

Important Dates

St Valentine's Day

Tuesday 14 February

Shrove Tuesday

Tuesday 21 February

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 22 February

Public Holiday - No School - Adelaide Cup

Monday 13 March

Good Friday (No School)

Friday 7 April

Easter Sunday

Sunday 9 April

Easter Monday (No School)

Monday 10 April

End of Term 1, 2023

Friday 14 April

From the Leadership Team

Dear Families,

I would like to welcome everyone to the 2023 school year at St Mary Magdalene's. This includes all those students and families who are returning and all those who are new to us. Hopefully you have enjoyed a good Christmas, New Year and an even better holiday break. The staff are looking forward to working with every child and family on their particular learning journey. A special welcome to our new students:

Reception: Alexis, Caleb, Charlotte, Delilah, Faith, Heath, Keiki-Maloo, Naomi and Norman

Year One: Aiden, Mackenzie and Rayan

Year Two: Cassie and Nicholas

Year Three: Harnoor and Jennifer

Year Four: Jia

Year Five: Simmy

And our new Staff: Cristian Morgado (PE/Sport), Lisa Welford (Marketing and Communications) and Chantelle Care-Wickham (Playgroup)

Our Staff for 2023 will be:

Principal:	Chris Platten	Co-Educators:	Ged Hughes
Head of Campus:	Peter Mercer		Nick Doube
Assistant Principal RE	Melissa Musolino		Cassie Craig
Leader of Learning:	Michelle Menadue	Front Office:	Lisa Daniele
Reception:	Laura Drewett		John Mathew
Year One:	Jade Shapcott	Marketing:	Lisa Welford

Year Two:	Heather Petersen	OSHC:	Jenn Firth
Year Three:	Tara Haylock	Community Hub:	Kerryn Chambers
Year Four/Five:	Sameera Sekhon	Grounds:	Andrew Scott
Year Five/Six:	Amiee Tullio	Playgroup:	Chantelle Care-Wickham
Physical Education:	Seb Maglai/Cristian Morgado		
STEM:	Janie Gosling	School Counsellor:	Shannon O'Toole

Schools are very busy places and every year we think that we couldn't possibly get any busier, but I am sure that 2023 will provide lots of learning, friendships and fun for your child(ren). Please ensure that you have returned the 'Consent Forms' to the front office as a matter of priority.

Next week we have a 'Meet the Teacher' evening, which you would have received information about. This is an opportunity to meet the teacher and hear what expectations, routines and activities will be in store for your child(ren) this year. The teachers are offering two sessions (with the second simply being a repeat of the first) to enable parents to get to two different classes if they have more than one child. This is Wednesday 8 February 6pm-6:30pm or 6:35pm-7:05pm. You only need to go to one session and there is a creche available (thank you to those who have already responded with an RSVP).

We look forward to working with you and your children this year as we 'Shape the Future Together'!

Shaping the Future Together

Peter Mercer

Head of Campus

'Great Leaders don't tell you what to do, the SHOW you how it's done.'

Recent News



From the APRIM

LITURGICAL CALENDAR INFORMATION

A Liturgical Calendar shows the cycle of seasons in the Catholic Church. The Church year consists of six liturgical seasons: Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time after Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time after Pentecost. In each newsletter we aim to highlight different events in the Liturgical Calendar that we might be celebrating in our school.

St. VALENTINE – FEB 14

As we celebrate St. Valentine, we celebrate the love that is in our lives. St Valentine reminds us to take time out to think about how wonderful it is to be loved and to love others.

A prayer for Valentine's Day

Dear Jesus, you taught us to love others as ourselves. Help us to see you in the people we meet. May we bring them the light of your love so they will know that we care.

SHROVE TUESDAY, ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT

In week 4 we enter a new liturgical season in the Catholic Church, the season of Lent. This season lasts for forty days and forty nights. We begin with Shrove Tuesday. This day is celebrated by Catholics around the world in different ways. Some refer to it as Pancake Day, Mardi Gras or Carnevale. In preparation for Lent, Catholics would use up foods which they were not permitted to consume during Lent. This included eggs, fat and rich foods.

This year, we will celebrate Shrove Tuesday with pancakes. More information will be sent to families via Seesaw in the coming weeks.

We then celebrate Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday begins the Season of Lent. The marking of ashes on Ash Wednesday is a reminder for us all to walk with Jesus during the season of Lent, to say sorry for the times we have hurt others and aim to become more loving as we work to put others needs before our own. It is a special time when we stop and think about how we can play our part in God's hope for a world that is fair, just and peaceful.

PROJECT COMPASSION 2023

Each year Project Compassion brings together thousands of Australians in schools, parishes and the community to stand in solidarity with the world's most vulnerable communities, to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. This year, the theme of Project Compassion is 'For all Future Generations'. It is an expression of hope and reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. It invites us to make the world a better place by working together now and finding long-term solutions to global issues.

CLASSROOM LEARNING

This term classes will focus their learning in Religious Education around the theme of Identity. Students will explore their own identity, learn about our school and connections to our local Elizabeth Catholic Parish.

ELIZABETH CATHOLIC PARISH SACRAMENT PROGRAM

The Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist form the Sacraments of Christian Initiation. If your child is 9 years of age (or older) and would like to be involved in the program for 2023, please contact Melissa Musolino for more information.

mmusolino@smm.catholic.edu.au



A Note from the School Counsellor

A note from the school counsellor:

Welcome to Term 1 and a new school year! This time of the year brings both excitement and challenges for children as they negotiate the changes of routine and classroom, new friends, and a transition out of 'holiday mode' which can be tricky sometimes. If your child feels worried, there are some things you can do to support them.

