

## Important Dates

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**Lowes School Wear Sale**

Thursday 24 August

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Friday 25 August

**Year 2 Assembly, 2.15pm - All Welcome**

Tuesday 29 August

**Musical at The Shedley Theatre - Years 1 to 6 (walking to and fro)**

Thursday 31 August

**Pupil Free Day (No School)**

Friday 1 September

**Choir Performance Festival Theatre**

Tuesday 26 September

**Term 3 Ends - Normal Finish Time 3pm**

Friday 29 September

**Pupil Free Day (No School)**

Monday 16 October

**Term 4 Begins**

Tuesday 17 October

**Dental for Schools on site for the week**

Tuesday 17 October

**Pupil Free Day (No School)**

Thursday 14 December

**Last Day of Term 4, Normal Finish Time 3pm**

Thursday 14 December

**Pupil Free Day (No School)**

Friday 15 December

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## From the Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week is Catholic Schools Open Week. You may have noticed all the Catholic school students on display on lots of the bus shelters around the metropolitan area, including one of Elias from our school on the Main North Road near Hillbank. As a part of this week we had an Open Day on Thursday of this week, with a number of prospective parents coming in for a tour around the school. I would like to thank our students and our staff for the way that they welcomed these new people into their classrooms and other spaces.

Catholic Schools Open Week coincides with Book Week this year and yesterday we had our Book Week Parade. The children looked fantastic and had a great time dressing as their favourite book character. This week highlights for children, but also adults, about the importance of reading. Children should be reading and / or listening to reading every day. It is probably the most important thing they can do in their early years of schooling. From the staff here at SMM, we want to say a big thank you to the parents and caregivers for helping our children dress up and enjoy the day. It is greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank our staff who went out of their way to dress up and join in the fun with the children. On Friday of this week the teachers have planned some rotations with children going to different teachers for book week activities.

We were blessed to have Andrew Chinn here recently. I'm sure your children came home singing his songs or said what a great day they had with him. Thank you to those parents and caregivers who were able to come to his concert. I am confident that you would have

enjoyed seeing the way he engaged the children in the singing and music.

To align with students learning about internet safety, Catherine McAuley School are hosting a presentation by the Carly Ryan Foundation to share vital information for parents and carers addressing the current risks posed to children online, and how to manage these. The date is Tuesday 19th of September at 5:30pm and an invitation has been extended to the St Mary Magdalene's Community. The Carly Ryan Foundation, a certified eSafety Education Provider, has developed an hour-long program designed to provide parents with the most essential and up to date information needed to keep their children safe online. I encourage you to make this a priority in your diary. The presentation is free and will be held at Catherine McAuley School. This session is designed specifically for parents/ carers and is not child appropriate. Please return the tear off slip below if you are intending to attend.

Our school counsellors (Shannon O'Toole (SMM) and Dave Hillard (STM) are repeating a course that they ran last year called "Bringing Up Great Kids". I know those that participated last year found it very informative and useful and I encourage you to consider participating this year. It will be held over a number of weeks on a Monday. Please check elsewhere in this newsletter for further information.

Next Tuesday we have an Assembly led by the Year 2s at 2:15pm. On Thursday our students will attend a performance of 'Seussical the Musical' by the Students of Thomas More College at the Shedley Theatre at Elizabeth. You would have received a note about this previously. Please ensure you return the permission slip asap if you have not already done so.

Please remember next Friday 1st September is a Pupil Free Day as the Staff continue their Professional Development with the IDEAS Project. Please remember to book in to OSHC if you require that service on the day.

Happy Fathers' Day to all the dads and granddads for next Sunday. I hope you have a fabulous day!

Kind regards

Peter Mercer

Head of School

## Recent News

### From Ms B's Class

The new Mid-Year Receptions have settled in very well here at SMMS. We have been busy exploring new play areas, developing a sense of belonging in the classroom and making friends. Our favourite things have been reading stories in group time to add to our 100 book challenge and singing songs.

Have a read about our other favourite things at school...

