



Important Dates

Student Free Day -
OSHC Available
Friday 6 June 2025

Public Holiday
Monday 9 June 2025

Basketball Carnival
(Year 6 boys team)
Thursday 12 June 2025

Acting Principal - Belinda Elliott



Dear Families

National Reconciliation Week 2025

Last week, we came together for a whole school assembly hosted by 4FM to think about National Reconciliation Week and its 2025 theme: "Bridging Now to Next." It's an important time to remember how we can help make things fair and friendly in our communities and all across Australia.

At school, we practice talking to each other in kind and understanding ways. These talks help us fix problems and build stronger friendships. They also show the values we care about most—like compassion, justice, integrity, responsibility, and perseverance. By working on these skills, we're helping to make a better future where everyone's story is heard and respected.

This Friday our staff will be engaging in a Cultural Awareness Day. This will be a meaningful day of learning, connection, prayer, and reflection including opportunities to explore Kurna Culture with Steven Warrior from Kuma Kaaru. Many thanks to Maria Iovino for her leadership in planning this day and our Reconciliation Action Plan, along with the members of the Reconciliation Action Plan Staff Committee.

Please remember we have a **Student Free Day this Friday 6 June**.

Carpark Update

The new carpark development has progressed very well and is currently ahead of schedule. Many thanks to everyone in our community for your patience and understanding during this time.

Over the past 5 weeks we have had some disruptions, but as a community we have navigated these reasonably well. However, when on duty staff have noted some unsafe driving behaviours: A few important safety reminders: *It is everyone's responsibility to ensure our children are safe.*

1. Never do a 3-point turn near the school crossing.
2. Do not overtake other cars near the school crossing.
3. Always use the crossing to cross the road.
4. Please do not use the staff carparks or driveways to pick up or drop off.
5. Check all signage and line markings.

Thank you

As we publish this edition of the Newsletter Kelly Campbell has returned to her role as Principal. I'm sure Kelly will look forward to sharing information about her renewal leave with the community in the next Newsletter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff, members of the School Board and members of the school community who have supported me in my role as Acting Principal over the past 5 weeks. It has been a privilege to lead our St Margaret Mary's School community.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Belinda



Maria Iovino - Acting Assistant Principal

Dear Families,

I would like to sincerely thank you for your support during my time as Acting Assistant Principal. It has been a privilege to support our school community in this role, and I have truly valued the experience. I am looking forward to reconnecting with the Preschool children next week.

● ● ● **Working Towards Reconciliation** ● ● ●

Our staff are currently developing a Reconciliation Action Plan for our community, as we recognise the importance of reconciliation in helping us to heal, grow, and acknowledge our shared history. At a recent staff meeting, we took the opportunity to reflect on what reconciliation means to each of us and collaboratively began developing a school vision for reconciliation.



This week has been particularly significant, with **National Sorry Day** on Monday, 26 May, and **National Reconciliation Week** running from Tuesday, 27 May to Monday, 3 June. This year's theme, **'Bridging Now to Next'**, invites us to reflect on our shared journey and consider the actions we can take today to create a more inclusive tomorrow.

Both school students and preschool children have participated in a variety of experiences to acknowledge this important time and to support our whole school focus on reconciliation.

3KR & RML

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Each child was invited to trace their hand and include words and/or drawings that express what reconciliation means to them. These hands will be displayed in a symbolic way to represent our collective commitment to this journey.



RMC read the book "Finding our heart", then discussed what the Aboriginal Mobs consider to be the heart of Australia and (briefly) explored the Uluru Statement. Then we traced our hands and drew what we think the heart of Australia is (animals, people we love, plants/nature, rainbows and food).



Additionally, some of our staff members have begun learning the **Karna language**, taking part in their first lesson this week with **Vincent "Jack" Buckskin**, who has dedicated nearly 20 years to learning and teaching the Karna language of the Adelaide Plains. We are excited to walk this path of cultural learning and respect together.



🧡 ❄️ Buddy Blanket Initiative – Recycling for a Purpose ❄️ 🧡

Thank you for your generous chip packet donations! We have now **completed** our collection, and all packets have been delivered to Life FM ready to be transformed into blankets. Your support is helping to turn waste into warmth for those in need.



