

Important Dates

Whole School Mass
- Families Welcome,
12pm

Tuesday 8 August

Assembly by Year 3
- 2.15pm in the
Yarning Place -
Families are
Welcome!

Tuesday 8 August

Andrew Chinn
Concert - Families
Welcome, 2pm

Friday 11 August

School Board
Meeting

Wednesday 16 August

Choir Student
Practise at Loreta
College / travelling
by bus

Tuesday 29 August

Years 1 - 6 Classes
attending Musical at
The Shedley
Theatre

Thursday 31 August

Pupil Free Day (No
School) Call OSHC
for bookings 0437
609 630

Friday 1 September

Choir Performance -
Festival Theatre

Monday 25 September

Pupil Free Day (No
School)

Monday 16 October

Term 4 Begins

Tuesday 17 October

From the Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 3. I trust that you and your children had a good holiday break and that you were able to spend some quality time together. I am pleased to be back from my Long Service Leave and look forward to working with you throughout Term 3. A big thank you to Luke Ferguson who was Acting Head of Campus in my absence.

This week we welcome our new Reception children: Aarez, Aria, Dylan, Eric (EJ), Gabriella, Grace, Greycen, Keena, Lucas, Mabior, Moana, Nathaniel, and Zachary. Welcome to their teacher Cloe Bowman who will care for these children for the remainder of 2023. We also welcome students in other Year levels: Grace (Year 3), Raylan (Year 3) and Sophia (Year 4). I pray that your time with us be full of Learning, Friendships and Fun!

During my leave I spent 10 weeks travelling through western New South Wales up to the Gulf of Carpentaria, across to Cooktown and down the east coast. It was a great holiday with a variety of experiences, including swimming with giant sea turtles, snorkelling on the Great Barrier Reef, exploring the Dinosaur Trail near Longreach/Winton, kayaking and bike riding. It was great to visit and stay in a number of smaller towns and communities and help support their local community. Thank you to those who have asked about my trip.

This weekend we had the second of our football showdowns and it was great to see children dressed in their team colours on Friday. Thank you to our parents and caregivers for supporting their children in this way.

This Friday (4th August) is 'Primary Principal's Day'. I acknowledge the great work that Chris Platten does as the Principal of both St

Mary Magdalene's School but also St Thomas More School at Elizabeth Park. I wish him well for this day and thank him for the contribution that he makes to our school each day.

The following Friday (11th August) we welcome Andrew Chinn to our school community. Andrew is a singer songwriter who was to join us last year but couldn't due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Andrew will work with children from different year levels through the morning and then bring the whole school together for a concert at 2pm. Parents are most welcome to join us for this celebration in the Yarning Place. If you have younger children I'm sure they will enjoy it just as I'm sure our students will. I sometimes refer to Andrew as 'The Christian Wiggle'.

Good luck to Charlotte, Farhad, Harrison and Mrs Gosling who will represent our school at a STEM Showcase at Lot 14 in the city on Thursday of this week.

Our next School Board Meeting is on Wednesday 16 August. Our next Assembly is Tuesday 8th August at 2:15pm to be led by our Year 3s.

On Friday morning we celebrated the Feast of St Mary Magdalene with a whole school liturgy. Mary Magdalene is one of the most important saints in our church history and hence the naming of our school after her. She was a close companion of Jesus and travelled with him, along with the apostles. She was there when he was crucified and the first one to see that he had risen from the dead. In our liturgy we had the words: "St Mary Magdalene is a shining light for us in our school community and we can follow in her footsteps of courage and service, friendship and love". We were asked a question: "My light shines when I...". I invite you to think about that. When does your light shine?

Each year Catholic Education SA (CESA) invites parents, students and staff to undertake a survey regarding the Living Learning Leading Framework that is used throughout our schools. These are quite short surveys but provide CEASA with some really valuable information. Can I invite you to 'let your light shine' and complete the online survey in the next week or so? It should only take you 5 or 10 minutes. I have attached a flier with this newsletter showing the [link](#) and the access code (SMMSLLLP) specific to our school. Please note this is completely anonymous.

