



Important Dates

Lacrosse Carnival yr
3/4

Wednesday 21 May 2025

National
Simultaneous Story
Time 11.30

Wednesday 21 May 2025

Student Free Day -
OSHC Available

Friday 6 June 2025

Public Holiday

Monday 9 June 2025



Dear Families

I hope that all of our Mums and special women in our lives enjoyed their Mother's Day. It was wonderful to see so many of our Reception Mums here last Friday engaging in a special activity and afternoon with their children. Thank you for coming along.

This week we have celebrated Catholic Education Week and World Education Support Staff Day.

Catholic Education Week – Shine With Open Hearts

In 2025, Catholic Education South Australia (CESA) celebrates 180 years of Catholic Education in South Australia, coinciding with the Jubilee Year. Inspired by CESA's mission to nurture thriving people and capable learners in the world God desires the theme 'Shine with open hearts' was chosen.

This year's theme invited us to shine a light on the high-quality teaching and learning that takes place every day at St Margaret Mary's school, a place where our children are encouraged to **shine, live, and lead with open hearts**. You may have seen photos that we shared on Facebook this week of **acts of kindness, respect, service, learning, or leadership**.

World Education Support Staff Day – May 16

As we celebrate the many milestones in Catholic Education this year, we also take a moment to recognise the vital contributions of our education support staff on **World Education Support Staff Day**. We are thankful for the dedication and hard work of all our support staff. From providing classroom and preschool learning and wellbeing support, essential tech support, managing school finances, first aid, and administrative support to maintaining our library and ensuring our facilities run smoothly, these team members are an important part of our school community. On this special day, we urge everyone to say a heartfelt **thank you** to all support staff across our schools.

Your work is seen, valued, and deeply appreciated.

Carpark and Road Restrictions

Many thanks to our families who continue to show **patience and kindness**, as well as **safe driving** around our school while we undergo the redevelopment of the carpark on Eldon Street. Please remember to leave an **extra 5 or 10 minutes** for drop off or pick up, walk an extra street, and **follow all road rules**. We all have busy lives, and no member of our school community is more important than any other – **we all have a part to play in the safety of our children and community**.

Many thanks for your on-going support.

Belinda

Maria Iovino - Acting Assistant Principal



Dear Families,

I hope all our mums enjoyed their special day on Sunday!

Preservice Teachers

We are very fortunate to have two Preservice Teachers from UniSA learning alongside our staff and working with our students over the next few weeks. Olivia Reardon and Meg Rowe are both in their third year of a Bachelor of Education degree and are placed with classes 5/6SC and 5/6CH. We are pleased to support our Preservice Teachers by offering valuable opportunities to learn from our dedicated educators, as well as from the children and families within our wonderful SMMS community. We wish Olivia and Meg all the best during their time at SMMS and thank Sarah, Charlotte and the students for warmly welcoming and supporting these future teachers.

♂ Soccer Season Kick-Off ♂

Our St Margaret Mary's soccer teams played their first game last Saturday, and it was fantastic to see the excitement from our students as they took to the field for the start of the season. We have nine teams this year, ranging from Under 6s to our Senior team.

A big thank you to our parent volunteers who are generously coaching and supporting our players. We couldn't offer these wonderful experiences without you. Wishing all our teams a fun season ahead!

*** Buddy Blanket Initiative – Recycling for a Purpose ***

Thank you for your generous chip packet donations — our collection box is quickly filling up! I look forward to delivering the collected packets to Life FM towards the end of May.

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



From the APRIM



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This is a significant time for the Church. At school, our classes reflected on the passing of Pope Francis. Cardinals gathered in Vatican City to engage in a process of discernment (conclave), resulting in the emergence of Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost OSA and a new Papacy as Pope Leo XIV. In a recent letter, Archbishop O'Regan said, "He will be a shepherd who walks before us, and with us, helping us to bring the joy of the gospel to all people, especially those at the margins of our society."

Recent Gatherings

On Tuesday 13 May, our three Year 5/6 classes gathered at a parish Mass in St Margaret Mary's Church to celebrate the Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima. Then later in the week, on Thursday 15 May, our three Reception classes also gathered for a Liturgy of the Word in St Margaret Mary's Church.

