



Important Dates

**Mothers Day Gift
Stall**

Thursday 8 May 2025

Community Prayer
8.45am

Friday 9 May 2025

Year 2 Excursion
Monday 12 May 2025

Year 5/6 Mass
Tuesday 13 May 2025

Year 1 Excursion
Friday 16 May 2025

3KR Assembly
Friday 16 May 2025

**Lacrosse Carnival yr
3/4**

Wednesday 21 May 2025

**Student Free Day -
OSHC Available**

Friday 6 June 2025

Public Holiday
Monday 9 June 2025

Acting Principal - Belinda Elliott



Dear Families

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you enjoyed a lovely, hope filled Easter and were able to find some time to relax.

It was great to see the children back at school, ready to learn and excited to see their friends.

We were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Pope Francis. His Holiness dedicated his life to the service of the Lord and His Church, embodying the values of the Gospel with unwavering fidelity, courage, and universal love. Pope Francis was especially known for his compassion towards the poorest and most marginalised among us. As Catholics worldwide mourn his loss, let us remember his teachings and strive to live by his example. May he rest in eternal peace.

Transition to Foundation (Mid-Year Reception)

The newest members of our school community also joined us on Wednesday as we welcomed the first group of children in the Transition to Foundation program. We have 2 groups of children visiting us each alternate Wednesday this term and then starting school full time for Term 3 and 4. The children visit us with their classroom set up in the Library, with their teacher Nikki McDonald, and with the support of Vicky Manalo. We welcome Nikki McDonald as the newest member of our staff.

Welcome Fr Olek

On Thursday we also had a very special visitor, one of our new Parish Priests Fr Olek. Fr Olek came in to have a look around our school, meet our staff and children for the first time. The children were very excited to meet Fr Olek and enjoyed answering his questions and getting to know him. We look forward to spending more time with Fr Olek and Monsignor Minh-Tam within our school and parish community. Fr Olek is pictured above.

Carpark Redevelopment

Another new and exciting development this week was the commencement of the redevelopment of the carpark at 11 Eldon Street. We are thankful for the way that everyone has been able to navigate the parking changes so far, and we thank you for your on-going patience and observance of street signage and parking restrictions. We will look forward to 18 fantastic new resurfaced car parks with trees and garden beds due to be completed towards the end of this term. You will see some images below of the carpark development.

Catholic Education Week & School Tours #ShineWithOpenHearts

It is Catholic Education Week coming up from 12 – 18 May. This year the theme is ‘**Shine with Open Hearts**’ an opportunity to highlight and celebrate all of the ways we shine, live and lead with open hearts in our school. We will share more about Catholic Education Week on Facebook and in our Newsletter in Week 3.

To celebrate our wonderful Catholic School Community at St Margaret Mary’s School, we are offering 2 school tours for families who may be considering a Catholic education for their child/ren. I will be hosting school tours on Monday 12 May at 9.15am and 5.15pm. If you know anyone who may be interested in finding out more about our educational and wellbeing programs, they can book a place on a school tour by contacting Angela in the office 8245 5800.

Federal Election

Catholic Education has released a Federal Election scorecard to highlight where political parties stand on issues of importance for Catholic schools. The scorecard has been developed for families and staff to easily identify the education policies and commitments of these parties.

If you are interested in reading more visit: <https://ncec.catholic.edu.au/2025-federal-election/federal-election-scorecard/>

Please note: There will be a Student Free Day for Preschool to Year 6 on Friday 6 June (Week 6).

Wishing all of our Mums and Grandmas a very **Happy Mother’s Day** for next Sunday We hope you are suitably spoilt and get to enjoy a relaxing day.

Best wishes for the week ahead,

Belinda

Carpark Redevelopment





Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2. This week we had the pleasure of welcoming our new Assistant Parish Priest Fr Olek Sirrat to St Margaret Mary's School. Fr Olek, comes to us from Mount Gambier and we look forward to future visits to the school and gatherings that we will share together.

Pope Francis

We were all saddened by the passing of Pope Francis during the Term 1 holidays. Upon our return, each of our classes prayed for Pope Francis; a kind and gentle leader, who love loved people and loved the Earth. As a staff, we also offered our prayers for Pope Francis; a teacher of truth, a friend of the poor and a shepherd who walked with courage and joy.

