

NEWSLETTER

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TERM 3, WEEK 9
ISSUE 16

ST MARY'S MEMORIAL SCHOOL

FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

As we come to the end of another wonderful term full of life, love, laughter, and learning, I would like to wish all our families a very safe and happy term break with your loved ones. I hope this time provides you with an opportunity to enjoy some very special time with your children, connect with one another and reset for the final term of 2023.

The holiday break is a great time for families to also ensure your child's full school uniform is ready for the new term ahead when we return to school on **Monday 16 October**. All families would have received my letter about students being able to wear their full summer uniform due to our changing weather, and it's been great to see the students feeling more comfortable on the warmer days we have recently experienced. It is important that non uniform items are not worn, and all uniform items are only purchased from the School Uniform Shop on site at the school. Staff are reminding students about our school uniform expectations and will talk to children wearing the incorrect uniform. It has been observed many children are wearing mixed versions of the uniform or items not purchased from the Uniform Shop.

It has also been noted children are wearing multi coloured or labelled socks, non-formal school shoes with the formal uniform, decorative dangling earrings, nail polish, coloured hair braids, jewellery and long hair is not being tied back.

Thank you for your support and working in partnership with us to ensure our students always represent St Mary's Memorial School well and looking their best in the full school uniform. Please refer to the list of school uniform items at the end of this newsletter for you to check during the term break and organise any new purchases required. If you have any questions, concerns, need support or wish to discuss any alternative arrangements for your child, please email me ssmith@stmarmem.catholic.edu.au.

Thank you to all families who attended last Wednesday nights very informative and important session on Cyber Safety. It was great to see over 35 people attend the evening. Cybersafe Families have provided some helpful resources for parents which you can access via the links below.

- [eSafety Resources for Parents](#)
- [Common Sense Media Guidance & Age based reviews](#)

Some links to videos used in the presentation:

- [Dolly's Dream Cyber Bullying](#)
- [Videos from NZ](#)

DIARY DATES

Tuesday, 26 September

Catholic Schools Music Festival Performance
"Seasons of Creation" Mass @ 10am

Wednesday, 27 September

R-Yr 2 Festival Theatre Excursion

Thursday, 28 September

Community Prayer

Friday, 29 September

LAST DAY OF TERM 3

Monday, 16 October

FIRST DAY OF TERM 4

Thursday, 19 October

Community Prayer

Friday, 20 October

Year 3 Parent Social Night - Broadway Hotel

Friday, 27 October

Year 6 Parent Social Night - Broadway Hotel

Welcome to the world baby *Avy Renee Scott*. Proud parents Lily and Josh have welcomed their beautiful little girl on 13 September 2023 at 10:24am, 3.44kg and 50cm long. On behalf of our school community, please join me in congratulating our Year 1 teacher Lily and her husband Josh as we welcome baby Avy.



TERM 4 PUPIL FREE DAYS

Please note that the final day of school this year will be **Wednesday 13 December**, and our Year 6 students will finish on Tuesday 12 December. All staff will be engaged in a range of professional learning on Thursday 14 and Friday 15 December, and as such there will not be any OSHC available on these two days.

THRIVING PEOPLE

Meet Caolan from Year 1 who before school reminded me about an important part of our Vision in Catholic Schools, which is to 'create an educational environment which matters to students and their families.' Caolan asked me to look at his poster he'd proudly made for Share and Tell, titled *St Mary's is awesome because...*



As I read his poster with his mum beaming alongside him, I knew our purpose 'to help shape thriving people, capable learners and leaders for the world God desires' was standing right there in front of me.

Some of the things on Caolan's poster included:

- I feel safe and loved at St Mary's
- The teachers and staff are kind and helpful
- Everyday there is something to look forward to like Computing, Japanese, Science, Music, Sport and Drama
- Our library has so many excellent books to read and activities at lunchtime
- The playground is so amazing with lots to do
- There's lots to do at OSHC like colouring, drawing, outdoor games and toys to play with
- I love vacation care at St Mary's, there's always exciting excursions

What a great example of our Mission to 'create opportunities for encountering life to the full.'

