

FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

*'Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned'.
Psalm 50*

Dear Members of our St Mary's Memorial School Community

As we come to the end of Week 5, and nearly halfway through Term 1 as a school community we have achieved many wonderful things. I am reminded of this daily through the deep and rich conversations with students, parents and staff. When visiting classes to present our Dominican Awards for 'Study', the students have shared with me their proud efforts in 'trying my best', 'always staying focussed' and 'not letting challenging work stop me from learning'. This in turn makes me feel incredibly proud of our students and their application to learning.

LENTEN REFLECTION

During this very important Lenten season, our school community gathered together on Shrove Tuesday for Community Prayer, and then shared pancakes. Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday, is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. I would like to extend my gratitude and thanks to Mrs Tamara Smith and her coordination of the day for our community. I would also like to thank our generous volunteers who diligently prepared and served pancakes to everyone.



The Gospel of Ash Wednesday is part of the Sermon on the Mount. This particular passage deals with almsgiving, prayer and fasting. Jesus reminds us what matters most is not what others think of us, but that we should walk with Jesus and follow his example. We are encouraged during Lent to help and support others in need, and as a school community one way we can contribute is through the Caritas Lent Appeal - Project Compassion. This year's theme is 'For all Future Generations'.

VOLUNTEERS

As a school community we recognise and acknowledge the vital role parents have as the first educators of their children. I have been so impressed to see the involvement of so many parents, family members and visitors joining us for school community events. I had the privilege of supporting the School Swimming Trials on Monday 20 February where over 70 students gave it their best, with volunteers' time keeping and cheering on the children.

DIARY DATES

Mon 6 - Wed 8 March
Year 5 Camp

Tuesday 7 March
Year 4 Mass - 10am

Wednesday 8 March
P&F Meeting - 7pm

Friday 10 March
Reception Families Welcome Drinks
Broadway Hotel - 7:30pm

Monday 13 March
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday 14 March
NAPLAN Week
Year 6 SAPSASA Boys Football
& Girls Netball Carnivals

Wednesday 15 March
NAPLAN Week
Year 4 Monarto Park Sleepover
School Board Meeting - 6:30pm

Thursday 16 March
NAPLAN Week

Friday 17 March
NAPLAN Week
Bullying No Way Day
St Patrick's Day
Year 6 Parliament House Excursion

Tuesday, 21 March
Harmony Day
Year 3 Mass - 10am

Week 5 has certainly been busy with Swimming for our Reception to Year 4 students and before school our netball teams are energetically practicing and fine tuning their skills. It is incredible knowing our parents are able to help out and support the children. Some of the children have shared me with that at swimming, 'I'm like a mermaid, and do mermaid kicks', 'I did some sinking'...I'm sure this was their interpretation of going under the water, and 'it's fun, we splash, play and are learning new things'.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS SOUTH AUSTRALIA

On Thursday 23 February while attending the Leaders Forum, Principals and other leaders were fortunate to hear a presentation from Trish Jarvis, the Executive Officer of Catholic Schools Parents SA. The key message was about empowering parents and carers through leadership, communication, advocacy, and partnership. Trish also shared with us the launch of their new Charter, which you can find at the end of this newsletter, or clicking on the link [here](#).

I have met with our small group of Parents & Friends several times this year, so I can gain a better understanding of their vision for 2023. I was delighted to hear their passion around welcoming others and bringing everyone together to increase the sense of community in the school for all families, existing and new. I am looking forward to the Reception Families Welcome night on 10th March at 7:30pm at the Broadway Hotel, and meet more families.

After the last 3 years of restrictions due to Covid-19, it is very exciting to be able to extend an open invitation once again to parents and carers to come together, meet new people, and be able to actively share the responsibility with the school for the spiritual and social development of all students at St Mary's Memorial School. The P&F in partnership with the school would like to extend an invitation to everyone to come along and join the group for a chat and coffee, and to learn more about the positive contributions we can all make for the children.

The next gathering for the P&F will be held at the school on Wednesday 8 March at 7pm with a focused discussion on the Term 1 Easter Raffle and Hot Cross Bun Drive. I know the group are also looking for someone with an interest in finance who may be able to assist in the role of Treasurer.

Easter Raffle Donations such as rolls of cellophane, empty gift bags or baskets, Easter decorations and any Easter eggs or chocolates, are now being accepted, and can be left in the boxes in the Front Office. Thank you for your help.

