Booking- pls call  
Jenn 0437609630)

Thursday 11 December 2025

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Friday 12 December 2025

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## From the Leadership Team

Last Wednesday marked the start of Lent. We celebrated with pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and then paused for Ash Wednesday. We acknowledge the work of Amiee Tullio for her preparations and dedication to special Liturgical events. The phases of the moon determines when Easter is each year and of course our Lenten journey begins with Ash Wednesday. The distribution of ashes reminds us of our own mortality and calls us to repentance and is a time to take stock of our spiritual lives. During Lent, we are challenged to 'do something extra' for others or take time to think about how we can be called to Jesus.

Last week, our students participated in the Classroom Pulse Check-In survey. This survey provides a quick and simple way for schools to check in with students about their experiences at school. It focuses on key areas such as learning, relationships, belonging, and well-being. By asking students a few questions each term, we can better understand how they are feeling and identify any social, emotional, or learning needs. Working proactively to support students and improve their overall school experience is essential for fostering effective learning. Student responses are thoughtfully analysed, and if any concerns arise from the survey, the school will reach out to parents directly. This initiative reaffirms our commitment to ensuring every student feels valued, supported, and fully engaged in their learning journey.

Over the next fortnight our Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in **NAPLAN**. We understand that this can be stressful time for our students. Rest assured that we plan effectively to set all students up for success by providing brain breaks and modifying timetables so students don't experience cognitive overload.

As a community we wish **Angela Rose** all the very best for her maternity leave. Angela's final day at St Mary Magdalene's will be **Friday of Week 8**. We know Angela will be a wonderful mother and look forward to hearing some baby news soon. We welcome **Ms Natalia Oosthuizen** who will replace Angela for the remainder of 2025. Natalia is an experienced middle and upper primary teacher who is excited about joining our community. Angela and Natalia will 'team teach' in Week 8. Please join us in welcoming Natalia to our supportive community.

At times, you may receive a message from your child's teacher or Leadership about days absent. Please understand that these messages are coming from a place of care. It is important that students attend school every day. We understand that at times sickness and family events pop up and so we thank you for always informing the school when your child is away. We draw your attention to the information regarding attendance and the school's processes further within the newsletter.

A reminder that our school day concludes at **3:00pm**. All students need to be collected by **3:15pm**. Lately, we have had some students who are still sitting in the office beyond 3:30pm. This creates uncertainty for children and also makes it a challenge when staff need to attend meetings. Please ensure a phone call is made to our Front Office if you know you are running a little late.

Our student leaders held their first meeting with Mr Molyneux on Wednesday. What an exciting and motivated bunch we have. There were lots of great ideas shared and we are looking forward to some different ways we can impact our community in a positive way.

Finally, families of children from Year 3 – 6 will see that students bring home a 2025 ICT Form to be signed. This form talks about the **acceptable use of electronic devices**. We encourage a parent/child conversation about how we use the internet and technology safely at our school. There is a section on the form for both parents and students to sign.

Shaping our future together,

Gareth and Belinda.

## Recent News

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION AROUND SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

## **School Attendance:**

Regular school attendance is vital for children's learning, well-being, and future success. Frequent absences disrupt cumulative learning and can impact educational outcomes.

**The Legal Requirement** Under the *Education and Children's Services Act 2019*, school attendance is mandatory for children aged 6 to 17. Parents are legally required to ensure their child attends school regularly. Failure to comply, without a 'prescribed reason' or approved exemption, may result in legal consequences for the parent.

**Attendance Concerns** Habitual non-attendance is defined as 5-9 absences per term, while chronic non-attendance is 10 or more. Parents must provide valid reasons for absences, late arrivals, or early departures. The school monitors attendance and uses data to identify trends and concerns.

## **School Practices**

- Accurate attendance recording is crucial and reported to government and Catholic Education South Australia (CESA).
- Parents must notify the school of absences by 9:00 am. Unexplained absences are followed up promptly with an SMS, your response is vital.
- Persistent unapproved absences trigger a formal process, including family meetings and collaboration with social workers when necessary.

By ensuring regular attendance, families support their child's learning, well-being, and legal obligations. The school is committed to working in partnership with families to address barriers and promote positive attendance habits.

# This Term in Religious Education

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Last Week, we as a school community celebrated the beginning of Lent with our students participating in Ash Wednesday Liturgy.

Lent is a special 40-day period before Easter where we remember Jesus' time in the desert, preparing our hearts for the joy of Easter through prayer, fasting, and helping others. It is a time where we as a Catholic community set aside time for self-reflection, prayer, learning more about and spending time with God. It is also the time where we prepare for the celebration of Easter, which marks Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.



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, we notice this by changing our prayer tablecloths and looking at the symbols that are associated with the Sunday Gospel Readings.

