

Important Dates

<p>Pupil Free Day (No School) Friday 23 August 2024</p>	<p>Book Week Parade, 9.15am Yarning Space Friday 30 August 2024</p>	<p>Father's Day Sunday 1 September 2024</p>	<p>School Board Meeting 6.30pm Tuesday 10 September 2024</p>
		<p>Speaker from Children's Uni to talk with Year 3,4, 5 Students Thursday 12 September 2024</p>	<p>Confirmation at St Ann's (Evening) Thursday 12 September 2024</p>
			<p>Catholic Music Festival Monday 23 September 2024</p>
<p>End of Term 3, 2024 (3pm Finish Time) Friday 27 September 2024</p>	<p>Pupil Free Day (No School) (OSHC Bookings Only) Monday 14 October 2024</p>	<p>Term 4 Begins (Tuesday) Tuesday 15 October 2024</p>	<p>School Dentist on Site for the week Monday 25 November 2024</p>
		<p>Pupil Free Day (No School - OSHC booking - pls call Jenn 0437609630) Thursday 12 December 2024</p>	<p>Pupil Free Day (No School) - OSHC Bookings Only Friday 13 December 2024</p>

From the Leadership Team

Dear Families,

Please remember that this Friday is a Pupil Free Day with the staff sharing in a 'Staff Reflection Day' with the staff from St Thomas More School and Catherine McAuley School. Our three 'Mercy' schools come together every two or three years to reflect on what it means to be a 'Mercy' school. This year we have involvement from a number of Sisters of Mercy, a couple of former Principals and former staff to lead us on our journey and in our reflection. It is important that we, as a staff and community, have a good understanding of the foundations the Sisters of Mercy have given our schools so that we can fully maintain the Mercy charism that is central or core to our history.

On Wednesday of this week we had a visit from Dr Neil McGoran, Executive Director of Catholic Education SA and Mr John Neate, the Chairperson of the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools. In our catholic schools only the Archbishop ranks above them! It

was great to show them around the school, introduce them to staff and students and generally chat about all the good things happening at St Mary Magdalene's School. It was a great opportunity for us to share with them our dreams of building new classrooms to cater for our significant increase in enrolments. Mr Platten showed them our current Masterplan and they could understand our excitement and see the great need for continued support for our school community into the future.

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 school phone number: 8287 7900.

Next Monday 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 Mrs Tullio's class on Monday.

It was great to have the Mayor, Glenn Docherty, to officially open our brand new Toy Library as a part of our Community Hub. This toy library is 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.

During Week 5 and Week 6 of each term, our students undertake the CESA Classroom Pulse Check In Survey. This is a survey for all students from Reception to Year 13 in our Catholic schools to gather information about their mental health and well being. The teachers then use this information to ensure our children are travelling okay and performing at an optimum level. Thank you to our staff for the way that they embrace this survey for the benefit of each of the students in their care.

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.

Next Friday, 30 August, we will be celebrating Book Week with some activities and a Book Week Parade. Children, staff and parents are encouraged to dress up for the occasion using the Book Week theme "Reading is Magic". The parade will take place in the Yarning Place at 9:15am and parents are most welcome to join us. Even in this day of technology and devices, books still have an important role to play in helping young people to develop into fluent and eager readers. As parents you should be encouraging your children to read every day ... even before they begin school!

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).

Kind regards

Peter Mercer

Head of School

'Shaping our Future Together'

Recent News

STEM!

Let's talk about STEM!

Science Week may be over, but our STEM classes are really ramping up. Our R-2 students have been participating in a Click Bug Olympics. Using click bugs made from cardboard and pegs, students have conducted a range of events. They tested to see how high and how far they can make their bugs jump. They used blocks to measure and recorded their results.

The year 3 students have been designing an Olympic skate park for a mini skateboard. And our older cohort have been learning about coding and are working towards designing and creating their own video game.

Stay tuned throughout the term for more updates from our STEM teacher, Ms Storrie.



News from Mr Morgado's P.E Classes & Carnivals!

Catholic Schools Cross Country Carnival

On Wednesday 18th August, St Mary Magdalene's participated in the Catholic Schools Cross Country carnival at PAC oval in Adelaide. After many weeks of training, a small team of fifteen students participated in the challenging two-kilometre run.

On a beautiful sunny day, students were able to complete the challenging 2km course successfully. Runners were able to achieve some great times with each race containing more than 100 competitors. The students showed great enthusiasm, competed to the best of their ability, and work through pain barriers to complete the gruelling 2km course.

Congratulations to all competitors on completing the 2km course and representing the school proudly.

Thank you to Leah Dickson, Tara Haylock and Max Monaghan for their assistance and support on the day!

Well, done everyone on a great performance!

Touch Football Clinics

As part of Sport Australia's Sporting Schools program Touch Football SA have provided 4 weeks' worth of touch football clinics for St Mary Magdalene's School Years 2-6 classes on Wednesday during PE lessons. This is in preparations to the Years 3-6 Touch Football carnival on Friday 6th of September week 7.

This program helps our students to build ball skills, speed, agility, strength, and overall fitness. It is a tactical game that requires all team members to work together. Our students have been very engaged during the lessons and are enjoying learning new skills.



Book Parade - Reading is Magic!

