



## Important Dates

Last day of Term 1 - 3pm finish

Friday 12 April 2024

First Day of Term 2

Monday 29 April 2024

### Belinda Elliott - Acting Principal



#### Dear Families

It's hard to believe that it's the last day of Term 1! The last 11 weeks have been a busy and rewarding time and we have much to celebrate as a school community. I am amazed everyday by the learning that our students demonstrate, and we look forward to continuing to see their growth as learners in Term 2.

#### Easter Raffle

I hope you enjoyed a lovely Easter long weekend with your families. There were some very lucky children and families who won the amazing prizes from the Easter Raffle. Congratulations! Many thanks to our families for their generous support of the raffle with proceeds being donated to Caritas Australia.

#### Sports Day

Sports Day was such a fantastic day! We were blessed with beautiful sunshine and the day was filled with fun, events, teamwork, and team spirit. Well done to all of our students on their participation in Sports Day, they tried their best in all events and supported each other too. Congratulations to our Year 6 House Captains and leaders on the way they supported the students with the Team Chants, Health Hustle, and Caritas Walk.

This year the Spirit Cup was awarded to MacKillop (Green) and the Athletic Cup was won by Grady (Red). Congratulations to House Captains Mai Ly & Joshua and Kira & John who accepted these cups on behalf of their teams.

Many thanks to the family members who were able to join us on the 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 the parents who cut up all the oranges too! Special mention to Mr Greig Graham and Mrs Celeste Brown 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 and successful day for all of the children from Preschool to Year 6.

#### Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the students who participated in the SACPSSA swimming carnival last Tuesday. On all accounts the students did very well in their events and really pushed themselves to achieve their very best. Special mention to our Year 6 swimmers who took out the Age Champions Award. St Margaret Mary's placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall. Well done to everyone involved, and thank you to Mrs Celeste Brown and

Mr Matt Harrison for their support and organisation of the swimming team.

#### **Lunch Clubs**

During Term 1 we have introduced Lunch Clubs for students to access during our yard play times. The lunch clubs give students the opportunity to engage in new learning and interest-based activities during their break times. This term students have enjoyed learning about the game of Chess with Mr Parker, creating a variety of art and craft projects with Mrs McCullough, and enjoying the calming peace and quiet of meditation and yoga with Signora Armiento. We are thankful to Mr Parker, Mrs McCullough and Mrs Armiento for offering such fantastic activities for our students. The lunch clubs have been very popular, and we will be offering more clubs for our students in Term 2.

#### Staffing News

We would like to thank Miss Julia Vassallo for teaching 4/5JM this term. Julia has done a wonderful job of teaching the class while Julie McGrane has been on Long Service Leave. Julie McGrane will return next term, but we are thrilled that Julia will remain on staff in Term 3 and 4 as one of our Foundation teachers, along with Ms Ann Lang.

Special thanks also to Mr Nick Rylander who has been teaching full-time in 4/5MR while Mrs Patricia Monti has been on leave. Patricia will return to teaching 4/5MR on Monday to Thursday next term, with Nick teaching the class on Fridays.

Mrs Anna Verbi has made the decision to move to teaching 4 days a week and will now teach 1AV from Monday to Thursday. We are pleased that Mrs Gina Armiento will increase her teaching time and will now teach 1AV on Fridays.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday break. We will see you back at school on Monday 29 April.

Thank you for your on-going support.

#### **Belinda Elliott**

# Lunch Clubs



### **APRIM News**



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope everyone enjoyed the Easter long weekend with family and friends. The liturgical colour for Easter is white. Easter is a time where Jesus shares new life with us and we celebrate, filled with new hope and joy. The Season of Easter continues for fifty days and concludes with Pentecost on Sunday 19 May.

#### **Easter Community Prayer**

On Wednesday 3 April, we gathered for Community Prayer to celebrate the joy of Jesus' resurrection. Thank you to our Year 6 prayer leaders and Roger, Emma and Anyiel for leading us so beautifully in our reflection of Mark's Gospel.

Each of our students received a chocolate Easter egg as a symbol of new life.

