



From our Principal



We are so excited to welcome our new Reception (Foundation students). It has been wonderful to see their happy faces and the fantastic way the older children have been looking after them in their first full week of Primary School. We also welcome Ms Nikki McDonald and Ms Meg Walker and Ms Marcel Lourens as our new Foundation teachers.

During Weeks 1-4 Belinda Elliott will be Acting Principal at St Joseph's School, Ottoway. Maria Iovino will be Acting Assistant Principal and we welcome Zee Zheng who will be teaching in Preschool during this time.

Over the break our original staffroom was converted to a fabulous new learning space for RMC, allowing all Reception classes to be in the same space. Our Foundation classes have moved into the RMC and ROV classrooms. Our new/temporary staffroom is almost complete, in the old carpark. The work on our new student toilets will commence later in the term, ready for completion by the end of the year. Thanks again for your flexibility and patience as we make these important improvements to our school.

St Margaret Mary's School was recently involved in exhibiting at BRIXPO, we were the only school in South Australia represented. We showcased our unique STEM program, led by Mr Ben Smedley. Thank you to all the families who came along and supported us and a special congratulations to Zhen Hui who had his Lego creation featured in the Junior Build section.

Our Year 3 and 5 parents/carers will receive their child's NAPLAN reports this week. ACARA have notified us that there is a small error in the information on the front of all reports. The report states, "Your child completed their test on paper", however our students completed the tests online (apart from Year 3 writing). All other aspects of the report are correct and ACARA will not re-issue the reports. We have been very pleased with many aspects of our student achievement in the NAPLAN assessments. Our Year 3 students excelled in spelling and made pleasing gains in numeracy. Year 5 results were at and above national average across all areas, with excellent results in both spelling and writing as well as improvements in numeracy. NAPLAN provides us with some data and evidence of student learning, as a national assessment. This data is analysed along with other forms of assessment: teacher assessment PATM and PATR, DIBELS and SpellEx.

Our upcoming Parent/Teacher Learning conversations are an important part of support for our child's learning. Working in partnership with families and sharing goals for learning is vital for student learning and wellbeing. Please book your conversation if you have not already done so. We look forward to meeting with you all in Week 3.

Thank you for your continued support,

Maria Iovino - Acting Assistant Principal



Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 3! I hope the school holidays were a time of rest and rejuvenation, and that you were able to enjoy some quality time together. We are now in full swing for the second half of the year, and it was lovely to see so many smiling faces back at school on Monday.

Once again, I've had the pleasure of reconnecting with many students and families throughout the week. I'm looking forward to continuing to work closely with our school community in the coming weeks.

A big welcome to our mid-year Receptions (Foundation) as they begin their school journey, and a warm welcome to all our new Preschool children joining the SMMS community.

This week, our Year 3–5 students have dived into their water safety lessons — a wonderful opportunity to build essential life skills while having fun in the pool. Our Reception to Year 2 students will begin their water safety lessons next week, starting Tuesday 29 July.

The **correct SMMS school uniform** is required for **all students from Foundation to Year 6**. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

All items worn by students must be part of the SMMS school uniform — this includes hats, beanies, and jackets. T-shirts, skivvies, or leggings in different colours or brands should not be visible under the SMMS uniform. Our school uniform, including short- or long-sleeved t-shirts, long pants, and jackets, is warm and suitable for the season. If your child needs extra layers, please consider a singlet or thermal item that is not visible.

If you need any school uniform items, please see Rosie in our **Uniform Shop** (located next to our Library/Foundation classrooms) on:

- **Tuesdays: 2:30–3:30pm**
- **Fridays: 8:30–10:00am**

Price List:

- **Short-Sleeved Polo Top: \$40**
- **Long-Sleeved Polo Top: \$45**
- **Shorts: \$30**
- **Track Pants: \$50**
- **Jackets: \$60**
- **Hats: \$20**
- **Knee Pads for Track Pants: \$8 each**
- **Beanies: \$15**

SMMS HATS - 1 August

ALL students are required to wear the SMMS school hat when outside, starting next Friday 1 August (Week 2). This must be our SMMS hat, and not the SMMS beanie.

The following information comes from our Skin Protection Policy:

St. Margaret Mary's School will ensure staff and students use a combination of sun protection strategies every day from 1st August to 30th April and at any other times when the UV level is 3 and above. Staff and students are encouraged to check the daily sun protection times via the SunSmart app, www.myuv.com.au or www.bom.gov.au/sa/uv.

Sun protection strategies will include the following:

- Students, staff and volunteers will be expected, and visitors to our school will be actively encouraged, to wear a sun safe hat whenever they are involved in outside activities
- All students are required to wear the school uniform hat, which is a broad brimmed hat giving good cover to the face, ears and neck. Students not wearing the school uniform sun safe hat will be expected to play in the shade.
- Students who do not wear the school uniform hat during sport lessons and/or outdoor activities will be required to sit in a shaded area.