Kind regards

Peter Mercer

Head of Campus

Recent News

NSI Partnerships



To respond the LLL Parent and Caregiver Survey at St Mary Magdalene's School in 2023 go to www.NSIPartnerships.com.au and enter the code SMMSLLLP in the 'Start Questionnaire' field



NSI
Partnerships

LLL Parent and Caregiver Survey (Available from 24 July to 25 August 2023)

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

You are invited to participate in a short (3 to 5 minute) survey about your school's performance. Similar surveys will be administered to staff and students to enable us to capture a community snapshot.

All responses are confidential and will be used for school improvement purposes.

Completion of the survey is on a voluntary basis.

Your confidentiality

To protect your confidentiality all surveys are anonymous. All answers go directly to National School Improvement Partnerships, where the results are analysed for your school. Answers from individual surveys will NOT be reported back to the school, National School Improvement Partnerships staff are bound by a Code of Ethics and follow strict professional conduct. To protect your anonymity, we do not report scores for groups of less than four parents or caregivers.

Use of the data

National School Improvement Partnerships will report the results to the school in an aggregated format. To enable drill-down reporting, the information provided to the school will contain data based on background information. This anonymous data will be provided to CESA for reporting and consideration of support for schools.

How to complete the survey

- For each statement, you are asked to rate how well you think the school is performing by selecting one of six responses. The responses are numbered 1 to 6, with number 1 being the lowest or worst rating and number 6 being the highest or best rating.
- If you have more than one child at the school, and your perceptions differ for each child, please respond with respect to your perceptions related to the oldest child enrolled at the school.
- There are no 'right' or 'wrong' answers. Your opinion is what is wanted.
- Please answer all questions.
- Some statements may be fairly similar to other statements. Don't worry about this. Simply give your opinion about all statements.

To get started, use the QR code (located at the top of the page) or go to www.NSIPartnerships.com.au and enter the access code provided above.

If you require more information or have any feedback, please contact our friendly team.

Email: LLL@NSIPartnerships.com.au

Your time and consideration are appreciated.



From the APRIM

Liturgical Calendar Information

Special celebrations that we focus on during classroom and whole school prayer throughout term 3 and those that come up in our liturgical calendar include:

22/7 Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

30/7 International Day of Friendship

6/8 Feast of the Transfiguration

8/8 Feast of St. Mary of the Cross Mackillop

15/8 Feast of the Assumption

21/8 Catholic Schools Open Week

1/9 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

3/9 Father's Day

5/9 Feast of Mother Teresa

4/9 Child Protection Week

21/9 International Day of Peace

27/9 St. Vincent De Paul

Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

This week we celebrate the feast of St. Mary Magdalene. St. Mary Magdalene is a shining light for us in our school community and we can follow in her footsteps of courage and service. What do we know about St. Mary Magdalene? She was a friend of Jesus and she travelled with him and the other disciples, listening and learning about what it means to bring God's promise to the world. She was one of the people who had the courage to stay with Jesus at the foot of the cross at the crucifixion. She was the first witness to the resurrection and was given the role of telling the apostles that Jesus had risen.

St Vincent de Paul Society

A very big thank you to those families who were able to donate clothing items for the St. Vincent De Paul Society. Your donations were much appreciated.

Whole School Mass

We invite you to join us to celebrate our Term 3 whole school Mass in Week 3, Tuesday August 8 at 12pm in the Yarning Place.

Andrew Chinn Concert

On Friday August 11, Australian religious songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn, will be visiting our school to share his songs with our children. Andrew's songs, such as "These Hands", "Rainbow", "An African Blessing" and "Rise Up!" are used in classrooms and liturgies around Australia, New Zealand, USA, and Canada. The concert will take place in the Yarning Place, at 2.00pm. We would love you to join us for this event.

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 3.

Confirmation Session for Parents and Candidates

Term 3 Week 3 Saturday August 12 - 9.00am – 11.00am St. at Thomas More Church

Celebration of Confirmation

Term 3 Week 6 Saturday September 2 - 9.00am – 11.00am at St. Thomas More Church

Celebration of First Eucharist

Term 3 Week 7 Saturday September 16 - 6.00pm – 7.00pm at St. Thomas More Church

OR

Term 3 Week 8 Sunday September 17 - 10.00am – 11.00am at St. Thomas More Church

News from the Year 1 Class!

