

NEWSLETTER

30 MAY 2025
TERM 2, WEEK 5

ST MARY'S MEMORIAL SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Loving God,

We thank You for the richness of our land and the wisdom of the First Nations peoples.

Help us walk together with courage, respect, and compassion.

May our words and actions bring healing and unity,

as we work towards justice and reconciliation in our hearts, our school, and our nation.

Amen.

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

Catholic Education Week – Celebrating 180 Years in South Australia

Week 6 was a truly special time in the life of our school as we joined with Catholic schools across the state to celebrate **180 years of Catholic Education in South Australia**. At St Mary's Memorial School, we embraced this moment with gratitude and joy, honouring our shared story and the unique spirit that shapes our Catholic identity.

With the 2025 theme **#ShineWithOpenHearts**, we reflected on the many ways Catholic education nurtures faith, inspires learning, and encourages service. This theme came to life throughout the week in so many beautiful ways.

Our Year 6 student leaders proudly welcomed visitors during School Tours, guiding them with confidence and hospitality. Each day, we shared heartwarming moments on [Facebook](#), featuring parents, staff, and students speaking about what makes our school shine for all learners. These reflections captured the warmth, purpose, and faith-filled heart of our community.



The week concluded with our Walk to School and a whole-school Community Prayer, simple yet powerful acts that expressed who we are and what we value as a Catholic school: unity, presence, and shared purpose.

Thank you to all who participated, supported, and celebrated with us. It is through your open hearts and faithful presence that St Mary's Memorial School continues to shine as a place where every learner is known, loved, and inspired.

Staffing Update

We are delighted to welcome Louise Mason to our team this term as a Curriculum ESO, supporting our *Little Stars Transition to School* program. Louise will continue in this role next term, working alongside staff to support our mid-year Reception students as they begin their learning journey at St Mary's Memorial School. She also has a strong and longstanding connection to our community, having been a past parent and a valued supporter of our school over many years. We're so pleased to have Louise with us and are grateful for the warmth, experience, and care she brings to our early years team.

PUPIL FREE DAY

TUESDAY 10 JUNE

UNFORTUNATELY, THERE WILL BE

NO OSHC

SERVICE PROVIDED ON THIS DAY



Welcome to Cai O'Loughlin who has been appointed as the new Year 6 class teacher for 6CH. Cai has several years' experience as a classroom teacher, holds a Master of Teaching and a Bachelor of Journalism and Professional Writing. Grounded in Catholic values, Cai has a keen understanding of student agency and wellbeing. With a personal connection to our school through his uncle's children, Cai already feels a sense of belonging within the St Mary's Memorial community. Cai will officially commence with us on Wednesday 4 June, allowing time for a smooth and supportive transition alongside Rebecca.

We are delighted to share that Anneliese Powell will be joining our teaching team in RM on 30 June, allowing time for a smooth transition alongside Renee, before she finishes on Friday, 4 July. Anneliese brings a wealth of experience to our school, with a strong background and a passion for creating rich and engaging learning environments for young children. She holds both a Master of Teaching and a Master of Education and is currently undertaking PhD studies in Literacy.

We are very happy to also welcome George McDonald to St Mary's Memorial School as our new Grounds & Maintenance person. George joined us on Monday and comes with over 15 years of hands-on experience running his own garden and maintenance business. He also works in a similar role at another school, and we're fortunate to have him with us five days a week. George will be taking great care of our school grounds and supporting the smooth day-to-day running of our facilities.

We warmly welcome Louise, Cai, Anneliese and George to St Mary's Memorial School.

Honouring Our Purpose: In All Things, Love

At St Mary's Memorial School, we are deeply privileged to walk alongside your children each day as part of Catholic Education South Australia. Our role as educators goes far beyond the classroom, we are called to nurture a school environment where every child feels safe, valued, and supported to thrive.

We are committed to fostering a community grounded in empathy, compassion, and understanding. Our duty of care is not only a professional responsibility, but a moral one. It is our shared purpose to recognise the unique dignity of every learner and to respond with kindness, especially in times of challenge.

