

6 SEPTEMBER 2024  
TERM 3, WEEK 7

ST MARY'S MEMORIAL SCHOOL

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*We thank you for the dedication and compassion of our Education Support Officers. Bless their work as they guide and nurture our students, helping them grow in wisdom and kindness each day. May their efforts be filled with joy and purpose, as they continue to make a lasting impact on our school community.*

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

This week has been nothing short of action-packed! Our Year 4s had an incredible time at Monarto Camp, while the Year 3s explored the wonders of the Adelaide Zoo. Meanwhile, our Year 5 and 6 students showcased their skills at the Touch Football Carnival, with the Year 6s also visiting Parliament House and the Year 5s exploring the Council Chambers and Sacred Heart College.

A massive thank you to our incredible parent volunteers for their unwavering support, especially those volunteering overnight to attend camp. Your ongoing efforts play a crucial role in providing our children with the best possible experiences, enhancing their learning beyond the classroom. We couldn't do it without you!

Mrs Henthorn and I visited Monarto on Monday night to join 4A for some fun activities and dinner. The children's energy was incredible, and from all accounts, they had the 'best time ever!'



We were also thrilled to celebrate Australian Teacher Aide Appreciation Week, a perfect opportunity to honour the incredible work our Education Support Officers do every day. Their dedication and support are invaluable in creating an inclusive and nurturing environment for all our students.

This week, we recognised them with a special morning tea on Monday, gifted them pot plants as a token of appreciation for helping our students grow, presented certificates at Community Prayer, and surprised them with goodie bags and personalised cards made by the children. We hope they enjoyed their week and felt truly special!



A special mention also goes to our Education Support Officers, who have been facilitating "What's the Buzz" sessions across the school, with teacher support. This evidence-based program, developed by Mark Le Messurier and Madhavi Nawana Parker, is designed to boost social and emotional intelligence in young people. It's wonderful to see our students learning valuable skills like interpreting human differences with optimism, improving social connections, and mastering social cues.

Our ongoing collaboration with Madhavi from Positive Minds Australia has also been a fantastic support for our teachers' well-being. It's heartening to see our school's well-being focus thriving and inclusive of everyone.

To wrap up this week, our staff will come together for a rejuvenating Staff Formation Day on Friday. Meanwhile, we hope families enjoy the extra day with your children, making the most of this time together doing the things you love.

Many thanks to the members of our wonderful St Mary's Memorial School Community Group volunteers who recently dedicated their time and effort to organise a Father's Day stall for our students to purchase a special gift.

It was lovely to see the students excitedly browse through the wide variety of items, carefully selecting the perfect gift for their dads. We hope you all enjoyed your day with loved ones.



Here's to another fantastic week ahead at St Mary's Memorial School!

## STUDENT CREATIVITY

The sun is shining, and the playground is abuzz with our students' imaginations as they excitedly discuss their camp plans for this week! Some of our Year 3 boys—Tommy, Hunter, Dieter, Jayden, and Ethan L—shared with me how they've been honing their campfire building skills, just in case it's needed at the Adelaide Zoo. I hope the boys aren't too disappointed to find that a campfire may not be on the agenda at the zoo!



## KEY DATES

- **Pupil Free Day** - Friday, 6 September
- **School Disco** - Friday, 13 September
- **Grandparents & Special Friends Day** - Thurs, 19 Sept.
- **Sports Day** - Friday, 25 October

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. Together, we're creating a vibrant and thriving school community, and we couldn't do it without you!

Kindest regards

Mrs Sonja Smith  
Principal

# PUPIL FREE DAY

## FRIDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2024

UNFORTUNATELY, THERE WILL BE NO OSHC SERVICE PROVIDED  
DUE TO ALL STAFF PARTICIPATION IN TRAINING.



## MEET OUR WONDERFUL TEAM OF EDUCATION SUPPORT OFFICERS



Maria Sanz



Jenni Ashfield



Jessica Stones



Luke Staley



Rachel Hewitt



Nikki Ross



Fiona Lorrick



Sharon McGowan



Lily Maisey



Lisa Hill



Angela Maisey



Gabriella Madigan Manuel



Vanessa Kay



Carolyn Honeychurch



Hannah Carroll



Natasha O'Dea



Joanne Wyman



Miriam Boruch

FROM THE APRIM

# SABBATH WEEK

This week is Week 7, Sabbath Week:

*“For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and made it Holy.”*  
Exodus 20:11

Children will often remind our teachers that it is Sabbath Week as, traditionally, it means a move away from our usual homework routine – our children cry, “Sabbath Week! No homework!”

We encourage children to help out at home, walk the dog or help outside, rather than a worksheet. Snuggle down and read an interesting or funny book with mum or dad or grandma, rather than a reader. Draw, paint or write gratitude lists, rather than spelling. Play board games or watch a movie together as a family, rather than times tables.

In these crazy, busy times, access at any time to phones, emails, social media or any other myriad of online activities, Sabbath Week is a great opportunity to change the pace and spend time together as a family.