1. Listen to them and validate their feelings. Even if you do not share these feelings, it is important for them to know that you understand they feel that way.

2. Talk to your child about any changes and how they are coping with them. You can ask if they would like to talk to another adult as well, the class teacher or school counsellor could be helpful. Also talk about how the child has successfully dealt with change in the past.
3. Take time to establish routines. Part of this is talking about the importance of sleep and removing technology at a consistent time each day to allow the brain time to calm down before bed.
4. Help them face their worries. Talk to them about the supports they have in place, including you as parents, teachers, friends, and how they might be able to use these supports. It is important they learn to understand that there are some challenges in life and that they have the resources to cope with these.
5. Help them set meaningful and achievable goals. Work on a step-by-step plan and celebrate the successes. Focus on improvement, even when it seems very small.

Getting back into the routine after holidays can be hard for us all, so it can sometimes take a little bit of time to settle into a new year. If you find you need additional support, please feel free to contact me via Lisa Daniele in the office.

Shannon O'Toole

School Counsellor

A Foundation for Success

The year 5/6's have been exploring what it means to have a great learning community. We have begun to discuss what qualities and skills a great leader has and taken our first steps in looking at establishing our classroom agreements. In conjunction with this, we have begun our journey with the Mind Up Curriculum.

Why is this important? The key to have a successful year is the foundation upon which we build. Over the next few weeks students will continue to engage in the Mind Up curriculum as well as many other activities which sets us up for success in Year 5/6.

These learning opportunities provide students with the keys for a successful year in 2023 as well as for later in life, by teaching them personal awareness and skills to increase prosocial behavior, executive functioning and social and emotional competence.

We have also spent time learning about our brains and how the different parts connect with each other and impact on our daily lives.



Some of the responses so far include...

How can we build a great learning community?

- Work together
- Being Kind
- Help each other out
- Listen to the teacher
- Sharing equipment
- Treat others the way you want to be treated
- Being fair
- Have a growth mindset
- Stand up for yourself
- Don't be afraid
- Be positive
- Show compassion

We have also discussed what it means to be a great Leader.

- Be welcoming
- Have courage
- Be fair
- Respectful
- Being just
- Being trustworthy
- Helpful
- Forgiveness



TERM 1, 2023 TIMETABLE

All programs are FREE and open to the community - Everyone is welcome!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	
<p>9am - 11am 27th March (Week 9) Centcare Workshop "THE FAST FIVE"</p> <p>Learn strategies to improve children's behaviour, problem solving skills and emotional regulation + more! *BOOKING REQUIRED *Free Child minding available</p>   <p>Digital English COMPUTER CLASS 1pm - 3pm</p> <p>Learn how to use a computer! Learn computing terms and how to use computer programs. *Limited spaces – Please Book to avoid disappointment. *Free Child Minding - 0437 609 976</p>	<p>Community Hub OP-SHOP</p>  <p>By Appointment or One-Off Events Only</p> <p>Follow our Hub Facebook Page!</p>	<p>DO YOU NEED HELP WITH: FILLING IN FORMS CHILD HEALTH CHECKS MANAGING MONEY LINKS TO LOCAL SERVICES KINDY ENROLMENTS ANYTHING ELSE?</p> <p>WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER IN THE SCHOOL OR HUB? Please see Kerryn to book a time</p>	<p>9am - 10:30am</p> <p><i>Little Maggies</i> Playgroup</p> <p>Children learn through play, Make new friends and most importantly, Have fun! Children from Birth - 5 years</p> 	<p>ASK KERRYN IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT:</p>  <p>Free play based learning program for Children aged 3 years!</p>  <p>After school Fun for School aged children.</p>  <p>Fun for the whole family, Special events and more!</p>
	<p>11am - 12:30pm CUPPA AND CRAFT</p> <p>Bring your own craft or join the group activity. *BOOKING REQUIRED *Free Child Minding - 0437 609 976</p>	<p>12:30 - 2:30pm SEWING GROUP</p> <p>*Sewing support provided *Limited spaces *BOOKING REQUIRED *Free Child Minding - 0437 609 976</p>	  <p>Conversational ENGLISH CLASS 12pm - 3pm</p> <p>Learn or practice your English in a safe and welcoming place. All levels welcome. Bring a friend!</p> <p>*Free Child Minding - 0437 609 976</p>	<p>St Mary Magdalene's School Elizabeth Grove </p> <p>Catholic primary school with no tuition fees.</p>
	 <p>MyTime 1pm - 3pm 7th Feb – 14th March</p> <p>For Parents and carers of children with a disability or other special needs. *MyTime bookings only - 0414 912 816 *Free Child Minding</p>	 <p>3pm Wednesday or 9am Thursday</p> <p>Uncollected boxes will be given away to another family on the waiting list. Join the waiting list today!</p>		<p>CONTACT KERRYN 0437 609 976 kchambers@smm.catholic.edu.au</p>  <p>Follow us on Facebook for Reminders, Cancellations and Special Events. www.facebook.com/CommunityHubSMM</p>



FREE ENGLISH CLASSES

*Free Child Minding / Crèche for young children

TEXT OR CALL TO BOOK - 0437 609 976

TIMETABLE IS AVAILABLE ON FACEBOOK - @COMMUNITYHUBSMM

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LEZIONE DI INGLESE GRATUITA

Located at: 82 Fairfield Road Elizabeth Grove 5112

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Little Maggie's Playgroup



THURSDAY MORNINGS

9am

**Please
Bring a Fruit
Snack and
Water**



St Mary Magdalene's
Community Hub




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