This mission finds its roots in the inspiring legacy of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, who was an integral part of our school opening in 1869 to provide education to those in need. Her vision, courage, and unwavering love for children continue to guide us today. As she taught us, 'In all things love.'

These words remain central to our work. They shape our relationships, our approach to learning, and the way we care for one another. We thank you, our families, for the trust you place in us. Together, as one community, we honour this tradition and walk forward with love at the heart of all we do.

Welcome to our Little Stars

There was a lot of excitement last week as our 'Little Stars' began their 8-week transition to school program, and what a joyful start it was! Looking fantastic in their special edition St Mary's Little Stars polos, the group enjoyed exploring their new learning environment and getting to know each other.

Our Little Stars Transition to School program is led by Mrs Louise Sincok, our Mid-Year Reception teacher, who is looking forward to welcoming the children into full-time school in Term 3.

We are delighted to continue sharing this journey with our newest learners!



Year 5 Learning Spotlight – Exploring Artificial Intelligence

With great excitement, Aira from Year 5 shared the impressive work she has shared in a presentation to her class about the world of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

In her recent class presentation, Aira explained how AI, first coined in 1955, enables machines to mimic human tasks like problem-solving, language learning, and decision-making. She shared the difference between AI and robots, highlighting how AI is used in healthcare, self-driving cars, streaming services, gaming, and even creative industries.

Aira thoughtfully discussed both the benefits and limitations of AI, reflecting on its future impact and the importance of using it responsibly.

Thank you Aira for introducing me to your Robot Pixel and congratulations for being so curious, confident and sharing how Pixel can play Rock, Paper, Scissors!





A few key dates for your diaries include:

- Friday 30 May - Sausage Sizzle, SMM Community Group
- Tuesday 10 June - PUPIL FREE DAY – No OSHC available
- Friday 27 June - Reception / Little Stars Assembly
- Friday 27 June - SACPSSA Netball Carnival – Yr 3-6
- Monday 30 June- Student Academic Reports sent home
- Friday 4 July - END OF TERM 2 - PJ Day for St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal
- Wednesday 17 August - School Photo Day

Mrs Sonja Smith
Principal

	Dominican Awards For an excellent attitude towards the Dominican Pillar of Prayer 9 May 2025	
Zach Frangos Mason Dixon-Barker Zara Rasheed Luke Peterson Lilly Moore Mason Bartemucci Sienna Mundy Meg Wells Zoe Kellett Stella Hateley Jay Hambour	Pippa Lovering Belle Walker Nicholas Kreis Chloe Treagus Hendrix Horsfall Sean O'Neill Florence Evans Max Barclay Boston Smith Leah Steer Coulton Bradley	Noah Clapp Rosie Delbridge Nysha Sharma Kai Snewin Zara Camilleri Harriet Keely Josh Vale Ava Anderson Audrey Wareing Izabela Lovric Ivy Hewitt
		Gray Radcliffe Jaidan Castro Daphne Daley Vivian Prince Bronte McLeod Mabel Grieve Lara Schoch Olivier Alana Zammit Irena Djakovic William Degenhardt Leo Ludgate

	Dominican Awards For an excellent attitude towards the Dominican Pillar of Community 23 May 2025	
Avy Koster Ryan Layland Mia Lundberg Noah Lambert Cristian Bennett Ella Johns Charlotte Crossley Mila Baldwin Angelo Rrotani	Ariana Bhardwaj Satya Deb Charlie Wegener Jack Dollman Olivia Jackson Isabel Gill Matilda Tonon Davy Cook William Bewick	Kruz Rowntree Harper Bosley Mailie Muiyono Grace Zimmermann Sienna Plumptre Finn Pinnell Harper Stewart Issy Moore
		Indi Overall Harry Smitheram Lucy Moore Ace O'Young Winnie Quigley Madeline Jones Eoghan Oglesby Rosalie Dimasi Penny Smyth

FROM THE APRIM

You may be surprised to know it is still Easter. Some of our little ones have visited the church during weekday Masses to gift the parishioners with Easter eggs, reminding everyone that we are still in this season of new life and wondrous blessings.