#### Caritas Australia

At Sports Day, Thursday 4 April, we held our Term 1 Caritas fundraiser event — 'House Walk.' A special thank you to all our Year 6 leaders (the entire cohort), for leading the walk. To both Year 6 classes, for helping to raise our community awareness with their 'creative posters and simple messages of solidarity and compassion.' This event truly was led in the spirit of Project Compassion! Thank you to all our families who join in the walk, those who were able to contribute a gold coin donation and for those who returned Project Compassion Boxes containing donations. Thank you to all for helping to make our Sports Day such a memorable event and for supporting our St Margaret Mary's School spirit of 'solidarity' and 'compassion' for all our sisters and brothers throughout the world.

#### **Sports Day Cup Winner**

Congratulations to MacKillop House. MacKillop House is named after Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Mary MacKillop was born in Fitzroy, Melbourne in 1842. Mary cared about the equality of all people. Mary opened her first school in Penola, offering education to all. Mary moved to Adelaide and inspired like-minded women. With the help of these women, Mary founded the Sisters of St Joseph. Mary and her Sisters opened many schools throughout Adelaide including St Margaret Mary's School. Schools like ours are called Josephite schools. Mary is Australia's first Saint, and we celebrate the MacKillop House on Thursday 8 August.

#### **Spirit Cup Winner**

Congratulations to Grady House. Grady House is named after Sister Jude Grady. Sister Jude Grady was born in Coolabah, New South Wales in 1896. Jude joined Mary and the Sisters of St Joseph because she cared about the needs of the community. Jude was the first principal when St Margaret Mary's School opened in 1929. Each morning, Jude would travel from Hindmarsh to our Parish Hall (our original school). Every week, Jude would help transform the school space into the Croydon Park Church and once a month the local dance hall. Jude and the Sisters held many community events to raise money which helped with the purchase of surrounding properties so the school could grow. We celebrate the Grady House on Tuesday 23 July.

Have a good break everyone.

# Easter Community Prayer



# Stations of the Cross





# TERM 1 IN 3KR

Here are a few things we have enjoyed learning about this Term!

## MATHEMATICS

In Maths, we have been exploring measurement. We compared and measured the mass of objects using formal and informal units.





SCIENCE

In Science, we have been learning about heat sources and heat transfer. We have enjoyed conducting experiments to learn about heat.



STEM "

We are learning about simple machines with Mr Smedley. We built simple machines with Lego and operated them with technology.



## SACPSSA Swimming

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 17 of our students participated in the SACPSSA Swimming Carnival at Marion SA Aquatic Centre. It was an amazing day for our school with our 2024 team finishing 4<sup>th</sup> overall and our Year 6 swimmers finishing as Age Group Champions. Thank you to Prageeth who volunteered as an official on the day. We are very proud of our swimmers for cheering on all their teammates and enjoying the day as a team.



## Year 6 Italian

The Year 6 students are to be commended on their excellent work on Marco Polo. All students worked exceptionally well researching Marco Polo's journey to China & back home to Venezia.

Auguri Ragazzi!

Ben fatto!

Signora Armiento Gina Armiento

Italian Teacher



## Art/Craft Club in Week 10

During Week 10 we got into the Sports Day spirit by using sports team coloured crayons. We used a long piece of butcher's paper and all had fun covering every spot in green, yellow, red and blue pictures. Then to celebrate the end of term we had a range of loose items to choose from and used our imagination to create! There were snowmen, clocks and pipe cleaner insects just to name a few.



Sports Day 2024







































OSHC Holiday Program Schedule



# MISSION XIII 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

15 Apr

Mission Takeoff XIII: Camp **Explorers** 

Get set for an adventure-packed camping themed day! Master navigation with your handmade sundial and compass. Dive into Aussie tradition with damper bread making. Plus. team up for tent decorating fun with friends!

Full Fee \$102.00 | After Max. CCS\* \$10.20



16 Apr

Operation: Pyjama Party

Don your PJs for a day of fun at Base Camp! Let's have a blast with awesome sleepover themed activities as we munch on some classic sleepover snacks and dive into fun dreamy adventures. It's a sleepless party like no other!