Students will also see Project Compassion boxes around the school.



### 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.

### Harmony Day

This year students will celebrate Harmony Day on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> of March. Our student leaders in 5/6 have been working hard to create ideas for the classroom and have organised a special fundraiser for Project Compassion for the day.

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> of March students from all classes are invited to bring a gold coin donation for **Project Compassion** and wear either **Orange** or their **Cultural dress** for the day.

Please be mindful of our Sun Smart policy and wear appropriate shoes on the day.

### ELIZABETH CATHOLIC PARISH SACRAMENT PROGRAM

The Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist form the Sacraments of Christian Initiation. If your child is 7 years of age (or older) and would like to be involved in the program for 2025, please contact Amiee Tullio for more information.

atullio@smm.catholic.edu.au

# Power Play with Port & NRL Clinics!

## **St Mary Magdalene's Port Adelaide Powerplay Program.**

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Throughout the day, our young students demonstrated remarkable determination, respect and resilience.

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## OSHC Activities!

Hello Families,

I hope everyone has enjoyed a wonderful and restful long weekend. We are already more than halfway through the Term and what a term its been so far! In OSHC we have been doing a lot with slime! We have been exploring slime as a play and sensory resource. We have had all sorts of slime, with all sorts of textures out to explore.

We have had in OSHC slime with a jelly like texture that wobbles and wobbles, slime that can stretch... and stretch... and stretch, slime that was just too sticky and wet and finally during our pupil free day we had the most interesting slime of all... slime we could EAT!

Through all this slime exploration the children and staff have learnt a lot. We learnt to describe what we could see and feel, we learnt how to mix and measure to create our own slime, we learnt that different ingredients will have different results, we but most of all we learnt to have fun!



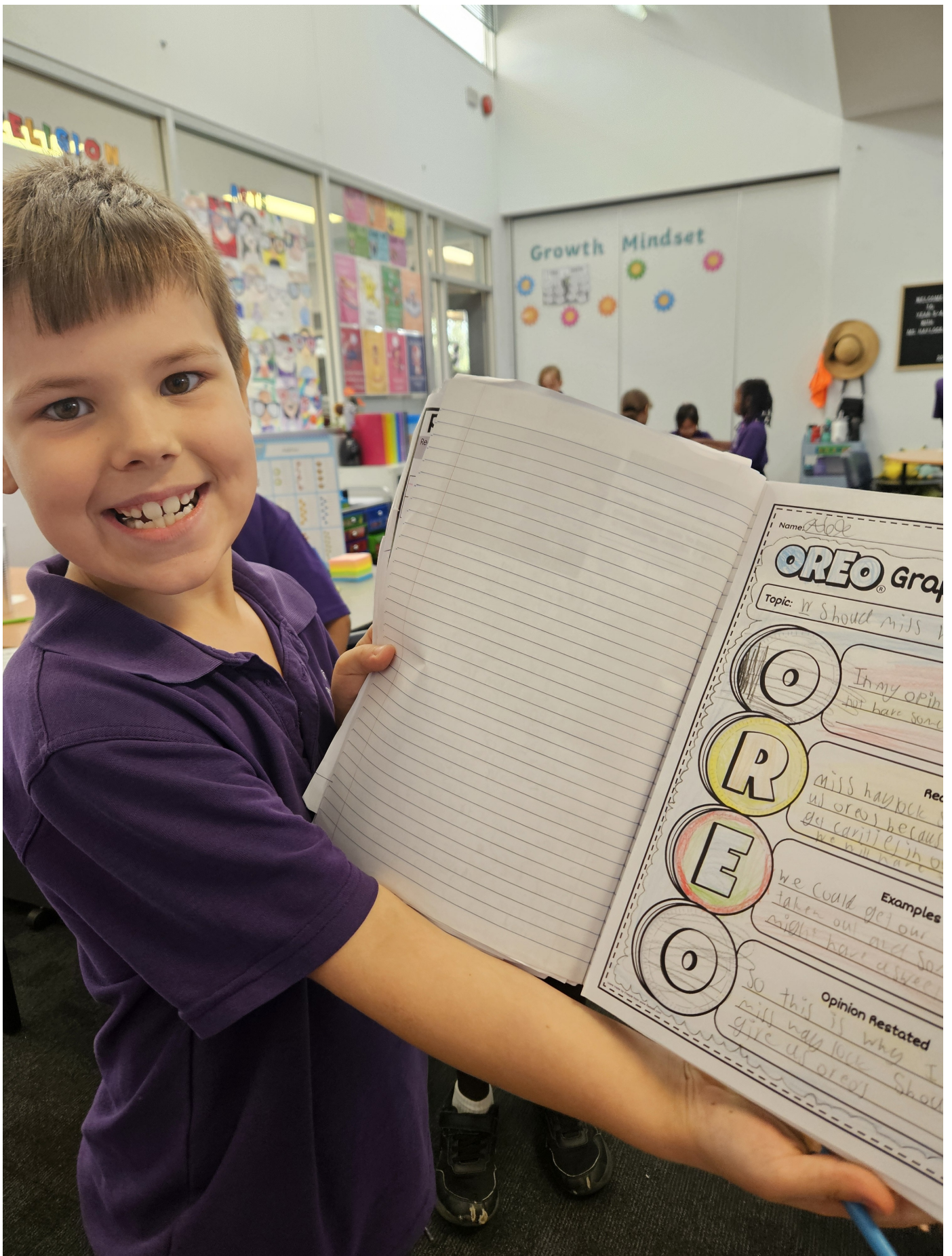
## What's Happening in Ms. Haylock's Class?