- "Playing with the toys" – Mabior
- "Playing in the kitchen with the trolley and pram" – Gabriella
- "Making my name out of shaving cream" - Grace
- "Playing outside" – Lucas
- "Playing with my big brother outside" – Aarez
- "Doing numbers on the iPad and making my name" – Eric
- "Playing with the doll house" – Greycen

In Science we have been learning about identifying living and non-living things in our environment. Living things move, breath, grow and reproduce. Our receptions found it amazing that flowers were living! Last week we bet the rain and went on a creature hunt and found all sorts of creepy crawlies like worms, beetles, ants, and slugs.



## Our Own Star!

Catholic School's Open Week has come to a close, and we couldn't be prouder of our superstar – Elias! A big thank you to Elias and his family for proudly representing St Mary Magdalene's School during Catholic School's Open Week on a wide range of advertising, including bus stop, screen in Elizabeth City Centre and in The Bunyip!

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## Book Week Parade Photos!





## School newsletter article

August 2023



# School fees for 2024

We are pleased to inform our school families that there will be no increase in school fees for the 2024 school year.

Catholic Education SA has announced it will freeze tuition fees at its 84 Diocesan schools for the 2024 school year.

"We recognise that cost-of-living increases are putting significant pressure on families," says Dr Neil McGoran, Executive Director, Catholic Education SA.

"Growth in enrolments across the State in our 101 Catholic Schools, together with prudent financial management, puts us in a position where we are able to hold tuition fees at this year's level."

Dr McGoran said the fee-freeze will not impact the quality of education.

"We're committed to keeping school fees as low as possible and ensuring a Catholic education is affordable and accessible to all."

Since 2019, Catholic Education SA has been implementing the *Making Catholic Education More Affordable Initiative* to ensure Catholic schools are accessible to any family who wants their child to have a Catholic education.

In addition to the fee-freeze, further fee remissions are available to any family who is struggling to pay school fees due to financial difficulties. Families should contact Janelle Lieu (Business Manager) for more information.

# Northern Regional Assembly 2023

Greenacres/Walkerville/Clearview/Kilburn/Pooraka/Para Hills/Modbury/Dernancourt/Tea Tree Gully  
Salisbury/Elizabeth

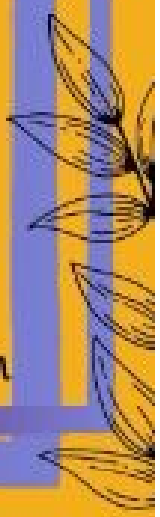
## Invitation

**Date:** Saturday, 2nd September  
**Time:** 9:30am (sign-in) for 10am-3:00pm  
**Venue:** St Augustine's Parish: Sienna Hall,  
Commercial Road Salisbury  
**RSVP:** By 25th August 2023  
**Bookings:** <https://www.trybooking.com/CJFP1>  
For assistance please contact Parish office

Inviting you all  
To have your say in matters of importance,  
To plan for mission and  
To celebrate!



Hospitality  
Belonging  
Inclusive  
Welcoming  
Multicultural  
Intergeneration









the *Carly Ryan* foundation.

# Parent Online Safety Presentation

## Catherine McAuley School

Tuesday  
19th September 2023

5.30pm

210 Adams Rd Craigmore

### The presentation explores

- Online Safety
- Opportunities vs risks
- Privacy settings
- Awareness
- Managing self
- Emotional intelligence
- Resilience
- Critical thinking
- Understanding the law
- Image based abuse
- Respectful relationships
- Communication
- Practical guidance
- Connection to support services

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AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup>



INSTORE & ONLINE

\*T&C's apply, no rainchecks, savings off original prices.

Gazelles Netball Club

# SUMMER SEASON 23/24



REGISTRATION LINK BELOW:

<https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/register/a9b13c>

**GRADING DAYS:**

**13/9, 20/9 & 27/9.**

**JUNIORS 6PM TO 7PM**

**SENIORS 7.15PM TO 8.30PM**

7 years (2016) & up.

Club Fees:

Juniors \$100

Seniors \$105

We accept \$100 Government Sports Vouchers.

Ask us about the \$60 deposit only on club fees voucher code. (Balance to be paid in October).

Netball SA fees apply if you did not play winter 23.

