



From our Principal



It has been wonderful to return to school last week after my time of leave. I was fortunate to spend some time on the Aussie Camino, walking in the footsteps of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. It gave me a renewed sense of admiration for Mary MacKillop; she was a strong, independent leader who always had the interests of the children and the love of God at the heart of everything she did. A huge thank you to Belinda Elliott and Maria Iovino for supporting in various leadership roles during this time.

As always, it is a busy time at school and there are lots of activities going on inside and outside of classrooms. You may have noticed that our new carpark is almost complete. This is the first stage in a few building activities planned for the rest of the year. Firstly, the old house on 9 Eldon St will be demolished. This will become a temporary building site office for our builders. Over the holidays we are having a transportable delivered to our current staff car park space. This will be a temporary staffroom.

Our current staffroom will be converted to a classroom for Ms Cekavicius' Reception class.

Ms Ventura's Reception class will move back into the classroom next to Ms Leonardi.

The 2 new Foundation classes will be in the end rooms (next to the uniform shop).

All of this moving is to enable us to build the long-awaited new toilets in our current spare room downstairs. New toilets have been identified as a priority for our community and we hope to have them completed by the end of the year. I thank everyone for their patience and flexibility during more building works!

Teachers are busily writing Semester 1 reports. These will be distributed on the last day of term. Your child's assessment is planned with the Australian Curriculum and Performance Standards. The comments about your child's learning link to these performance standards. You will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher early in term 3 and information about how to book these conversations will be sent with the reports. We hope every parent/carer is able to make a time to meet.

As the weather gets colder, please remember that we have school jackets and beanies as a part of our uniform. The classrooms are warm and extra, visible (colourful!) layers under t-shirts or long-sleeved tops are not part of our uniform.

We wish Matthew Harrison all the best as he embarks on a 3-week study tour with Catholic Education SA. Kylie Rivera and Rebecca Braidwood will be supporting leadership in Matthew's absence.

Thank you for your continued support,

Belinda Elliott - Assistant Principal



Dear Families

I hope you enjoyed the long weekend, and it gave you some time to rest and relax.

Water Safety Program – Thebarton Aquatic Centre

This year students from Reception to Year 5 will participate in Water Safety Lessons at the Thebarton Aquatic Centre. We were lucky to secure a booking at Thebarton, given many schools are looking for a new swimming venue with the Adelaide Aquatic Centre still under construction.

Consent Forms and information will be sent home to families this week. Please return all 3 notes/slips to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Water Safety Lessons

Years 3, 4 & 5: Tuesday 22 July to Friday 25 July (Week 1 Term 3)

Reception, Years 1 & 2: Tuesday 29 July to Friday 1 August (Week 2 Term 3)

Perhaps the upcoming school holidays will provide an opportunity for you and your child/ren to check they have everything they need for swimming, including bathers, towel, goggles (if needed), bag (etc) and for our younger children, some time to practice getting changed

independently.

If you are a registered volunteer, with all relevant Catholic Clearances, your help would be appreciated. Please indicate your availability on the return slip.

Best wishes for the weeks ahead – keep warm!

Belinda

☛●☛ SMMS Cultural Awareness Day ☛●☛



Last Friday, on our Student Free Day, our entire staff participated in a Cultural Awareness Day with Steven Warrior, a proud Kaurna, Narungga, and Kokatha man from Kuma Karri. We engaged in a rich and meaningful workshop that deepened our understanding of the foundations of Kaurna culture, continuing our journey of reconciliation and supporting the development of our whole-school Reconciliation Action Plan.

The day enhanced our cultural learning through a comprehensive exploration of key aspects of Aboriginal culture, including:

- Land and Diversity
- Kinship and Responsibilities
- Death and Dying Processes (traditional and contemporary)
- Spirituality and the Spirit World
- Colonisation History and Timeline
- Current Statistics of Aboriginal People

We concluded the day by learning about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art and protocols, and how these new understandings, adapted from the Art Gallery of South Australia can be applied in the classroom with our students. Each staff member created a personal artwork inspired by Betty Muffler, a Pitjantjatjara artist and renowned ngangkari (traditional healer), focusing on a place of personal significance and connection to Country.

Learning in HASS

In 4LC we have been learning about the diversity of the Eora and Narungga Nations of Australia. We continue to remember...

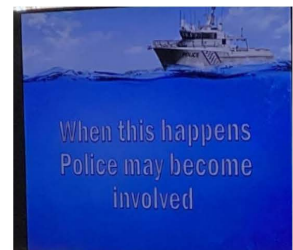
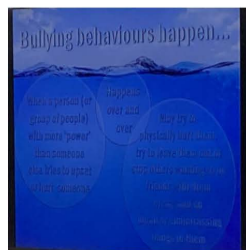
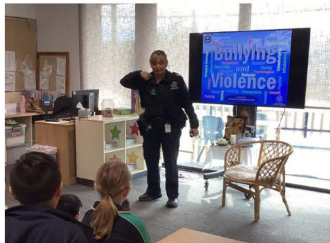


Learning in HEALTH

4LC AND 4FM were visited by Sergeant Michelle from SAPOL. Michelle spoke to us about bullying.