We have had many opportunities to celebrate our many wondrous blessings with Catholic Education Week taking on the theme of "Letting Our Light Shine". We were able to put this into practice by enabling people to write messages of gratitude and place them on our shining, Gratitude Tree, which was on display in our front office – some of the things people wrote were beautiful. You may have seen our big display of hearts where children wrote what they love about our Catholic school. One of the most fun ways we celebrated how our Catholic School shines was through our Community Prayer, where a small number of our children shared their talents with us, bring to life the Gospel of Matthew:

"Make your light shine, so others will see the good you do and will praise your Father in heaven"
Matthew 5:14-16

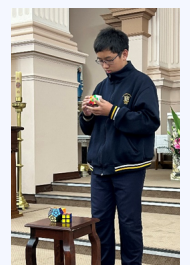
Lily showed off her gymnastics talents, Harper and Harper displayed their graceful calisthenics solos, Zoe and Sienna showed off their newly found hip hop moves, Erwin blew our minds by solving two Rubik's Cubes in under a minute and our choir sung a beautiful version of the poem 'Flander's Fields'. It was an absolute joy and blessing to be part of.

The Season of Easter comes to an end next weekend. This weekend the Gospel tells the story of Jesus rising up to heaven. Next week God returns to all people through the coming down of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. From this point in time the Church began, with the disciples of Jesus going out into the world to spread the Good News, as Jesus is no longer on Earth to do this himself. We are the disciples of Jesus today, continuing to spread the Good New in many and varied ways.

So, on Friday we celebrate the birthday of the Church with Pentecost Parties. Everyone is invited to wear red, connecting to the story of the flames of the Holy Spirit coming down on the disciples. Children and staff are planning games and activities so hopefully you will hear some of the excitement around this very special day.

In the meantime, happy Easter and may you find opportunities each day to celebrate what life has to offer and acknowledge your many wondrous blessings.

Joy and blessings,
 Tamara Smith



**May is the month we focus on Mary, the Mother of God.
 St Mary's Memorial School is named after Mary.
 Look at how 2H have celebrated Mary this month.**



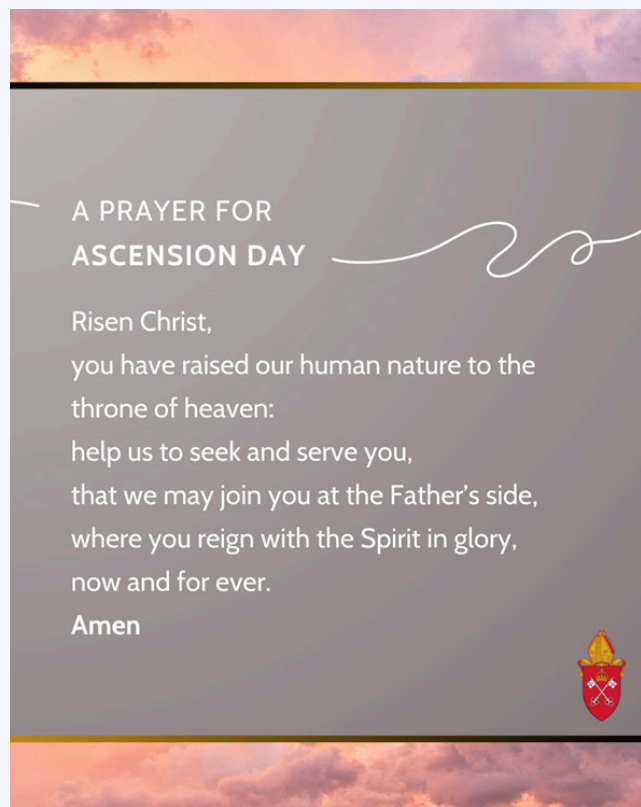
DONATIONS NEEDED - CAN YOU HELP?