**Regos close 11 September**

**MORE INFORMATION**

[www.gazellesnetballclub.com](http://www.gazellesnetballclub.com)

or visit our Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/GazellesNetballClub](https://www.facebook.com/GazellesNetballClub)



Argana Park, Mavros  
Rd Elizabeth Downs,  
court 10



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# HOLIDAY SWIM

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NOW

Swim  
**SURVIVE**

**GET IN QUICK!**

**Holiday  
Swim**

[WWW.HOLIDAYSWIM.COM.AU](http://WWW.HOLIDAYSWIM.COM.AU)



# Little Maggie's Playgroup



## TUESDAY MORNINGS

9am

Please  
Bring a Snack  
and  
Water



Contact Kerryn on 0437 609 976  
[www.facebook.com/CommunityHubSMM](http://www.facebook.com/CommunityHubSMM)

Located at 82 Fairfield Road, Elizabeth Grove 5112  
(Enter through the gate on Harvey Road)





# 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 3, 2023 TIMETABLE

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

### Monday

#### COMMUNITY ENGLISH CLASS

9:30am - 11:30am

- \*FREE CHILD MINDING
  - \*BOOKING REQUIRED
  - \*NO COST \*NO TESTS
  - \*ALL LEVELS WELCOME
- 24th July - 25th Sept



1pm - 3pm

- \*FREE CHILD MINDING
- \*BOOKING REQUIRED

Info Session - 14th August  
FORTNIGHTLY SESSIONS  
Starts- 28th August

### Tuesday



9am - 10:30am

FUN ACTIVITIES + MAKE NEW FRIENDS  
CHILDREN FROM BIRTH - 5 YEARS  
25th July - 19th Sept

#### CRAFT GROUP

11am - 12:45pm

JOIN THE GROUP ACTIVITY  
OR BRING YOUR OWN CRAFT  
25th July - 26th Sept



1pm - 3pm

\*FREE CHILD MINDING  
\*BOOKING REQUIRED  
1st Aug - 5th Sept

### Wednesday

#### COMMUNITY SEWING GROUP

9:30am - 11:30am

- \*FREE CHILD MINDING
  - \*BOOKING REQUIRED
  - \*BOOK A SEWING MACHINE TO AVOID DISSAPOINTMENT
- 26th July - 13th Sept



3pm - 3:15pm

FORTNIGHTLY BOXES  
\*Unclaimed boxes will be given away on Thursdays  
See Kerry to join the waiting list  
26th July - 27th Sept

### Thursday

#### COME AND TRY ZUMBA

9:30am - 10:30am

\*TRY FOR FREE AND SIGN UP FOR THE FREE 8 - WEEK PROGRAM IN TERM 4  
COME AND TRY SESSION  
28th September

#### COMMUNITY ENGLISH CLASS

12:30pm - 2:30pm

- \*FREE CHILD MINDING
  - \*BOOKING REQUIRED
  - \*NO COST \*NO TESTS
  - \*ALL LEVELS WELCOME
- 27th July - 28th Sept

Contact:

**KERRY N**

Call or Text

**0437 609 976**

kchambers@smm.catholic.edu.au



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*Community Hub*

# Community English Classes

*\*During School Terms*



**MONDAYS**  
**9:30am - 11:30am**

**&**

**THURSDAYS**  
**12:30pm - 2:30pm**

*\*You are welcome to come to both classes*

*\*FREE CHILD MINDING AVAILABLE*

*\*BOOKING REQUIRED*

*\*NO COST \*NO TESTS*

*\*NO ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA*

*ALL LEVELS WELCOME!*

*LEARN or PRACTICE ENGLISH  
IN A FRIENDLY PLACE*



**Contact Kerryn on 0437 609 976**

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**COME AND JOIN US!**  
**AT HARLEQUIN NETBALL CLUB**



**If you have been thinking about playing netball our club is perfect for you!**

We are a Local Sporting Club focused on welcoming new members and providing friendships, team work, and most importantly teaching all the skills needed to become the best player you can be, now and into the future.

We have trials coming up

(If you decide after trials you may be interested please let us know)

**WHEN: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**WHERE: Argana Park Netball Courts, 96 Mavros, Elizabeth Downs - Courts 1 & 2**

**TIME: Juniors 6.00pm – 7.15pm – Seniors 7.30pm – 9.00pm**

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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 28 August

Information session

4 session programme  
running in Term 3]

Time: [1pm-3pm]

Where: [The Community  
Hub]

Contact: [Kerryn  
Chambers

Text or call 0437609976 ]



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