We were amazed by the facts she shared!! Here are some important facts from Sergeant Michelle.

- ❖ Bullying is not just unkind, it can sometimes be **against the law!**
- ❖ In Australia, if a child is **10 years old or older**, the law says they are old enough to understand right and wrong. That means if they do something very serious — like hurting someone badly or threatening them — the police or the courts might say they **broke the law**.
- ❖ This sometimes means that bullies as young as 10 could go to jail if they keep making the wrong choices.
- ❖ Adults like teachers, police or judges might have to get involved to make sure that bullying stops and that everyone is safe.
- ❖ So, it's important to **always be kind** — and to tell a teacher or adult if someone is making you feel unsafe.



Ciao Italiano

Our senior students are currently immersed in an exciting exploration of Ancient Rome, with a particular focus on gladiators and Roman society. This engaging topic is serving as the foundation for an innovative cross-curricular project that bridges history and STEM learning.

Over the coming weeks, students will apply their knowledge of Ancient Rome to design and create authentic Roman artifacts and inventions. This hands-on approach allows them to deepen their understanding of both historical concepts and scientific principles while developing practical skills. It's very exciting to work across the specialist curriculum in this way to create rich learning experiences that engage our students . Keep watching this space over the coming weeks for their amazing creations.

Gina Armiento
Italian Teacher



OSHC Holiday Program Schedule



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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



Mon 07 Jul	Project: Mini Golf Masters		Tue 08 Jul	Big Art Day: Winter Wonderland	
<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> Project Incursion</p>	<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> Base Camp Day</p>
<p>Full Fee \$113.00 After Max. CCS* \$11.30</p>			<p>Full Fee \$88.00 After Max. CCS* \$8.80</p>		
Wed 09 Jul	Special Event: Ninja Showdown!		Thu 10 Jul	Project: Dino Dash Adventure	
<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> Excursion</p>	<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> Project Incursion</p>
<p>Full Fee \$148.00 After Max. CCS* \$14.80</p>			<p>Full Fee \$114.00 After Max. CCS* \$11.40</p>		
Fri 11 Jul	Experience Takeover: Animal Encounters		Mon 14 Jul	Operation: Yellow Burst	
<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> Experience Takeover Incursion</p>	<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> Base Camp Day</p>
<p>Full Fee \$112.00 After Max. CCS* \$11.20</p>			<p>Full Fee \$88.00 After Max. CCS* \$8.80</p>		
Tue 15 Jul	Adventure: Oceans Unlocked at Marine Discovery Centre		Wed 16 Jul	Project: Cosy Creations	
<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> Excursion</p>	<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> Project Incursion</p>
<p>Full Fee \$136.00 After Max. CCS* \$13.60</p>			<p>Full Fee \$112.00 After Max. CCS* \$11.20</p>		
Thu 17 Jul	Adventure: Elio at Odean Star Cinemas		Fri 18 Jul	Operation: Master Builders	
<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> Excursion</p>	<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> Base Camp Day</p>
<p>Full Fee \$138.10 After Max. CCS* \$13.81</p>			<p>Full Fee \$88.00 After Max. CCS* \$8.80</p>		

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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 7: Lily, Nira, Marcus

Week 8: Nira/Aria, Crystal, Nathan

Week 9: Thomas B, Pano, Alessandra

Week 10: Tiffany, Kayleen, Lily/Abrihet

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: Monsignor Minh Tam

Ph: 8346 0944

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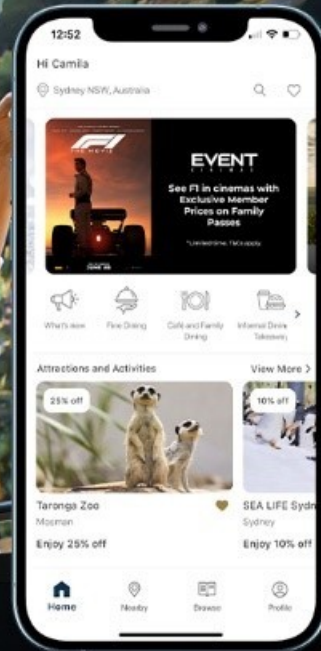
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Hi Everyone

Children need plenty of opportunities for creative play and creative thinking. We start by providing activities that are based on the children's interests and ideas. Being creative is more than drawing or painting, there is also photography, music, working with wire, clay paper, wood, water, and shadows, the possibilities are endless. Creativity is a form of self-expression and the ability to be creative, to create something from personal feelings and experiences, can reflect and nurture children's emotional health. Creative activities acknowledge and celebrate children's uniqueness and diversity.

Next Week we have focused on Creative Cooking and following our hygiene practices. We follow our healthy OSHC cookbook recipes, and the children help program each week.

Monday	Beaded paper art, Special fried rice, DIY scrapbooking
Tuesday	Giraffe paper bag puppet, Colourful spinning tops, Lego desserts
Wednesday	Lego aircraft, Lego balance scale, Lego masters challenge
Thursday	Heart wreath craft, Threads and beads, Do good jar
Friday	Sunflower coaster, Banana mini muffins, Sponge painted ice creams

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 😊 Harpreet, Jenny & Helen