From the APRIM



Dear families and caregivers,

In Week 7, I will be joining the Catholic Education South Australia (CESA) United Kingdom Study Tour and Pilgrimage from Thursday 12 June until the end of Term 2. The Study Tour will include the Global Researchers Advancing Catholic Education (GRACE) Colloquium and visits to Diocese trust schools in London followed by Spiritual Pilgrimage of the Saints throughout Ireland.

This will mean I will be away for two parish events. Firstly, the 7:00pm First Holy Communion Information Meeting at Whitefriars on Wednesday 18 June (Week 8). If you have any questions regarding the sacramental program, whilst I am on leave, please email Kirsty sacramental.coordinator@croydonparkparish.com.au.

I will also be unable to attend the 10:30am Parish Family Mass on Sunday 22 June (Week 9). If you have any questions regarding the Parish Family Mass please email Paula parish.secretary@croydonparkparish.com.au.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

Each year as part of social justice and outreach, St Margaret Mary's School generously supports the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. This winter, Vinnies volunteer members across Australia are seeing an unprecedented demand for homelessness services and support.

As such, Croydon Parish Vinnies are seeking donations of non-perishable food items for families who would otherwise go hungry. A family hamper could include cereal, long life milk, pasta, pasta sauce and rice, tin cans containing meat, fish, vegetables, fruit, baked beans or spaghetti. Additional items such as biscuits, tea, coffee, sauces and sugar may also be included.

To promote the Winter Appeal, our Student Leadership Team representatives will demonstrate our school value of 'Responsibility' by presenting a Powerpoint to their respective classes. The presentations are aimed at raising awareness for the Appeal and inviting donations of long life foods that can be stored for distribution throughout the Winter and Autumn months.

If you are able to support, please place the non-perishable food items in the white donation baskets in the main entry foyer. The donation baskets for food hampers will be in the foyer from Monday 2 June (Week 6) to Friday 27 June (Week 9).

A permanent Vinnies clothing bin is also available behind St Margaret Mary's Church at the back of the preschool. If your family wishes to donate any clothing items to Vinnies for their Croydon store, the clothing bin can be accessed via the parish driveway on Torrens Road.

For further information about the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal, please visit the Vinnies website <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal> or contact Lyn at our local Croydon Parish Vinnies on 0417 848 768.

Have a good weekend everyone,

Matthew Harrison

Science in 5/6SC

In Science, 5/6SC have been learning about states of matter. To understand that gases fill the space they are in and can be compressed students investigated the properties of gas.

"This term during Science, we have been looking at states of matter and what they are. Over the past weeks, we have been studying gas particles, which are spread apart and move freely, which is why we can walk through gas easily, unlike solids which are compact. On Friday, we combined vinegar and baking soda in a bag and sealed it. What happened next was amazing! The chemical reaction made the vinegar fizz up and release carbon dioxide puffing up the bag." Zian

