

Important Dates

Bringing Up Great Kids - 9 a.m Yarning Place Monday 15 August	Book Week Dress Up Day Wednesday 24 August	Uleybury Museum Visit Year 1,2 & 3 Wednesday 14 September	Scientific Bubble Show Monday 19 September
	Scientific Bubble Show Tuesday 20 September	Science Experiment Day Friday 23 September	Last Day of Term 3 Friday 30 September

From the Leadership Team

Dear Families,

On Monday of this week was the celebration of Australia's first saint, Mary MacKillop. She was a pretty amazing person who, along with her Sisters, set up so many schools around Australia and New Zealand. Probably every school that is named "St Joseph's" would have been started by the Sisters. We commonly refer to them as Josephite schools. Our school, St Mary Magdalene's was started by a different order or group of sisters known as Mercy Sisters (begun by Catherine McAuley) and hence is known as a Mercy school. There are lots of other order schools around the world, just like the Mercys and the Josephites. Most would have a different focus, vision or 'charism' but they would all have Jesus as being central to all that they do. For me, our values of Compassion, Courage, Hospitality, Justice, Respect and Service sum up how the Mercy Sisters and Jesus would want us to live and be each day.

As you would be aware our Principal, Chris Platten, is currently on leave and will be absent for 3 weeks. I am Acting Principal in his place, both at St Mary Magdalene's but also at St Thomas More. This means that I will need to spread my time across both schools and while I might not always be available in person, I can be contacted through the front office if needed.

We welcome two new children this week: Chalanti in Year 6 and Ravi in Reception. Next week we also welcome a Student Teacher, Rebecca Errigo, who will be on placement in Mrs Drewett's Reception class for 4 weeks. We welcome you and your family to our community and hope your time with us is full of learning, fun and friendships!

Thank you to those families who were able to complete the Live Learn Lead survey that we advertised through the newsletter and seesaw recently. Your responses will help us in discerning what we are doing well in our school and in what areas we need to improve.

Last Friday our Year 3/4 students enjoyed a trip to Monarto Zoo and fortunately they all made it back safely, even after being chased by a cheetah! It looked like they had a fabulous time and learnt a lot about a variety of animals at the same time. Miss Sam has provided some pictures and thoughts about their excursion elsewhere in this newsletter.

With Covid and other factors, our School Board has not been able to meet as regularly as it might. I am keen for us to get our School Board up and running again and have planned for a meeting in Week 8. The School Board has a governance role and works in partnership with the school community to develop policies, promote excellence, support the school administration, protect children, monitor building and grounds development and maintenance, exercise financial management and ensure compliance with legal obligations.

The Board meets twice per term and I am looking for some parents from the community who might be interested to find out more about

the role. Please catch up with me in the yard if you'd like to have a chat about it.

Well done to our cross country runners who competed in the SACPSSA Carnival today in the Adelaide Parklands. Thank you to Mr Maglai and Mrs Tullio who braved the cold with the students and ensured they all returned safely.

Working in Partnership

Peter Mercer

Head of Campus

'I have great confidence in you to do what you think best. State your opinion and always act with courage.' ~ Catherine McAuley

News from the 3/4 Class!

Welcome to Week 3! We have had a very busy start to term 3! This term we are looking at Information texts on African Animals for literacy, focusing on 3D shapes and symmetry for numeracy, exploring the importance recycling and different ways people are sustainable for HASS and focusing on the theme of Service for Religion.

More on the 3/4 Class - Our Visit to Monarto Zoo!

Last week the Year 3 and 4 students set off to Monarto Zoo to gather some information about the animal they decided to write their information report about. The students had previously completed a persuasive text about Monarto Zoo in comparison to Adelaide Zoo, including which they believed to be the better zoo for the animals. Upon arrival, we participated in a habitat building exercise called 'My Cubby Rules' at Indaba Bush Camp, where we learnt about how animals survive in different habitats and the importance of healthy habitats and animals' survival needs. After the activity, we had lunch and visited the meerkats before departing on our African Animal Safari Tour on the Zoo loop. The students were very engaged and excited throughout the tour, asking our guide, Wallie, many questions while completing their African Animal spotting activity. We finished our visit at Monarto Zoo by watching the chimpanzees play and get up to mischief. A big thank you to Esther, John and Jess for coming along and supporting the excursion!

Here are some of the highlights from the students about their trip to Monarto Zoo:

"My favourite part was when the cheetah came up to our bus and started chasing us"- Kaeleb

"I loved when the hyena cubs were playing and were chasing each other"- Jayden

"The best part of the day was the team challenge and building our habitats"- Mia

"I really enjoyed how close we were to all the animals, especially the giraffes"- Amelia

Scroll down to see some photos!

