

# NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

*Bless St Mary's Memorial School and the many people who advance our mission. May our school be a home for those who seek to grow in faith, knowledge, and service of others. May our community always support one another and exhibit hospitality to all. Fill our hearts and minds with kindness, love, and wisdom.*

Dear Members of our St Mary's Memorial School Community,

### CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK CELEBRATIONS

This is a very special time and one of my favourite times of the year as we celebrate the excellent teaching and learning that happens in all Catholic schools, including our wonderful school St Mary's Memorial. From Monday 15 May - Sunday 21 May, our focus has been **#LoveMyCatholicSchool** with students and staff engaging in a variety of activities, including completing colourful displays which you can see around the school, whole school assembly led by our Year 6 students, photos, and a video featuring students and staff about why they love our school, which we hope to share with our school community.

A special mention to Mitch O'Leary and Angela Maisey for their efforts coordinating with these activities. On Thursday 18, we also thanked our staff for their dedication to teaching with a delicious, shared morning tea.



### SCHOOL BOARD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thank you to our school community for your attendance on Wednesday 17 May at the School Board Annual General Meeting. It was wonderful to meet some new people and share the reports detailing the challenges, successes, and reflections of the 2022 school year.

I would like to express my gratitude to all School Board members for their warm welcome this year, their kindness and trust. A special thank you to the following members who have stepped down from the board, Sarah Talbot, Amanda Frankham, Nick Tuck, Lauren Bahr, and Liz Scholz. Your valuable input, time, and contributions to our school community as board members are gratefully appreciated. We also welcome two new board members Claire Jessup and Charmaine Hughes.



## DIARY DATES

**Tues 23 May**  
 Year 5 Mass - 10:00am in OLOV

**Thursday, 25 May**  
 Reception Zoo Excursion

**Monday, 29 May**  
 Pupil Free Day

**Tues, 30 May**  
 Year 4 Mass - 10:00am in OLOV

**Tuesday, 6 June**  
 Year 3 Mass - 10:00am in OLOV

**Wednesday, 7 June**  
 Year 5 Old Tailern Town Excursion

**Monday, 12 June**  
 Queens Birthday Public Holiday

**Tuesday, 20 June**  
 Whole School Mass - 10am  
 Feast of The Sacred Heart

**Friday, 30 June**  
 Year 5 SACPSSA Netball Carnival

**Wednesday, 5 July**  
 Year 6 SACPSSA Netball Carnival

**Thursday, 6 July**  
 Principal's "Thank You" Morning Tea for Volunteers

**Friday, 7 July**  
 Hats on for Progeria Day

## STUDENT ACADEMIC REPORTS

I wanted to provide you with some information about changes to the Student Academic Reports. Catholic Education South Australia is moving to consistent reporting across all primary schools. This semester St Mary's Memorial School will be using the new report format with the intention that all Catholic primary schools will be issuing the same report format. The new reports are consistent with Commonwealth Government guidelines and designed to be a clear and concise indication of how each child's learning sits within the Australian Curriculum. More detailed information about a child's progress is always available through teacher-parent conversations arranged by appointment or at the regular scheduled learning conversations.

## SPORTS DAY

On Friday, 12 May, as a school community we celebrated Sports Day at Athletics SA Stadium in what was perfect weather conditions, with an enormous crowd of family and friends joining us to cheer on the students. Throughout the day, I was so impressed by the level of sportspersonship and respect shown by the children. The sense of teamwork and camaraderie amongst the houses was evident and led by our amazing Year 6 Sports Captains. It was great to see students demonstrating their agility, coordination, speed, and strength to the best of their ability throughout Sports Day.

Thank you to all the staff, especially our Physical Education teachers, Mrs Vicki Messent and Mrs Jane Hidson, for their commitment, preparation and work leading up to Sports Day to guarantee everyone had a successful day.

Thank you to the Year 6 Sports Captains for leading us at the beginning of the day with prayer, encouraging their teams and very loud cheers and team chants. To our parents and family members, we are extremely grateful for your support on the day, and I know how much this means to your children, thank you.

Congratulations to the **St Catherine** team on winning the 2023 Sports Day Shield.

## 2023 MOTHER'S DAY STALL - PARENTS and FRIENDS

We hope our St Mary's Memorial School mums enjoyed their very special day on Sunday 14 May, Mother's Day and the gifts carefully chosen by your children.



Thank you to our always giving volunteers for coordinating, setting up and helping out with this year's Mother's Day stall.

## PUPIL FREE DAY REMINDER – MONDAY 29 May, Week 5

Please be advised that all staff will be engaged in a Professional Learning Day and Out of School Hours care will not be available on this day. I trust this advance notice will provide families time to make alternative arrangements.