Our Environment and Sustainability group are making thermal blankets for those living rough out of silver lined chip packets. We are in need of an iron, an ironing board, liquid dishwashing detergent, small dishwashing gloves, pegs and drying racks. If you are able to help please email tsmith@stmarmem.catholic.edu.au

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PRAYER



SACRAMENT PROGRAM

Preparation for Confirmation is about to begin. Children in the program will be presented to the parish at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday June 8th at our Lady of Victories Church. If children cannot attend this Mass that can attend the Saturday Mass at 6pm also at Our Lady of Victories, or the 9am Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Grace Church.

Workshops for Confirmation will be held:

- Tuesday 3rd, 10th & 17th June at 4pm OR
- Wednesday 4th, 11th & 18th June at 6.30pm

The children need to attend 3 sessions and be accompanied by parent. If you cannot Tuesday you may attend Wednesday.

The celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation will be at 7pm on Tuesday 24th June at Our Lady of Victories Church.

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

SUNDAY GOSPEL QUOTE



MASS & LITURGY CALENDAR

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.

Here is an outline of the main celebrations on our school's Church calendar for Term 2. Please note that the times for these Masses may, or may not, change.

Week 6	Year 4 Mass Pentecost Parties	Tue 9:30am Friday
Week 7	No Mass	
Week 8	Year 3 Mass	Tue 9:30am
Week 9	Rec, R1 & Yr 2 Liturgy	Tue 2:30pm TBC
Week 10	No Mass	

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COMMUNITY
PRAYER

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

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES CHURCH

COMMUNITY
PRAYER

YEAR 3

What a busy & exciting start to the year we've have had !

ENGLISH

In English, we have been learning to write narratives inspired by the literary devices in the book 'Matilda' by Roald Dahl.

This term we are studying the book Flood, which is a story about a town that is damaged by a severe flood.

We have learned lots of interesting new words and have been using them to write compound sentences using because, but and so.

We are aiming to use new and interesting words when composing our own story based on fire.



SCIENCE

In Science we have been exploring rocks, minerals and soil. Rocks are formed in different ways and can be classified based on their properties. One interesting fact about rocks is they can be billions of years old, older than dinosaurs. This term we are studying heat energy and have been investigating the effects of the sun's heat on the Earth



BUDDIES



MATHS

So far in Maths we have learned about place value, addition and subtraction. We can make, compare and order numbers up to and including thousands. In addition and subtraction, we can use different methods to solve equations and worded problems, such as the jump strategy, partitioning, the compensation method and column method.

We have also been learning multiplication. We can make, read and use arrays to help us solve multiplication equations of the two, three, five and ten times tables. We use repeated addition and the column strategy, which is helping us multiply even bigger numbers!

Now it's time for us to make the connection with division and apply these strategies in reverse to solve some tricky divisions - wish us luck!

HASS

In HASS, we are focused on caring for our Earth and talking about sustainability, compost, and soil. We looked at how our actions can help the environment. This unit helped us learn how to be responsible community members.

To help the planet, 3A started a worm juice business!



SPORTING SUCCESS AND A FANTASTIC START TO TERM 2!

What a great start to Term 2 it's been at St Mary's Memorial School!

We hit the ground running with our Year 6 girls competing in the SAPSASA Netball Carnival. It was a competitive and exciting day, and it was wonderful to see our St Mary's team showcase their skills and demonstrate such fantastic sportsmanship throughout the event. Well done, girls!

After-School Sport & Auskick Has Kicked Off!

All after-school sport is now underway, and it's been brilliant to see our students getting active and involved. This term, we have 6 Soccer teams, 5 Netball teams, 3 Basketball teams, and 2 AFL teams representing our school.

For our reception and year 1 Aus kickers; we've had over 50 Reception and Year 1 students join in the fun on the beautiful Glenelg Oval! It's been amazing to watch them develop their footy skills, make new friends, and most importantly, have a blast. So many happy faces out there!

Annie in Year 4 to the School Sport Australia Championships!

We're incredibly proud to share that Annie has been selected to represent School Sport SA at the School Sport Australia 12 Years & Under Swimming Championships, to be held in Ballarat, Victoria from 25–29 October. This is a remarkable achievement and a reflection of Annie's hard work, dedication, and passion for swimming through SACPSSA and SAPSASA events.