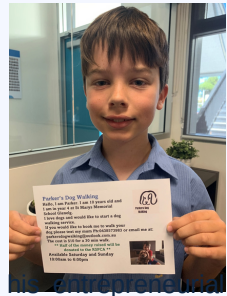
8:45AM SCHOOL START TIME AND GATES – REMINDER

It is important for students to arrive at school prior to 8:45am when teachers begin the day with important morning administration and explicit teaching. The school gates will be closed promptly to assist yard duty teachers in returning to their students on time. We also have several younger students who are still learning about boundaries. It is important for us to lock the gates to help reduce the risk of students leaving the school site.

If you are arriving at school after 8:45am, please enter the school via the Front Office on Chapel Street. This will also assist our staff with ensuring our rolls and absentee data is accurate.

STUDENT CELEBRATION

On Monday 20 February young Parker from Year 4 politely knocked on my office door and asked if I had some time to talk, to which my reply was, 'Absolutely, come in'. I love student initiative, agency, creativity and the willingness to courageously share with me their ideas, in an area of personal interest and passion. This was certainly the case with Parker, who confidently shared with me endeavours to start up his dog walking business, as he sought permission to provide our school community with flyers. Congratulations Parker, I hope your business is doing well.



CABRA ANGELICO CENTRE BLESSING and OPENING

I was delighted to receive an invitation from Dr Helen Riekie, the Principal of Cabra Dominican College for myself and two students to join their school community on Friday 24 February for the blessing and opening of their new Art and Technology Centre.

Scarlett and Isabella from Year 6 proudly represented our school and after the official ceremony were intrigued by the range of equipment, tools and resources, spaces, and impressive artworks as we toured the new facilities.



Both girls enthusiastically discussed the potential of using the different learning environments, critiqued the artworks and curiously asked many questions about the various art mediums on display. Thank you, Scarlett, and Isabella, for joining me on this very special occasion.

Last week, Dr Neil McGoran reminded us as leaders and educators in Catholic Schools about the importance of our mission to shape the work we do every day, and to move our hearts and minds to help one another be better at what we do. It is a collective endeavour, inspired by our faith, to ensure every child has access to an excellent education. He provoked our thinking, stating, 'that every student in Catholic Education is our responsibility, and we are all responsible for the mission and development of every child's capabilities across all areas of their schooling from Reception to Year 12'. Reflecting on his words, it reaffirmed my firm belief in our collective mission. We all need to fully commit to Faith, Excellence and Access and align our hearts and minds for every child. Thank you for your positive partnership with St Mary's Memorial School.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Sonja Smith
Acting Principal

FROM THE APRIM

In terms of the Catholic Church last week was a big week with both Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. I love this season, Lent, particularly as I personally take on board the invitation to simplify my life a little and commit to prayer, fasting and service. For our school community the start of the season is a genuine opportunity for us to celebrate and action the Dominican Pillar of Community, which is our focus this year.

As a result I am going to write very little and simply share with you the sense of community experienced on these two special days. Thank you to all those family and friends who joined us; it was so lovely to have you there. I will finish with the words of Jesus:

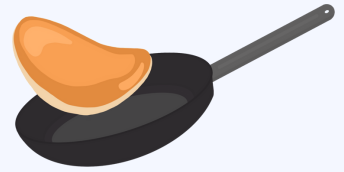
"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."
Matthew 18:20

Joy and blessings,
Tamara Smith

+ ASH WEDNESDAY +



SHROVE TUESDAY



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

Rosie and Alice from 3L showed great initiative and courage. They set up a stall selling plant seeds they just planted at a park around the corner from Alice's place.

They raised \$6 for Project Compassion!

Well done Rosie and Alice!



SUNDAY GOSPEL QUOTE

Matthew 4:1 - Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil



SACRAMENT PROGRAM

In term two this year the sacramental program will continue with the sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation (in term 3). We will contact you as the time draws near about what will be happening.

If you have any questions about the sacramental program feel free to contact Father John at the parish:

GLENELG CATHOLIC PARISH

*Our Lady of Victories, 13-15 High St, Glenelg SA 5045
Our Lady of Grace, 36 Beadnall Tce, Glengowrie SA 5044*

Presbytery: 17 High Street, Glenelg
Office Hours: Mon, Wed-Fri 9am-2pm
Phone: 08 8294 1888
Email: glenelgcp@bigpond.com
Web: www.glenelgcp.com

MASSES

Masses and liturgies are celebrated regularly and we warmly invite family and friends to join our year level celebrations.