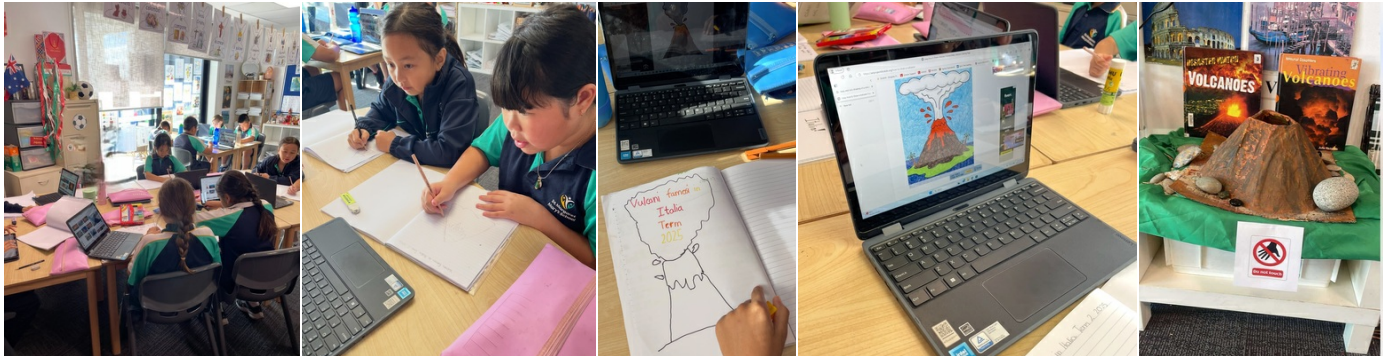


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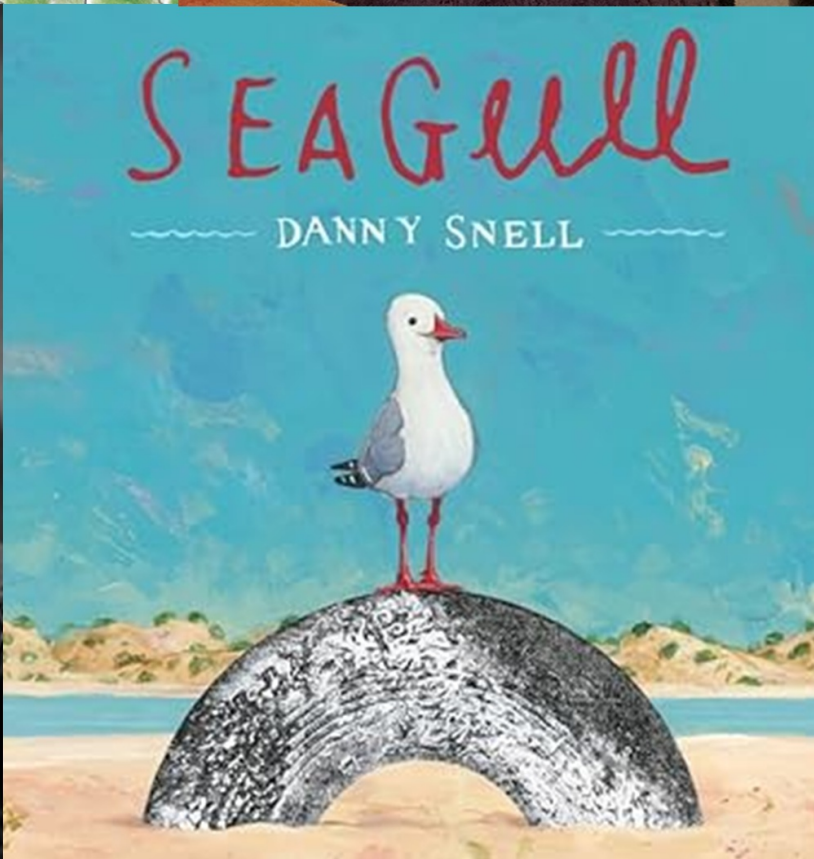
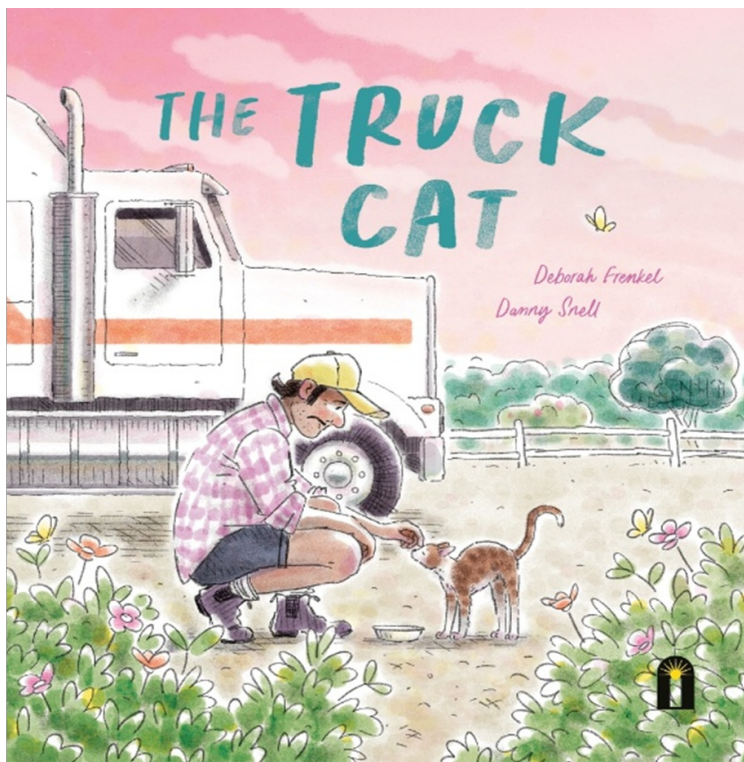
The Year 3 and 4 students are exploring famous volcanoes in Italy. Last week our focus was Mt Vesuvius and the destruction it caused when it erupted all those thousands of years ago. We continue to add to our vocabulary also.