Well done, Annie we're all behind you!

Diving Success for Lara!

Congratulations to Lara in year 6 for her outstanding results at the School Sport Diving Championships! Lara came 1st in her age group for the springboard event and placed 5th in the synchronised diving alongside her partner. What an incredible accomplishment, your commitment and perseverance have truly paid off. Great work, Lara!

SAPSASA Cross Country Highlights

We were proud to take 31 students to the District SAPSASA Cross Country Trials at Barrett Reserve and what an impressive day it was!

Our students showed fantastic determination, resilience, and team spirit, with the majority finishing in the top 30 for their age group a brilliant effort!

A special congratulations to our top finishers:

- Elijah (Year 5)
- Rachel (Year 6)
- Allegra (Year 6)

These three athletes have qualified for the State Championships at Oakbank on June 5th. Best of luck, we're cheering you on every step of the way!

Well done to all our participants. You've represented St Mary's with pride!

Tristan Sharrock
HPE Teacher & Sports Coordinator



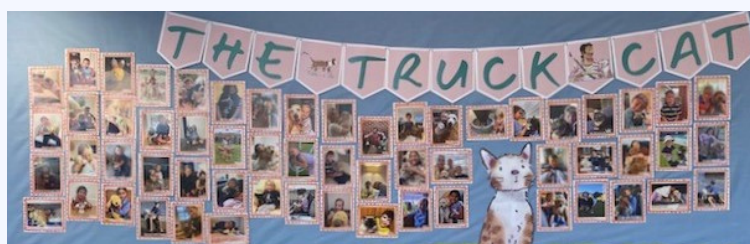
LIBRARY NEWS

It has been a busy month in the library, celebrating Catholic Education Week, National Simultaneous Storytime, Reconciliation Week and more.



National Simultaneous Storytime took place on Wednesday 21st May, with our whole school participating – as part of the 2,204,658 participants Australia wide, taking part in reading the book ***The Truck Cat***.

Students had fun guessing which staff member read each page in an interactive recording of the book, along with class craft and recess activities. The library also played host to a photo wall full of pet and cuddly friend's photos in line with the theme of the book – which will remain up for the next few weeks if you would like to check it out.



If you would like to search our library catalogue, see which new titles we have or access the Premier's Reading Challenge, please head to our library catalogue page:

[St Mary's Memorial School Library Catalogue](#)

This year at a glance so far in the library we have purchased 355 new books and had 8625 loans!

An interesting study undertaken by the Queens Reading Room into the importance of reading using pioneering new neuroscience research to understand what happens in the brain when we read a book found not only is reading a magical, joyous experience, it turns out that it's also good for our health! [The Queen's Reading Room Study - The Queen's Reading Room](#)

Happy reading !

SMMS COMMUNITY GROUP QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 21ST JUNE @ 6:30PM

Sacred Heart College - Champagnat Campus



Please bring cash if you wish to purchase from our **Wine Wall** and \$1 and \$2 coins for the **Table Games**

This is cash only event


QUIZ NIGHT

Including prizes from

- ☆ Rim Thang Authentic Thai
- Mitre 10 Glenelg
- Dymocks Glenelg
- National Pharmacy Glenelg
- Event Cinemas Glenelg
- Priceline Glenelg
- KX Pilates Glenelg
- Duck and Turtle Fitness
- Dante's Deli
- Glenelg Football Club
- Massage on Partridge
- Junction Florist
- Local Guys Pest Control
- Wired Up Electrical
- Devine Photography
- Yo-Chi Glenelg
- Exceed Solar and more!!



PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMUNITY

Tickets are limited! Purchase them on the  App

\$15 for individual tickets or grab your friends and purchase a table of 10 for \$150

On the night, enter via Walter Avenue, Mitchell Park

FROM THE FINANCE MANAGER

Finance Office Notice – Second School Fee Instalment Due

Please be reminded that the second school fee instalment is due on Friday, 29 May 2025.