It's been a busy and productive start to the year in Ms. Haylock's class! Students have been diving into persuasive writing, learning how to structure their arguments using the OREO method (Opinion, Reason, Example, Opinion). This has been helping them develop clear and convincing arguments for various topics.

In art, the class has been exploring the world of monochromatic design. They've been experimenting with different shades of a single colour to create striking, visually cohesive pieces that showcase their creativity.

With NAPLAN just around the corner, students have been preparing for the upcoming assessments. Everyone has been working hard to practice key skills, ensuring they feel confident and ready for the challenges ahead.

Keep up the great work, everyone!







# After 1st Break

## Should Miss Haylock give you oreos?

**OREO**  
Persuasive Writing

- O** **Opinion**  
State your opinion clearly.
- R** **Reason**  
Back up your opinion with a reason.
- E** **Evidence**  
Give evidence or facts to support your opinion.
- O** **Opinion**  
Restate your opinion.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

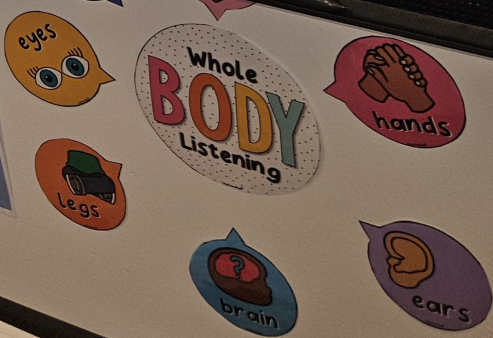
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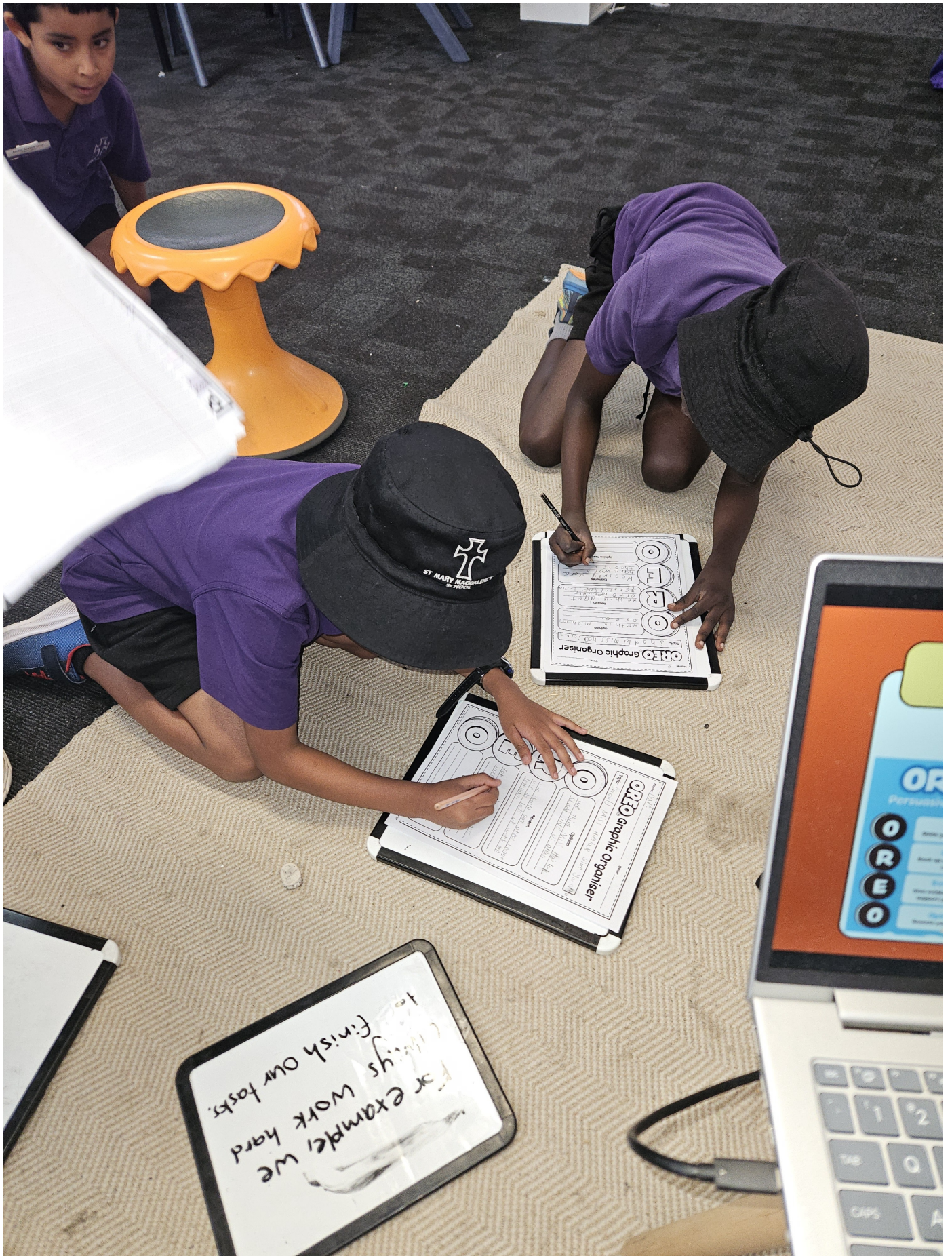
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<b>R</b>	Reason
<b>E</b>	Examples
<b>O</b>	Opinion Restated