Gina Armiento

Italian Teacher



From the Library



In the lead up to National Simultaneous Storytime we read “Naturopolis” and the “Sydney Harbour Fairy” by Deborah Frenkel and “Seagull” by Danny Snell so we were familiar with the author and illustrator. Students always find it interesting to hear little bits of information about authors and illustrators. For example, as a child Danny Snell was a reluctant reader, so it was pictures rather than words that drew him to the wonder of books.

In Craft Club, we looked at “The Truck Cat” and lots of other picture books about cats to inspire us. Some chose to create realistic looking cats and others chose to create rainbow striped cats. Everyone was proud of their work and had fun at the same time!



The Scholastic Book Fair has been a great success so far. The students have enjoyed coming in with their class to see what is available and write their favourite book on a wish list so you can see what interests them.

The fair will be open *Monday 2nd June* after school, *Tuesday 3rd June* before school and after school. SORRY, NO CASH PURCHASES.

The fair is only here a short while and will close *Tuesday 3rd June*. If you have been online and pre-paid please make sure you collect your books by Tuesday afternoon.

If you miss out on visiting the Fair then keep an eye out for the Scholastic Book Club magazine coming home early in Term 3 with many of the same titles.



Your
OSHC.

Pupil Free Day Takeover!



This isn't just any Pupil Free Day...
it's a full-day creative takeover!

Book
now



Date: 6th June 2025



Time: 6:30 am to 6:15 pm



Fees: \$61.19 per day
\$6.12 after max. CCS*



Location: The OSHC room at St Margaret Mary's School

Register for Your OSHC

Once registered, you'll be able to easily make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal.

[Register now](#)

Child Care Subsidy (CCS)

The Child Care Subsidy can provide up to 90% off your fees. Your eligibility is determined by your family's annual adjusted taxable income, the type of childcare you use, and your activity level. To find out if you're eligible, contact Centrelink on 13 61 50.

Register and book now at www.campaustralia.com.au

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OSHC Holiday Program Schedule



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*Please note the fees on the following pages are only of the maximum Child Care Subsidy (CCS) a family may be entitled to. To find out your eligibility, simply log into MyGov and complete your CCS Assessment.

FUN AWAITS!