Full Fee \$85.00 | After Max. CCS\* \$8.50



ROCKETE

Extraordinary Holiday Adventures

**Base Camp Day** 

Wed 17 Apr

**Experience Takeover: Forensic Investigations** 

Put on your detective hat and solve a mystery! You'll learn basic forensic science skills and challenge yourself to crack the case as you race against the clock. Gather the clues, analyse fingerprints, breakdown codes and solve the

Full Fee \$111.50 | After Max. CCS\* \$11.15



18 Apr

Special Event: Basketball with DJ Vasiljevic & the Adelaide 36ers

Fan of basketball? You're in for a treat as you experience a two-hour clinic with DJ Vasiljevic and the Adelaide 36ers, learning basketball skills from the pros, and getting up close to Murray the Magpie mascot and maybe even some players.

Full Fee \$132.00 | After Max. CCS\* \$13.20



19 Apr

**Project: Rainbow Pasta Party** 

Craft your very own, all-natural rainbow-coloured pasta! Whip up signature pasta sauces and immerse yourself in the rich Italian culture with trivia and games for a party like no other! You'll get to take home a special Rocketeers rolling pin

Full Fee \$107.50 | After Max. CCS\* \$10.75



22 Apr

**Operation: Earth Day** Extravaganza

Let's get involved in some eco-fun and celebrate Farth! We'll celebrate Farth Hour, share ideas on how to be 'greener' and explore ways to protect our planet.

Full Fee \$85.00 | After Max. CCS\* \$8.50



Tue 23 Apr

Big Art Day: Umbrella Art **Showcase** 

Get set to explore the theme of belonging through creativity! Dive into an engaging book before unleashing your artistic flair on a blank umbrella. Then, at the end of the day, showcase your vibrant art with a gallery exhibition hosted at Base Camp!

Full Fee \$106.50 | After Max. CCS\* \$10.65



Adventure: Play ON at Wed 24 Apr Olon

Discover a range of premium indoor games. including a multi-sports simulator, mini golf room, PS5/Nintendo console games, virtual reality (VR) experiences and so much more! Are you ready to PLAY like never before?

Full Fee \$136.00 | After Max. CCS\* \$13.60



26 Apr

**Operation: Spooktacular Spectacles** 

Let's have a hauntingly good time as we dive into a day of spooooooky chills and thrills. You could be doing anything from ghost hunts, creepy slime crafts to skeleton building games - it's up to you and your Base Camp!

Full Fee \$85.00 | After Max. CCS\* \$8.50



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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

**Term 1**: Monday 30 January to Friday 12 April; **Term 2**: Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July;

Term 3: Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September; Term 4: Monday 14 October to Friday 13 December

### **Preschool Times**



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

Odd Wednesdays 8.45am - 2.45pm

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

Group 2: Even Wednesdays 8.45am -2.45pm;

Thursday & Friday 8.45am - 2.45pm

## **Uniform Shop Times**



**Tuesday**: 2.30pm - 3.30pm; **Friday**: 8.30am - 10.00am

Crossing Monitors



Week 1: Christian, Abahyjot, John

Week 2: Savannah, Rose, Amber

## April Birthdays



### **OSHC Hours**



Morning: 6.30am - 8.30am;

Afternoon: 3.00pm - 6.15pm

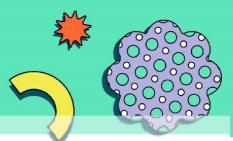
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## **OSHC** News



# Newsletter



Date St Margaret Mary's 8th April 2024



# Hi Everyone,



Join our Mission Take-off XIII this holidays, ROCKETEERS Extraordinary Holiday adventures. We have a FREE merchandise pack for every child that attends, this includes a T-Shirt and Booklet. This Holidays our mission is enjoying group activities, making new friendships, and enjoying old ones. Our amazing, programmed activities for the two weeks are Camp Explorers – let's set out on an adventure-packed camping themed day, Pyjama Party – fun at base camp, Forensic Investigation – put our detective hats on and solve a mystery, EXCURSION—Basketball with DJ Vasiljevic & the Adelaide 36ers, learning basketball skills from the pros, Rainbow Pasta Party – Create your very own rainbow coloured pasta, Earth Day Extravaganza – Celebrating earth hour and exploring ways to protect our planet, Umbrella Art Showcase – Unleashing your artistic flair on a blank umbrella, EXCURSION – Play ON at Olon, Discover a range of premium indoor games, Spooktacular Spectacles – Let's have a hauntingly good time as we dive into a day of spoogoooooooky chills and thrills.