## SAVE THE DATES – Future Pupil Free Days

To support our families and provide further advance notice, please note the following dates have also been set aside for Staff Professional Learning:

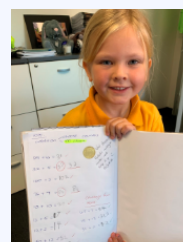
- Term 3, Monday 24 July
- Term 3, Friday 8 September
- Term 4, Friday 15 December

## ABSENTEES

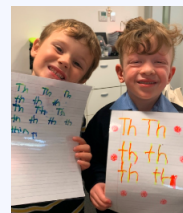
A friendly reminder for all parents and caregivers that we are required to record all absentees and the reasons for student absences. If your child/ren will be absent from school, please notify the school via email [info@stmarmem.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@stmarmem.catholic.edu.au) before 9:00am. This will ensure our records are correct and a subsequent SMS message isn't sent to parents due to an unexplained absence.

## ENGAGED LEARNERS

Harper from RCH proudly shared with me her incredible number skills and explained very confidently how she used a 100 number chart and counters to help with her counting on number work! Simply outstanding learning Harper, congratulations.



Students Jacob and Harry from RI were very eager to share their writing and phonological awareness when putting the letter T and H together. Well done boys!



Oscar in 3L spent 2 weeks camping in Cooma which he tells me is 'just under Canberra'. With great enthusiasm he shared with me the best feature of the Land Rover he travelled in during his holiday was the side ladder... 'because we could reach all the things on the roof'. It was such a joy to browse through Oscar's sketchbook which is full of marvellous drawings, sketches and works of art. Keep being a creative learner Oscar.



Recently, we have been fortunate with some late sunny Autumn days, although the cold mornings and air chill factor is certainly keeping our temperatures down. With the change of season, we typically see children with colds or feeling unwell, and often without a jumper. We already have many lost property items, so I encourage you to carefully check these, especially if you are missing a jumper. Remember naming all uniform items, drink bottles and lunch boxes helps return lost or misplaced items to the rightful owner. Can I also please ask you to regularly check jumpers your child brings home just in case they have accidentally picked up someone else's.

Although a little wet underfoot for our Friday 19 May, Walk Safely to School Day, it was wonderful to see students, parents, siblings, and family members join us in walking to school. Thank you.

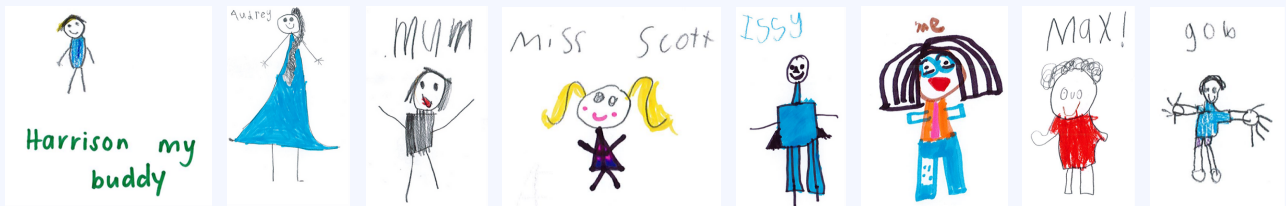
Stay warm and healthy.

Kindest regards  
Mrs Sonja Smith

## FROM THE APRIM

Happy Catholic Education Week!

This week we celebrate what we love about Catholic Education. The children have thought about this and completed activities reflecting on what they love about their Catholic School. Year 1s drew pictures of people who they think have influenced making St Mary's Memorial School a great Catholic School. As you will see through their drawings, it takes lots of different people in the lives of our children to contribute to what make our school excellent:



I always remember our Director, Dr Neil McGoran saying that for our schools, being Catholic is the ace in our deck, and I totally agree.

When we celebrate mothers on Mother's Day we make cards and put together gifts, but we also say prayers for our mothers and give them blessings. When there is a tragedy we offer support but also have special prayer services and have faith in heaven. When we think about those in need we do what we can to support them knowing that they are created in God's image just like us and have a right to human dignity. Catholic Social Teaching Principles guide how we are in the world and our responsibilities to care for all of God's creation.

The word catholic is defined in the dictionary as to include a wide variety of things or to be all-embracing. To be part of a Catholic community means that we include everyone and we belong to each other as part of God's family; no one is excluded. Knowing this makes me love being Catholic and being part of a Catholic school.

On Tuesday we celebrated Mass for Catholic Education Week as a whole school and we had a visiting priest co-celebrating with Father John. Fr Thung is originally from Vietnam but is now a missionary in Taiwan and is with us for 6 weeks. He is offering a special evening retreat journey for adults; details about this are provided in the newsletter. It was lovely having both priests with this for our Mass.



What do you love about being part of our Catholic school?

Blessings,  
Tamara Smith

## SACRAMENT PROGRAM

Throughout Term 2 children in the Sacramental Program will be preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation, which will take place 7pm, Tuesday June 20th.