We were fortunate to have Fr Olek as our celebrant for both gatherings. Fr Olek, spoke to the children about the Season of Easter and that Jesus is always with us. Our student shared with Fr Olek that they know Jesus is with us through the Holy Spirit, in our hearts, in the Church, in our school and in our families. Thank you to our teachers for their support in preparing our young people and for all our readers and PowerPoint operators. We look forward to many more celebrations of the Word and Eucharist with Fr Olek and Monsignor Minh Tam.

Sacramental Program

It was wonderful to see all our families at the Confirmation Information Meeting last Wednesday 7 May at Whitefriars School. The children received a Confirmation booklet and many families selected a Confirmation ceremony date. There will be a follow up rehearsal for Confirmation next term, and I will provide further details in upcoming newsletters.

Later this term, on Wednesday 18 June, there will also be a First Holy Communion Information Meeting from 7:00pm at Whitefriars School, 45 Beaufort Street, Woodville Park. Please note that this meeting will again be held in the Caritas Building.

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

Term 2 Friday Gatherings

Date	Gathering	Time	Venue
Friday 23 May	Community Prayer	8:50	Undercroft
Friday 30 May	4FM Assembly	9:00	Parish Hall
Friday 6 June	Pupil Free Day		
Friday 13 June	1AV / 1SB Assembly	9:00	Parish Hall
Friday 20 June	Community Prayer	8:50	Undercroft

Term 2 Masses and Liturgies of the Word

Date	Gathering	Time	Venue
Thursday 22 May	Year 1 Liturgy	12:00	St Margaret Mary's Church
Thursday 29 May	Year 2 liturgy	12:00	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

Journey to Emmaus



On Tuesday, Y6 students prepared vegetables for potato and leek soup as part of Journey to Emmaus. The soup will be shared with people experiencing homelessness or struggling with the cost of living at the moment in Adelaide CBD.

Sarah Carritt

Year 5/6 teacher

Ciao Italiano

Students are busy learning and engaging in assorted activities to complement their Italian learning this term.

Senior students are exploring Ancient Rome and junior students are exploring the life cycle of butterflies.

Gina Armiento

Italian teacher



2NW Newsletter

This week the Year 2 classes had an excursion to the Mawson Lakes Uni to the Planetarium. This excursion supports our science unit on Space.

We got to go inside a very dark room and observe the night sky which covers the dome-shaped roof of the room. We identified different constellations and where the planets in our solar system are.

We also watched a movie called "Tycho To The Moon". Tycho is a dog who goes to the moon. We learnt about night and day, phases of the moon, space travel and the lunar surface.

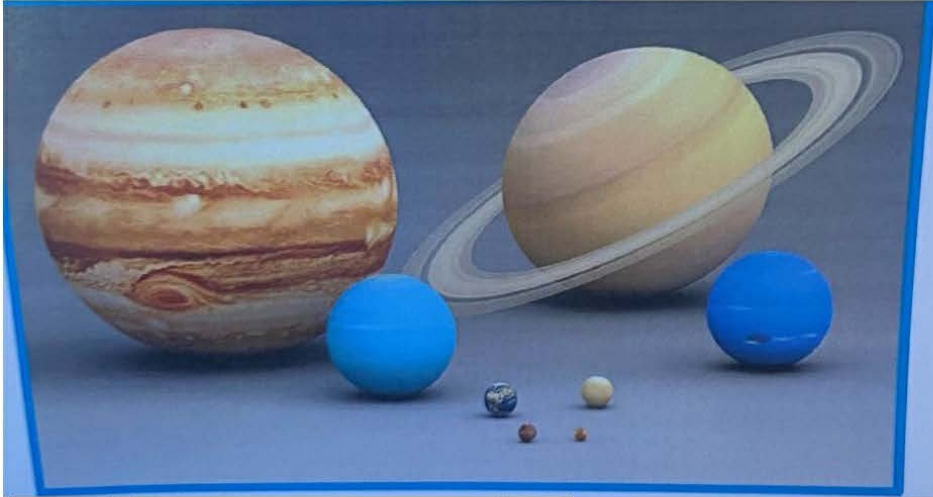
Everyone had a great time!

"It was the best time of our lives. We got to watch a movie" (Alessia)

"I liked it when Tycho the dog touched all the buttons when the sign said – "Do not touch" (Yugi)

"I liked how we learnt that the astronauts who landed on the moon left 2 golf balls." (Elijah)





Lunch Club Yoga



Lunch club yoga continues this term. We are learning more poses and really becoming aware of our breath.

Lunch Club Yoga is on Mondays at first play in the hall and a booking sheet is now located in the Music space.

