

## Important Dates

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**Christmas Concert**  
Monday 29 November

**Graduation**  
Tuesday 7 December

**Last Day R - 5**  
Wednesday 8 December

**Pupil Free Day**  
Thursday 9 December

**Pupil Free Day**  
Friday 10 December

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## From the Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Friends of the St Mary Magdalene's School, Elizabeth Grove community,

### Reception Induction

On November 10, November 17 and November 24, we held our Reception Transition mornings for our new Reception students for Term 1, 2022. We had excited and eager students who seemed to be delighted by their morning. They became familiar with their classrooms and participated in activities whilst in them. The children were still beaming with excitement when their parents picked them up. While the children were busying getting to know one another, parents also gathered during this time to meet one another and begin (for some) their involvement in the St Mary Magdalene's School community. Parents have commented on how welcoming the other students have been towards the new students. This is one of the special qualities of St Mary Magdalene's School. Staff have also been delighted by the new students' enthusiasm and how quickly they settled into their new environment.

### COVID-19

Thank you to all community members who are working hard not to become complacent during COVID-19. I have observed social distancing amongst most adults present at our school. This continues to be of paramount importance. We can easily forget and return to our previous way of greeting each other but, as we have seen, things can quickly change. It is important to remember that if you or your children are not feeling well, it is best to not come to school, see a doctor and get tested if required to. If you are being tested and awaiting results, we ask your family to self-isolate until you have the outcome of those results.

### SCHOOL REPORTS

Teachers have been working very hard to write Semester Two reports for students in their care. Our Semester Two reports are individual and extremely detailed and provide an excellent summary of each child's progress. They will be distributed to students on Monday December 6 (Week 9).

### Classes 2022

Much consideration has been given to class structures for next year. After consultation with staff we have decided on the following structure. St Thomas More School will begin the year with 5 classes.

**Rec, Yr. 1\2, Yr. 2\3, Yr. 3\4 and Yr. 5\6**

We believe this structure best meets the educational and social needs of our students. The flexibility and learning opportunities provided will be positive for our school.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF TEACHERS TO EACH YEAR LEVEL WILL BE MADE IN THE LAST WEEK OF THIS TERM.**

Students in Reception to Yr. 5 will spend time on Monday December 6 in their 2022 class.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

**Please make arrangements to ensure your child is wearing correct uniform in Term 1, 2022.**

Wearing the school uniform reflects our identity not only at school but also within the wider community. When students are out attending excursions, positive comments are often received regarding our students and they identify the school through the school uniform. The wearing of the uniform not only reflects who we are, but it eliminates any competition and fashion wear as well as any arguments at the beginning of the day regarding what to wear to school. At times, school uniform items are not worn correctly. If students are not wearing the correct uniform, a uniform note will be sent home from the class teacher identifying the uniform area to be addressed.

**All St Mary Magdalene's students are required and expected to wear the correct uniform.**

**St Mary Magdalene's School uniform items are to be purchased at LOWES – Elizabeth shopping centre**

**END OF YEAR Christmas Carols Concert**

**Monday 29 November at 11.45am** - St Mary Magdalene's School. Families are invited to attend. See flyer attached

**END OF YEAR Assembly and Awards Ceremony**

**Monday December 6 at 1.45pm.** Families are invited to attend.

**Year 6 Graduation Breakfast**

**Friday December 3.** Students and staff will be having breakfast together.

**Year 6 Graduation Liturgy**

**Tuesday December 7 at 1.45pm in the Yarning Place**

**2022 RECEPTION ENROLMENTS**

**Places are available.** If you have or if you know of anyone who has a child **turning 5 before May 1, 2022**, please complete and lodge an enrolment form at the Front Office.

**2022 TERM 3 RECEPTION ENROLMENTS**

**Places are available.** If you have or if you know of anyone who has a child **turning 5 before October 31, 2022**, please complete and lodge an enrolment form at the Front Office.

Working in Partnership,  
The Leadership Team

## From the APRIM

**Feast of Christ the King**

Last Sunday we celebrated the feast of Christ the King. This feast brings the church year to a close. It invites us to consider ways to achieve the things that make for peace. The Kingdom that Jesus proclaimed was so different to what was expected. His Kingdom was about serving others, showing justice, mercy and peace to others, and caring for the poor, the weak, the lonely and the rejected. He calls us to build his kingdom here on earth.

*Let us pray today that we can be kingdom builders*

## **Advent**

The season of Advent begins next Sunday.

Advent is a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming is remembered. It is a season of joyful expectation. We take this time every year to practice how to receive Jesus every day, of our lives. We remember the call of Jesus to his followers to make our world a peaceful and loving place.

Advent reminds us of the sacred meaning of Christmas. It is the period of four Sundays and weeks before Christmas. Advent means 'coming' – this is the coming of Jesus into the world.

