



Important Dates

Student Free Day -
OSHC Available
Friday 11 April 2025

First Day of Term 2
Monday 28 April 2025

From our Principal



As we enter Holy Week (first week of the school holidays), we remember the important story of Jesus' sacrifice for us and our world. Importantly, we prepare for rejoicing his eternal presence in our world at Easter.

Lord God, as we reflect in Holy Week,
grant us the humility to see our sins,
grant us a grateful heart for the redemption
that your son has gained for us.
Bestow on us the grace to remember
the goodness you have shown by
redeeming us. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported Sports Day on March 28th. It was a fantastic day with maximum participation from all students! Thank you to those adults who were able to volunteer – especially in the egg and spoon race (a new annual event, I think!). Events like these do not just happen and I would like to acknowledge Celeste Brown and Matthew Harrison for their organisation of the day. Thank you also to all the teaching, admin and support staff for all the behind-the-scenes work.

We are currently interviewing families for 2026 Preschool and 2027 Reception enrolments.

If you have any children not currently enrolled for these intakes, please contact Angela in the office to arrange enrolment.

We have some limited place available in various year levels (Years 1-6) for 2025 as well.

Fr Charles and Fr Sam will both be leaving after Easter to take up positions as Parish Priest and Assistant Priest in the Salisbury Parish. We thank both Fr Charles and Fr Sam for the service to our school, as a part of the wider Parish community. We have always appreciated their kindness and commitment to all the children.

You will have the chance to Farewell Fr Charles and Fr Sam at Palm Sunday Masses which they will celebrate together on:

- Saturday April 12th at **Mater Dei** 6pm (followed by LIGHT REFRESHMENTS in St Joseph's Centre)
- Sunday April 13th at **St Patrick's** 8.30am (followed by MORNING TEA in the courtyard) and
- Sunday April 13th at **St Margaret Mary's** 10.30am (followed by a SHARED LUNCH in the Parish Hall)

Everyone is welcome to join in this Celebration... PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF FOOD TO SHARE

The Vietnamese Mater Dei Community will farewell Fr Charles and Fr Sam on Easter Sunday April 20th at Mater Dei Vietnamese Mass 5pm (followed by REFRESHMENTS in St Joseph's Centre).

I am looking forward to my time of leave at the start of Term 2. During Weeks 1-5, Belinda Elliott will be Acting Principal and she will be supported by Maria Iovino, Matthew Harrison and Rebecca Braidwood. I thank them for their willingness to take on additional leadership roles.

I hope you have a wonderful Easter Break and can have some quiet and relaxing times with you family. I look forward to seeing you in Week 6.

The Importance of Regular School Attendance

We want to thank parents for recognising the value and importance of regular attendance at school, which allows children to learn more about the world, develop learning, skills and knowledge. It also plays a vital role in fostering and strengthening friendships. At St Margaret Mary’s School, we believe that everyday skills are developed through engaging and challenging experiences, making consistent attendance key to your child’s success.

It’s important to consider the long-term impact of a child’s absence from school. *We understand that when a child is unwell, home is the best place for them.* However, when not unwell, even a day off here and there can add up. The table below illustrates how these occasional absences can accumulate, resulting in significant weeks of lost learning over time.

Please come and speak with your child’s teacher or a member of the leadership team if you are concerned about your child’s attendance. Your child’s attendance will be recorded on your child’s semester report. Regular attendance allows teachers to best support your child’s learning and wellbeing.

1 day absent a fortnight equates to 10.5 days absent in Semester 1.

1 day absent a week equates to 21 days absent in Semester 1.



Thank you for you continuing support,
Kelly Campbell



Dear Families

It's incredible to think that we have reached the end of Term 1! Over the past 11 weeks, we've had a busy time, with plenty to celebrate as a school community. I'm continually amazed by the learning and progress our students show every day, and we're excited to see their continued growth and persistence in Term 2.

SPORTS DAY

Many thanks to the family members who were able to join us on Sports Day and to the parents who volunteered to assist with events. Special thanks to Tristan Griffin and The Fruit Box for the generous donation of oranges for the children to enjoy. Our thanks also to Alfred Gbala who cut up the oranges too. Special mention also to Helen Psaila who picked up the oranges from school and transported them to Sports Day – thank you.

A huge THANK YOU to Mrs Celeste Brown and Mr Matthew Harrison for their organisation and coordination of the day. We are thankful for their time and efforts, along with all of our staff, in making Sports Day an enjoyable day for all of the children from Preschool to Year 6.

