## Important Dates

## School Board Meeting 7pm

Tuesday 7 November 2023

## **Athletics Carnival**

Thursday 9 November 2023

Reception Class (Miss B's) Excursion - Details TBA -Notes home soon

Monday 27 November 2023

# Student Reports S2 going home

Thursday 7 December 2023

Sports Day - All Welcome

Friday 8 December 2023

# Year 6 Graduation Ceremony 2pm

Tuesday 12 December 2023

Year 6 Class - Last day of school for Year 6 only

Tuesday 12 December 2023

End of School for Classes Rec - Yr 5 / 3pm Finish Time

Wednesday 13 December 2023

Pupil Free Day (No School)

Thursday 14 December 2023

Pupil Free Day (No School)

Friday 15 December 2023

# From the Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last week we welcomed some new students to our school: John (Year Three), Moses and Elisa (both Year 5). We also welcomed Kathy Keough to our staff this week. Kathy is a co-educator who will be working to support teachers and students across our school. I would like to welcome the four of you and your families to our school community and hope that your time with us is full of learning, friendships and fun!

Thank you to everyone for the fabulous donations and participation in Bandanna Day last Friday when we all supported Cassie Parker as she had her head shaved at school. Your support is greatly appreciated, not just by Cassie, but by the whole school community. It is moments like these when we see the true friendship, love, care and compassion for other people.

Congratulations to our Year 5 and Year 6 children who attended their 'Zoo Snooze' at the Adelaide Zoo last week. They all had a fabulous time. Thank you to those staff who gave up their beauty sleep to provide care and supervision for the night. It is greatly appreciated.

On Wednesday of this week we celebrated All Saints Day with a whole school liturgy. This is an important day in the life of our church when we remember all those special people (or Saints) who have gone before us, and remind ourselves to try and live good lives like they did. Some notable saints whom your children will learn about in their time at our school will be: St Mary Magdalene, St Thomas More, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, St Francis, St Vincent de Paul, Mother Teresa, St Joseph, St Patrick, St Peter and St Paul. There are so many others who they might also hear about. To be a saint requires two things: to have a particular miracle attributed to you and

to be no longer living! Unfortunately, at this stage, most of us currently don't meet either requirement. However, I believe that all of us are called to be saints, to be good people who change the lives of all those we meet. None of us require a special gift, or be 'canonised', in order to be good people: Compassionate, Courageous, Hospitable, Just, Respectful and of Service to others. I encourage everyone to be the best that they can be at all times. Thank you to our R-2 children and staff who led our liturgy.

Before the next newsletter we will celebrate Remembrance Day. Again, this is a time when we remember all those who have gone before and have fought in wars in an attempt to bring freedom and peace to our lands. Sadly, many of those people either died or were injured in the process. We pray for all those people and their families at this special time. We pray also for all those people still experiencing war in their land, such as in the Ukraine, Israel and Gaza. May lasting peace come to all of them. I encourage you to look at our good friend, Andrew Chinn's song "We Will Remember Them (My Grandfather's Hat)", which is all about Anzac Day and Remembrance Day. You may use it to have a time of prayer and remembrance with your children on 11 November.

On Friday we celebrated "World Teacher's (Educators) Day". Our staff do an amazing job every day, teaching, supporting, nurturing and caring for a whole range of different little personalities. Each day poses different challenges and our educators still front up every day to continue to engage and develop our young people. As we move towards the end of the year the workload ramps up even more, with Reports to be written, 2024 classes to be assigned and end of year activities to be prepared, all while completing the current year's curriculum content. I want to thank and acknowledge our staff therefore, for the way they go about their work, ensuring each child is special, learning, building positive relationships, having fun and thriving in our community. Thank you to those parents who did go out of their way last Friday to thank their child(ren)'s teacher and other staff in our school. Being thankful is a really important characteristic we want to instil in our students during their time with us.

Our School Board meets this Tuesday evening. Thank you to our Board members for their commitment.

We wish Mr Morgado and our Year 3 to Year 6 'athletes' all the best for the SACPSSA Athletics Carnival next Wednesday at the SA Athletics Stadium at Mile End. We hope it is a rewarding and enjoyable day for you all.

Kind regards

Peter Mercer

Head of School

'Shaping our future together'

# **Recent News**

## From the Year 1 Class!

This week we celebrated All Saints and All Souls Day. We celebrate All Saints Day to remember all those that spent their entire life making a difference to others and celebrate All Souls Day to remember all those special people in our lives that we have loved and that have died and gone to be with God in Heaven.

The Receptions, Year 1's & Year 2's put on a beautiful Liturgy to commemorate these days and shared some beautiful prayers.

- -We pray that we, like the saints, may rise up and live lives that make a difference by showing true compassion and understanding of others.
- -We pray that when we are feeling sad and missing someone who has died that we will find comfort through the love and support of family and friends.
- -We pray that we, like the saints, may rise up and live lives that make a difference by showing service, respect and justice.

