

Important Dates

Year 2 Excursion
The Space
Discovery Centre
Friday 9 August 2024

School Board
Meeting 6.30pm
Tuesday 13 August 2024

4/5 Miss Rose's
Class Liturgy, 9am -
Yarning Space
Thursday 22 August 2024

Pupil Free Day (No
School - OSHC
Booking- pls call
Jenn 0437609630)
Friday 23 August 2024

Book Week Parade,
9.15 a.m in the
Yarning Space
Friday 30 August 2024

Father's Day
Sunday 1 September 2024

Confirmation at St
Ann's (Evening)
Tuesday 10 September 2024

Catholic Music
Festival
Monday 23 September 2024

End of Term 3,
2024 (3pm Finish)
Friday 27 September 2024

Pupil Free Day (No
School - OSHC
Booking- pls call
Jenn 0437609630)
Monday 14 October 2024

Term 4 Begins
(Tuesday)
Tuesday 15 October 2024

Pupil Free Day (No
School - OSHC
Booking- pls call
Jenn 0437609630)
Wednesday 13 November
2024

Pupil Free Day (No
School - OSHC
Booking- pls call
Jenn 0437609630)
Thursday 12 December 2024

From the Leadership Team

Dear Families,

Last Friday we celebrated the Feast Day of St Mary Magdalene with a walk down to Mofflin Reserve for lunch and some games. The children (and staff) had a great time. It is the first time we have ventured down to this relatively new park. I encourage you to make use of the great parks we have in our area. Thank you to our volunteers and staff for their great work on the day. On Thursday of this week is the Feast Day of St Mary MacKillop of the Cross, Australia's first saint. She began the Sisters of St Joseph in 1866 and established the

first catholic school in Australia in Penola in 1867. Our school (St Mary Magdalene's) was established with the charism of the Mercy sisters, while the 'St Joseph Schools' were established with the charism of the Josephite sisters. Our students learn a lot about our Mercy values of Compassion, Courage, Hospitality, Justice, Respect and Service but we also celebrate and share the story of Mary MacKillop with them.

In our last newsletter I mentioned that we are changing our phones over to a Voice Over the Internet Protocol (VOIP). Hopefully this will happen in the next few weeks. In doing this we have been given a new school number replacing our old one. Our new number is 8287 7900 and it is now active. The old number will still work for the next 6 months or so to give people time to start using the new number. Please change your contact details or address book to reflect the new phone number: 8287 7900.

I hope you have been enjoying the Olympic Games from Paris. The Australians have done extremely well in terms of medals and we should be very proud of them all. With just under a week to go it is an opportunity for us to highlight what the Olympics are all about for our children. It is always great for our children to have ambitions and hopes, but more importantly to be proud of being Australian. Well done to our staff and students who have had a focus on the Olympics with their own 'Potato Olympics' along with other activities.

Next Wednesday we are fortunate to have a visit from Helen Connolly the Commissioner for Children and Young People. The Commissioner for Children and Young People is an independent statutory authority established by the South Australian government to promote and advocate for the rights, development and wellbeing of all children and young people living in South Australia. The Commissioner is committed to seeking opportunities for the involvement of children and young people in informing government and influencing decision-making that affects them, with particular consideration to the needs of vulnerable and at-risk children and young people. Each year Helen invites students to write her a postcard outlining things that matter to them. She then collates this information into a yearly report. Our senior students have been involved in this initiative for the past few years and will continue again this year. We look forward to Helen speaking with some of our Student Leaders next week.

Our School Board meets next Tuesday 13 August at 6:30pm in the Staff Room.

Good luck to our Year 2s for their excursion this Friday to the Space Discovery Centre. Thank you to those parents who have offered to be volunteers on the day.

Next Thursday 15 August our Community Hub is officially opening their 'Toy Library'. This toy library will be open to the community and enables families to borrow toys for a set time, return them and borrow some more. Thank you to Community Hubs Australia, Kerryn Chambers our Coordinator and our volunteers who will run the toy library for this great initiative.

Please remember if your child is late to school, or is picked up early, they should be signed in and out through the front office.

We would like to remind students and families to be wary of approaches from strangers, especially when they are unaccompanied or travelling to and from school. If they are approached, students should not respond and should not accept offers of rides or gifts. Students should seek the assistance of other nearby adults if they feel unsafe and should report any events to a trusted adult (parent or school staff member) as soon as possible. SAPOL advises that taking out a mobile phone and calling police can deter an offender and they recommend the student making a formal report to their closest police station.

Please remember that we have the following dates set aside as **Pupil Free Days** for the staff to undertake professional development, staff reflection, complete hand over activities, etc. Our remaining set dates are: **Friday 23 August**, Monday 14 October, Thursday 12 December and Friday 13 December. Please mark them in your diary and book in to OSHC if you require this service (spaces are limited).

Congratulations to those students who received a Mercy Award at assembly this week. This was a special 'Performing Arts' Assembly where different classes, students and the choir did mini performances. They were fantastic ... congratulations and thank you for your presentation. Thank you also to Rosemarie Villano for coordinating the performers and the assembly.

Kind regards

Peter Mercer

Head of School

'Shaping our Future Together'

Recent News

100 Days of School!

On the 23rd of July, Mrs Drewett's and Miss Hill's classes celebrated our 100th day of school. To celebrate, we dressed up as what we think we will look like when we are 100 years old. We did lots of 100 themed activities including a parade through all the classrooms and front office, watched an interview with a 100 year old and the "Grandpa" episode of Bluey, created 100 Days of School crowns, sang our way to 100, and did 100 movements. It was a fun and memorable day - now onto the next 100 days!