LUNCH CLUBS

This term, we continued Lunch Clubs for children to enjoy during their yard play times. These clubs provide opportunities for students to explore new learning and engage in interest-based activities during their breaks. This term, many children have learnt Chess with Mrs Chitti, created art and craft projects with Mrs McCullough, built Lego with Ms Harms, learnt knitting and crocheting with Mrs Monti and experienced the calming effects of meditation and yoga with Signora Armiento. We are grateful to these staff for offering such engaging activities. The lunch clubs have been very popular, and we look forward to offering them again in Term 2.

Thank you for your continued support across the term. I hope you enjoy the school holidays and have a lovely Easter.

We will see you again on Monday 28 April.

Belinda



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week, our Year 3 classes celebrated their year level Mass with a visiting priest Fr Leon. We also farewelled Fr Charles and Fr Sam with the 'African Blessing' song and we thanked them both for the connections they have formed with our community and the experiences they have shared with us over the years.

SMMS Big Water Walk Fundraiser

On Monday 7 April, each class participated in an awareness raising and fundraising activity called the Big Water Walk. The Big Water Walk encouraged our students to walk around our outdoor spaces for approximately 15-20 minutes. Throughout the course, there were posters designed to promote greater awareness and discussion of water scarcity in our world. Many Big Water Walk's, like ours, have been organised by schools and communities across Australia in support of Project Compassion.

Thank you so much for your generous donations towards our Big Water Walk event. All money raised through your donations, will go towards the efforts of Caritas Australia to bring hope and change to schools and communities throughout the world. We hope that through our act of solidarity, schools and young people throughout the world will benefit. That our generosity will assist Caritas Australia's mission to bring about sustainable change, helping communities to 'Rise Above Poverty.'

Community Prayer

On Thursday 10 April, we gathered for a Community Reflection in the Parish Hall. We invited our community to reflect on our journey through the Season of Lent and to reflect on Jesus' love for us, through the 'passion' of Holy Week.

The Year 1 and Year 2 Student Leadership Team representatives led us beautifully through a welcoming introduction, as well as an opening and closing prayer. We also thank our Year 3 to Year 6 Student Leadership Team representatives, for their gentle and reflective re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross to 'We Remember' by Drew Lane.

Thank you to Year 5 students Minh Anh and Jenni for seamlessly coordinating the PowerPoint and to the families who were able to join us in reflection.

Easter

Archbishop O'Regan, reflects that Easter is a time to celebrate Christ's resurrection as something that happened and still happens to us. Through Jesus' Resurrection, each one of us is offered the gift of that new life, and the power to accept it, which in turn reflects the way we live and love others.

I wish everyone a joyful Easter with family and friends. Have a wonderful holiday break!

Matthew Harrison

Big Water Walk



MATHEMATICS IN 3KR

In Mathematics, we have been exploring measurement. First, we compared and estimated the mass of objects using the hefting strategy. Then, we used electronic and mechanical scales to measure the actual mass of objects in our classroom.





Ciao Italiano

Celebrating an amazing Term of Italian language learning.
Buona Pasqua a tutti.

Gina Armiento
Italian Teacher



SACPSSA Swimming Carnival



Last last Monday, we had 19 students attend the SACPSSA swimming carnival at the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre at Marion. All the students did an amazing job and represented our school with respect and sportsmanship. A big thanks to the parents that came along to cheer to our swimmers on, and in particular Prageeth who helped as an official for the carnival. Thank you to Mr Harrison for helping organise the event and I look forward to next year!

Celeste Brown

House Team Recognition System

All St Margaret Mary's students follow our school Matrix, a document outlining the behaviours expected by all students. These behaviours are underpinned by our school values. The students are explicitly taught these behaviours by classroom teachers.

St Margaret Mary's School Positive Behaviour Matrix			
	ALL THE TIME	LEARNING TIME	YARD TIME
<p>We are responsible and compassionate.</p> <p>We demonstrate perseverance, justice and integrity.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage others • Use polite, positive language • Model school values • Use technology safely and appropriately • Keep hands, feet, body and objects to yourself • Care for the school's and others' property • Be honest • Follow adult instruction first time • Walk inside buildings • Be kind to yourself and others • Follow all PBIS procedures • Wear the correct uniform 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be prepared and ready to learn • Encourage and support others to learn • Keep learning spaces tidy • Make an effort to do your very best • Show acceptance and understanding of others' opinions, ideas and differences • Stay on task and finish your work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play and interact safely • Use equipment safely and fairly and pack it away • Agree on and follow the rules of the game • Always put rubbish in the bin • Remove yourself from conflict by walking away and seeking adult support • Include others • Follow yard rules and rosters • Line up promptly when the music plays

Beginning in Term 2 all staff will recognise students who are demonstrating these positive behaviours by awarding tokens in the House Teams colours.

Every fortnight class tokens will be counted and collated together and House Points announced at each Assembly.