Book Week & Dress Up Day!

The theme for Book Week this year is:

Dreaming with eyes open . . .

Throughout the term all classes will be reading the shortlisted books for this years awards and as a celebration of reading we would like to invite the children to dress up as their favourite book character on

Wednesday 24 August - Term 3, Week 5.

Get in the spirit and encourage your children to dress-up and be involved in the day. We will be having our parade in the Yarning Place @ 9:30am. With our current Covid-19 policy, families are welcome to join us and are encouraged to wear a mask. (Please note that this may change as restrictions are updated).

Please consider the weather conditions and ensure that your child is appropriately dressed and wearing suitable footwear (e.g. no thongs). Students may wear hair colour and make-up, but it must be put on at home and not brought to school.

This is not a casual clothes day and therefore any student not wearing a costume must wear their correct school uniform.



BOOK WEEK

OSHC

Due to the fact that our numbers have grown so high, unfortunately we are no longer able to offer alternative snacks if your child simply doesn't like what we are offering. We encourage that you look at the menu in advance and if your child does not like what we have planned, could you please add some extra food to their lunchbox for "afternoon snack"? As usual, if your child has an allergy or cannot eat the food that we have to offer we are more than happy to offer alternatives to our menu. If you have any questions please feel free to speak to Esther or Jenn about your child's requirements.

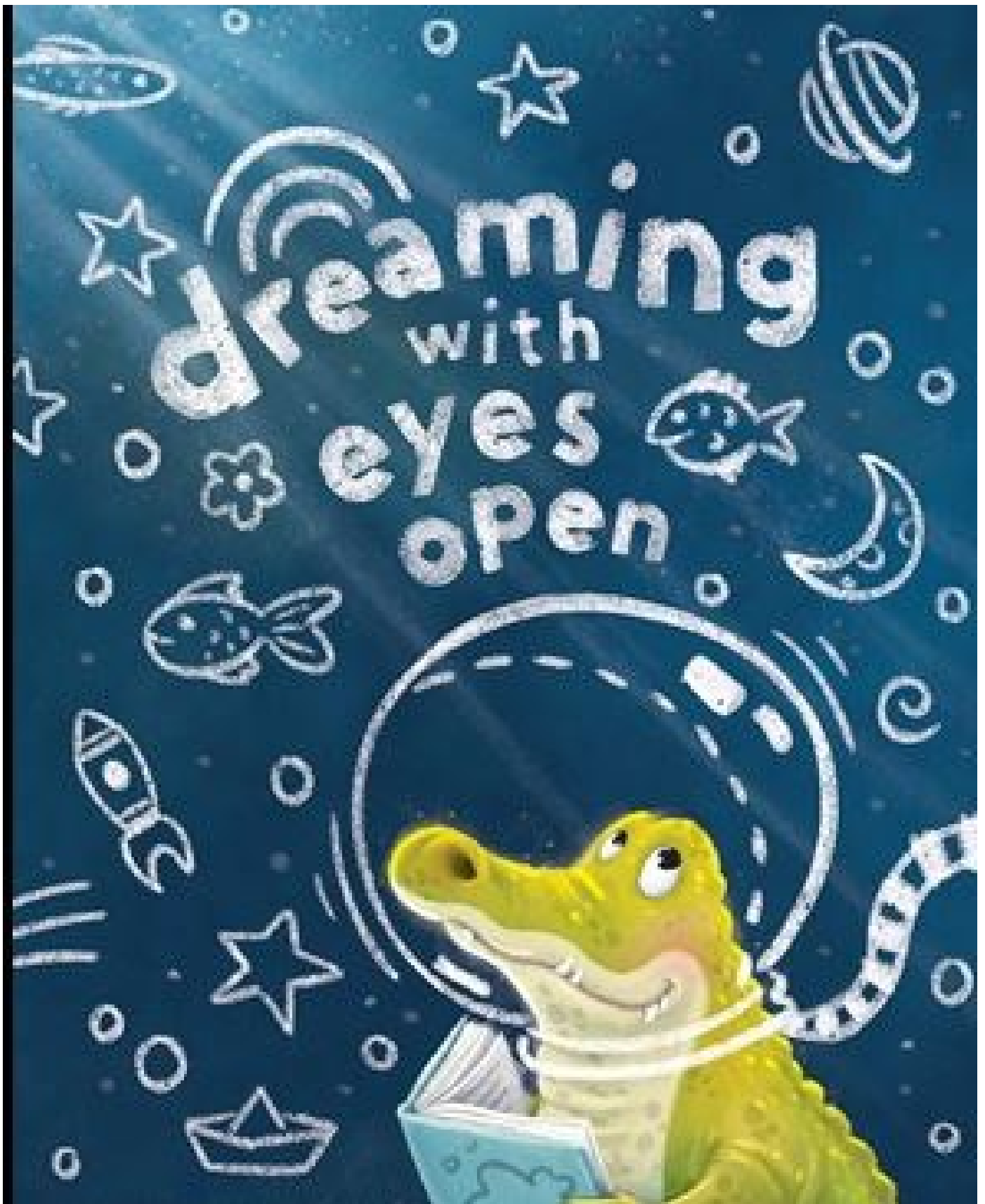
Please remember to book your child in as soon as you realise that you need to use OSHC. Lately, I have had a quite a few children coming into OSHC when their parent has told them to come but they have not actually been booked in. This makes it difficult for us as we don't know the numbers that are attending, causing problems when we prepare snacks to ensure there is enough for all children. We appreciate that last minute bookings will happen due to unforeseen circumstances. However, if you do realise you need OSHC please remember to either call the office, tell Lisa or Esther or send an SMS to 0437 609 630 as soon as you can.