YOUR WINTER 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



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| Mon 07 Jul | Project: Mini Golf Masters | <p>Design, build, and play! Create your own mini golf course with wild obstacles and tricky turns, then compete in an epic tournament. Plus, take home your decorated golf visor and golf ball!</p> <p>Full Fee \$113.00 After Max. CCS* \$11.30</p>  Project Incursion |  | Tue 08 Jul | Big Art Day: Winter Wonderland | <p>Dive into a world of icy inspiration and bold creativity on Big Art Day! Today, we're creating winter-themed masterpieces using vibrant colours, textures, and techniques. Let's make art that's as cool as it is amazing!</p> <p>Full Fee \$88.00 After Max. CCS* \$8.80</p>  Base Camp Day |  |
| Wed 09 Jul | Special Event: Ninja Showdown! | <p>Proactivity presents... Ninja Showdown—an action-packed event blending fitness, fun and inspiration, designed to build strength, confidence and resilience! Real Ninja Competitors (From TV!). Epic challenges.</p> <p>Full Fee \$148.00 After Max. CCS* \$14.80</p>  Excursion |  | Thu 10 Jul | Project: Dino Dash Adventure | <p>Step into the dino age! Uncover amazing dinosaur facts, then build your own Dino Dash Game to take home. Designed by Eye Heart Science, it's a day of roaring fun, creativity, and real science!</p> <p>Full Fee \$114.00 After Max. CCS* \$11.40</p>  Project Incursion |  |
| Fri 11 Jul | Experience Takeover: Animal Encounters | <p>Get hands-on with some of your favourite Aussie animals! Pat and hold friendly reptiles, mammals, amphibians, and invertebrates in this wild, up-close experience full of fun, facts, and furry friends.</p> <p>Full Fee \$112.00 After Max. CCS* \$11.20</p>  Experience Takeover Incursion |  | Mon 14 Jul | Operation: Yellow Burst | <p>Get ready for a burst of brightness! Today is all about celebrating the colour yellow with fun, creativity, and pure joy. From crafts to games, let's fill the day with sunshine and smiles!</p> <p>Full Fee \$88.00 After Max. CCS* \$8.80</p>  Base Camp Day |  |
| Tue 15 Jul | Adventure: Oceans Unlocked at Marine Discovery Centre | <p>Dive into a day of marine exploration at the Marine Discovery Centre! With VR goggles, interactive touchscreens, and hands-on models, you'll discover the ocean like never before—without getting your feet wet!</p> <p>Full Fee \$136.00 After Max. CCS* \$13.60</p>  Excursion |  | Wed 16 Jul | Project: Cosy Creations | <p>Cook up tasty jaffles, craft your own snow globe from clay, and dive into more fun games and crafts. It's a day of creativity, cooking, and winter magic—plus, you get to take your snow globe home!</p> <p>Full Fee \$112.00 After Max. CCS* \$11.20</p>  Project Incursion |  |
| Thu 17 Jul | Adventure: Elio at Odean Star Cinemas | <p>Blast off into space with Elio, an imaginative underdog who's accidentally named Earth's ambassador to the universe! Meet wild aliens, explore strange planets, and join Elio's epic journey to discover who he truly is.</p> <p>Full Fee \$138.10 After Max. CCS* \$13.81</p>  Excursion |  | Fri 18 Jul | Operation: Master Builders | <p>Grab your tools and unleash your creativity! Today's all about building big, solving problems, and bringing bold ideas to life. Let's get hands-on and make something amazing!</p> <p>Full Fee \$88.00 After Max. CCS* \$8.80</p>  Base Camp Day |  |

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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:

Week 5: Thomas B, Pano, Alessandra

Week 6: Nate, Kingston, Cooper

Week 7: Lily, Nira, Marcus

Student Absences

Phone: 8245 5855 (answering service - call anytime)

Email: absent@smms.catholic.edu.au

SMS: 0497 901 493

Croydon Park Catholic Parish

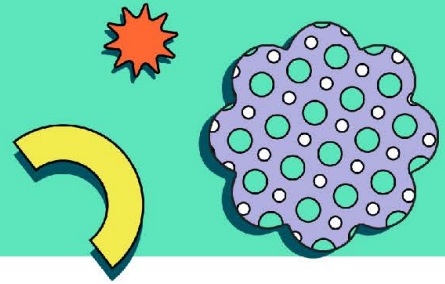
Parish Priest: Fr Charles Lukati

Ph: 8346 0944

OSHC News

Newsletter

Date St Margaret Mary's 9th June 2025



Hi Everyone,

Our LEGO area has been a hub of imagination and innovation lately! Children have been working both independently and in teams to create everything from magical kingdoms to detailed cityscapes and wild inventions. LEGO play not only sparks creativity but also supports important skills like problem-solving, spatial awareness, and collaboration. It's amazing to see the pride on their faces as their ideas come to life—one brick at a time! Don't forget to stop by and admire their masterpieces on display.

Children had so much fun making their own pizzas and decorating cakes! They enjoyed choosing toppings, mixing ingredients, and getting creative with icing and decorations. Cooking activities like these help build confidence, teamwork, and important life skills—all while having a great time. And the best part? Eating their yummy creations together!

| TERM 2 WEEK 8 | |
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| Monday | Pop Stick Lego head, LEGO Masters challenge, Origami turtle |
| Tuesday | Handmade Iris, Easy peasy slime recipe, Lego habitat |
| Wednesday | Malaysian paper weaving, Cereal cupcakes, paper roll watch |
| Thursday | Paper plate rainbow pots, Lego habitat, Build a bridge |
| Friday | Make a photo frame, Rice bubble honey crackles, Malaysian paper weaving |

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 😊 Harpreet, Helen, Jenny

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