At the end of each term, the House Team with the most Recognition Tokens will be awarded the "Values Trophy".



As well as competing for the values trophy the whole school is trying to win enough tokens for our end of term Recognition Reward!!! A fabulous reward that the SLT will vote on at the beginning of each term.

Yoga & Mindfulness



We have enjoyed a wonderful term of Yoga & Mindfulness as part of lunch club activities . A highlight this term was seeing so many siblings attend together!

Yoga lunch club continues in Term 2.

Namaste

Mrs Armiento

Premier's Reading Challenge



You may have noticed an increase in Library books coming home with special red, green or yellow square stickers. These books are part of the Premier's Reading Challenge.

The Challenge requires students to read 12 books (**8 with their level of stickers**) by early September.

Benefits of the Premier's Reading Challenge

- ~ Gives students a focus for their reading
- ~ Encourages students to participate by being challenged
- ~ Offers incentives for reluctant readers
- ~ Builds self-esteem, pride, school unity and a sense of achievement among students

Reading Records are being filled in during class Library visits. In Term 4, certificates and medals are given out to students that have completed the challenge.

Katherine McCullough

Library

OSHC Holiday Program Schedule

FUN AWAITS!











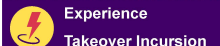



YOUR AUTUMN HOLIDAY PROGRAM

St Margaret Mary's School

Address: 5 Eldon Street CROYDON PARK SA 5008

Phone: 0404 452 628 **Program Times:** 07:00 am - 06:15 pm



Mon 14 Apr	Special Event: LEGO® Masters Training Day		Tue 15 Apr	Big Art Day: Eco Masterpieces	
<p>This is it - your ticket to LEGO masterdom starts here! With special video guidance from Brickman, sharpen your building skills and tackle an epic build challenge.</p>			<p>Everyone's favourite day is back - and it's time to think BIG! Transform recycled materials into spectacular sculptures. Robots, animals, or wild inventions—the only limit is your imagination.</p>		
<p>Full Fee \$110.74 After Max. CCS* \$11.07</p>			<p>Full Fee \$88.74 After Max. CCS* \$8.87</p>		
 Project Incursion			 Base Camp Day		
Wed 16 Apr	Project: Day Dreamers		Thu 17 Apr	Special Event: Adelaide Crows FC	
<p>Grab your PJs and join us for the ultimate feel-good day! Build a teddy with a recorded message, make yummy banana sushi and take part in wellness activities. It's a cosy, happy adventure to remember!</p>			<p>Step inside the home of the Adelaide Crows for an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour! Meet a player or team mascot and explore elite training facilities to remember this once-in-a-lifetime experience!</p>		
<p>Full Fee \$110.74 After Max. CCS* \$11.07</p>			<p>Full Fee \$141.24 After Max. CCS* \$14.12</p>		
 Project Incursion			 Excursion		
Tue 22 Apr	Experience Takeover: Move & Groove Challenge		Wed 23 Apr	Project: Super Hero Academy	
<p>Get ready to dance, dress up, and take on the ultimate challenge! Learn your favourite dance moves, recreate viral trends, and bring the fun to life with exciting dress-up challenges. Strike a pose and own the stage!</p>			<p>Swing into action! Build your own Bolt Blaster, craft Spider-Man masks, and join an epic Super Hero treasure hunt to help the masked heroes save the world from a powerful villain!</p>		
<p>Full Fee \$117.12 After Max. CCS* \$11.71</p>			<p>Full Fee \$134.34 After Max. CCS* \$13.43</p>		
 Experience Takeover Incursion			 Project Incursion		
Thu 24 Apr	Adventure: The Great Escape at Adelaide Gaol				
<p>Experience The Great Escape program and explore what life was like being locked up! Crack a secret code to uncover a true story about the gaol, hold real artefacts from the past, and play handball and hopscotch in the prisoner's recreation area!</p>					
<p>Full Fee \$130.74 After Max. CCS* \$13.07</p>					
 Excursion					

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School Times & Term Dates

Front Office: 8.30am - 3.45pm

Student Supervision: 8.30am - 3.20pm

Classes: 8.45am - 3.00pm

2025

Term 1: Tuesday 28 January to Friday 11 April;

Term 2: Monday 28 April to Friday 4 July;

Term 3: Monday 21 July to Friday 26 September;

Term 4: Monday 13 October to Friday 12 December

Preschool Times



Group 1: Monday & Tuesday 8.45am - 2.45pm;

Odd Wednesdays 8.45am - 2.45pm

Occasional Care: Wednesdays 8.45-11.45am (bookings required)

Group 2: Even Wednesdays 8.45am -2.45pm;

Thursday & Friday 8.45am - 2.45pm

Playgroup: Fridays 9.15-10.45am

Uniform Shop Times



Tuesday: 2.30pm - 3.30pm;

Friday: 8.30am - 10.00am

Crossing Monitors



Thank you to these students who have volunteered to be crossing monitors:

Term 2 Week 1: Rosalie, Dom R, Aryan;

Week 2: Mia, Tiffany, Abrihet;

Week 3: Tyson, Madalena, Nate.

