

## Important Dates

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End of Year Mass -  
12pm - Yarning  
Space - All  
Welcome  
Tuesday 3 December 2024

Year 2 Class  
Christmas Party  
Wednesday 4 December  
2024

Mr Mercer's  
Farewell - 2pm  
Thursday 5 December 2024

Christmas Carols -  
2pm - Yarning Space  
- All Welcome  
Friday 6 December 2024

Year 6 Graduation  
Breakfast - Red Lion  
Hotel  
Monday 9 December 2024

Student Transition  
to New Class of  
2025 - 10am  
to 11am  
Monday 9 December 2024

Year 6 Graduation  
Liturgy, 7pm -  
Yarning Space at  
SMMS  
Tuesday 10 December 2024

Year 6 Last Day of  
School of 2024,  
3pm Finish  
Tuesday 10 December 2024

End of Year  
Assembly - 2pm -  
2.10pm  
Tuesday 10 December 2024

Reception to Yr 5  
Last Day of School  
for 2024, 3pm finish  
Wednesday 11 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

Monday 27th of  
January (Public  
Holiday) NO School  
Monday 27 January 2025

School Begins Term  
1, 2025  
Tuesday 28 January 2025

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## From the Leadership Team

Dear Families,

I would like to congratulate and welcome Belinda Bennett, who has been appointed as Acting Principal for 2025 and Gareth Molyneux, who has been appointed as Acting Head of School for 2025. I have been a colleague of Belinda's for many years, having been neighbouring Principals when she was at Catherine McAuley School and I was at St Thomas More. I am excited for our community that Belinda will be joining us as she comes with a good deal of experience, wisdom and a real understanding of our local area. She will be a great asset to our school community. While I don't know Gareth very well, I have had a good conversation with him after his appointment was announced and I was really encouraged by his philosophy on schools, community and having children at the centre of all that we do. I feel comfortable with my decision to retire knowing that the school will be in good hands - not just the leadership, but also the team of teachers, co-educators and other staff that we have assembled over the past few years.

Our APRIM, Melissa Musolino, will be taking leave from St Mary Magdalene's for the 2025 school year. Melissa currently works in that role two days per week. We have appointed Amiee Tullio to that role and Sarah Storrie will share the classroom teaching with Amiee. Amiee will have a classroom commitment from Monday to Wednesday and Sarah on Thursday and Friday. Congratulations to both Amiee and Sarah on these appointments. We wish Melissa all the best for her time of leave.

At the end of each year we have new families come and enrol and we have families who leave us either because they have moved house or some other reason. If your child(ren) is not returning to St Mary Magdalene's for 2025 please let the front office know as soon as possible as it may mean we can offer a place to a new family. Thank you to those who did return their form back in August.

This week we had the dental van visit, with the majority of our children having some time in the van to have their teeth checked. The dental van comes twice a year and provides a great service to our families.

This week our new Receptions (Term 1 2025) had their final Transition visit. Thank you to our teachers, Laura Drewett, Becky Hill and Jade Shapcott for providing a great transition program for our new young people. We look forward to these students joining us next year.

School Reports for Semester 2 will be sent home at the end of next week, providing a summary of how your child(ren) is travelling at school. I would like to acknowledge and thank our teachers for their extra work in writing these reports. On Monday of Week 9 the children will spend an hour in their new classroom as a mini transition time with their new teacher. A letter will go home on that day advising which class your child(ren) will be in.

Please note that the St Mary Magdalene's **2024 School Resource Fees are due to be paid** in full, no later than the **6 December 2024**. If you have not finalised your school account and do not have an approved payment plan in place, please ensure your account is paid by the above date. Accounts without a consistent payment arrangement or those not paid may be referred to debt collection for further action. If you require a copy of your account statement, please contact the front office or email [accounts@smm.catholic.edu.au](mailto:accounts@smm.catholic.edu.au).

We are pleased to inform our school families that there will, once again, not be an increase in the school Resource Fee for the 2025 school year. They will remain at \$250 per child. If any family has financial concerns, we ask them to contact our Business Manager – Janelle Lieu on 08 8287 7900 or email [finance@smm.catholic.edu.au](mailto:finance@smm.catholic.edu.au) to confidentially discuss additional support.

We have had to increase our OSHC Fees though. They have not changed for at least 8 years. The full price for a morning session will increase from \$12 to \$14, afternoon from \$20 to \$22 and Pupil Free Days from \$50 to \$55. There will also be a Casual Booking Fee of \$2. These are minimal increases and the effect will be even smaller if you have CCS.

We will be having a Christmas Carols / Concert at 2pm on Friday 6 December. Our children have been practicing and preparing with our Performing Arts Teacher, Rosemarie Villano, for this day and are getting quite excited. Please mark this in your diary.

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.

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: 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).

Kind regards

Peter Mercer

Head of School

*'Shaping our Future Together'*

## Recent News

# BIOGRAPHY WRITING IN

YEAR 4/5

This term we have worked hard to choose, research and then write about a famous or noteworthy person.

We created both written texts and eye catching posters to show off our hard work! On Friday of week 6 we dressed up as our chosen person and presented our texts to our classes.

We had everyone present from Messi to Earhart, from The Queen to famous YouTubers like Kat La and Ben of the Week!





## Preparing for OSHC 2025

To Families and Caregivers,

As 2024 commences we begin to prepare for 2025. Part of this preparation includes updating our student and family details and expected bookings for 2025.

It is important and required that we have up to date and accurate family and student details on file. This includes details such as contact information, medical & dietary information and expected bookings.

***It is important that families note that OSHC bookings will NOT carry over from year to year.***

This means you will have to provide your booking preferences as well as your enrolment update forms to OSHC and front office staff by the due date for your child/ren to be considered a 'current registered child' and for your bookings to be processed.

We aim to accommodate the needs of all our families; however, this is not always possible due to licensing and staffing limitations. Places will be determined by availability and priority access guidelines.

In the instance that your bookings cannot be fulfilled, and all spaces are allocated you will be contacted by OSHC staff, and families will be placed on a waiting list.

We ask that you provide as much detail as possible regarding your booking needs and book any sessions you expect you may require care for. If you require rotating or casual care arrangements, please advise us of this.

This information can support us in accommodating your booking needs more appropriately and maximise access to care for all.

Please return the following documents to OSHC or front office staff by:

**Monday 09/12/24**

- Enrolment Update
- OSHC Booking Preferences

Thank you,

**Jenn Firth**

OSHC Director

Christmas Carols Concert



Christmas Carols!

ST MARY  
MAGDALENE'S  
**Christmas  
Concert**

| *Friday, 6 December 2024* |

| *SMM Family and Friends* |  
*are welcome.*

*More information to follow.*





# 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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## Why MyTime?

MyTime is for parents and carers of a child with a disability, chronic medical condition or other additional needs including developmental delay.

### FIND US AT:

St Mary Magdalene's School  
82 Fairfield Rd. Elizabeth South  
Tuesday 1-3pm (6 sessions)

### CONTACT:

Keryn Baker-Cocks  
0414 912 816 or 0403937 956  
Keryn.baker-cocks@sa.gov.au

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share experiences  
with others who  
understand



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# Little Maggie's Playgroup



## TUESDAY MORNINGS

DURING SCHOOL TERMS  
\*EXCLUDING LAST WEEK OF TERM

9am

Please  
Bring a Snack  
and  
Water



Contact Kerryn on 0437 609 976  
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# Toy Library OPENING TIMES

## TUESDAYS 9am - 10:15am

\*During Playgroup



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