From all our OSHC staff, we would like to wish everyone a Happy and Safe holiday break and we will see you all for an exciting term 2.

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TERM 2 WEEK 1	Fruit and Vegetable Constructions, Strawberry Santas
Monday	
Tuesday	Drawing your favorite Foods, No-Waste Kitchen Scraps
Wednesday	Fruit & Vege Shed (Market), Fruit Basket Crafts, Welsh Cakes
Thursday	Milk fruit smoothies. Creating a Lego Garden
Friday	Delicious Pancake Breaky, Making Fresh Orange Juice, Your Favorite Healthy Foods

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.

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Keep Smiling (6) Louise, Jenny & Rekha



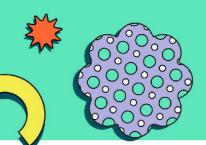


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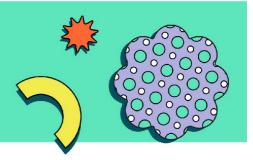
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## Student Absences/ Late Arrivals

When a student is absent or going to be late, parents should notify the school by 9am on that day by texting the Absentee Line on 0407 682 137, emailing absent@smms.catholic.edu.au or phoning (08) 8245 5855.

You will need to state the following:

Name of Child;

Year Level;

**Reason for Absence** (if late, approximately what time your child will arrive)

Phone: 8245 5855 (answering service - call anytime)

Email: absent@smms.catholic.edu.au

SMS: 0407 682 137

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Ph: 8346 0944

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11-12:30 PM

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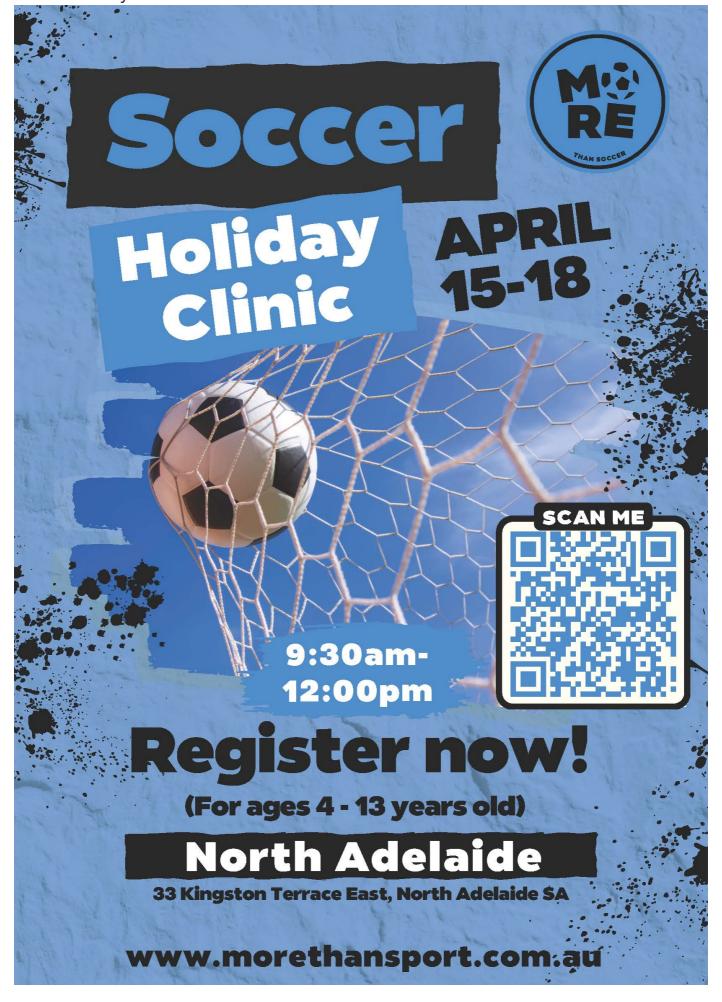
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