Namaste

Mrs Armiento

PBIS Recognition Program

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.

Entertainment Book

Unforgettable moments incoming! Grab an Entertainment Membership and get up to 50% off and turn everyday plans into something special, while saving up to 50%.

PLUS – score a FREE Visa Gift Card (up to \$40 value!) when you join this May!

20% of every Membership goes directly to support our fundraiser – win-win

Limited time only!

Tap the link, join the fun & let the good times roll: <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/160750d>

You're invited to our

SCHOLASTIC Book Fair

WRITTEN BY MR LOUIS
Illustrated by Mr Louis

GUESS WHAT WE'RE DOING TODAY?
Mr Luke's students share their wild ideas!
100184115 | HARDBACK
PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+

HOLEY MOLEY GUAC-A-MOLEY!
Roley Moley dug a big holey, and filled it full of guacomoile...
100140963 | HARDBACK
PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+

Published by Sweet Tooth
Illustrated by Katrin Stalling

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

Illustrated by Sarah Green

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

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

KICKING IT
DREAM GOAL
Alex dreams of attending Football Academy and becoming a professional footballer.
100140997 | CHAPTER BOOK
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PIZZA and TACO ROCK OUT!
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AGES 6+

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EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL

MAY IS THE MONTH FOR READERS

COLOUR IN FOR EACH DAY YOU READ IN MAY

BOOK FAIR

SAVE THE DATE...

★ Week 6 ★

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

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

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:

Week 3: Tyson, Madalena, Nate;

Week 4: Crystal, Nathan, Kayleen;

Week 5: Thomas B, Pano, Alessandra.

Student Absences

Phone: 8245 5855 (answering service - call anytime)

Email: absent@smms.catholic.edu.au

SMS: 0497 901 493

Croydon Park Catholic Parish

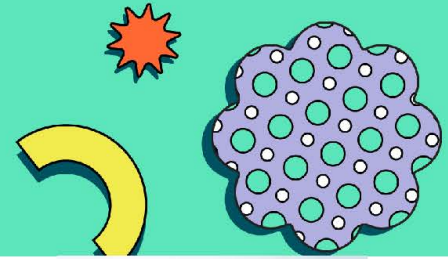
Parish Priest: Fr Charles Lukati

Ph: 8346 0944

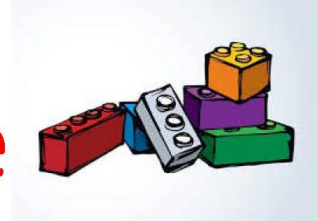
OSHC News

Newsletter

Date St Margaret Mary's 26th May 2025



Hi Everyone



At OSHC, we had a lovely time celebrating Mother's Day! The children made special cards, painted pots, and created beautiful gifts to take home. They also shared kind words about their mums and added drawings and messages to our display wall. It was great to see how proud and excited they were to surprise their loved ones!

The children have been having lots of fun building with LEGO! They've made towers, houses, cars, and even their own cool creations. It's been great to see them using their imagination and working together.

TERM 2 - WEEK 6	
Monday	Soccer sharks, Lego habitat, Lego landmarks
Tuesday	Make a photoframe, Eiffel tower Lego build, Football goal scoring
Wednesday	30 years thumb war, Lego Star Wars building, Jam drops
Thursday	Thumbelina finger printa, Lego challenge playground,
Friday	Fluffy expanding paint, Weetbix smoothie, joke chatterbox

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



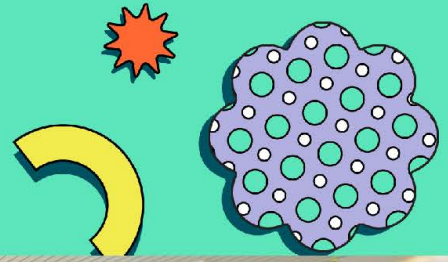
**Your
OSHC.**

To register and book, visit www.campaustalia.com.au


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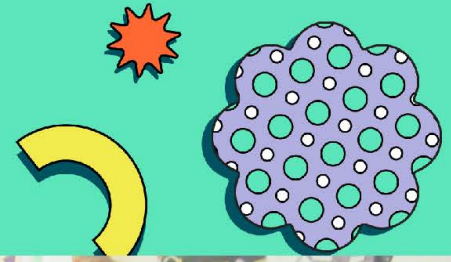
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