



Important Dates

2KB Assembly
2.15pm
Monday 6 May 2024

Mothers Day Gift
Stall (Thu & Friday)
Thursday 9 May 2024

School Tour 9.15am
and 5.15pm
Monday 13 May 2024

Belinda Elliott - Acting Principal



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you were able to enjoy some time off in the holidays and that your children had a restful break, ready for another term of learning.

There were some improvements made in the school yard over the term break, with new surface laid in the undercroft and new fencing around the playground and oval area. The undercroft has been popular, and students are enjoying this space to sit and chat.

Safety Around School

Traffic Engineers from the City of Port Adelaide Enfield Council recently visited us to discuss on-going safety concerns around our school during school drop-off and pick-up times. The engineers reviewed our signage and line marking to ensure they meet Australian Standards. The PAE Council is continuing to work with us to monitor safety around our school. Parking inspectors will be present in the streets surrounding St Margaret's Mary's School, and we encourage all parents to ensure they are following all road rules and parking signage to avoid a fine. A 'Safety Around Schools' brochure will be sent home to all families soon.

Uniform

As the weather gets cooler, please check your child/ren's uniforms. We have long-sleeved tops, jackets, and tracksuit pants available. We also have beanies for sale. ONLY school beanies are to be worn at school and extra clothing such as visible skivvies, t-shirts, vests or jackets should not be worn at school, unless they are St Margaret Mary's uniform items.

Our uniform shop is open on Tuesday afternoons from 2:30-3:30pm and Friday mornings from 8:30-10:00am. Rosie will be able to assist you with the uniform items your child needs to keep warm this Autumn/Winter.

Mother's Day Stall

Next Thursday 9 May we will be setting up a Mother's Day Stall for students to purchase something special for their mum. Your child's teacher will take the class to the stall during the school day and so students need to bring \$2-\$5 cash with them to school. Most gifts are \$5 each, and include a great range of earrings, necklaces, candles, stationery, mugs and much, much more. We will have the gifts for sale again on Friday 10 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 12 May

Catholic Education Week & School Tours

It is Catholic Education Week coming up from 13 – 17 May. 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. **Principal, Kelly Campbell, will be hosting school tours on Monday 13 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.

Transition – Term 3 Receptions (Foundation)

On Wednesday we welcomed our first group of Term 3 Reception (Foundation) students and families for their transition program. Each Wednesday 8:45am - 2:45pm they come along to the 'big school' to work in their classroom with Ms Ann Lang. There are 2 groups who will attend on a fortnightly basis. Miss Julia Vassallo will also visit the students, as Ms Lang and Miss Vassallo will be the mid-year Receptions teachers, with 2 classes starting in Term 3. We still have some places available in our Term 3 Reception classes, if you know anyone who has a child turning 5 years of age before 31 October 2024, they can contact Angela in the office for more information.

Today I conclude my time as Acting Principal as we welcome Kelly Campbell back on Monday. I have enjoyed the experience of being the Acting Principal for the past 6 weeks and am thankful of the support I received from staff, students, and families. Thank you.

Wishing you all the best for the weeks ahead.

Belinda Elliott



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope as a family you were able to enjoy some time together over the holiday break. This week is the fifth week of Easter. The Season of Easter continues for two more weeks, with The Ascension of Jesus on Sunday 12 May and then Pentecost Sunday on 19 May.

2024 Caritas Australia Efforts

We would like to acknowledge the overwhelming generosity of our St Margaret Mary’s School community. Thanks to the efforts of our families, we have been able to send \$964.10 to support the work of Caritas Australia. The contributions received from Project Compassion Boxes totalled over \$370, the Easter raffle donated over \$440 and the House Walk Event at Sports Day raised over \$150. Congratulations everyone, we look forward to announcing and celebrating these efforts at our Year 2KB assembly on Monday.

2024 Sacramental Program

The Sacramental Program continues this term with a Confirmation Information Meeting on Wednesday 8 May (Week 2) at 7.00pm at Whitefriars School (45 Beaufort Street, Woodville Park) in the Mary MacKillop Hall.

The parish requests that students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation attend the information meeting with at least one or both parents. Students will receive a Confirmation pack, containing information and a book with activities to help families prepare for the sacrament. Please be advised that you will be required to sign in on arrival to confirm your attendance.

Term 2 Masses and Liturgies

Year Level(s)	Date	Time	Theme
Reception	Friday 10 May	12:00	Celebrating Together
Year 3 and Year 6	Friday 24 May	11:45	Mary, Help of Christians
Year 1 and Year 2	Monday 3 June	10:00	Sacred Heart of Jesus

Year 4/5	Thursday 20 June	9:15	The Lord's Prayer
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Please note that all Masses and Liturgies are held in St Margaret Mary's Church. Families who are able, are welcome to join us for these celebrations. Should any changes occur, these will be communicated through Seesaw and upcoming newsletters. If you have any questions regarding Masses or Liturgies, please contact me via the front office or email matthew.harrison@smms.catholic.edu.au .