## Zoo Snooze

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We have had a very busy start to Term 4. Last week we had the joy of going to the Adelaide Zoo, for our Camp. The year 5's from Miss Sam's class and all of us enjoyed the sunshine and the animals for the afternoon, overnight and in the morning! We learnt a game called Zehras

# Zoo Pics!





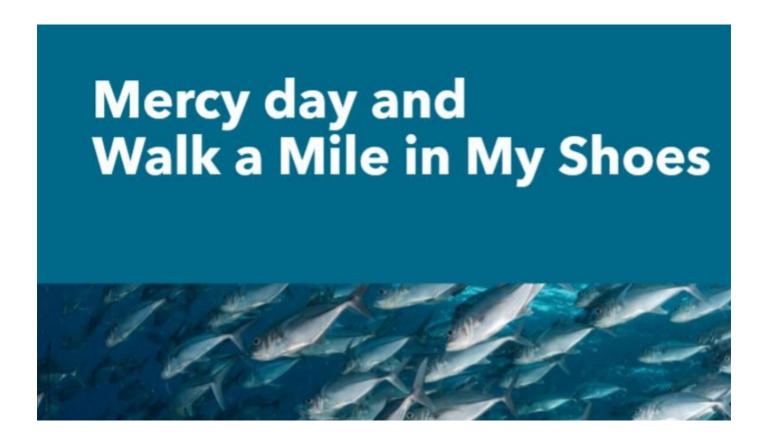
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Last term the year 5/6' organised our annual Mercy Day celebrations. Today we are happy to share some of our achievements for the day. Part of our outreach on Mercy Day is to Catherine House, the money raised from the Mercy Day stalls will be going to support the women and children connected to Catherine House and we thank Ms Musolino for passing on the money raised to them for us. The Market Day stalls raised \$249.50.

During the afternoon, as a school, we raised money for those who are less fortunate than us and are experiencing homelessness in Adelaide. This money will be given to the Hutt St Centre to support those who are doing it tough on our streets. As a school, we raised \$108.40.

On behalf of the 5/6 team, I would like to say congratulations and thank you for supporting us in our learning and those less fortunate than us in our local community.



"Students and families are reminded 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 the event 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 the offender and they recommend the student making a formal report to their closest police station."





# 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 4, 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
23rd Oct - 4th Dec

### BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS

#### 1pm - 3pm

\*FREE CHILD MINDING
\*BOOKING REQUIRED
IMPROVE PARENT-CHILD
RELATIONSHIPS AND BUILD
PARENTING CONFIDENCE

23rd Oct, 6th Nov & 20th Nov

## Tuesday



#### 9am - 10:30am

FUN ACTIVITIES + MAKE NEW FRIENDS CHILDREN FROM BIRTH - 5 YEARS

17th Oct - 5th Dec

## CRAFT GROUP

11am - 12:45pm

JOIN THE GROUP ACTIVITY OR BRING YOUR OWN CRAFT 17th Oct - 5th Dec

## MY TIME 1pm - 3pm

SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS & CARERS OF CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

\*FREE CHILD MINDING \*BOOKING REQUIRED 24th Oct - 28th Nov

## Wednesday



#### 9:30am - 10:15am

FREE 8 WEEK PROGRAM
\*SCHOOL HALL/YARNING PLACE
ALL FITNESS LEVELS WELCOME!
BRING YOUR FRIENDS

18th Oct - 6th Dec

# ONE BOX

#### 3pm

FORTNIGHTLY BOX OF FRESH FRUIT, VEG & BREAD



\*See Kerryn to join the waiting list

# Thursday

#### **HELP WANTED!**

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH SOME OF OUR PROGRAMS WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWCC) + TRAINING PROVIDED

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT KERRYN

## COMMUNITY ENGLISH CLASS

## 12:30pm - 2:30pm

\*FREE CHILD MINDING
\*BOOKING REQUIRED

\*NO COST \*NO TESTS
\*ALL LEVELS WELCOME

19th Oct - 7th Dec

## Contact:

# KERRYN

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# **TUESDAY MORNINGS**



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# **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



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## KIDS TAEKWONDO

Resilience, Confidence, Discipline, Fitness.



Monday Munno Para PS, Maltarra Rd 6.00 pm

Turramurra Recreation Centre, 1000 Lower NE Rd 6.30 pm

Salisbury East Community Centre, 28 Smith Rd 6.30pm

Tuesday Greenwith Community Centre, The Golden Way 6.30 pm Wednesday Modbury West Community Hall, Capulet Crescent 6 pm

Thursday Golden Grove PS, 140 Bicentennial Dr 7 pm

## Access to all of the above Centres at no extra charge!

• Children can start at the age of 5+

· Self defence and anti-bullying program

Non-Contact Training

· Experienced WWCC Instructors

Olympic Sport

#### BEGINNERS WELCOME

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