2024 CLASS PLACEMENTS

In Term 4 teaching staff will meet to discuss the needs of all children before finalising class placements for 2024. I am aware that this may be a time for some families that raises questions and even concerns, and this I acknowledge and understand. As a parent myself, and the first educator of my children, I know my intentions are always good and we only want the best for our child/ren. Please know and feel reassured that your child/ren are also our priority as young learners in our care. This is a role and responsibility we take very seriously.

I ask for your ongoing support in trusting us to discern the best possible class for every child in 2024. I am sure you would be aware, there are many factors which are carefully considered by teachers and the leadership team. We examine and explore all elements of every child's overall development, including their academic, social, emotional, spiritual, and physical needs and their overall wellbeing, plus finding the right balance of genders, learners, and friendships. The final step in our class placements is the allocation of the educators once staffing for 2024 has been finalised. Please be aware that requesting a specific teacher is not part of the class placement process. If you have any specific information, you feel may be helpful in discerning your child's class placement for next year, please feel free to email me directly, ssmith@stmarmem.catholic.edu.au.

I will continue to keep you up to date during Term 4 about staffing, transition days and preparations to support every child in 2024. It is our intention that the end of year student report will include the name of your child's 2024 class teacher.

GRANDPARENTS and SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY

What a glorious day we had on Thursday 21 September to come together as a community and welcome some very special visitors to our school.

I am sure we had over 500 grandparents and special friends onsite enjoying the sunshine, community spirit, and delicious morning tea, which was so generously supplied by our community, whilst being entertained by the divine sound of our choir students, who are performing next week at the Catholic Schools Music Festival and the gorgeous Reception children who sang so bravely in front of the very large audience.

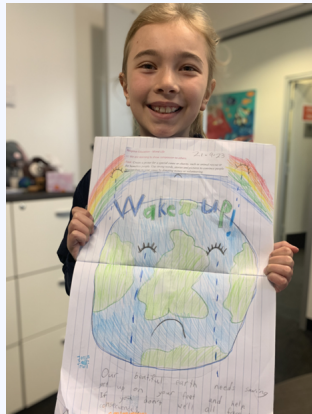


There were certainly plenty of smiles of visitors, children and our staff which is evidence enough that such an important event was indeed a very special one for all who were able to attend. There was nothing but positive feedback from visitors, with many expressing their appreciation for feeling so welcomed and having an opportunity to see their special young person's learning environment. I would like to thank our staff, our volunteers, our students, and you our families for supporting the day. Thank you.



ENGAGED LEARNER

Congratulations to Olive from 2H who passionately shared with me her recent learning during Religious Education. She described to me how in Year 2 they are learning about how to show compassion to others. With a focus on saving our 'beautiful earth' by getting up on our feet to help. I am confident Olive's message will resonate with all of us as she convincingly stated, 'If you don't, we'll all face the consequences.' Keep up the great work Olive and your passion for a better world.



If you are travelling during the school holiday period, please go well, take care and travel safely. I am looking forward to some time away with my husband as we travel to Western Australia for the first time. I wish you all the best for the break and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 16 October 2023 for the beginning of Term 4.

Kindest regards

Mrs Sonja Smith
Acting Principal



Dominican Awards



For an excellent attitude towards
the Dominican Pillar of Service
22-9-23

Archie Wishart
Ethan Swingler
Portia Borrillo
James Fazzalari
Patrick Ninnis
Mackenzie Williams
Jaxon Beig
Harley Walker
William Jacobs
Jett Burns
Eva Polyichanin
River Mulyono
Thea Boxall
Jack Heinrich
Addi Wickstein
Senuki Wattedgamaarachchi

For an excellent attitude towards
the Dominican Pillar of Prayer
22-9-23

Lewis Wooley
Aston Smith
Thomas Dickinson
Leni Farrier
Harper Stewart
Amelia Zammit
Aira Thakur
Randinu Fernando
Chloe Ninnis
Tia Brown
Zara Bury
Marley Reynolds
Heysen Dunlop
Leo Pfitzner

ST MARY'S MEMORIAL SCHOOL
PERFORMANCE
TUESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2023

WHERE
Dreams
BEGIN

Presented by the
Catholic Schools Music Festival

Come along to celebrate and support South Australia's talented youth in performances featuring a 400-voice choir, instrumental ensembles, vocal groups, and remarkable solo artists, all exhibiting an astonishing calibre of musicianship.