Changes to the calendar regarding Masses and their times will need to be made occasionally as the needs of our parish and our priests come up. The newsletter will publish the most current times. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Tamara Smith
APRIM | tsmith@stmarmem.catholic.edu.au



**ALL FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR
COMMUNITY PRAYER 8:45AM EVERY TUESDAY IN
OUR LADY OF VICTORIES CHURCH**

PRAYER

A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,
During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.
Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.
Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity.
Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.
May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.
Amen.



MASS & LITURGY CALENDAR

Term 1 is always our busiest term. Here is an outline of some of the main celebrations on our school's Church calendar.

Week 6	Year 4 Mass	Tue 10am
Week 7	Sabbath Week - No Mass	
Week 8	Year 3 Mass - St Mary's Hall	Tue 10am
Week 9	Rec, R1 & Yr 2 Liturgy	Tue 9am
Week 10	Holy Week Presentation	Thu 12pm
Week 11	Easter Mass - Whole School	Tue 10am



SWIMMING WEEK YEAR 1



AT THE
pool

Week 5 was Swimming Week at St Mary's Memorial School and what a blast our Year 1 children all had!

We learnt lots of new skills in the water, made stronger friendships and had a lot of fun. We were diving, floating, swimming through underwater hoops, learning to enter the pool safely, retrieving toys from the bottom of the pool and so much more.

The children built their water confidence, safety and skills which are so important in Australia.

Many thanks to the parents who offered their help with supervision; we couldn't do it without you!

Although it was an exhausting week, we had the most amazing time creating lots of memories.

The children are asking if they can do it again in Week 6.....

"I loved blowing bubbles under water."

"We got to do torpedos under water!"

"We loved floating like a star."

"I like my teacher because she is really nice."

"We got to push off the wall to collect the sinkies under the water."

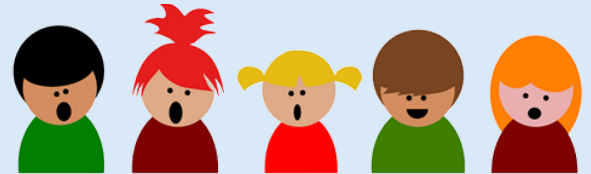


Catholic Schools Music Festival

All year 5 and 6 students are invited to be a part of the St Mary's Memorial School Choir who will perform at the 2023 Catholic Schools Music Festival. Our first choir lesson will be Thursday 23 February, straight after school, finishing at 4:15pm. Parents of our year 5 & 6 students will also be receiving a Festival Choir affiliation information email.

I can't wait to hear you all sing.

Erin Morris,
Choir Teacher



FINANCE NEWS

You should have by now received your school fee statement for 2023.

Charges were for the full year tuition fees, with one third of the total amount charged due this Friday 3rd March.

Details on how to make payment are at the bottom of each statement for your convenience, you are also welcome to pay via the school QKR! app or the front office (EFTPOS facilities available).

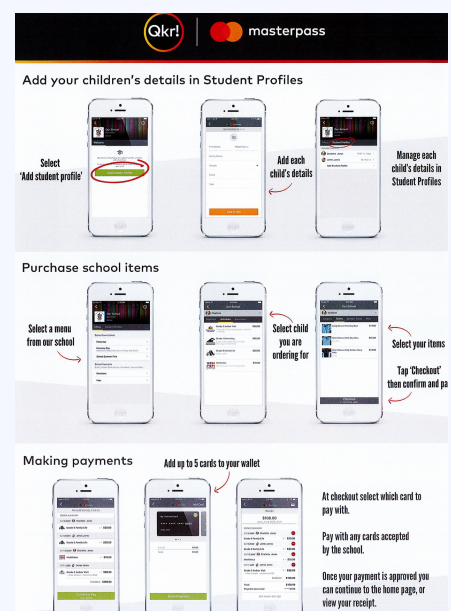
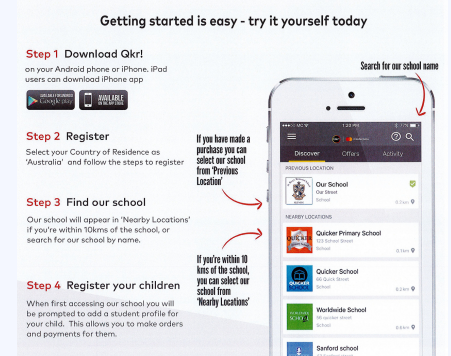
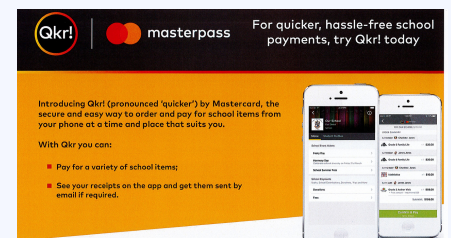
All School Card applications received to date have been lodged and are awaiting assessment. School fees will be adjusted accordingly when notified by the School Card Unit. If you wish to apply for School Card 2023, please follow the link below.