36th Annual Catholic Music Festival

The festival is more than just a week of performances. It is a year of education. Students from differing backgrounds come together and share social and emotional interaction in a positive learning environment.”

The annual Catholic Schools Music Festival is the premier Arts Event for Catholic Education in South Australia.

Our St Thomas More and St Mary Magdalene's school choirs are in full swing with rehearsals and workshops in preparation for the 36th Annual Festival held on Monday, 23 September 2024.

Stay tuned for more information, including tickets sales, in the next few weeks.



Learning in Ms Haylock's Year 3 Class!

The Year 3 class have had a busy start to term 3! Last week, we celebrated St Mary Magdalene's Feast Day with a walk to Mofflin Reserve, which was a fantastic day. We have been busy preparing for the Premier's Reading Challenge and have been doing lots of reading as a class. Our writing focus has been 'Procedures'. This week, we wrote our own procedural texts about 'How to make fairy bread'. We then swapped our writing with another peer and followed their procedure whilst making our own fairy bread. This was a fun way to give feedback to our peers and think of ways we can improve our writing.

We are looking forward to the fun that the rest of term 3 holds for us!







Feast Day St Mary Magdalene's School

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On Friday, our whole school walked over to Mofflin Reserve to celebrate the Feast Day of our Patron Saint. It was an awesome day filled with activities, games, and a whole lot of fun! We greatly appreciate the help of our teachers and volunteers who contributed to a super day.



OSHC News!

Hello Families,

I can't believe we are already in term 3. We have grown so much since this time last year with some afternoons now having 40+ children in attendance.

For this reason, it has become increasingly important that you contact OSHC staff regarding bookings as there may be times, we cannot accept children due to our numbers.

Just a general reminder of our Pupil Free Day on Friday August 23rd. Bookings are required by Wednesday 14th August as spaces are limited and we may not be able to fulfil late bookings.

We've been having a lot of fun in OSHC this term so far and have welcomed many new faces into our space.





Toy Library

Grand Opening!

CELEBRATION & MORNING TEA

**Thursday 15th August
at 10am**

**St Mary Magdalene's School Community Hub
82 Fairfiled Road Elizabeth Grove 5112**

RSVP

KERRY N 0437 609 976



100 Days of School Photos!



Welcoming the Babies 2024

REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE BELOW

SESSION ONE

★ 10AM - 12PM



SESSION TWO

★ 1PM - 3PM



Welcoming the Babies 2024

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR ORDERS, PLEASE REACH OUT TO THE OFFICE OF MATT BURNELL MP

★ 08 8258 6200

★ MATT.BURNELL.MP@PARL.GOV.AU

★ 1/2 - 10 JAMES ST, SALISBURY SA 9100

Matt Burnell MP
Federal Member for Spence

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Matt Burnell, MP
Federal Member for Spence

Welcoming the Babies 2024

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 5

PLAYFORD CIVIC CENTRE
10 PLAYFORD BLVD, ELIZABETH

★ SESSION ONE
10AM - 12PM

★ SESSION TWO
1PM - 3PM

INFO ON SPECIAL GUESTS AND HOW TO REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE HERE

Welcoming the Babies 2024

★ Free community event for parents, grandparents, caregivers and guardians with children aged 0-2 years old

★ This event will bring community stakeholders and support organisations under one roof for parents and children to connect with

★ Car parking is located around the Civic Centre, adjacent the venue or in the nearby multi-story car park

★ Please try and arrive at the designated time of the session you have registered for, and please only register for one session

★ Please note that photographs will be taken at this event. These photos may be used on social media or in printed material.

JOIN OTHER PARENTS AND BABIES AT THE PLAYFORD CIVIC CENTRE FOR

★ **STALLS**

★ **A RAFFLED DOOR PRIZE**

★ **FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS**

★ **A FREE GOODIE BAG**

★ **PERSONALISED CERTIFICATE**

★ **FUN ACTIVITIES**

Welcoming the Babies 2024

ALONG WITH SPECIAL GUESTS:

★ **HON. EMILY BOURKE MLC**
ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR AUTISM

AND

★ **HON. DR ANNE ALY MP**
MINISTER FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE

*COLOURS STAYS INDICATE WHICH SPECIAL GUEST IS ATTENDING WHICH SESSION

TO RSVP YOUR BABIES SPOT 

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★ **SESSION TWO**



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Parafield Airport Early Learning
Open Day
Saturday 10th August
11-3pm
55 Butler Avenue,
Parafield gardens

Giveaways

- SA's only childcare with sports court & program
- Kindy program
- Indoor kinder gym/ sensory room
- Allied health room
- Ages 6wk-5yrs

admin@parafieldairportelc.com
0475903547



Little Maggie's Playgroup



TUESDAY MORNINGS

DURING SCHOOL TERMS
*EXCLUDING LAST WEEK OF TERM

9am

Please
Bring a Snack
and
Water



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

Located at 82 Fairfield Road, Elizabeth Grove 5112
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**Tuesdays 1pm - 3pm
in the Community Hub**
*Week 2-7 during school terms

MyTime is time for you

Being a parent is an important job. It's easy to get caught up in looking after your child's needs, but looking after yourself is important too.

MyTime is a place where you can unwind, and share ideas and experiences with others who understand.

MyTime is for all parents and carers of children under the age of 18 who need a higher level of care than other children. This might be because of disability, chronic medical condition, or other additional needs including developmental delay. MyTime members come from different backgrounds and their children have different abilities and needs.

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