

Important Dates

Catholic Music Festival, 6.30pm
Monday 23 September 2024

Colour Run - Families Welcome from 2pm
Thursday 26 September 2024

Term 3 Ends (normal finish time of 3pm)
Friday 27 September 2024

Year 2 Open Class 3pm - 4pm Space and Learning Report Info
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

Year 2 Excursion to Gorge Wildlife Park - Note & Cost Home early Term 4
Friday 15 November 2024

Christmas Carols/Concert, 2pm in the Yarning Space
Friday 6 December 2024

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

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

From the Leadership Team

Dear Families,

Last week (12th September) a number of children from the parish and our schools celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is the time when a person 'confirms' their baptism (being baptised into our catholic faith), which is usually a decision made by the parents when they were a baby. The confirmation candidate is now of an age where they can make their own decision about their participation in our church community and complete their initiation into the catholic church. The sacraments of initiation are Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist. On the weekend our newly confirmed celebrated the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time. We wish our newly confirmed (Kamsi, Chiagoziem, Sebastine, Amanda, Jaxon and Keira) and their families every blessing at this special time in their lives.

In a recent newsletter I mentioned that we are changing our phones over to a Voice Over the Internet Protocol (VOIP). Hopefully this will happen before you read this newsletter! 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.

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. There are two sheets for recording ... one for the parents to record the children's names and one for the students to record their name if the parents have already gone. This is especially important over the next few weeks as Lisa Daniele will be taking some leave and there may

be a few different people working on the front desk who might not know all of the children's names. We wish Lisa all the very best for her leave and her travels. We look forward to seeing her again in Week 5 of Term 4.

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.

This week some of our Year 3, 4 and 5 children represented our school at the Northern Areas Catholic Schools Tee-Ball Carnival. The children had a great time, although the wind was rather testing after a while! Congratulations and thanks to the staff and students who attended. Everyone represented St Mary Magdalene's very well!

This Friday we were due to have the Colour Fun Run and Teacher Sliming. Unfortunately the weather is not going to be favourable. Looking at the week ahead we have decided to reschedule for Thursday of next week (26th). We begin the day with a 9am Liturgy and then do a whole lot of Mercy Day activities with the children. The Colour Fun Run will happen at 2pm, followed by the teacher sliming. Parents are most welcome to join us for the Liturgy and for the Colour Fun Run. It should be a great day as long as the weather clears by then and is kind to us. This also gives people a bit longer to buy a white t-shirt for their child(ren) if they were planning to do this.

Next Friday (last day of Term 3) is a Casual Clothes Day and the children will enjoy a disco as a reward for doing such a great job in raising money for the Colour Fun Run. Thank you to all the parents and sponsors who supported this fundraiser. We have raised over \$6000 ... an amazing effort!

This Monday is the Catholic Schools Music Festival at the Festival Theatre. This is an exciting and very special time for our senior choir. To perform on the Festival Theatre stage, in a choir of 300-400 students and an audience of thousands is pretty big deal and something that I hope our students will cherish and remember forever. Congratulations and good luck to Alex, Anastasia, Angelina, Damien, Gabriella, Mia, Oliver and Stella. We hope it is a great night for you and your family!

A BIG THANK YOU to Luca's dad, Scott, and Lucas and Charlee's dad, Liam, for moving all of the bark from where the new sand pit will be. It is greatly appreciated and has sped the process up greatly for us. Thank you, thank you, thank you! Thank you to our students who also helped, either with our two dads, or over the past 8 weeks. We look forward to the final clean up and the delivery of the sand. Depending on the rain over the next few days, we may or may not be able to bring the sand truck across the oval. We might need to be patient and wait until the school holidays for the delivery. It will be worth waiting for!

We will be having a Christmas Carols / Concert at 2pm on Friday 6 December. Please mark this in your diary.

We are very excited to being able to offer "Children's University" for some of our students, commencing next term. A big thank you to one of our Co-Educators, Kathy Keough, for doing the ground work in organising this program for our school. Please check elsewhere in this newsletter for information about Children's University.