We use the colour purple on our prayer space as we wait in joyful hope to celebrate the birth of Jesus, our king and light of our world. So, as we move into the Advent season, let us pray together:

*Gracious God open our hearts so that we may receive the message of your coming with joy and wonder. Help us to discover the people and places in the midst of our daily lives where you meet us with your love and care. May we show this love and care to all those we meet. We ask this prayer in Jesus' name. All: Amen.*

Something to consider over the four weeks of Advent:

### **First Week of Advent**

How can I be ready for Jesus?

What can I do to be prepared?

### **Second Week of Advent**

Think of some people who show by how they live their lives that Jesus is an important part of their lives.

What is it about their lives that you admire?

Can you live like that?

### **Third Week of Advent**

How do we continue the healing work of Jesus today?

### **Fourth Week of Advent**

Christmas is coming!

How will you celebrate God's coming to us?

## **Classroom Learning**

This term students and staff have been reflecting on the theme 'courage' in their Religious Education learning. Mrs. Drewett and her Reception students wrote a prayer about the theme and Mrs. Drewett shared this in community prayer.

*Loving God,*

*Help us today to show kindness and love to others, just like Jesus shows us how to in the Bible.*

*Help us have the courage to stand up for what we know is right.*

*Help us to have the courage to be respectful in all that we do.*

*Be in our hearts today and every day, to help make our world a peaceful place for all.*

*Amen*

## **End of Year Thanksgiving Mass**

We gathered as a school community this week to celebrate and give thanks for all the blessings we have received this year. We gave thanks to our families, our teachers and our friends who have helped us throughout the school year to be the best that we can be. Fr. Pat blessed our Year 6 students as they prepare to leave Primary School and begin their Secondary schooling in 2022.

Our theme for our Mass was 'Let Your Light Shine' students in Reception and Year One shared examples of how they have let their light shine throughout the school year.

I let my light shine when I invite others to play with me... **Caelan**

I let my light shine when someone was lonely and I said, 'do you want to play with me?'... **Orlando**

I let my light shine when I help people... **Addison**

## Important Dates

### WEEK 8

**Sunday 28 November** – First Sunday of Advent

**Monday 29 November** - Spirit of Christmas Day

**Friday 3 December** - 5/6 End of Year Excursion

### WEEK 9

**Sunday 5 December** – Second Sunday of Advent

**Tuesday 7 December** – Graduation 1.45pm. Year 6 students last day

**Wednesday 8 December** - Last day for R-5 students

**Thursday 9 December** - Pupil Free Day

**Friday 10 December** - Pupil Free Day

## Covid-19 in Education

Dear Parents,

You may have seen in the media the recent SA Government Direction concerning COVID-19 vaccinations for staff in schools and Early Childhood Education Care settings. This school has acted quickly to inform our staff of these new requirements. It has been our previous position that for the safety of students and the community, those who are eligible, ought to be vaccinated where possible. The SA Government Direction now specifies that staff in all schools and education and care settings must have had at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccination by 10 December 2021 and show evidence of a booking for their second dose.

The Direction also extends to volunteers (including Board members) and any unpaid workers. It does not apply to students and parents who are incidental visitors to the school. You would appreciate that the 2-year journey we have experienced in dealing with the pandemic has resulted in numerous strategies and compliance measures implemented for the safety of students, families and staff. Throughout the pandemic we have been absolutely lock-step in following the advice of the SA Chief Public Health Officer as it relates to the schooling sector.

The Catholic Education Office has strong direct liaison with the SA Department for Education which has meant that each sector has been remarkably consistent in the messaging over health measures adopted at school sites. We will continue to monitor and act upon any relevant advice and make staff aware of this new government law. If more information comes to hand that has an impact on the wider school community, I will keep you informed. If you are volunteer in our community, I ask that you contact [info@smm.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@smm.catholic.edu.au) to find out how you might supply the necessary information to be compliant with this government Direction.

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Chris Platten

## Looking at Crystals in Year 3/4

### Growing our Crystals

This term we have been looking at changes. We followed the steps to make salt crystals. One of the steps was to tie the string to the pop

stick and at the other end was a paperclip hanging in the salt solution. We left it over the weekend and hoped and waited for the crystals to grow.

On Monday when we returned to school, some of the crystals had grown on the string. A couple of days later a few more crystals appeared. We are going to keep them growing until the end of the term hoping that they will grow larger.

*"It was really enjoyable and I liked watching the crystals grow"* **Aguer**

*"It was a good process and fun to make the crystals"* **Rahwa**

*"It was lots of fun to make the crystals. I made sugar crystals that take a little longer to grow"* **Taylor**

*"I'm hoping that my crystals grow to be as large as a transformer"* **Alex**



## Sewing at the Hub

St Mary Magdalene's  
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# BEGINNERS SEWING

\*FREE CHILD MINDING AND ENGLISH SUPPORT

MONDAY'S  
9am

Learn a  
New Skill

Sewing  
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\* FREE CHILD MINDING \*

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**WEDNESDAYS 11:30AM - 1:30PM**

\* DURING THE SCHOOL TERM \*



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## Learn how to use a Computer!