Student Absences

Phone: 8245 5855 (answering service - call anytime)

Email: absent@smms.catholic.edu.au

SMS: 0497 901 493

Croydon Park Catholic Parish

Parish Priest: Fr Charles Lukati

Ph: 8346 0944

OSHC News

Date **St Margaret Mary's 7th April 2025**

Newsletter



Book for Autumn holidays!



Blast off to the ultimate school holiday fun with Rocketeers! Let your child set off on an adventure where they escape the ordinary and experience the extraordinary to make their term break unforgettable. Get Ready for an Autumn of Fun and Adventure! Join us for a journey packed with excitement, discovery, and creativity! From Superhero missions and imaginative art projects to thrilling survival challenges and cosy crafting sessions, there's something for every child. Let your child explore their passions and make memories to last a lifetime with our engaging team.

Save money with the Child Care Subsidy!

Did you know you can reduce the cost of care with a government subsidy? Apply for the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) to determine whether you're eligible.

To apply, simply:

- Log into MyGov and complete your Child Care Subsidy application.
- Once you have applied, ensure you have updated your child's date of birth and CRN within the Camp Australia Parent Portal.
- When prompted by the Government, log back into your MyGov account and confirm your enrolment with Camp Australia.

It's as easy as that! Start saving money today!

TERM 2 - WEEK 1	
Monday	Turtle Craft, Chatterbox, Jungle Sensory
Tuesday	Recycled Baskets, LEGO Habitat, Craft Stick Photo Frame
Wednesday	Egg and Spoon Game, Singapore-Style Rice Noodles, Flower Lei
Thursday	Bee Craft, Leaf Art Owl, Game of Tag
Friday	Georges Seurat, Banana Smoothies, Welcome Board



Please phone Camp Australia 1300-105-343 for bookings, rebates will apply.

To find out more about the program, view fees and to register, visit.

www.campastralia.com.au

Keep Smiling 😊 Louise, Jenny, Harpreet and Helen



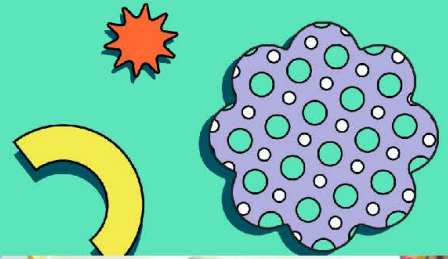
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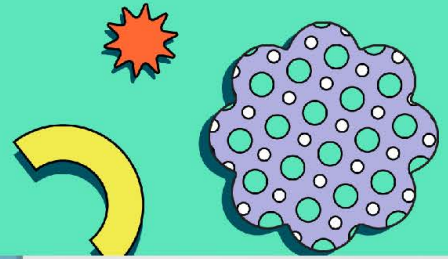
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ROCKETEERS

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

| Ages **5-14*** | Mighty Days **\$50**** | Other activities **\$12.50**

- Nerf wars
- Mighty Days

*Mighty Day ages 5-12

*Mighty Days from \$50, refer to website

Book online:

parksrsc.ymca.org.au/school-holidays





Aussie Hoops - Run by the West Adelaide Bearcats

Aussie Hoops is an initiative of Basketball Australia and is the National Introductory Basketball Program for children aged 5-10.

Aussie Hoops Clinics are run weekly by various Basketball SA affiliated Clubs (like the Bearcats) and at centres across metropolitan Adelaide. During the program children are taught how to bounce the ball, pass and shoot while playing fun games in the process!

Where: Multiple location options including Port Adelaide, Osborne, Flinders Park, and West Beach.

Sessions: 50 mins sessions run over 8 weeks.

Cost: The program runs for 8 sessions and is \$80 per child (plus \$9.90 insurance & Basketball Australia levies) (\$89.90 total).

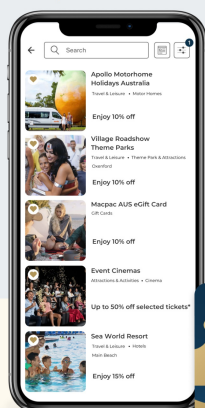
There are also Aussie Hoops merchandise packs available to purchase separately at checkout.

This is a great beginner program for players to learn some of the basic fundamentals for ages 5 to 10.

To register go to: www.westbearcats.net/getting-started

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