**Whole BODY Listening**

- eyes**: Look at the speaker.
- ears**: Listen to what the speaker is saying.
- brain**: Think about what the speaker is saying.
- legs**: Stand up straight.
- hands**: Don't fidget.







Dads, bring your kids and join in for...

## Pizza & Paper Planes

Come and join in the fun with pizza and paper planes! Enjoy pizza and try your luck with making the faster flying paper plane! Compete with others and see how far you can fly!

**Who:**

*Dads, Father-figures & Carers*

**When:**

*Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025*

*5pm-6pm*

**Where:**

*St Mary Magdalene's School*

**RSVP:**



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or text your details to  
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Harmony

Friday 21st  
March

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Project Compassion

Wear an orange shirt or  
wear a your cultural dress

PEACE











Clean Up Australia Day in (Our Own Back Yard) Pics!







Ash Wednesday











# 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  
KERRYNN ON  
0437 609 976

### Tuesday



**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\*

**9am - 1pm**

JOINT COMMUNITY EVENT  
PLEASE SEE KERRYNN 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



PIZZA AND PAPER PLANES  
**MONDAY**

**17th MARCH 5-6pm**



#### Hub Contact Info:

Call or Text Message

**KERRYNN**

**0437 609 976**

Email:

kchambersesmm.catholic.edu.au



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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)

# BEACH

## Playgroup

CATCH THE BUS  
\$5 Per Family

**WEDNESDAY 2ND APRIL**

**WEBB BEACH**

LOCATED BETWEEN DUBLIN AND PORT WAKEFIELD

**9AM - 1:30PM**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUN MORNING OF EXPLORING AND ADVENTURE!**  
**\*CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED BY THEIR PARENT OR GUARDIAN AT ALL TIMES**

**Catching the Private Bus:**

You must register with your local Hub Leader and pay \$5 per family  
We require you to sign a consent form to travel by private bus  
*\*You will need to meet at your local Community Hub at 8:45am and be ready to leave at 9am (We can't wait if you are late)*

**Organising your own transport:**

Join us at the beach from 10:30am.

**PLEASE BRING:**

- Hats, Sunscreen, Sun Smart Swimwear
- Water Shoes/Thongs, Towels
- Spare Clothes (for the ride home)
- Water, Snacks & Lunch (No shops nearby)
- Picnic Blanket (Optional)

*This event is jointly funded by*



# Join Us for Sing&Grow!



part of the  
**play matters**  
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: 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> February  
13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> March  
3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2025

To register contact:

**KERRY N – 0437 609 976**

**ANGLICARE SA**

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# 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**



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# DENTAL FOR SCHOOLS

Scan the QR code to fill out the Consent form online instead



*DFS will be visiting St Mary Magdalene's Primary School during:*  
**Term 2: Week 4, 2025**



**Forms need to be submitted by the 5th of May.**

E: [parents@dentalforschools.com.au](mailto:parents@dentalforschools.com.au)

P: (08) 7225 8142