



Important Dates

Harmony Day Monday 21 March School Board Meeting (via Zoom) Wednesday 23 March Yr 3-6 Swimming Carnival Thursday 24 March Reception Excursion Friday 25 March

2022 Foundation
Parents' Meeting
Monday 28 March

Art Show Wednesday 30 March Parent Teacher Conversations Week Monday 4 April Children's University visit Monday 4 April Gold Coin Fundraiser Casual Clothes Day Friday 8 April

End of Term 1 Thursday 14 April Good Friday Friday 15 April

16.03.22

From the Principal Week 7



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We were pleased that St Margaret Mary's School was recognised in The Advertiser (16/3/22) as one of 6 Catholic Schools in South Australia that recorded high growth in NAPLAN last year, especially in writing. NAPLAN is just one indication of a student's academic achievement, and our teachers continue to work with all students in developing important literacy and numeracy skills across all year levels

At St Margaret Mary's School, we believe every child is a writer and author!

The CESA article can be found here - https://www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/news/latest-news

Enrolments

We are currently finalising our Term 3 Preschool and Reception enrolments. If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining St Margaret Mary's School, please contact Angela in the front office. We do have limited spaces available in other year levels as well.

Term 3 Preschool enrolment – for children who turn 4 between 1st May and 31st October 2022.

Term 3 Reception (Foundation class) enrolment – for children who turn 5 between 1st May and 31st October 2022.

Art Show

We have our fingers crossed that we can still hold our Art Show on Wednesday March 30th. We do need to wait for the latest updates around school events, but we are still planning to go ahead at this stage.

To keep us COVID safe, we will need to monitor the number of people inside the building, and you may need to wait outside so we can keep below density requirements. All adults will be required to wear a mask.

All the students are looking forward to sharing some of their amazing artwork with you.

There will be an opportunity to purchase your child's artwork (there is no obligation to!) and profits will go towards our new playground.

School Board

Given our disrupted start to this year, we are still taking nominations for the school board. Our next meeting is Wednesday 23rd March (via ZOOM). We meet twice a term on Wednesday evenings. If you are interested in joining this important parent group, please email info@smms.catholic.edu.au

We are always looking for new parents with varied experiences to join. You do not need any particular experience, just an interest in continuous improvement at St Margaret Mary's School and Preschool. Please feel free to contact me for a chat.

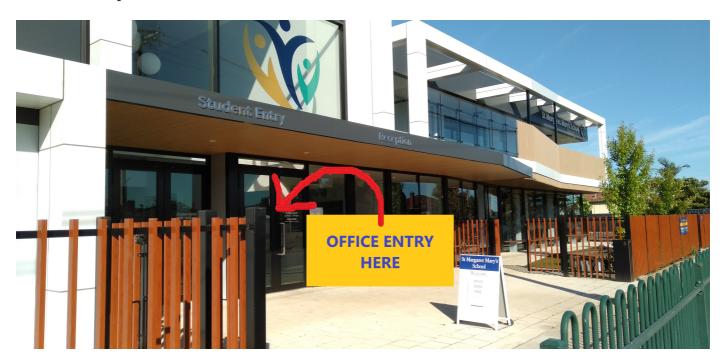
More information about school boards can be found here: https://schoolboards.cesa.catholic.edu.au/

Thank you for your continued support,

Kelly Campbell

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School Entry doors



Please enter our school via the front office doors to see Pennie, Jane & Angela at the office between 8.30am and 3.45pm.

Preschool entrance is via the gates as per usual, but our school entrance is now the new double doors (where there is no fence).

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Please Do Not U Turn in front of our School



Please note that it is illegal and dangerous to U Turn on Eldon Street in front of the school. The solid white line down the middle of the road should not be crossed.

Thank you for keeping our students safe.

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News from Alicia Boylan - Assistant Principal



The end of Term 1 will be very busy! Please make sure that you are reading the Newsletter and checking SeeSaw regularly so that you know what is happening in our community.

Parent Teacher Learning Conversations

'Parent Techer Learning Conversations' are April 4th to April 8th. This is an important opportunity for parents, children and teachers to talk about your child's learning. It helps us to ensure that families and the school are working together to support the needs of every learner.

Please make sure you book in for a talk with your child's teacher during this time. Information has gone home to families about this. If you did not receive information about 'Parent Teacher Leaning Conversations', please let us know and we will re-send the information to you.

Easter Raffle

We will be hosting an Easter Raffle again this year, to be drawn on Thursday 14th April. We are looking for donations of Easter goodies, chocolates, Easter activities, sweets etc to make up hampers to give away as prizes. Please bring any donations to the Front Office.

We will also need volunteers next week to staple together the raffle books to send home to families and to make up the hampers once we have collected the donations. The stapling together of raffle books can be done at home (in front of the TV, if you prefer); we can send them home if you let us know! If you are able to help with either of these activities, please let Angela know.

We thank you for your generosity!

Safety Around the School

We continue to remind parents and carers about safety on the streets around the school.

Please

- · Cross at the designated crossings
- · Wait behind the solid white line at the pedestrian crossings
- Do not park across the crossings
- Do not perform U-turns on the streets around the school
- Do not use our neighbours driveways to turn around
- · Be aware of pedestrians, especially those with children

· Be courteous to other road users

Your safety and the safety of others in and around the school is our concern!

Alicia Boylan

Assistant Principal

17.03.22

Week 7 APRIM News from Mr Harrison



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Over the past three Friday mornings, we have been able to gather outside for community prayer. When the children hear the morning music, they respectfully make their way over to the new building and gather quietly in front of our Year 6 students who lead us in prayer.

Feast of Saint Joseph

This week we join our fellow Josephite communities in celebrating the Feast of Saint Joseph. Saint Joseph became the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. He is also known as the patron saint of families and workers. This year however, the 19 March falls on a Saturday so we acknowledged Saint Joseph in our community prayer on Friday 18 March.