An event open to the whole community
Tuesday 26 to Friday 29 September 2023
Festival Theatre, Adelaide Festival Centre



FROM THE APRIM

Recently our staff were fortunate enough to have a day together for formation. The theme for our Formation Day was 'Reflecting Inwards' with a focus on the Dominican Pillar of Community; basically we engaged in activities which delved into who we are as individuals and how this contributes to us as a community.

Our day began gently with yoga, and we thank our two volunteer parents, Danni and Hope, for sharing their skills with us. Many were nervous about engaging in yoga in front of their peers, but Danni and Hope created a gentle routine which made everyone feel safe and relaxed.

Our prayer afterwards focused on the scripture from 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 where Saint Paul reminds the community that even though they are all different and play different roles, each of us is equally important. Even those parts that seem to be so minor still contribute to making the whole community function.

During this time staff shared with each other a special artifact that they chose to bring in that would tell us something about themselves that perhaps many of us did not know. This was a very interesting and insightful experience to see just how diverse we all are.

Our day lifted in tempo from here and where we learnt about some divisions in our staff. Staff were challenged to make a decision between two things such as cat or dog (there are a lot of dog people on our staff), Leg-go or Lay-go (this resulted in some interesting comments) and summer or winter (let's just say working in Glenelg is a great location for the great majority). This caused a lot of laughter.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

1 Cor 12:12



From here we went into a group challenge where the winning team had their coffee for morning tea paid for. We have a VERY competitive staff. The purpose of the activity was to see how we each work under pressure situations – I mean a coffee was on the line here! The winning team had only 4 team members (some teams had 5) and were all women. In fact, the first three teams to finish the challenge all had the same characteristics. It was amazing to see how focused everyone was.



We then moved into the more theoretical part of our day learning all about dominant personality types and looking at the personality types that make up our staff. This was a very interesting exercise.

Lunch was meant to be a shared picnic on the green with live music. Unfortunately, the weather was terrible so it turned into tables inside but the music was beautiful and we were still able to enjoy each other's company.



Our afternoon focus was on the Dominican Pillar of Service. We read an article on how helping others has major health benefits for ourselves. Staff were then required to engage in a service activity of some sort and share an image on our staff page about what they did. The sharing of these photos was a bit of a highlight for people.

I would like to thank staff for the way they engaged in this day. There was a real sense of joy coming together and learning about each other and this could only have happened with their positive approach to the day.

Joy and blessings,
Tamara Smith

PRAYER



A Prayer for our Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this Earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the Earth.

MASS & LITURGY CALENDAR

Our final Mass for Term 3:

Week 10 Whole School Mass Tue 10am

Below is an outline of the main celebrations on our school's Church calendar for Term 4. The following is a draft only:

WEEK 1	No Mass	Tuesday 10am
WEEK 2	Year 5	Tuesday 10am
WEEK 3	Year 4	Tuesday 10am
WEEK 4	Year 3	Tuesday 10am
WEEK 5	Reception, Year 1 & 2 Liturgy	Tuesday 9am
WEEK 6	No Mass (Christmas Celebration preparation)	
WEEK 7	No Mass (Christmas Celebration preparation)	
WEEK 8	Year 6 Family Mass	TBA
WEEK 9	Whole School End of Year Mass	Tuesday 10am

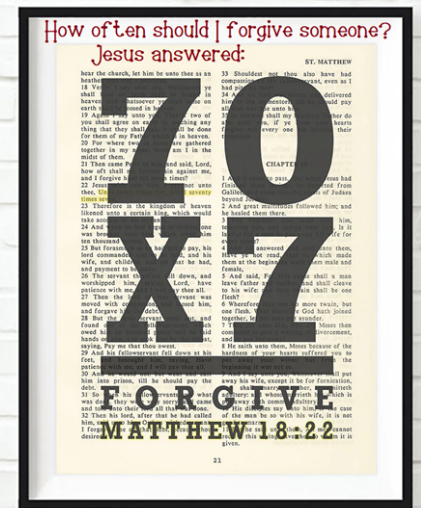
MASSES

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.