Childhood Wellbeing Seminar – Calm and Cooperative Kids

We are very pleased to announce that we have successfully applied for a **Parents in Education (PIE) grant**, which enables us to offer another **free child wellbeing seminar** this year for all our parents and caregivers: ***Calm and Cooperative Kids***

The PIE grant program is supported by the Office of the Minister for Education, Training and Skills, Government of South Australia. Catholic School Parents South Australia is responsible for administering the grants for Catholic schools across the state.

The *Calm and Cooperative Kids* seminar supports parents in helping their children become more cooperative, implementing routines and expectations (e.g. bedtimes, chores), and giving tricky instructions — all in developmentally appropriate and supportive ways.

The seminar will be facilitated by **Kirrilie Smout**, a clinical psychologist and director of **Developing Minds Psychology**. To assist families, a **crèche for school-aged children** will be available during the seminar.

Save the Date:

Wednesday 17 September @ 6:00pm

Seminar 2: Calm and Cooperative Kids

Creche available.

Bookings: info@smms.catholic.edu.au



Dear families and caregivers,

It is wonderful to be back. I feel blessed and fortunate for my recent renewal experience in Europe. I joined nineteen other travellers from Catholic Education including Directors, Managers, School Performance Leaders, Principals and Assistant Principals on a spiritual pilgrimage throughout Ireland. We followed in the footsteps of Saints, who began with an act of kindness that inspired followers and formed religious orders. Religious orders that travelled from Ireland to Australia, opening our Catholic Schools in their various charisms.

Sacramental Program

On Wednesday 30 July (Week 2), there will be a Confirmation and First Holy Communion Workshop. At the Workshop, parents will be encouraged to help the children create a pew bench banner for your family and a Confirmation poster for display in St Margaret Mary’s Church. The Workshop will be held at Whitefriars in Caritas Building from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

A rehearsal for the upcoming Confirmation Ceremonies will be held on Wednesday 13 August (Week 4) at 7:00pm to 8:00pm at St Margaret Mary’s School/Church. If possible, the sponsor is also encouraged to attend the rehearsal as well.

The Confirmation ceremonies will be held on Friday 22 August (Week 6) at 7:00pm and Friday 29 August (Week 7) at 7:00pm in St Margaret Mary’s Church. It is important that children and their sponsor are seated in the church by 6:45pm. I look forward to seeing you all at the workshop next week.

Term 3 Masses and Liturgy Dates

Families are most welcome to join us for our Term 3 Masses and Liturgy of the Word:

Date	Liturgical Celebration	Venue	Time
Thursday 31 July	Year 3 Mass (Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola)	St Margaret Mary’s Church	9:15am
Friday 8 August	Whole School Liturgy of the Word (Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop)	St Margaret Mary’s Church	12:00pm
Thursday 14 August	Year 4 Mass (Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary)	St Margaret Mary’s Church	9:15am
Thursday 21 August	Year 3/5 Mass (Memorial of St Pius X)	St Margaret Mary’s Church	9:15am

If you are able to attend, we ask for your assistance to sign in through the Front Office first before making your way over to the church.

Have a good weekend everyone,

Matthew Harrison

Ciao Italiano

Welcome back to Term 3 Italian!

This term junior primary classes will explore some popular fairytales exploring and interacting with Italian language continuing to develop and make connections between language and culture. Middle year students will use an Italian reader text and explore 'La famiglia' (Family) and continue developing vocabulary with a focus also on simple Italian grammar. Senior students will engage in a unit of work titled "Viva L' Australia" where they will explore Australia, some basic Kuarna language and Italian language. The emphasis will be on identity, connection, language and culture.

Looking forward to a productive term of Italian learning in our community.

Gina Armiento
Italian Teacher



Year 3-5 Swimming

Our Year 3 - 5 students had a great time at swimming this week despite the less than ideal weather conditions.

Thank you sincerely to all the parent volunteers and teachers for their flexibility and patience.





Congratulations Ella!



We are very pleased for Ella who has recently competed in the National Calisthenics Championships last month.

Ella's team are the 2025 National Champions and Ella is the Tier 2 National Champion for her Solo 😊

She also represented SA for her Duo with her partner Zara, they performed beautifully but they didn't place this time.

Children's Book Week turns 80 in 2025



For 80 years the Children's Book Council of Australia has been dedicated to inspiring young minds to journey through the countless worlds that books offer.

This year the Children's Book Week theme is **Book an Adventure**.

The feature artist of the year Jess McGeachin encourages children to set off on adventures through time, lands, and imagination. Last term during their Library times, classes had the chance to enjoy some of his stories.

On **Wednesday 20th August (Week 5)** we are having a DRESS-UP PARADE. Families are welcome to come along to the parade which will start at 10:15am. Children are invited to come as a BOOK CHARACTER or dress up to match the theme **Book an Adventure**. No scary costumes or weapons please.



Non-government schools census collection notice 2025

The Australian Government Department of Education (the department) would like to advise all staff, parents, guardians and students (where applicable) that it will collect certain information about your school, its staff and student body as part of the non-government schools census collection (the census).