There will be an important parent meeting about this program on 3:30pm, Sunday May 7th in the Lady of Victories Church.

Children will need to attend three preparation sessions at Our Lady of Victories Church:

- 4pm, Tuesday 23rd May
- 4pm, Tuesday 30th May

There will be a special workshop 4pm, Tuesday 6th June for children to make their special Saint poster—they will need to have chosen a Saint for this purpose by this date.

If you have any questions about the sacramental program feel free to contact Melissa Mabarrack at the parish: [melissagcp@bigpond.com](mailto:melissagcp@bigpond.com)

Father John would also love some parents to help out with activities—if you are willing and able please email him: [jdherd@hotmail.com](mailto:jdherd@hotmail.com)

## GLENELG CATHOLIC PARISH

*Our Lady of Victories, 13-15 High St, Glenelg SA 5045  
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## MASS & LITURGY CALENDAR

Here is an outline of the main celebrations on our school's Church calendar for Term 2.

Week 4	Year 5	Tue 10am
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Week 6	Year 3	Tue 10am
Week 7	No Mass	
Week 8	Whole School Feast of the Sacred Heart	Tue 10am
Week 9	Yr 2, Yr 1 & Rec Liturgy	Tue 9am
Week 10	No Mass	

## 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.



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

**CHECK OUT OUR  
CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK  
#LOVEMYCATHOLIC SCHOOL  
VIDEO ON FACEBOOK**

**#LoveMy  
CatholicSchool**

Catholic Education Week  
May 15-21 2023

## LIBRARY NEWS

Meet our Term 2 Student Librarians.

Ashna, Flynn, Charlotte and Lucy are all from Year 5R. All students eagerly accepted the role of Student Librarian in our school and are already showing enthusiasm and a keen sense of responsibility for the various tasks required of them in taking on this position.



Ashna enjoys challenging herself and is a very confident reader. She says, *"I can easily make an image in my head from every piece of writing I read. Diving deeply into a book is one of my favourite things to do. Each book feels like an adventure going on in my mind."* Ashna wanted to be a Student Librarian as she is organised and she loves books. She is dedicated to making the library a neat learning space and will encourage every student to read a variety of books.

Lucy is a very enthusiastic reader. She absolutely loves reading new books and often cannot get a good story out of her mind. She is good at visualising stories and understanding what she is reading about. She says, *"I not afraid of anything so I thought I would give the job of Student Librarian a go. I am responsible and always return my books. I will encourage other students to return their library books too."*

Charlotte is an adventurous reader, often wanting to give new books a go and challenging herself to read at a higher level. She says, *"I may not be a fast reader, but I read very carefully. This gives me confidence with what I'm doing, so I'm not afraid to make mistakes. I really wanted this job because I'm organised and can get a job done quickly."*

Flynn says, *"I love reading. Some of my favourite book series are Keeper of the Lost Cities, Skulduggery Pleasant and Rondo. I also like some older books like Treasure Island and The Hobbit. Reading is one of my biggest hobbies. I wanted to be a Student Librarian because I get annoyed when books are not put back in the right sections. I want to help keep the library organised which will make it easy for everyone to find what they are looking for."*

I am confident Ashna, Lucy, Charlotte and Flynn will be conscientious in carrying out the many tasks required of them as Student Librarians, and they will be most supportive of our students who have book related queries.

*Tracey Tolley*

(Teacher Librarian)



## AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE Year 4 Organic Worm Fertilizer

Are you looking for a way to make your garden grow without harming the environment?

Look no further than the Year 4 Organic Worm Fertilizer Business Project! These young entrepreneurs have created a sustainable and eco-friendly solution to help your garden thrive. By supporting this organic fertilizer business, you'll not only be helping our students develop important business skills but also be encouraging their passion for sustainability.

So why not join the Year 4s on their mission to create a more sustainable world? Get your hands on some Year 4 Organic Fertilizer and watch your plants flourish while supporting a great cause.

Be sure to bring in your gold coins to purchase jars filled with organic worm fertilizer. Once used, PLEASE return the empty jar to the front office, so we continue being sustainable by using the jars again.



**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORT!**



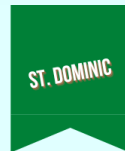
# PUPIL FREE DAY

## MONDAY 29 MAY

STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

UNFORTUNATELY, THERE WILL BE **NO OSHC**  
SERVICE PROVIDED ON THIS DAY DUE TO  
OSHC STAFF PARTICIPATION IN  
PROFESSIONAL LEARNING.





## SPORTS DAY 2023

Sports Day is about having fun while being competitive. With 4 house teams you have to do a lot of sports and activities like the 100m sprint, 200m sprint, high jump and long jump.

We also have other game based activities like the tail game, chicken tag, chicken relay, tug of war and the Year 6 relay.

This years house winner was **St Catherine!** Congratulations on such a great achievement by the whole team.

Finn - St Catherine House Captain