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>

Direct debit confirmations have been emailed to families for payment arrangements. If you did not receive an email and think your account should be on a direct debit arrangement, please contact me to confirm or discuss.

I am available for contact Monday to Friday 8:30-4pm for any queries you may have. Please feel free to drop in, call or email me at: finance@stmarmem.catholic.edu.au

Jenni Ashfield
Finance Manager





IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES



EXEMPTION FROM SCHOOL

We advise parents that if you are planning a holiday, attending a sporting carnival, family event, etc., and your child/ren will be absent from school for 5 consecutive days or more, you are to complete and lodge an [Application for Exemption Form \(ED175\)](#), for approval by the Principal prior to the absence.

The completed application is to be submitted to the school at least 2 weeks prior to your child/ren's leave.

We thank you for your cooperation.

OSHC - OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

All OSHC bookings must be made via the **Kidsoft iportal** by a parent/ guardian. Access to the **Kidsoft iportal** is provided to families when registering for the OSHC service. Please note that the school office staff do not have the ability to make any new bookings or any amendments/ cancellations on your behalf.

Please email Vicki directly at OSHC for any changes or cancellations.

Vicki - vmessent@stmarmem.catholic.edu.au
OSHC Mobile: 0408 714 787

Cancellations must be made by 4pm the day prior to avoid full fees being charged. Please email Vicki as above.

Parents are unable to cancel via the Kidsoft iportal.



ATTENDANCE

Parents and caregivers are reminded to advise the school office via phone call, front desk or email info@stmarmem.catholic.edu.au. if your child will not be attending school for the day or will be arriving late.

If you wish to email the teacher direct about attendance, please remember to include the school office email above. This will ensure the admin team (Deb, Rachel and Angela) who are responsible for changing the attendance codes on the data system are aware and can update accordingly.

We thank you for your ongoing support.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM

At St Mary's Memorial School we encourage and recognise the parent run Facebook page which provides our current and incoming parents the opportunity to buy great quality second-hand uniforms, as a means of a cost-saving and sustainable service to our community.

Whilst we are happy to continue passing on clearly named uniform items to their new homes via class bags, we are **no longer able to assist with the transfer of payments/holding cash at the Front Office.** We require transactions to be done independently of the school, (e.g. electronically between families).

We thank you for your cooperation and understanding with following this process.

MEDICATIONS

Please bring your child's medication to the Front Office in the original container/ packaging that has been prescribed by the Doctor. The medication needs to be clearly labeled and we ask that you check it is within the expiry date.



All medications require an updated and current Action Plan and/or Asthma Medical Form from your Doctor, and a Medication Request Form, which can be collected from Front Office.

ALL MEDICATIONS MUST COME TO THE OFFICE

Medications ***must not*** be left in your child's school bag, as they may pose a danger to other children.

VOLUNTEERING IN 2023

To volunteer in 2023 at St Mary's Memorial School you will need to complete a Volunteer Information Pack, available from the Front Office. All volunteers are to have a current Catholic Police Clearance, which can be applied for through the school or alternatively, already hold a current DHS (Department of Human Services) Working With Children Clearance (WWCC).

In addition to the appropriate Police Clearance, all volunteers will need to complete the RRHAN-EC (Responding to Risk of Harm, Abuse and Neglect) for volunteers course. Please go to the following link, login and complete the RRHAN-EC training by choosing Non-Department for Education Staff.

<https://www.plink.sa.edu.au>

All paperwork is to be handed to the school office to allow for processing prior to volunteering.

Should you have any queries or wish to become a Registered Volunteer at St Mary's Memorial School, please contact the School Office.



UNIFORM SHOP

TERM 1 OPENING TIMES

TUESDAY 2:45 - 3:30pm

THURSDAY 2:45 - 3:30pm



Please contact Christine on:- 0424 776 381

Email: ccoombe@belgraviports.com.au

(Please note new email address)

or

Or visit the St Mary's Memorial School [Online Uniform Shop](#):-

- Open 24/7
- AfterPay available
- Delivery information is on your online shop home page

How to Order

1. Create an Account (optional)
2. Add products to your cart
3. Fill in Special Instructions for seller field with your child's name.
4. Check out by following the prompts.
5. You can log back in at any time and view your past orders.