- Did you embrace Sabbath Week with your child or children?
- Is this something you could look forward to, and plan for, in future Week 7s?

Hopefully you are able to enjoy your extra day with the children as we, as a whole staff, engage in our Formation Day, our special way of giving thanks to God for all God has done for us.

Joy and blessings,  
Tamara Smith



## Dominican Awards

For an excellent attitude towards the  
Dominican Pillar of Community  
30-08-24



Fox Pollard  
Flynn Mahoney  
Eliana Salubre  
Liam Stapleton  
Oisin Allen  
Matisse Halemba  
Leni Farrier  
Lucien Stewart  
Noah Clapp  
Elijah Lively  
Harper Bosley

Ava Anderson  
Ava Odgers  
James Angus  
Zoe Zeka  
Leo Steindorf  
Ollie Thompson  
Georgia Ryan  
Davy Cook  
Leah Steer  
Boston Smith  
Reuben Evans

Evie Horsfall  
Lara Frankham  
Finn Miles  
Charlie Treagus  
Mason Bartemucci  
Lily Lomas  
Bodhi Hillman  
Louise Lyons  
Mila Baldwin  
Owen Davison  
Archie O'Brien

Pippa Lovering  
Hudson Maddock  
Chloe Treagus  
Billy Patterson  
Indiana Exton  
Hannah Fung  
Isabel Gill  
Riaghan Bartlett  
Erwin Hui  
Josh Vale

## PRAYER

Dear God,

Grant our ESOs an abundance of Your wisdom.

Prepare their hearts to welcome and love us, and may we make sure to show them love and respect in return.

Give them grace as they help children who aren't thriving, courage to say what needs to be said, tools and knowledge on how and when to speak love, and strength when they feel weak.

When they feel unseen, remind them that no moment goes unnoticed.

They are shaping the future in one million small - yet incredibly important – ways, every day.

We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the gift of learning and encouragement they share with us.

Bless them, Lord, and may they see even just a glimpse of how their hard work and care will forever impact generations to come.

Amen.

## SUNDAY GOSPEL QUOTE



## MASSES

Masses and liturgies are celebrated regularly and we warmly invite family and friends to join us.

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.



## MASS & LITURGY CALENDAR

Here is an outline of the main celebrations on our school's Church calendar for Term 4. Please note that the times for these Masses may, or may not, change.

### PLEASE NOTE THE NEW MASS START TIME IN TERM 4:

Week 1	No Mass	
Week 2	No Mass	
Week 3	All Saints Day Whole school Mass	9am Thurs
Week 4	No Mass	
Week 5	Year 6, RS, RI Buddy classes Mass	9:30am Tues
Week 6	Year 5, RC, 1W Buddy classes Mass	9:30am Tues
Week 7	Year 4, 1E, 1S Buddy classes Mass	9:30am Tues
Week 8	Year 2 & 3 Buddy classes Mass	9:30am Tues
Week 9	End of Year Whole School Mass	9:30am Tues
	Year 6 Graduation Liturgy	Wednesday (time TBC)

## SACRAMENT PROGRAM

If your child is in Year 3 or above and has been Baptised they are invited to join the Sacramental program this year. Each Term children will learn about then celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

If you would like your child to be Baptised please let us know.

Children in the current sacramental program will be celebrating their final sacrament, First Eucharist, this week at one of the weekend Mass here at Our Lady of Victories Church at either 6pm Saturday or 10:30am Sunday

If you have any questions about the sacramental program feel free to contact Father John or Tamara Smith. 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  
Our Lady of Grace, 36 Beadnall Tce, Glengowrie SA 5044*

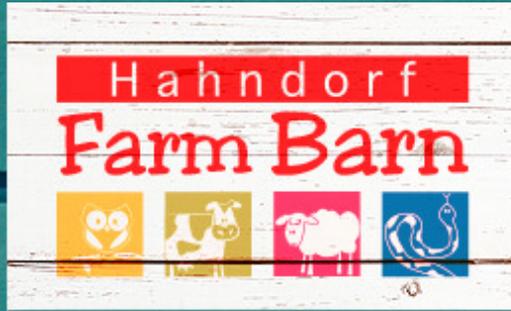
Presbytery: 17 High Street, Glenelg  
Office Hours: Mon, Wed-Fri 9am-2pm  
Phone: 08 8294 1888  
Email: [glenelgcp@bigpond.com](mailto:glenelgcp@bigpond.com)  
Web: [www.glenelgcp.com](http://www.glenelgcp.com)

## COMMUNITY PRAYER

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

**OUR LADY OF VICTORIES CHURCH**

# ST MARY'S MEMORIAL SCHOOL



The Year 1 classes had a fantastic visit from the Farm Barn. This was part of our learning in Design and Technology about where food and products come from.

The students had a great time patting a cow, some sheep, some chickens and a guinea pig.



# GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY

We invite you to join the students and staff of  
St Mary's Memorial School  
for our annual Grandparents and Special Friends Day.

This special morning includes classroom visits, student performances,  
and a school-wide morning tea, all hosted by our wonderful students.

## THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2024

From 9:50am until 11:20am

Please RSVP before **Tuesday, 17 September 2024**  
by scanning the QR code.



**BOOK NOW**



ST MARY'S MEMORIAL SCHOOL 2024

School Disco

NEON party

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13th | RECEPTION TO Y2 5:30 - 6:30 PM  
Y3 TO Y6: 7:00 - 8:15 PM

SACRED HEART COLLEGE  
(Enter via Scarborough Street)

» **BOOK ON Qkr!** «  
**Ticket \$10**

Select EACH individual student's profile name on Qkr! please  
ENTRY INCLUDES GLOW LANYARD + PHOTO BOOTH  
Bring 50C + \$1 coins for glowsticks/drinks /snacks



**ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS  
CLOSING SOON**

**Applications for Year 7, 2027  
will close on Friday  
20 September, 2024.**

Please submit your application for enrolment if your child is in Year 4, by the end of Week 9, Term 3.



**Enrolment  
applications  
closing soon**

Applications for Year 7, 2027 close 20 September 2024.

Please submit an application for enrolment when your child is in Year 4, before the end of Week 9, Term 3.



For further information on enrolling at Sacred Heart College, please visit [shc.sa.edu.au](http://shc.sa.edu.au) or call our College Registrar on 8350 2500

## TERM 3, 2024 TERM PLANNER

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY SUNDAY
Week 1	July 22 Plastic Free July	July 23	July 24	July 25	July 26 Yr 2 Parents Drinks – SMMSCG Newsletter	July 27 July 28
Week 2	July 29	July 30 Year 5 Retreat Day Mass - Year 5 & Buddy Class	July 31 SMMS Community Group Meeting – 7:00pm	August 1	August 2 Assembly – Yr 2 Earth Savers (Mrs S Smith) Yr 5 Mary MacKillop Excursion Yr 5 Parents Drinks – SMMSCG	August 3 August 4 Aboriginal Children's Day
Week 3	August 5	August 6 Andrew Chinn Performance	August 7 SACPSSA Cross Country	August 8 St Dominic's Day & Feast of St Mary MacKillop Walk A Mile Market Of Hope	August 9 Newsletter	August 10 August 11
Week 4	August 12	August 13 Mass - Year 6 & Buddy Class	August 14	August 15 Book Week Incursion	August 16 Assembly – Receptions *Showdown Donuts - SMMSCG	August 17 August 18
Week 5	August 19 Book Week Fair All Week	August 20 Mass - Year 4 & Buddy Class	August 21 Principal's School Tour	August 22 SAPSASA District Athletics	August 23 Book Week Parade 9.00am Newsletter –Yr 2	August 24 Principal's School Tour August 25
Week 6	August 26 SHC Marcellin Music Ensemble	August 27 Mass - Year 3 & Buddy Class Catholic Schools Music Festival Rehearsal	August 28 School Photo Day	August 29 *Father's Day Stall – SMMSCG Yr 5 Sacred Heart Visit (PE) - TBC Yr 1 Hahndorf Farm Barn Incursion	August 30 Assembly – Year 1 Yr 5 Sacred Heart Visit (PE) - TBC	August 31 September 1 Father's Day Seasons of Creation Begins
Week 7	September 2 Sabbath Week Yr 4 Camp - Monarto Zoo Yr 5 SHC Visit (PE) - TBC	September 3 Yr 4 Camp – Monarto Zoo 3MO Overnight Zoo Snooze SACPSSA Touch Football	September 4 Yr 4 Camp – Monarto Zoo 3MU Overnight Zoo Snooze Yr 5 Council Chambers Visit - TBC	September 5 Yr 6 Excursion - Parliament House Yr 5 Sacred Heart Visit (PE) - TBC	September 6 <b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b> Newsletter – Yr 1	September 7 September 8
Week 8	September 9	September 10	September 11	September 12 R U OK? Day	September 13 Assembly - Yr 4 School Disco - SMMSCG Rec - Yr 2 @ 5:30-6:30pm Yr 3 - 6 @ 7.00-8:15pm*	September 14 September 15
Week 9	September 16	September 17	September 18	September 19 Grandparents & Special Friends Day SACPSSA Cricket - TBC	September 20 SACPSSA Cricket - TBC Newsletter – Yr 3	September 21 September 22
Week 10	September 23	September 24 Catholic Schools Music Festival Performance	September 25	September 26	September 27 Assembly – Yr 3 LAST DAY OF TERM 3	September 28 September 29

\* PLEASE NOTE, EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
WE REMIND YOU TO VIEW THE UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANY CHANGES IN OUR FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTERS

### Term 4 Important Dates

First Day Term 4 - Monday, 14 October

Sports Day - Friday, 25 October

Year 6 Camp - Mon 25 - Thurs 28 November

Last Day for Year 6 Students - Tuesday 10 December

Year 6 Dinner (parent run event) - Tuesday 10 December

Last Day for Reception - Year 5 - Wednesday, 11 December

Year 6 Liturgy (evening) - Wednesday, 11 December TBC

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