

28 JUNE 2024
TERM 2, WEEK 9

ST MARY'S MEMORIAL SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

'Come Holy Spirit'

Archbishop Patrick O'Regan, 26 June 2024

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

In the last newsletter, I highlighted the importance of staff maintaining a healthy work-life balance and our commitment to providing every child with the best educational experience. We remain dedicated to ensuring the safety of our students while nurturing positive relationships and maintaining a supportive and engaging learning environment.

The Charter for Parents in SA Catholic Schools I shared with you in the Week 5 School Newsletter highlights the importance of the partnership between parents and schools. The charter states, '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 school have distinct responsibilities to nurture a strong ongoing partnership.'

Our dedication to fostering a positive partnership between home and school includes the continuous review, development, and updating of school-based guidelines. This process involves several steps to ensure that our guidelines are up-to-date, effective, and aligned with the overarching principles of Catholic education. These steps include identifying the need for review, examining existing guidelines, drafting and revising while meeting legal and compliance requirements, undergoing an approval process, implementing the changes, monitoring and evaluating their effectiveness, and maintaining thorough documentation and record-keeping.

By following these steps, we ensure our guidelines remain relevant, effective, and aligned with our mission and values. All school guidelines are informed by and aligned with CESA Policy and Procedure Support Documents. Occasionally, document titles or names are updated to reflect the current climate, research, and educational needs.

This year, we have undertaken significant work in this review process, including our Positive Resolution Guidelines, which are now in the approval stage. The purpose of these guidelines is to explain the measures available to respond to and resolve grievances from staff, students, and their families. The guidelines also include flow charts to assist when a matter is raised.

Our new leadership structure provides additional depth and support across the school to resolve grievances through consultation, cooperation, and discussion, promptly and at a local level. If you have concerns about a matter relating to your child, we encourage you to ask questions and communicate clearly and respectfully with your child's classroom or specialist teachers, or a member of the school leadership team, at a mutually convenient time.

DIARY DATES

Monday, 1 July
Student Academic Reports Sent Home

Tuesday, 2 July
Yr5/6 SACPSSA Netball Carnival

Wednesday, 3 July
Sausage Sizzle Lunch - SMMSCG

Thursday, 4 July
Community Prayer

Friday, 5 July
Whole School Assembly - Yr 1
LAST DAY OF TERM 2

Monday, 22 July
FIRST DAY OF TERM 3

Tuesday, 25 July
Community Prayer

Friday, 26 July
Yr 2 Parent Drinks - SMMSCG

A wonderful element of our new structures includes team line managers who support our teaching teams and the ongoing positive partnerships between home and school. Please know you can also reach out to the leadership team line managers when additional support is needed while working through a matter related to your child.

School Leadership Team

Principal – Sonja Smith
Deputy Principal – Desiree Henthorn
Assistant Principal Religious Identity Mission – Tamara Smith
Leader of Learning – Ben Register
Leader of Inclusive Education – Cathy Register

Leadership Team Line Managers

Reception to Year 2 – Desiree Henthorn
Year 3 to 4 – Cathy Register
Year 5 to 6 – Tamara Smith
Specialist Teachers – Sonja Smith

Teaching and Learning Coordinators

Reception to Year 2 – Claudia Esposito
Year 3 to 4 – David Anderson
Year 5 to 6 – Tammy Patterson

On Wednesday night, I had the absolute privilege of joining members of our school parish community to celebrate the children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation from Archbishop O'Regan and Fr John Herd. Our children enthusiastically shared with the Archbishop the meaning behind their chosen Saints' names and their understanding of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Archbishop O'Regan encouraged us to say a simple prayer each day, "Come Holy Spirit," to seek guidance, fill our hearts, and open the door to our ongoing relationship with God.

Thank you for your ongoing support and collaboration throughout the term, your partnership has been invaluable in creating a positive and enriching environment for our students. Wishing you and your family a safe and restful school holiday break. I look forward to hearing about your many holiday adventures when we return in Term 3 on Monday, 22 July.

Support and Rescheduling of Lock in Drill

On Tuesday, families received an email from me regarding the emergency response at Marion Shopping Centre. I understand that this incident may have caused many emotions, worries, and uncertainties, especially if you, your family, or your children were there on the day.

I want to reaffirm our offer to provide any additional counselling support for your child due to the incident. Please reach out to us directly via the School Office at 8294 4580, and we will be happy to coordinate with our school counsellor.

As detailed in the email, I was aware several of our families were at Marion during the emergency, and as such, I cancelled our usual WHS School Lock-in Drill. This drill has been rescheduled for Week 1 of Term 3. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Semester One Academic Student Reports

We are thrilled to celebrate our students' efforts, hard work, and commitment as their academic reports come home on Monday, 1st July, which offer parents and the children a view of their progress so far this year. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to reach out to class or specialist teachers.

Bells and Music

We would like to extend our thanks to parents, staff, and students for embracing the trial period this term with music replacing bells. After considering various feedback and acknowledging the challenges of music playing during split play breaks, when other students are still in class learning time, we now have music at the beginning and end of the school day, as well as during shared recess and lunch eating times. At all other times, bells have been reintroduced.