LUNCH ORDERS



Lunch orders are available every week day of the school term from The Daily Fixx.

Lunch menu/order forms can be collected from the front office.

Please remember to fully complete the order and place into a brown paper bag, ziplock bag or envelope with your child's name clearly written.

Orders must be received at the Front Office by no later than 10:00am.

If there is a shortage of funds in your child's lunch order you will receive an email requesting monies to be paid to the Front Office the following day.

ENROL NOW FOR 2024 & 2025

**LIMITED SPACES
AVAILABLE FOR
2024 & 2025
ENROLMENTS
INCLUDING SIBLINGS**



Please contact the office for an enrolment pack.

☎ 8294 4580

✉ info@stmarmem.catholic.edu.au

ENROLMENT AT SACRED HEART COLLEGE

This week, all Year 5 children at St Mary's Memorial School were provided with the Sacred Heart College Prospectus Package which included an Application for Enrolment Form for Year 7, 2025.

Enrolment applications are currently being accepted. Due to an increasingly high demand for placements, applications for this entry point will close at the end of **Term 1, Friday 14 April 2023**.

Application forms can also be accessed anytime on the College website www.shc.sa.edu and if you have already submitted an application, you do not need to complete another form.

We have a number of advertised College Tours during 2023, which you are warmly welcome to attend and bookings can be made via the website under the Enrolment tab. Should you have any questions regarding the enrolment process, please contact the Enrolment Office on 8350 2500 or by email registrar@shc.sa.edu.au for further assistance.



2023 College Tours

Champagnat Campus

Located in Mitchell Park, Champagnat Campus is the learning environment for students in Years 7 – 9.

Please visit the College website to book into a tour.

Thursday 2 March	4.15pm
Wednesday 29 March	9.15am
Tuesday 23 May	9.15am
Wednesday 21 June	9.15am
Tuesday 29 August	9.15am
Tuesday 24 October	9.15am



SACRED HEART
COLLEGE

Champagnat Campus 28 Percy Avenue, Mitchell Park SA 5043
(08) 8350 2500 | enquiries@shc.sa.edu.au

shc.sa.edu.au

Charter for Parents in SA Catholic Schools



Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Adelaide and the Diocese of Port Pirie work in partnership with parents* and their school communities to promote a shared responsibility for the education of each child. This charter provides the principles and expectations to achieve this partnership.

* Parents is a collective term that includes carers and legal guardians

A thriving relationship between parents and schools provides a powerful environment for the flourishing of each and every child. Within this relationship, both parents and schools have distinct responsibilities to nurture a strong ongoing partnership.

The Partnership recognises:

- The primary role parents play in their child's faith formation, learning and wellbeing
- The contribution that parents make by valuing the Catholic identity and mission of the schools
- The shared responsibility for the social, spiritual and emotional development of our students in our schools.

1 Parents

Our parents can expect their child's school will:

- Provide an excellent holistic education inspired by Catholic teachings and traditions
- Ensure high quality curriculum, pedagogy, assessment and reporting practices are delivered
- Strive to create an inclusive environment which values and respects the diversity of faith and cultures across the school community
- Model Christian values with all members of the school community
- Provide timely and accurate information on their child's progress
- Communicate clearly and effectively to enable a mutually supportive environment
- Provide staff with professional development opportunities to maintain currency and expertise
- Demonstrate respect for the privacy of families in all interactions, including through the use of technology and social media
- Encourage parents to ask questions and speak to their child's teacher or member of the school leadership team at a mutually convenient time
- Allow any concern to be heard and commit to ongoing respectful relationships
- Address parent concerns in accordance with the school's grievance procedure and the Complaint Response and Resolution Procedure (CESA).

2 Schools

Our schools can expect that parents will:

- Act as positive advocates and first educators for their children
- Work in partnership with schools and parishes to achieve the best possible outcome for each student
- Support the spiritual and faith culture of the school
- Support their child's learning at school and home
- Respect the skills, knowledge and experience of school leaders and teachers
- Model respectful behaviour within the school community in both real and digital worlds
- Listen, talk collaboratively and share relevant information with teachers and school staff to understand and resolve any issues and concerns
- Respect the privacy of every member of the school community - students, parents and staff
- Support the school expectations and guidelines that are in place for the wellbeing and effective learning of students
- Contribute to a safe school community where intimidation, bullying or harassment are not acceptable behaviours
- Adhere to the financial commitments made at the time of enrolment including payment of all fees and levies in a timely manner
- Promote and encourage a collective responsibility to support the Charter for Parents in SA Catholic Schools.



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