Community Prayer

On Friday 2 May, we gathered for Community Prayer to celebrate the Resurrection and the second week of the Season of Easter. We prayed that the joy and hope of the Resurrection helps us to show forgiveness, mercy and compassion to others. We also prayed that the Resurrection helps us to offer peace, comfort and love to those who are hurting or in need.

Sacramental Program

On Wednesday 7 May, there will be a Confirmation Information Meeting from 7:00pm at Whitefriars School, 45 Beaufort Street, Woodville Park. Please note that this meeting will be held in the Caritas Building (not the Mary Mackillop Hall). Families can enter via the front gate of the school, where there will be a sign to direct you into the building. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you have any questions, please email the parish Sacramental Coordinator Kirsty Power sacramental.coordinator@croydonparish.com.au

Term 2 Friday Gatherings

Date	Gathering	Time	Venue
Friday 9 May	Community Prayer	8:50	Undercroft
Friday 16 May	3KR Assembly	9:00	Parish Hall

Friday 23 May	Community Prayer	8:50	Undercroft
Friday 30 May	4FM Assembly	9:00	Parish Hall
Friday 6 June	Pupil Free Day		

Term 2 Masses and Liturgies of the Word

Date	Gathering	Time	Venue
Tuesday 13 May	Year 5/6 Mass	9:15	St Margaret Mary's Church
Thursday 15 May	Reception Liturgy	9:15	St Margaret Mary's Church
Thursday 22 May	Year 1 Liturgy	9:15	St Margaret Mary's Church
Thursday 29 May	Year 2 liturgy	9:15	St Margaret Mary's Church
Thursday 5 June	Year 4 Mass	9:15	St Margaret Mary's Church

Have a good weekend everyone.

Matthew Harrison

Maria Iovino - Acting Assistant Principal



Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope you all had a lovely Easter and were able to enjoy some quality time together over the school holidays. We trust your children had a restful break and are feeling refreshed and ready for another exciting term of learning. It has been wonderful reconnecting with students and families this week. I'm looking forward to continuing to work closely with our school community over the coming weeks.

Uniform Reminders

As the weather turns cooler, please take a moment to check that your child has appropriate uniform items to keep warm. Long-sleeved tops, jackets, and tracksuit pants are available, along with school beanies.

Please note:

- Only **St Margaret Mary's** beanies are to be worn at school.
- Additional clothing such as visible skivvies, t-shirts, vests, or jackets should not be worn unless they are part of the official school uniform.

The uniform shop is open:

- **Tuesdays:** 2:30–3:30 PM
- **Fridays:** 8:30–10:00 AM

Rosie will be happy to assist with any uniform needs to help your child stay warm this autumn and winter.

Hats

Our Skin Protection Policy states that hats are to be worn between **1 August and 30 April**, or whenever the **UV index is 3 or above**. We will continue to monitor the UV index daily and provide an update on whether hats are required.

Mother's Day Stall

On **Thursday 8 May**, students will have the opportunity to visit our Mother's Day Stall to purchase a small gift for their mum or carer. Each class will attend during the school day, so please ensure your child brings **\$2–\$5 cash**. Most gifts are \$5 and include a wide variety of thoughtful items such as earrings, necklaces, candles, stationery, mugs, and more.

We will have the gifts for sale again on **Friday 9 May** for students who may have missed the opportunity to purchase a gift on Thursday.

Wishing all our Mums a wonderful Mother's Day on Sunday 11 May

Transition – Term 3 Receptions (Foundation)

This week we welcomed our first group of Term 3 Reception (Foundation) students and their families for the beginning of their transition program.

Each Wednesday from **8:45 AM – 2:45 PM**, children attend sessions with **Ms Nikki McDonald** in our library space. The two groups will attend on a fortnightly basis.

Transition is a vital step in supporting young children as they adjust to new routines, build confidence, and begin forming connections with their teachers and new environment.

We look forward to seeing the children grow in confidence, build relationships, and begin to feel a genuine sense of belonging as they become more familiar with their new learning environment over the coming weeks.

* Buddy Blanket Initiative – Recycling for a Purpose *

Our preschool is proud to be part of the Buddy Blanket Initiative, where we are learning how everyday actions can make a big difference. We're collecting empty chip packets, which will be cleaned and transformed into emergency relief blankets for people in need this winter. These special blankets reflect heat and provide warmth, all while reducing waste. This project connects beautifully with our inquiry learning as children explore how recycling can help both people and the planet.

We would love support from our community by collecting your **washed chip packets**.