Have a good weekend everyone.

Matthew Harrison

Performing Arts

Performing Arts Report

Years 3-6 Theatre Sports in Drama:

Drama education is not only about honing acting skills but also about fostering creativity, collaboration, and quick thinking. This month, students in years 3 to 6 delved into the thrilling world of theatre sports. Theatre sports, also known as improvisational theatre, is a form of theatre where performers create scenes, characters, and dialogue on the spot, often based on audience suggestions.

Through various theatre sports exercises and games, students explored their improvisational skills, learning to think on their feet and trust their instincts. They engaged in activities like "freeze frames," where they had to create a still scene based on a given prompt and "blind line," where they incorporated randomly chosen lines into improvised scenes. These activities not only sparked laughter but also strengthened their ability to communicate non-verbally and adapt to unexpected situations, crucial skills both on and off the stage.

Theatre sports in drama classes proved to be a valuable platform for students to build confidence, teamwork, and creativity while having a blast!



Music:

Rhythm is the heartbeat of music, and students have embarked on an exciting journey of rhythm exploration through various mediums.

Body Percussion: Students discovered the power of their own bodies as instruments. Through clapping, stomping, snapping, and slapping various body parts, they learned to create complex rhythms and syncopated beats. This not only improved their rhythmic accuracy but also enhanced their coordination and concentration.



Instruments:

From drums to boomwhackers, students explored a plethora of musical instruments, each with its unique sound and rhythm. They learned basic techniques, experimented with different rhythms, and collaborated to create interesting beats. Instrumental exploration not only enriched their musical vocabulary but also instilled a deeper appreciation for the diverse world of music.



The Secret Chicken:

Students were also introduced to the enigmatic concept of the Secret Chicken. Through engaging with the weekly puzzles centered around our globetrotting chicken, students play detective by engaging with secret rhythms, developing listening skills and use of standard musical notation to record rhythmic sounds.



Reading Buddies

Our Reading Buddies program got off to a great start in Term 1, with so many of our Yr 5 and Yr 6 students volunteering to be Reading Coaches.

Their positive and respectful support really helps our Yr 1 and Yr 2 students with their reading.

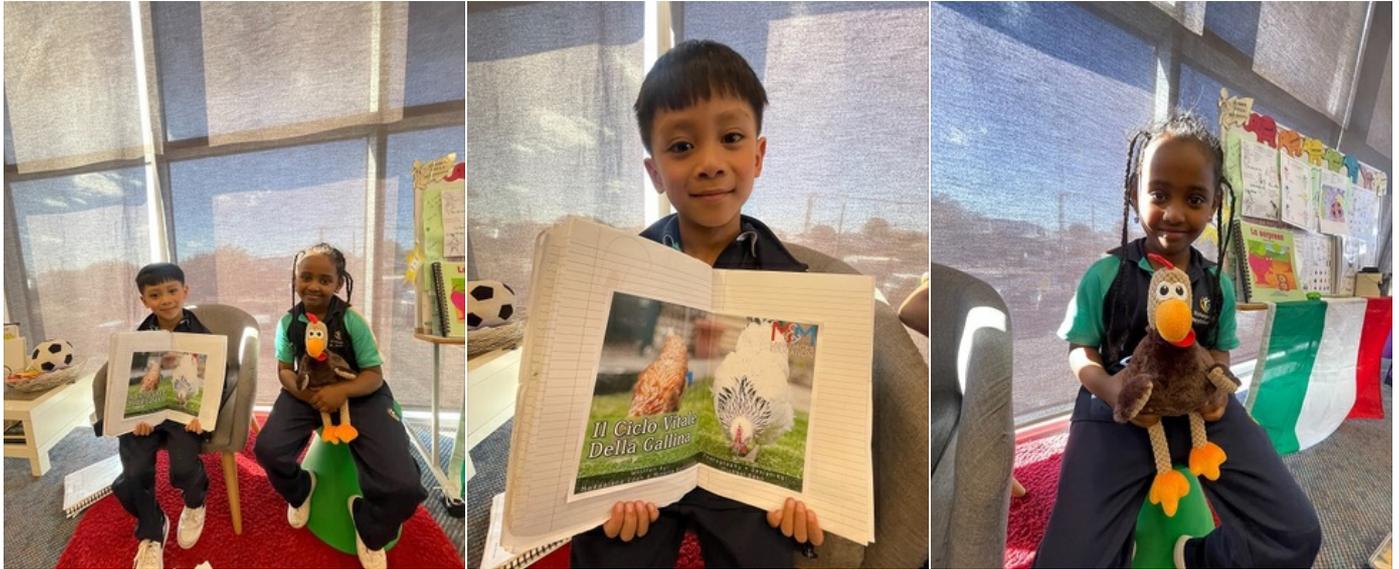
We look forward to seeing them do more great work with their Buddies in Term 2.