- Basic Operations
- Understanding Computing Terminology
- Typing & Word Processing
- Microsoft Word/Excel/Publisher
- Using the Internet & Online Safety
- Resumes & Cover letters
- Searching for and Applying for Jobs



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# FREE ENGLISH CLASS FOR BEGINNERS

\* FREE CHILD MINDING

## WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

\* DURING THE SCHOOL TERM

9 AM - COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS

9:30 AM - CLASS STARTS



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# Kids Club



Kids Club is for school age children (aged 5-12) in the Playford area.

Kids club provides a safe, nurturing environment where children can come in from school, and engage in fun but educational activities, get support with homework, have a place to feel safe and belong and make friends.



## Kids Club

3pm—5pm



- Homework Club
- Fun life skills activities
- Individual afternoon tea

### Mondays

The Precinct 112 Coventry Rd,  
Smithfield Plains

### Tuesday & Wednesday

The Platform  
73 Elizabeth Way,  
Elizabeth

Please contact Kids Club workers to reserve your place for each programed session due to restrictions.

Contact the Children's Case Worker **Jasmine** on 0417 742 083 or email [jasmine.clavell@anglicaresa.com.au](mailto:jasmine.clavell@anglicaresa.com.au)

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# Community Hub Term 4 Timetable



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## Term 4, 2021 Timetable

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	<b>IMPORTANT DATES TERM 4</b>
<p><b>SEWING + ENGLISH SUPPORT</b></p>  <p>9am - 11am Sewing and Mending WEEKS 2 - 8 18th Oct - 29th Nov *FREE Child Minding</p> <p>Register your interest for:</p> <p><b>Circle of Security Program:</b> Parents and carers who want to strengthen the bonds with their children and would like support to help their children to build secure relationships.</p> <p><b>My Child and Me:</b> A free workshop that helps you as parents and carers build an understanding of your child and their healthy development. CONTACT KERRY N - 0437 609 976</p> 	<p><b>LITTLE MAGGIE'S PLAYGROUP</b></p>  <p>9am - 10:30am</p> <hr/> <p><b>Coffee and Craft</b></p>  <p>10:30am - 12:30pm</p> <hr/> <p><b>MyTime</b> supporting parents of children with disabilities For more information visit <a href="http://www.mytime.net.au">www.mytime.net.au</a></p> <p>*Free Child Minding</p> <p>Contact Keryn B 0414 912 816</p> <p>1pm - 3pm WEEKS 2 - 8 12th Oct - 30th Nov</p>	<p><b>English Classes</b></p> <p><i>*FREE CHILD MINDING</i></p> <p><b>EASY ENGLISH</b> 9am - 11am Speaking, Reading and Writing Support</p> <hr/> <p><b>COMPUTER SKILLS</b> <i>*BOOKING REQUIRED*</i> <i>*Limited Spaces*</i></p> <p>11:30am - 1:30pm English Class + Learn Basic computer skills</p> 	<p><b>LITTLE MAGGIE'S PLAYGROUP</b></p>  <p>9am - 10:30am</p> <hr/> <p><b>Nature Play SA</b></p>  <p>THURSDAY 18th November 9am</p> <p>You must register for this event <a href="http://www.eventbrite.com.au">www.eventbrite.com.au</a> search "Foundations in Nature"</p>	<p><b>BOOKINGS REQUIRED</b> <b>TEXT - 0437 609 976</b></p> <p><b>26th OCTOBER</b> Managing Money workshop</p> <p><b>18th November</b> Nature Play SA Event</p> <p><b>23rd NOVEMBER</b> Cyber Safety Info Session *FREE CRECHE - BOOK NOW!</p> <p><b>8th DECEMBER</b> Last Day of Term</p> <p><b>THE ONE BOX</b> PICK UP 2:45 - 3:15 Wednesdays</p> <hr/> <p><b>FIND OUT MORE ABOUT:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SUPPORT SERVICES</li> <li>LOCAL EVENTS</li> <li>FREE BOOKS PACKS</li> <li>FINANCIAL COUNSELLING</li> <li>VOLUNTEERING</li> </ul>

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Christmas Concert 29th November 2021 11.45 am

We invite you to join us to share in the

# Spirit of Christmas

with our Christmas Carol morning.

Monday November 29 at 11.45am on the Oval.



Amelia\_Reception

Please bring along a picnic blanket/chair, your singing voice  
and of course...a mask!

Students can wear Christmas colours on the day.

All hair colour/coloured make up must be applied at home.

*Be advised that this event may be cancelled depending on the weather.*