How and what information is collected for the census?

Census information is provided to the department by your school legal entity (the approved authority) via the [SchoolsHUB website](#).

The census provides information about your school and the number and characteristics of the school's staff and student body during a specific reference period. Information and characteristics collected through the census include:

- teaching and non-teaching staff
- students' year level and workload
- students' gender and age (as on 1 July 2025)
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff and students
- students with disability
- students receiving distance education
- day, boarding and overseas students.

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The names of students and staff are not collected, apart from the name, position and contact details of the staff member nominated as the primary contact for the census.

Census special circumstance applications

Census special circumstance applications may also be made by schools to include a student/s who did not attend during the census reference period but otherwise meets census eligibility. Schools will provide the department with information and documents about the student demonstrating their eligibility. The department does not require personal information about a student and asks schools to de-identify any documents before providing them.

Purpose of the census collection

The information provided during the census is collected by the department in accordance with the *Australian Education Act 2013* (the Act) and the *Australian Education Regulations 2023* (the Regulations). The Act and the Regulations require the legal entity responsible for the administration of the school (the approved authority) to provide this information to the department to:

- Ensure the provision of Australian Government funding to schools is properly calculated and appropriately managed
- Conduct research, statistical analysis and develop school education policy for the Australian Government
- Meet national and international reporting obligations on school students in Australia
- Publish and provide information about schools to the public.

Use and disclosure of personal information

Your personal information is protected by law under the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) (Privacy Act). Personal information is information or an opinion about an identified individual or an individual who is reasonably identifiable.

Any use or disclosure of your personal information must occur in accordance with the Privacy Act and the Act and Regulations and any other applicable laws.

Your personal information provided to the department through the census may be:

- Used or disclosed by the department for the purposes outlined above under the heading Purposes of the census collection.
- Disclosed to the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) to publish on the [My School](#) website and include as high-level data for ACARA's National Report on Schooling in Australia.
- Disclosed to state and territory government departments and authorities in accordance with the Act and Regulations.
- Disclosed to Australian Government departments and authorities in accordance with the Act and Regulations.
- Disclosed to non-government school representative bodies in accordance with the Act and Regulations.
- Disclosed to a contracted auditor where the department decides to audit or verify the information provided by an approved authority about a school. The contracted auditor may use previously collected information or request access to individual student records for comparison purposes. The contractors may pass this information onto officers within the department, if there is a discrepancy in the data provided by the school and the school's records and further investigation is required. The contracted auditor must handle personal information in accordance with the Privacy Act.
- Disclosed to its service providers for the purposes of the provision of information and communications technology support services to the department.
- Used to validate data from other collections undertaken by the department.
- Used or disclosed where it is otherwise required or authorised by law including under the Act or Regulations, or otherwise permitted under the Privacy Act.

Other than in exceptional circumstances (for example, investigation of fraud relating to overseas students), the department does not disclose any of the personal information collected to overseas recipients.

You can find the department's privacy policy on the [Department of Education](#) website or request a copy from the department at privacy@education.gov.au. The privacy policy includes information about how to access or correct personal information held about you or your child, how to make a complaint about a breach of the Australian Privacy Principles and how the department will deal with such a complaint.



What do you need to do?

You are not required to do anything. The approved authority of the school is responsible for providing the information to the department.

Contacts for further information

Your school can provide information about data provided for you or your child for the purposes of the census. To find out more about the census collection and reporting, visit [SchoolsHUB](#).



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 1: Cameron, Nicholas, Tyson

Week 2: Mia, Dom W, Tarja

Week 3: Nate, Ezana, Cooper

Student Absences

Phone: 8245 5855 (answering service - call anytime)

Email: absent@smms.catholic.edu.au

SMS: 0497 901 493

Croydon Park Catholic Parish

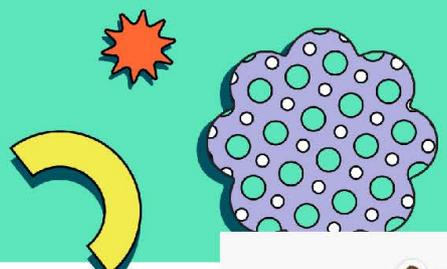
Parish Priest: Monsignor Minh Tam

Ph: 8346 0944

OSHC News

Newsletter

Date St Margaret Mary's 21st July 2025




Welcome Back



Welcome back to term 3 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.

TERM 2 - WEEK 2	
Monday	Nature art turtle, Snowflakes shapes, sandwich paper craft
Tuesday	Calming booklets, Do good jar, Paper cup frog
Wednesday	Fruit and veg voting, Paper bag bears, Friendship photo frame
Thursday	DIY Scrapbooking, Colourful bookmarks, DIY Friendship Bracelets
Friday	Our positive mindset, Rice bubble Honey crackles, Mini Recycle Bin book



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.campaustralia.com.au

Keep Smiling 😊 Harpreet, Jenny & Helen





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HOCKEY PROGRAM, TERM 3**



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playing!**
**Hockey has something
for everyone!**