A few key dates for your diaries include:

- **PJ Day** - Friday, 5 July
- **School Photo Day** - Wednesday, 28 August
- **School Disco** - Friday, 13 September
- **Grandparents & Special Friends Day** - Thurs, 19 Sept.
- **Sports Day** - Friday, 25 October

Kindest regards,

Sonja Smith
Principal

St Mary's Memorial School
GLENELG

Sibling Enrolments

We encourage families to complete an Application for Enrolment from birth

*** 2026 CLOSING SOON**

COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT TODAY!

Applications open from 2026 and beyond

FROM THE APRIM

This week I had the absolute pleasure of seeing 16 of our children receive the sacrament of confirmation.

On Wednesday night in Our Lady of Victories Church, with Archbishop Patrick and Fr John, along with a number of family, friends and staff from our school, we gathered with our young people as they received the blessing of the Holy Spirit in a deep and special way.

Over the last few weeks the children have been attending workshops, completing activities, considering a saint whose name they want to take on, talking to their family and choosing a sponsor for their faith journey.

The sacrament of Confirmation is the second of the three sacraments of Christian initiation. Confirmation completes Baptism. By the rituals of the laying on of hands and the anointing with Chrism Oil, which first happened at Baptism, we are confirmed with the fullness of the Holy Spirit.



These children will continue their journey through the sacramental program in Term 3. The final sacrament of initiation is First Eucharist. The children will learn about the body and blood of Christ and its' deep meaning as part of Mass.

If you would like your child or children to become Catholic the Glenelg Parish will lead you through what needs to happen. You can have a child baptised at any age; they do not need to be a baby. Once baptised children can then take part in the sacramental program with other children in our school and other children in our Glenelg Parish. Please get in contact with either Fr John or myself.

Joy and blessings,
Tamara Smith



PRAYER



*Lord, move us with your spirit
and guide us, so that in all our
discussions and decisions we are
harvesting the fruits of the
Spirit: love, joy, peace and
patience, kindness, generosity,
and gentleness, faithfulness
and self-control*

SUNDAY GOSPEL QUOTE



MASS & LITURGY CALENDAR

Here is an outline of the main celebrations on our school's Church calendar for Term 3. Please note that the times for these Masses may, or may not, change.

Term 2:

Week 10 No Mass

Term 3:

Week 1	No Mass	
Week 2	Year 5 & Buddy classes Mass	9:30am Tuesday
Week 3	Feast Day Whole school Mass	9:00am Thursday
Week 4	Year 6 & Buddy classes Mass	9:30am Tuesday
	Feast of the Assumption of Mary	8:00am Thursday
	Holy Day of Obligation	
	Staff and Community Mass	
Week 5	Year 4 & Buddy classes Mass	9:30am Tuesday
Week 6	Year 3 & Buddy classes Mass	9:30am Tuesday
Week 7	No Mass	

Bulletin Notice: ACBC Research Project, Absent from the Table

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is undertaking a research project aimed at investigating why some Catholics do not participate in regular weekly Sunday Mass (Sunday Mass includes the Saturday Vigil). You are encouraged to click on the link or scan the QR code to complete the survey.

<https://bit.ly/AbsentFromTheTableSurvey>



The survey closes on Tuesday, 20th August 2024.

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.

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

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.

Tamara Smith
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GLENELG CATHOLIC PARISH

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

YEAR ONE

Exploring Creativity and Imagination!

Our Year One students have been immersed in a variety of creative learning opportunities in the Arts this semester.



In Visual Arts, students have been learning about the representation of nature in artworks. They have explored the work of various artists including First Nations artists and contemporary Australian artists. Students viewed the use of line and colour in Bronwyn Bancroft's landscapes and reimagined a landscape taking inspiration from her illustrations. They also compared the depiction of Australian flora in a range of artworks and chose to create banksia collages in the style of Peter Cromer.



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dance



On Fridays, the students have enthusiastically participated in Dance lessons. Year One students have had lots of fun experimenting with different movements and learning new dance routines.

Show
your
Talent





Mrs Smith recently held a lunch meeting to plan an upcoming assembly with our Year 2 Earth Savers.

**WE ARE A NUDE FOOD SCHOOL.
THIS JULY PLEASE TRY TO KEEP LUNCHBOXES
FREE OF WRAPPERS.
GOOD LUCK!**



2024 Inaugural
SACPSSA Basketball Carnival

A team consisting of 8 of our Year 6 boys recently participated in the Inaugural SACPSSA Basketball Carnival with exceptional performance and sportsmanship.

The team demonstrated excellent teamwork and determination. They competed fiercely in a series of matches that highlighted their skills and cohesion as a team.

Congratulations to all the players for their incredible performance and a massive thank you to the parents for their support and help with scoring on the day.

PJ DAY

Last day of term
Friday 5th July

Please bring a donation:

- Gold coin (or more)
- Warm woolies - beanies, socks, scarves, gloves, sleeping bags

NEW CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS

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

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



New closing date for enrolment applications

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

Applications for Year 7, 2027 close 20 September 2024.



For further information on enrolling at Sacred Heart College, please visit shc.sa.edu.au or call our College Registrar on 8350 2500