The Year 1 class is lucky enough to have a Pre-Service teacher in our classroom. Miss D is here for 4 weeks and is in her final year of teaching.

This week she has become to know our class. The Year 1 students created their own shirt that highlighted their name, age and favourite things. Miss D is teaching the students about measurement and natural, managed and constructed places in our world.

We are so excited to have Miss D in our classroom and be part of her teaching journey.



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Term 3, 2023 TIMETABLE

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	
<p>COMMUNITY ENGLISH CLASS</p> <p>9:30am - 11:30am</p> <p>*FREE CHILD MINDING *BOOKING REQUIRED *NO COST *NO TESTS *ALL LEVELS WELCOME</p> <p>24th July - 25th Sept</p>	<p><i>Little Maggies</i> Playgroup</p> <p>9am - 10:30am</p> <p>FUN ACTIVITIES + MAKE NEW FRIENDS CHILDREN FROM BIRTH - 5 YEARS</p> <p>25th July - 19th Sept</p>	<p>COMMUNITY SEWING GROUP</p> <p>9:30am - 11:30am</p> <p>*FREE CHILD MINDING *BOOKING REQUIRED *BOOK A SEWING MACHINE TO AVOID DISSAPOINTMENT</p> <p>26th July - 13th Sept</p>	<p>COME AND TRY ZUMBA</p> <p>9:30am - 10:30am</p> <p>*TRY FOR FREE AND SIGN UP FOR THE FREE 8 - WEEK PROGRAM IN TERM 4</p> <p>COME AND TRY SESSION 28th September</p>	<p>Contact: KERRY N Call or Text 0437 609 976</p> <p>kchambers@smm.catholic.edu.au</p>
<p></p> <p>1pm - 3pm</p> <p>*FREE CHILD MINDING *BOOKING REQUIRED</p> <p>Info Session - 14th August FORTNIGHTLY SESSIONS Starts- 28th August</p>	<p>CRAFT GROUP</p> <p>11am - 12:45pm</p> <p>JOIN THE GROUP ACTIVITY OR BRING YOUR OWN CRAFT</p> <p>25th July - 26th Sept</p>	<p></p> <p>3pm - 3:15pm</p> <p>FORTNIGHTLY BOXES *Unclaimed boxes will be given away on Thursdays See Kerry n to join the waiting list</p> <p>26th July - 27th Sept</p>	<p>COMMUNITY ENGLISH CLASS</p> <p>12:30pm - 2:30pm</p> <p>*FREE CHILD MINDING *BOOKING REQUIRED *NO COST *NO TESTS *ALL LEVELS WELCOME</p> <p>27th July - 28th Sept</p>	<p></p> <p>Follow us on Facebook for Reminders, Cancellations and Special Events</p>

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Ready, Set, Progress

Playgroup SA has partnered with the Office for the Early Years (Department of Education) to provide free development checks for children aged 12 months to 4 years. The checks provide an important opportunity to monitor your child's development, identify any concerns and celebrate milestones. A development check helps to monitor whether a child is meeting the milestones for their age (such as dressing or talking). Please note this is not a health check.

What does the check screen?

The development check looks at the following areas: communication, movement, problem solving and personal-social skills.

Why do a development check?

When concerns about a child's development are identified early and appropriate support is given, children have the best chance of developing the skills they need for playing, interacting and learning. This gives them the best chance of reaching their potential.

How will you screen my child?

We will be using the Ages and Stages Questionnaires (ASQ-3) to monitor your child's developmental milestones. This questionnaire is parent friendly and will be sent home to be completed. A child development screener will talk with you individually about the questionnaire on the following visit and will be able to help you answer any questions if you were not able to complete it.

What do I need to do?

- Attend **Little Maggies Playgroup** on **Tuesday, the 1st of August, 2023**
- Sign a consent form and take home the questionnaire
- Complete the questionnaire at home
- Attend **Little Maggies Playgroup** with the completed questionnaire on **Tuesday, the 8th of August, 2023**

Little Maggie's Playgroup



TUESDAY MORNINGS

9am

**Please
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and
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