Dress Up Parade is on Friday, 30th of August 2024, 9.15 am in the Yarning Space, families welcome!

READING IS MAGIC!







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, 2024 TIMETABLE

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	
<p>COMMUNITY ENGLISH CLASS 9:30am - 11:30am *FREE CHILD MINDING *BOOKING REQUIRED NO COST - FREE CLASSES ALL LEVELS WELCOME 22nd July - 23rd Sept</p>	<p><i>Little Maggies</i> Playgroup 9am - 10:30am FUN ACTIVITIES + MAKE NEW FRIENDS CHILDREN FROM BIRTH - 5 YEARS 23rd July - 17th Sept</p>	<p>PLAYGROUP SPECIAL EVENT JOINT COMMUNITY GATHERING TERM 3 THEME: SING 9:30AM - 11AM FREMONT PARK PLAYGROUND *BOOKING REQUIRED 11th September</p>	<p>TOY LIBRARY TOYS FOR BABIES - 5 YEARS 8:45am - 9:45am FREE TO JOIN FREE TO BORROW SIGN UP TODAY!</p>	<p> TOY LIBRARY OPEN TIMES Tuesdays 9:15am-10:15am *During Playgroup Thursdays 8:45am-9:45am + OCCASIONAL WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS *Wednesday sessions will be announced on Facebook. *We are volunteer run, Please check we are open before making a special trip! Contact: KERRY N Call or Text: 0437 609 976 Email: kchambers@smm.catholic.edu.au</p>
<p>FAMILIES GROWING TOGETHER WORKSHOP *COPING SKILLS* 12:30pm - 2:30pm FREE 2-PART WORKSHOP *BOOKING REQUIRED EXPLORE HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD TO DEVELOP THE SKILLS AND ATTITUDES NEEDED TO NAVIGATE THE "EVERY DAY UPS AND DOWNS" OF CHILDHOOD + MORE! 5th & 12th August</p>	<p>CUPPA & CRAFT 11am - 12:45pm JOIN US FOR A CUPPA AND CHAT BYO CRAFT OR GROUP ACTIVITY 23rd July - 17th Sept</p>	<p> <i>Scan Me!</i></p>	<p>COMMUNITY ENGLISH CLASS 9:30am - 11:30am *FREE CHILD MINDING *BOOKING REQUIRED NO COST - FREE CLASSES ALL LEVELS WELCOME 25th July - 19th Sept</p>	
	<p>MY TIME 1pm - 3pm SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS & CARERS OF CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS *FREE CHILD MINDING *BOOKING REQUIRED 30th July - 3rd Sept</p>	<p>COMING SOON! REGISTER TODAY FOR THESE TERM 4 PROGRAMS! BUSH PLAYGROUP FAMILIES GROWING TOGETHER WORKSHOPS *DEVELOPING DIFFERENTLY *FAMILIES SINGING TOGETHER</p>	<p> 3pm *REGISTERED FAMILIES 3:10pm WAIT LIST FAMILIES</p>	

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Attention

Year 3, 4 and 5 students...

Have you heard of **Children's University**?

On Thursday 12th September, our school will have someone from Children's University coming out to talk to our year 3, 4 and 5 students about a wonderful, exciting and super fun learning opportunity that they might like to think about taking part in.

We look forward to talking to the students about this program and will be able to answer any questions they may have. After the information session, a note will be sent home for students to discuss with their families if they wish to participate.

For anyone looking for more information in the meantime, feel free to head to **cuaustralasia.com**



PLAYGROUP

Meet and Sing @ THE PARK

WEDNESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

FREMONT PARK

CORNER OF MAIN NORTH ROAD & YORKTOWN ROAD
ELIZABETH PARK

WORDS
GROW
MINDS

9:30AM - 11AM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUN MORNING OF MUSIC, SINGING AND PLAYING!
*CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED BY THEIR PARENT OR GUARDIAN AT ALL TIMES

CRAFT ACTIVITY - MAKE A MUSICAL SHAKER
SAUSAGE SIZZLE - HALAL SAUSAGES + VEGGIE PATTIES

SING WITH ME!
"ACTION SONGS"



SING WITH ME!
"MAKING MUSIC"

SING WITH ME!
PARACHUTE FUN



A JOINT COMMUNITY EVENT - PLEASE REGISTER WITH YOUR CENTRE/HUB

TRACEY / RACHEL - ELIZABETH GROVE CHILDREN'S CENTRE 0454 991 606 | 82557515
KERRY - ST MARY MAGDALENE'S COMMUNITY HUB - 0437 609 976
NINA - ELIZABETH VALE COMMUNITY HUB - 0400 847 265
LEONIE - CONNECTED BEGINNINGS - KAURNA PLAINS CHILDREN'S CENTRE - 8209 3840
HELEN / EMMA - ELIZABETH PARK COMMUNITY HUB - 8255 1160
ZEENAT - PLAYFORD COLLEGE COMMUNITY HUB - 0434 910 110



Some photos from PE Carnivals





Toy Library

OPENING TIMES

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
9:15am-10:15am & 8:45am-9:45am

*During Playgroup

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**OCCASIONAL WEDNESDAY
AFTERNOONS**

*Wednesday sessions will be announced on Facebook



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CONTACT KERRY N - 0437 609 976

*We are volunteer run, Please check we are open before making a special trip