Regards

Esther and Jenn

SMMS OSHC Team





Book Week Dress Up Day
Wednesday 24th August 2022!

Bringing Up Great Kids



Term 3 Parent Sessions

During Term 3 we will continue the Bringing Up Great Kids Program at *St Mary Magdalene's School, in the Yarning Space*. You are welcome to join us for the following sessions, please register your attendance via email to Shannon or David at the email addresses below. Sessions will be held from 9am and a brief description of the content of each session is outlined.

Session 1: Monday 1st August – *The Message Centre*

- An understanding of early brain development can help parents understand and respond more appropriately to children's needs and behaviour. There is no perfect recipe for bringing up children and there is no such thing as the perfect parent but parents' relationships with their children are critical to children's healthy brain development.

Session 2: Monday 15th August- *Messages from the Past*

- Messages we have received from our parents/carers as well as various myths impact our own parenting. Building relationships with our children is essential and children will thrive with 'good enough' parents who take time for self care.

Session 3: Monday 29th August- *Giving and Receiving Messages/Messages of Behaviour*

- All behaviour has meaning and is an expression of feelings and needs. Understanding the emotional needs of children assists parents and carers to appropriately respond to behaviour, including the use of important non-verbal messages. Messages we have received from our childhood can create barriers to effective communication and it is important to remain calm when responding to children as they learn to regulate their behaviour through the experience of being soothed by a regulated or calm adult.

Session 4- Monday 12th September: *Messages about Me/Passing on Messages*

- Emotional development, differences in personality, gender, position in family and temperament all affect children's behaviour. How we parent is usually culturally determined but when parents are reflective of their parenting they are more likely to have happy and positive relationships with their children. Looking after ourselves includes asking for help when we need it and the best predictor of how a child copes with stress is how their parents/carers cope. All people, parents and children, need to be in a calm state before they can act rationally.

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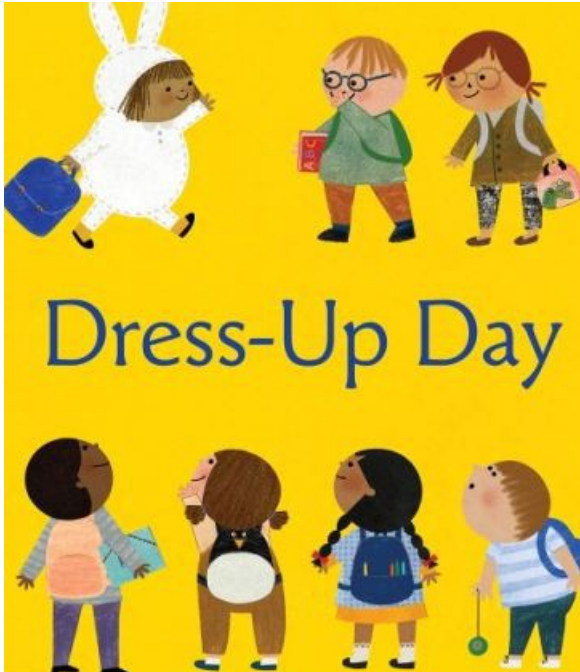
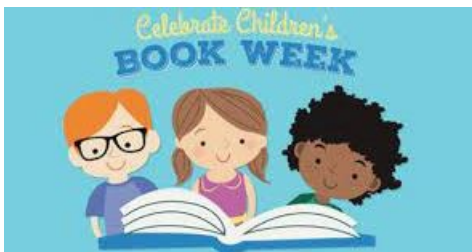