SUNDAY GOSPEL QUOTE



ALL FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY PRAYER 8:45AM EVERY THURSDAY

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES CHURCH

SACRAMENT PROGRAM

Congratulations to all the children who have completed their Sacraments of initiation and recently celebrated their First Holy Communion

In Term 4 the new Sacramental Program will begin. If you have a child in Year 3 or above who would love to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist please contact Fr John.

If you have any questions about the sacramental program feel free to contact Father John. Father John would also love some parents to help out with activities—if you are willing and able please email him: jdherd@hotmail.com

YEAR 3

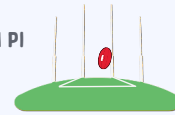


"WE HAD AN AWESOME NIGHT AT THE ZOO AND WE LOVED OUR SACRED HEART VISITS TOO!"



WHEN WE WENT TO SACRED HEART I LOVED PLAYING FOOTY AND WE WON. – FINN PI

I LOVED PLAYING KICK BALL AT SACRED HEART. – JACK J



I REALLY LIKED MY GROUP AND THE DINNER WE HAD ON ZOO SNOOZE. MY GROUP WAS CALLED THE GOATS. – ALICE A



I REALLY LIKED ZOO SNOOZE BECAUSE WE GOT TO SEE THE GOATS CLIMB AND FIGHT. ROSIE M

IT WAS FUNNY ON ZOO SNOOZE WHEN OLLIE BANGED HIS HEAD ON THE WALL. = ELIJAH L

AT ZOO SNOOZE I LOVED THAT I GOT TO SLEEP NEXT TO LAYLA AND WILLOW. – AMELIA V

I LOVED ZOO SNOOZE BECAUSE WE GOT TO SEE ALL THE COOL ANIMALS. – LAYLA M

SACRED HEART WAS THE BEST! HARRY'S KICKBALL WAS AWESOME – WILLAM A

WE LOVED ZOO SNOOZE BECAUSE THE FEMALE LION JUMPED UP AT US ON OUR NIGHT WALK AND WE ALMOST HAD A HEART ATTACK – HARPER S AND SOPHIE

I LOVED THE ZOO SNOOZE BECAUSE THE TIGER JUMPED ON THE GLASS – BY SANTIAGO

I LOVED HOW THE PELICAN BIT THE BIN CHICKENS ARMPIT- EMILY S



WHAT A CATCH, THE PELICANS ARE GETTING FED AND THEY ARE DOING SUCH AMAZING CATCHES WITH THE FISH. I WONDER IF THEY COULD BE FOOTY PLAYERS. – LUELLA M

I LOVED THE ZOO SNOOZE BECAUSE LENI, AND I HAD A PHOTO WITH A FAKE PANDA. – SCARLETT W

I LOVED SACRED HEART BECAUSE WE PLAYED KICKBALL. IT WAS SO FUN! – SPENCER M

I LOVED PLAYING KICKBALL WITH HARRY! – HUDSON

I LOVED THE ZOO SNOOZE BECAUSE WE GOT TO SEE THE KOALAS GET MEDICINE. – EMANUELLA

ZOO SNOOZE AND SACRED HEART WERE AWESOME! AT ZOO SNOOZE I WAS WITH MY FRIENDS AND I CALLED MY GROUP YOUR FAVOURITES. AT SACRED HEART WE DID KICKBALL, FOOTY, BASKETBALL AND SOCCER – MAX P

I LOVE THE MORNING WALK BECAUSE WE HAD THE WHOLE ZOO TO OURSELVES! – GRACE Z



SPORT



CONGRATULATIONS



An amazing result for **Scarlett (5R)**, coming home with 2nd in Australia, for Level 5 at the recent 2023 Australian Gymnastics Championship on the Gold Coast.