Ciao Italiano

This term we will be incorporating a little bit of Science - 'la Scienza' during Italian time. Year 1 and 2 students will be exploring 'Il Ciclo Vitale Della Gallina' The Life Cycle of a Chicken.

Gina Armiento
Italian Teacher



Book Club

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SCHOLASTIC  **Book Club**

Book Club Issue 3 is on the way! Magazines will be sent home next week.

Due date for orders is 19th 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).

Wheelchair Rugby National Championships



Did you know the 2024 Wheelchair Rugby National Championships is being held here in Adelaide this weekend?

Some of the sport's greatest athletes from across the world are here to compete, with the Gold Medal Final on Sunday from 12-3pm.

We have been offered half price tickets, so if you would like to attend, please click here:

50% Discounted Ticket Offer: <https://www.ticketmaster.com.au/artist/3104034?did=50offer>

How to watch link: <https://www.wheelchairrugby.com.au/news-archive/2024/5/1/how-to-watch-the-2024-santos-wheelchair-rugby-national-championship>

School Times & Term Dates

Front Office: 8.30am - 3.45pm

Student Supervision: 8.30am - 3.20pm

Classes: 8.45am - 3.00pm

Term 1: Monday 30 January to Friday 12 April;

Term 2: Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July;

Term 3: Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September;

Term 4: Monday 14 October to Friday 13 December

Preschool Times



Group 1: Monday & Tuesday 8.45am - 2.45pm;

Odd Wednesdays 8.45am - 2.45pm

Occasional Care: Wednesday 8.45-11.45am (bookings required)

Group 2: Even Wednesdays 8.45am -2.45pm;

Thursday & Friday 8.45am - 2.45pm

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 2: Savannah, Rose, Amber

Week 3: Evanna, Zoe, Halo

Week 4: Aldeyna, Mumin, Axel

May Birthdays



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Kallen	4/5MR
Viyaan	2NW
Rinzen	2KB
Abhay	PRE1
Linh	PRE2
Thomas	4/5CC
Evelyn	3KR
Edith	PRE1
Jaikrish	3KR
Logen	6GG
Mai Ly	6GG
Aldeyna	4/5MR
Isaac	4/5CC
Clayton	PRE1
Jaydon	6GG
Elijah	3KR
Orlando	RML
Christian	6GG
Grace	6CH
Alessandra	4/5CC
Marleah	2NW
Zhen Hui	1SB
Fikadu	1AV
Lila	1SB
Mason	1SB
Thian	ROV
Sergio	2NW
Abigial	ROV
Alicia	6CH
Anyiel	2KB
Emerson	RML

OSHC Hours



Morning: 6.30am - 8.30am;

Afternoon: 3.00pm - 6.15pm

Phone Camp Australia: 1300 105 343

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OSHC News

Newsletter

Date St Margaret Mary's 29th April 2024



Hi Everyone, Welcome Back



Welcome back to Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)! We're thrilled to have you join us for another exciting term filled with fun and learning. Whether you're returning or new to our program, we're dedicated to providing a safe and nurturing environment where every child can thrive. Term 2 is brimming with opportunities for exploration, growth, and making lasting memories. From engaging activities to fostering friendships, we're committed to creating a fulfilling experience for all our children. Let's make this term one to remember together!

WEEK 2	
Monday	Mother's Day Cards, Handprint Gift
Tuesday	Mother's Day Necklaces and Bracelets, Making Chocolates for Mum, Balloon Running Race
Wednesday	Flowerpots, Wool Flowers
Thursday	Coupon Gift Book, Sports Spectacular
Friday	Cooking a Delicious Banana Cake, Garden Craft's, Big Art LEGO



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 ☺ Louise, Jenny & Rekha



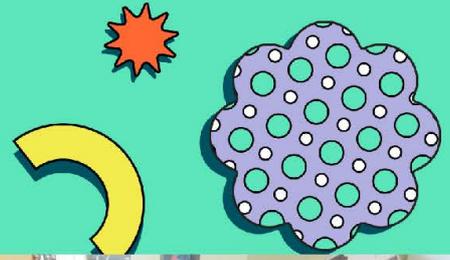
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Student Absences

Student Absences/ Late Arrivals

When a student is absent or going to be late, parents should notify the school by 9am on that day by texting the Absentee Line on 0407 682 137, emailing absent@smms.catholic.edu.au or phoning (08) 8245 5855.

You will need to state the following:

Name of Child;

Year Level;

Reason for Absence (if late, approximately what time your child will arrive)

Phone: 8245 5855 (answering service - call anytime)

Email: absent@smms.catholic.edu.au

SMS: 0407 682 137

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Parish Priest: Fr Charles Lukati

Ph: 8346 0944

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