Please drop off your clean chip packets into our collection box located in the front office **by Thursday 30 May – every packet counts!**

JOIN OUR PRESCHOOL'S BUDDY BLANKET INITIATIVE!

Recycling for a Purpose!



**Turn empty chip packets into warm
blankets for people in need this winter!**

What are Buddy Blankets?

**Emergency relief blankets made from recycled chip packets that
keep people warm with their heat-reflecting silver lining.**

How?

**Save empty chip packets
Wash them clean
Drop them at our preschool**

Why?

**Connects to our inquiry learning
How can recycling everyday items make a difference to people and
the planet?
Helps keep someone warm**

Reduces waste

Packets need to be received by May 30th.

***All blankets will be donated to the Salvation Army through Life FM's
Buddy Blankets project***

Preschool Train



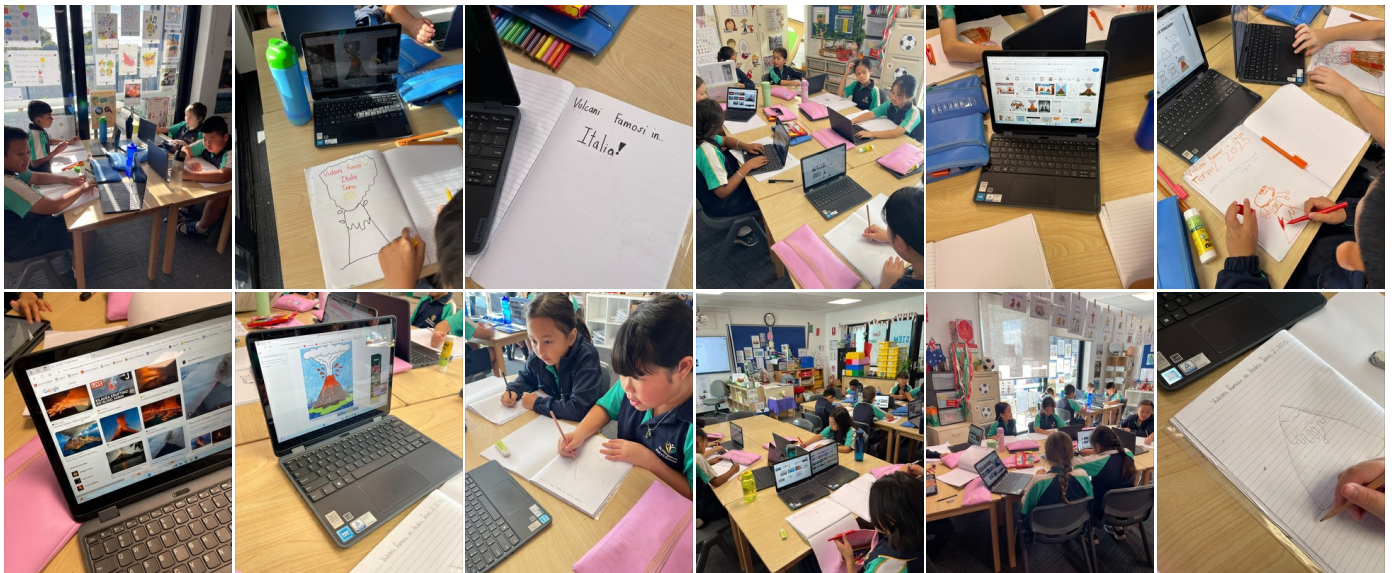
Ciao Italiano

Looking forward to an amazing term of learning!

The Year 4s are very excited about exploring and learning all about famous volcanoes in Italy.

Gina Armiento

Italian Teacher



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\$5

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SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Book Club Issue 3, 2025 is out now!

Due date for orders is 13th May.

ALL orders done online via Book Club LOOP.

Find out how on Page 31 of your magazine (payments will not be accepted at school).