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: **Monday 14 October** (First Day of Term 4), Thursday 12 December and Friday 13 December. Please mark them in your diary and book in to OSHC if you require this service (spaces will be limited).

Enjoy this coming week and have a safe and family friendly time with your children over the coming holidays. Remember students return on Tuesday 15th October for Term 4.

Kind regards

Peter Mercer

Head of School

'Shaping our Future Together'

Recent News





Bandanas for Sale - \$7 each from the front office - CASH ONLY

Please have the correct money when purchasing the bandanas as the office will not be providing change. Thank you.

News from OSHC!



I cannot believe we have reached the end of Term 3 already! Check out some of the amazing things we have been doing in OSHC this Term. Please be aware that Monday the 14th of October – first day of Term 4 is a Pupil Free Day.

Please contact OSHC staff on **0437 609 630** to book your child into OSHC by **6:00PM 26/09/24** as spaces are limited.

Bookings made after this date may not be accepted.

In other OSHC news you may have seen a notice posted on Seesaw regarding upcoming changes to some OSHC service policies.

It is important that policies and procedures are regularly reviewed and where needed – updated. We do this to ensure we as a service are meeting our legal obligations, the needs of the service and the needs of our families and community.

The following policies are being updated.

- **Enrolment & Orientation Policy**
- **Fee Policy**

These policies are being reviewed and updated to support our service and staff in effectively managing our current and projected growth as a service.

These updates will include.

- Reviewing our current Enrolment & Waitlist procedures to support staff and families in accessing OSHC

- Updating our Bookings & Cancellations notification period from 24 hours to 48 hours.

Please note there will be no increase to our current fees.

If you have any questions or you would like a copy of the policies being updated, please do not hesitate to contact me Jenn Firth or Peter Mercer our Head of Campus.

I wish you all a restful break to reset and recharge before returning for Term 4.

See you all soon,



Last week the children from our Year 3, 4 and 5 classes had a visit from Luca to talk to them about the exciting learning opportunity that Children's University offers.

If your child is in year 3/4/5 and is interesting in joining, please scan the QR code below to register them and then make your way to the office to make the payment of \$16.50 to secure your child's enrolment in the program.



Thank you to our Year 3 model Kiara who tried on the special graduation cap, gown and stole that Children's University graduates will get to wear at the end of **next year** at a very special graduation ceremony held at Adelaide University.



Families Singing Together

Building children's connection, capability and independence.

Recommended for parents, care givers and their children 0-4 years. Each session is 2 hours in duration.

- Share joyful moments through music.
- Over 4 weeks we will sing, dance, tell stories and play
- Experience moments of connection and support your child's curiosity, growing capability and independence.

- Shared morning tea

Our workshops are based on the latest parenting research and use information from **Parenting SA**.

Everyone is welcome, bookings essential.

Please arrive 10 minutes early to register.

Delivered by the Department of Human Services.



Where: St Magdelene's School Community Hub
82 Fairfield Road, Elizabeth Grove (Enter via pedestrian gate on Harvey Road)

When: Part 1 Thursday 24th October 2024
Part 2 Thursday 31st October 2024
Part 3 Thursday 7th November 2024
Part 4 Thursday 14th November 2024

Time: 9.00am – 11.00am

To book: CONTACT KERRY N - 0437 609 976



Toy Library OPENING TIMES

TUESDAYS
9:15am-10:15am

*During Playgroup

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**OCCASIONAL WEDNESDAY
AFTERNOONS**

*Wednesday sessions will be announced on Facebook



www.facebook.com/CommunityHubSMM

CONTACT KERRYN - 0437 609 976

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



Little Maggies Playgroup



TUESDAY MORNINGS

*DURING SCHOOL TERMS

9am

Please
Bring a Snack
and
Water



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

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





FREE COMMUNITY ENGLISH CLASSES

*During School Terms *Free Child Minding - Booking Required

MONDAYS - 9:30am - 11:30am

THURSDAYS - 12:30pm - 2:30pm



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