Harmony Week

Next Week, is Harmony Week and the theme is 'Everyone Belongs.' Harmony Week is a celebration of diversity and inclusion. The week begins with Harmony Day on Monday 21 March and continues right through to Sunday 27 March. During assemblies and prayers, we will acknowledge the First Australians, share our own cultural stories and express our gratitude to God for our diverse cultural backgrounds and the ways in which we include and look after each other at school.

Reconciliation Workshop

On Monday 21 March, our St Margaret Mary's Reconciliation candidates will join me for a Reconciliation workshop at school. Please note this workshop is not for parents. The children will stay in their respective classes until I am able to come and collect them for the workshop. We ask for families to remind candidates to bring their Reconciliation booklets with them to the workshop.

Project Compassion

Thank you for the generous Project Compassion Box donations that have already been returned to the front office. Project Compassion

Box donations can be returned to the office anytime throughout Term 1.

Gold Coin Fundraiser

On **Friday 8 April**, we will also be inviting the children to wear **casual clothing with active footwear for a gold coin donation**. In connection with our focus on giving during Lent, students may like to consider wearing a purple accessory, or a purple clothing item, or a clothing item with a bit of purple in it. The gold coin donations will be collected by the classroom teachers once the students are in class. If your child does not already own any purple items, they are welcome to wear other colours. Please do not purchase any purple accessories or clothing solely for this occasion.

Our hope as a community, is that such acts of solidarity help us to raise awareness and contribute to the funds needed to support our sisters and brothers and the mission of Caritas Australia throughout the world.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

God bless,

Matt Harrison

Assistant Principal, Religious Identity and Mission.

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Carnevale preparations

Students are busy preparing Carnevale masks in readiness for our special assembly in Week 10.

More information to follow.

Gina Armiento Italian Teacher



RNW News



Term 1 has started!

The students are learning so much...learning all of the new procedures and routines of a classroom, building new friendships and enjoying our beautiful new space.

Through our learning in the classroom we are learning to work with others, share and listen to instructions.

In the Our Literacy focus through the InitiaLit program has been learning all about letters and sounds and how they make words.

In Maths we have been learning what it means to be a mathematician.

In these photos the students were sorting images that they see in their world: symbols, numerals and letters. They did an amazing job!



School Times & Term Dates

Front Office: 8.30am - 3.45pm

Student Supervision: 8.30am - 3.20pm

Classes: 8.45am - 3.00pm

Term 1: Monday 31 January to Thursday 14 April;

Term 2: Monday 2 May to Friday 8 July;

Term 3: Monday 25 July to Friday 30 September; Term 4: Monday 17 October to Friday 16 December

Preschool Times



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

Wednesday 8.45am - 11.45am

Occasional Care: Wednesday 9-12 (bookings required)

Group 2: Wednesday 12.15pm-3.15pm;

Thursday & Friday 8.45am - 2.45pm

Crossing Monitors

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

Week 7 & 8 - Vy, Jasmine, Jayla;

Week 9 - Monique, Mia, Natalie K;

Week 10 - Aaliyah, Phillip N, Kobe

Playgroup



Uniform Shop Times



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

OSHC Hours



Morning: 6.30am - 8.30am; **Afternoon**: 3.00pm - 6.15pm

Phone Camp Australia: 1300 105 343

Week 7 OSHC Newsletter

Student Absences

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

Croydon Park Catholic Parish

Parish Priest: Fr Charles Lukati

Ph: 8346 0944

March Birthdays!



We wish the following students who celebrate a birthday in March a very happy and blessed birthday:

Aaliyah - 6LO

Gurmehar - RRB

Reeshi - 4/5GG

Nhi - 1/2AL

Marcus - 1/2VE

Miller - RNW

Haz - 1/2AL

Jazz - 1/2FL

Khris - 1/2FL

Poppi - 3GW

Jenni - 1/2VE

Zac - RRB

Akshaj - RRB

Lachlan - 1/2FL

Daniel - 6LO

Homa - 4/5KD

Kara - 4/5CM

Jaxon - 3GW

Adele - PRE2

Kobe - 6LO

Mika - 1/2FL

Oscar - 1/2KB

Eliana - RRB

Emily - RNW

Markus - 4/5CM

Sarah - 1/2VE

Niya - PRE1

Nam - 4/5CM

Chantelle - 1/2VE

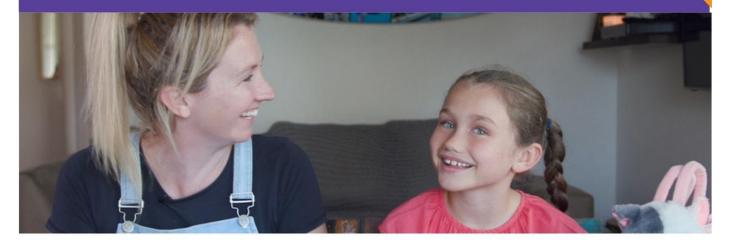
David - RRB

2 day Autism Workshop



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2 Day Autism Workshop for Parents and Carers



Join other local families to learn more about autism and ways to strengthen the home-school partnership

Learn about:

- Autism: characteristics, impacts and strategies
- Understanding behaviour
- Sensory processing
- · Working together with your school

Location:

Glanville Hall

8 Park Ave

Semaphore South SA 5019

Morning tea and a light lunch are provided

Semaphore, SA

6th and 7th April, 2022 9.30am - 2.30pm



Interpreters available



To register, visit

<u>positivepartnerships.com.au</u> OR,

contact Jo Zeitz

<u>jzeitz@positivepartnerships.com.au</u>



For help, call: 1300 881 971

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