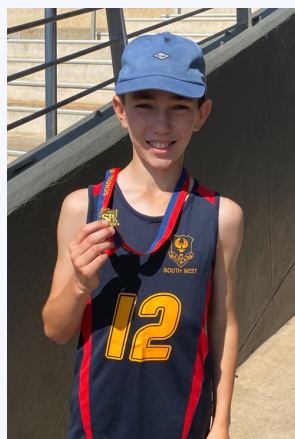
Scarlett now qualifies for the 2024 Championship, representing SA in May 2024



SOUTH WEST DISTRICT SAPSASA STATE DAY

Well Done to **Daniel (6T)** and **Sophia (4A)** for being chosen to compete in the South West District SAPSASA State Day.

A very successful day for both students, with Daniel taking away the gold medal for the 1500m and silver for the 800m and Sophia (4A) winning a silver medal for the U/10 4 x 100m relay.



FINANCE NEWS

School fee statements will be sent home early next week with your child. All balances are now due and payable before the end of term 3 excluding accounts with a payment arrangement in place. Payment arrangements from 2022 did not automatically recommence in 2023, so please take the time to review your statement and return any queries to:

Jenni Ashfield, Finance Manager
finance@stmarmem.catholic.edu.au

WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER?

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's Check.

In addition to the appropriate Police Clearance, all volunteers will need to complete the RRHAN (Responding to Risk of Harm, Abuse and Neglect for Volunteers) Course. Please go to the following link, login and complete the RRHAN training by clicking on 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.

CHANGE OF UNIFORM - WINTER TO SUMMER

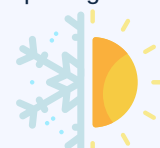
A reminder that students are to return to school after the holidays in their full summer uniform. If we still experience some cold weather in the first 2 weeks of Term 4, the full winter uniform may be worn. Please note, students must wear either the complete summer uniform or the complete winter uniform, not a combination.

It is also **compulsory** for all students to wear a school, wide brim hat during Terms 1 & 4 for all outside activities including sport lessons and break times. Given the high UV index, we encourage the wearing of hats whilst outside during Terms 2 & 3, although this is not a requirement.

The wearing of the correct uniform is a requirement of all children attending St Mary's Memorial School and we greatly appreciate your support in this matter.

The St Mary's Memorial School Uniform Shop opening hours are as follows:

Tuesdays 2:45pm - 3:30pm
Thursdays 2:45pm - 3:30pm



Should you wish to make an online order, please follow the link to the [St Mary's Memorial School Online Uniform Shop](#). AfterPay available with delivery information detailed on the online shop home page.

For any further queries, please contact Christine:



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CHANGE OF UNIFORM - WINTER TO SUMMER

A reminder that the children will return to school after the holidays in their full summer uniform including a wide brim school hat. If we still experience some cool weather in the first 2 weeks of Term 4, the children may wear their full winter uniform.

Hats are a compulsory part of the school uniform and must be worn for Terms 1 & 4.

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SUMMER FORMAL UNIFORM - to be worn in Terms 1 and 4

BOYS

Trousers or Shorts: Navy double knee elastic back pant OR Navy college shorts with elastic back

Shirt: Short sleeve over shirt embroidered with school logo

Windcheater: V-Neck windcheater with school logo

Shoes: Black leather school shoes or brown sandals

Socks: Navy ankle/calf sock (with black school shoes only)

Hat: Navy hat with school logo (Compulsory in Term 1 & 4)

GIRLS

Dress: Summer blue dress with school logo

Pants or Shorts: Navy tailored pant with adjustable waist or adjustable waist shorts

Blouse: Short sleeve school blue shirt embroidered with school logo

Windcheater: V-Neck windcheater with school logo

Shoes: Black leather school shoes or brown sandals

Socks: Navy ankle/calf socks (with black school shoes only)

Hat: Navy hat with school logo (Compulsory in Term 1 & 4)