

23 AUGUST 2024
TERM 3, WEEK 5

ST MARY'S MEMORIAL SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

'I do not believe I was ever happy if I had not a new book' St Teresa of Avila

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

This week we have been celebrating Catholic Schools Open Week. It is an important week which highlights the unique values and mission of Catholic education, fostering a sense of community, and showcasing the vibrant environment we offer our students. It provides an opportunity to engage with current and prospective families, celebrate our achievements, and reflect on our commitment to holistic education and spiritual growth. This week reinforces our dedication to nurturing both academic excellence and faith-based development. On Wednesday, our Year 6 student leaders, along with some enthusiastic Year 5 aspirants, confidently led tours for new families around our school. The feedback we received was incredibly positive, with families expressing their gratitude for the chance to witness our vibrant school environment in action during key morning learning times. It was a proud moment for us all to showcase the energy and excellence of our school community!

This morning, we were pleased to welcome another 60 people to tour our school. We are very grateful to our amazing students giving up their Saturday morning — Aari, Anjli, Hadley, Ines, Isabelle, Laura, Neve, Parker, and Sabine, to host the tours, along with key members of our team, Des Henthorn, Tammy Patterson, Tamara Smith, Angela Maisey and Rachel Hewitt,

BOOK WEEK

Book Week is a special time at our school, where we celebrate the theme 'Reading is Magic'. We believe in the transformative power of reading, not just for enjoyment, but as a way to learn and grow. Through stories, our students connect with a wide range of books, expanding their knowledge and vocabulary, and discovering the magic that reading brings to their lives. The Book Fair in the library this week was once again well received by our community and I would like to thank Des Henthorn our Deputy Principal for her coordination, preparation and supporting children and families with purchasing new books to read. The much-loved Book Week parade, a fun-filled and highly anticipated event, adds to the joy and excitement of this wonderful celebration. This achievement would not have been possible without the collective efforts of our outstanding staff team, including the dedicated Book Week Committee. A special mention goes to our ESO, Luke Staley, for his magnificent emceeing. A massive thank you to all the families who joined us for the parade and I'm certain worked tirelessly on the magical array of costumes, the joy on our students' faces was simply priceless. Moments like these highlight our strong, supportive community at St Mary's Memorial School. Well done everyone!



Chloe and Jayna dropped by my office with great excitement to share how busy they've been preparing for the Book Week parade—you might have spotted Chloe dressed as The White Rabbit from Alice in Wonderland and Jayna as Evelyn the Mermicorn Fairy!



STUDENT ENTREPRENEURS

With great pride, I'd like to share how Ava, Adele, Willow and Isabela from year 2O took the initiative to meet with me for a lunch meeting on Tuesday this week to discuss their idea of setting up a stall to sell homemade goods and raise money for Vinnies. They spoke passionately about helping those in need, expressing their desire to support the poor by raising funds for food and housing. The maturity and empathy the girls showed in understanding the needs of others were truly remarkable. Their connection to our Dominican charism was evident as they talked about serving others and following in the footsteps of Mary MacKillop to "see a need and do something about it." Our first planning session was highly successful, and before leaving my office, the girls confidently scheduled our next meeting. I'm eagerly looking forward to hearing about their progress and how we can work together to make a difference in the lives of the most vulnerable in our society. Very impressive social justice in action, well done girls!

YEAR 5 RETREAT

A big thank you to Tamara Smith, Tammy Patterson, Fran Long and Lily Scott for their outstanding efforts in planning and providing a wonderful day of leadership-focused activities for our Year 5 students on Tuesday, 21 August, in preparation for 2025 when they will have the opportunity to formally apply for a school leadership role. When I joined the children, they were highly engaged, demonstrating excellent teamwork, listening, and sharing their ideas about our school's House Saints and Dominican Pillars: Prayer, Community, Service, and Study. Congratulations to all involved, especially the students, for their enthusiasm and willingness to embrace student leadership.