We encourage all families to review their recent statements to ensure all details are correct. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jenni at finance@stmarmem.catholic.edu.au.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Thank you,
Jennifer Ashfield

KEEP US IN THE LOOP!

Have you changed your email, mobile number, home address, or had any medical updates for your child?

It's important that we have the most up-to-date information to ensure we can contact you when needed and support your child's wellbeing.

Please contact the school office via email to info@stmarmem.catholic.edu.au to update your details.

Thank you for helping us keep our records current!

UNIFORM SHOP

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

TUESDAY 2:45 - 4:00pm

THURSDAY 2:45 - 4:00pm

For any further queries, please contact:

Noone Uniforms: (08) 7095 2534

Online Orders: www.noone.com.au

Email: cumberlandpark@noone.com.au



Term 2 & 3 2025
College Tours

A Home for all Hearts.

Champagnat Campus Tours **Years 7 – 9**

Wednesday 21 May, 9.15am

Wednesday 13 August, 4.15pm

Wednesday 10 September, 9.15am

Marcellin Campus Tours **Years 10 – 12**

Monday 2 June, 9.15am

Tuesday 2 September, 9.15am

Register at shc.sa.edu.au

ST MARY'S MEMORIAL SCHOOL



ST MARY'S MEMORIAL SCHOOL 2025 TERM 2 CALENDAR

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY SUNDAY
Week 1	April 28	April 29 Easter Mass Whole School 9.30am	April 30	May 1	May 2 Community Prayer & ANZAC Day Commemoration – 8:45pm on the Courts.	May 3 May 4
Week 2	May 5	May 6 SAPSASA KO Netball Rd 1 – Yr 6 Yr 4 Air-Raid Excursion	May 7 7.00pm SMM Community Group Meeting	May 8 Mothers Day Stall	May 9 Community Prayer Assembly – Yr 3 Coffee Van SMMSCG	May 10 May 11 Mother's Day
Week 3 CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK	May 12	May 13 Whole School Mass 9.30am Tasty Treat Tuesday	May 14 9:30-10:30AM – Principal's School Tour	May 15	May 16 Community Prayer Walk to School Day "Little Stars" Transition Visit	May 17 May 18
Week 4 NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS WEEK & LAUDATO SI WEEK	May 19	May 20 Mass – Yr 6	May 21	May 22 National Simultaneous Reading Time	May 23 Community Prayer Assembly – Year 2 "Little Stars" Transition Visit	May 24 May 25
Week 5 RECONCILIATION WEEK	May 26 National Sorry Day Beacon Hill College Choir	May 27 Mass – Yr 5	May 28	May 29	May 30 Community Prayer Sausage Sizzle SMMSCG "Little Stars" Transition Visit	May 31 June 1
Week 6	June 2	June 3 Mass – Yr 4 Tasty Treat Tuesday	June 4	June 5 World Environment Day	June 6 Community Prayer Pentecost Parties "Little Stars" Transition Visit	June 7 June 8 Pentecost
Week 7	June 9 Kings Birthday – Public Holiday	June 10 Pupil Free Day – No OSHC Available	June 11	June 12	June 13 Community Prayer SACPSSA Basketball Yrs 5 & 6 Competition Knock-out Soccer – Yr 6 "Little Stars" Transition Visit	June 14 June 15
Week 8	June 16	June 17 Mass – Yr 3	June 18	June 19	June 20 Community Prayer "Little Stars" Transition Visit	June 21 SMMSCG QUIZ NIGHT SHC Mitchell Park June 22
Week 9	June 23	June 24 Rec, R1 & Yr 2 Liturgy - TBC Tasty Treat Tuesday	June 25	June 26	June 27 Community Prayer Assembly – Rec/Little Stars SACPSSA Netball Yrs 3-6 Carnival "Little Stars" Transition Visit	June 28 June 29
Week 10	June 30	July 1	July 2	July 3	July 4 LAST DAY OF TERM Community Prayer PJ Day – St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal "Little Stars" Transition Visit	July 5 July 6 NAIDOC WEEK BEGINS

* PLEASE NOTE, EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. ANY CHANGES WILL BE COMMUNICATED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

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