Community Hub

Term 3, 2022 Timetable



St Mary Magdalene's School
82 Fairfield Road
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	PLEASE MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH KERRYNN TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT:
<p>Bringing Up Great Kids</p> <p>9am - 11:15am WEEKS 2, 4, 6 and 8 Register for program + child minding</p> <p>COMPUTER CLASS for Adults *FREE Child Minding *Booking Required</p> <p>*** LIMITED SPACES 1:30pm - 3:30pm</p> <p>Learn how to use a Computer! Typing, Resume, Online Forms</p>	<p>Cuppa & Chat Craft Group</p> <p>11am - 12:30pm Connect - Share - Learn Create - Inspire</p> <p>MyTime supporting parents of children with disabilities</p> <p>Find out more at www.mytime.net.au</p> <p>1pm - 3pm Contact Keryn B 0414 912 816</p> <p>*Free Child Minding WEEKS 2 - 9 (Excluding weeks 4 & 7)</p>	<p>Individual Support</p> <p>8:45am - 10:45am *Contact Kerry to book an appointment.</p> <p>SEWING GROUP</p> <p>12:30pm - 2:30pm YOU MUST BOOK A SEWING MACHINE AND CHILD MINDING Weeks 2 - 9</p> <p>THE ONE BOX</p> <p>PICK UP 3pm Wednesday 8:45am Thursday *See Kerry to go on the waiting list</p>	<p>Little Maggies Playgroup</p> <p>9am - 10:30am WEEKS 1 - 9</p> <p>LET'S READ TOGETHER 10:30am</p> <p>EASY ENGLISH for Adults *FREE Child Minding *Booking Required</p> <p>***LIMITED SPACES 12pm - 3pm Speaking, Reading and Writing</p>	<p>PLEASE MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH KERRYNN TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT:</p> <p>HippyAustralia Families Learning Together</p> <p>Kids Club</p> <p>playford communities for children +</p> <p>HELP WITH FILLING FORMS CENTRELINK - JOB SEARCH LOCAL SUPPORT SERVICES FINANCIAL COUNSELLING VOLUNTEERING</p> <p>CONTACT: Kerryn 0437 609 976 kchambers@smm.catholic.edu.au</p> <p>follow us on facebook www.facebook.com/CommunityHubSMM</p>

Healthy Conversations @ Playgroup Program



Conversations about children's eating, active play, screen time, sleep

- ❖ What's on offer in 2022: a new program at your playgroup, where parents with young children support each other around:
 - "Fussy" eating
 - Screen-time
 - Movement and active play
 - Sleep
- ❖ Short and relaxed conversations led by a peer facilitator
- ❖ 5 fortnightly conversations during the school term (Term 3, 2022 or Term 2, 2023).
- ❖ Developed for Community Playgroups by leading child health researchers.
- ❖ Successfully "road tested" in 20 playgroups in southeast QLD during 2019-20 and delivered to 30 playgroups in 2021. Parents found the program highly enjoyable and informative. Shown to help improve parenting practices related to healthy eating, screen time, and active play.

"I enjoyed the conversation and love this idea of sharing information about these topics!"

If you would like to take part, scan the QR Code to sign up:



If you would like more information, please contact:

Brittany Johnson (SA Coordinator) on (08) 8201 3151 or playgroups@flinders.edu.au



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COME & TRY ATHLETICS



Learn more and try Little Athletics at our
free introduction sessions.

COME & TRY

Sat 20 Aug 1.30pm

COME & TRY / INFORMATION NIGHT

Fri 9 Sep 5.45pm

BRIDGESTONE ATHLETICS CENTRE
FROST ROAD, SALISBURY



jets.org.au/preflight

Northern Districts Athletics Club
Family, Fun & Fitness



St Mary Magdalene's
Community Hub

WE ARE

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

AND WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN OUR TEAM!!



Do you enjoy working with children? Do you enjoy helping or teaching others? Do you have a special skill that you would like to share with our community.

If you are retired, looking for work experience or just love helping others, We have a place for you in the Community Hub.

Police clearance and additional training provided as required

Please call Kerryn on 0437 609 976
or Email: kchambers@smm.catholic.edu.au