You're invited to our
SCHOLASTIC Book Fair

READ EVERY DAY! READ MORE IN MAY!
2025
scholastic.com.au/nfrm

GUESS WHAT WE ARE DOING TODAY?
Mr Luka's students share their wild ideas!
100134115 | HARDBACK
PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+

HOLEY MOLEY GUAC-A-MOLEY!
Riley Moley dog o big holey, and filled it full of guacomole...
100140963 | HARDBACK
PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+

ROBBIT THE JOB-HOPPING FROG
An hilarious tale about courage, perseverance and never giving up on your dreams!
100140961 | HARDBACK
PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+

WHEN CUCUMBER LOST HIS COOL
When Kevin starts to feel left out, he gets upset!
100140550 | PAPERBACK
PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+
SPECIAL VALUE \$6

DRAGON GIRLS
The Storm Dragons are being called back to the Magic Forest for one last adventure.
100139993 | CHAPTER BOOK
AGES 7+

DREAM GOAL
Alex dreams of attending Football Academy and becoming a professional footballer.
100140997 | CHAPTER BOOK
AGES 7+

ROCK OUT!
Pizz and Taco decide to form their own band!
100142487 | GRAPHIC NOVELS
AGES 6+

NINJA GIRL
Niki has just found out she's a ninja! Can she use her new powers to save the town?
100140959 | CHAPTER BOOK
AGES 7+

BOOK FAIR

SAVE THE DATE...

★ **Week 6** ★

Keep an eye out for more information closer to the date.

Take the 31-Day Challenge scholastic.com.au/nfrm

EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL

SCHOLASTIC

MAY IS THE MONTH FOR READERS

COLOUR IN FOR EACH DAY YOU READ IN MAY

THE CARTOONISTS CLUB
Makyla and her friends love making comics.
100142152 | GRAPHIC NOVELS | AGES 9+

INTO THE WILD
Five friends enter a challenge to survive in the wild, but disaster strikes...
100140967 | PAPERBACK NOVEL | AGES 10+

BUGS AND SPIDERS
Learn all about bugs and spiders! Includes life-sized tarantula toy!
100131624 | PAPERBACK NON FICTION | AGES 8+

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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

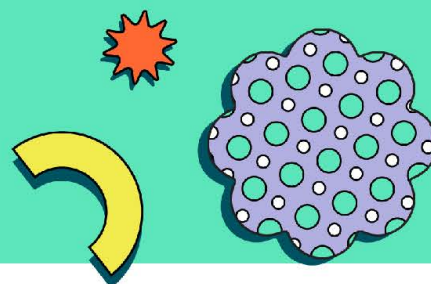
Croydon Park Catholic Parish

Parish Priest: Fr Charles Lukati

Ph: 8346 0944

OSHC News

Newsletter

 Date St Margaret Mary's 28th April 2025


Welcome Back



Welcome back to term 2 at St Margaret Mary's Camp Australia, we hope you had a fantastic holiday break filled with relaxation, adventure, and special moments with your loved ones.

We're excited for another fantastic term filled with fun, learning, and new adventures. This term, we'll be getting creative with LEGO Masters, focusing on healthy eating, and celebrating each week with a fun OSHC party every Friday! Our team is looking forward to supporting your children in a safe, engaging, and inclusive environment where they can build friendships, explore new interests, and thrive. If you have any questions or ideas, we'd love to hear from you—let's make this term a great one together.

Our fabulous Service Leader is off on a well-earned Long Service Leave—woohoo! We'll miss her bright smile and bubbly spirit around the place, but we're so excited for her and can't wait to welcome her back in term 3.

TERM 2 - WEEK 2	
Monday	Lego Animals, Paint Mother's Day Cards, Chinese Special fried rice
Tuesday	Shadowlands (Bluey) game, Mother's Day Craft, Mother's Day Coupons
Wednesday	Let's Play "The Floor is Lava", Lego Mother's Day Portraits, Cooking Yummy Fairy cakes
Thursday	Butterfly Handprint, Gorgeous cupcake Flowers, Mother's Day necklaces
Friday	LEGO Creations, Weetbix Smoothie, Hoisin & Garlic Veggie Pasta

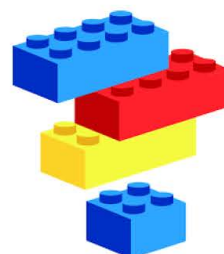


Please phone Camp Australia 1300-105-343 for bookings, rebates will apply.

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

www.campaustalia.com.au

Keep Smiling 😊 Jenny, Harpreet, Helen and Chelsey



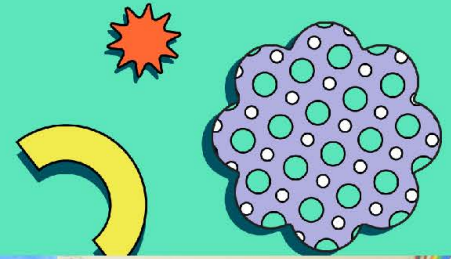
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