STAFF FAREWELL

After 20 years of dedicated service to St Mary's Memorial School we would like to extend our sincere thanks to Deb Wight for her invaluable contributions as a cherished member of our community. We will formally farewell Deb on Wednesday, to show our deep gratitude and appreciation for her commitment to the school community, and we wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

LIVING LEARNING LEADING (LLL) SURVEY

Each year, our staff, students, and families have the opportunity to provide valuable feedback through the Living Learning Leading survey. We sincerely thank the parents who recently participated in this year's survey. Your input is crucial in shaping the future initiatives and direction of our school. Additionally, we encourage all families to connect with us through various communication channels, including class and specialist teachers, the front office, or our leadership teams. Your voice matters, and we are here to listen.

COMMUNICATION

We recognise parents and caregivers as the very first educators of their child and we value working together. Communication with families supports the best outcomes for learning.

Each classroom teacher is your first point of contact for any communication about your child's learning and wellbeing. As mentioned in our Term 2 Week 9 Newsletter, parents are warmly invited to connect with various members of our school team to ask questions, discuss concerns, seek support, and share feedback. We encourage clear and respectful communication with classroom or specialist teachers, or with a member of the school leadership team. Our new leadership structure is designed to address concerns promptly and collaboratively.

You are always welcome to reach out to us for additional support when needed.

School Leadership Team

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

Leadership Team Line Managers

Reception to Year 2 – Desiree Henthorn
 Year 3 to 4 – Cathy Regester
 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

KEY DATES

- **School Photo Day** - Wednesday, 28 August
- **Father's Day Stall** - Thursday, 29 August
- **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 continued support and partnership as we work together to create a vibrant and thriving school community.

Kindest regards

Mrs Sonja Smith
 Principal

FROM THE APRIM

This Wednesday I was privileged to spend the day with the Year 5 children and staff focusing on what it will mean to be the leaders of the school next year. Our day was titled 'Journeying Towards Veritas' and we looked at all the different truths we can learn from the saints of our school, from Jesus and from our Dominican Pillars. The day was a mixture of learning and games and the Year 5s really embraced the day. The highlight was probably the designing of the Year 6 jumper based on what they had learnt about who we are as a St Mary's Memorial School community.

Joy and blessings,
Tamara Smith



"I liked prayer because lots of people got to participate and it was really calm" Jaxon 5L



"I liked how we wrote all the things we do on the sticky notes, about our Dominican Pillars" Allegra 5P



"I liked designing the jacket; I might be wearing what I design along with everyone else in the class! Zara 5L



"I liked the games we played because I've never played them before and they were fun" Johnny 5L



"I really liked how we played the partner game because we had to really work together and congratulate each other. It was fun!" Eliana 5P



"I liked how we all worked together in our House teams; we got to work with people we don't normally work with" Mason B 5P



Mason Neumann
Sabine Humphris
Matilda Barkla
Ivy Walker
Harrison Clark
Lachlan Braithwaite

Dominican Awards

For an excellent attitude towards the
Dominican Pillar of Service
16-08-24

Alec L.M
William Angus
Noah Sandercock
Alfie Hazelwood
Delia Scholz
Isla-Rose Slattery

Ace O'Young
Levi Mikhail
Axel Rowntree
Harry Smitheran
Lucy Moore
Oscar Norman



Aashvi Mehta
Max Barclay
Lucy Barclay
Marley Corston
Ellie Frost-MacLeod

"YEAR 2: HANDBALL FUN AND BEACH RUN ADVENTURES!"



HANDBALL

WE WENT TO THE COURTS AND STARTED PLAYING HANDBALL. I WAS KING FOR MOST OF THE TIME. IF YOU ARE IN KING

WHEN THE WHISTLE BLOWS YOU CAN GO TO THE GRAND FINAL. I CAME 2ND, IT WAS SO HARD. WILLIAM 2S

BOOM! I WAS KING BUT THEN I GOT OUT. IT WAS WILLIAM V OLIVER IN THE FINAL! TYLER 2S

HANDBALL WAS AWESOME – I PLAYED WITH MY NEW HANDBALL! ELLA 2S

IT WAS THE BEST! I WAS IN THE FINALS AND IT WAS SO MUCH FUN! GIORDANA 2S

I LOVE HANDBALL BECAUSE I LOVE DOING SUPER SHOTS AND GETTING PEOPLE OUT. JAMES 20M

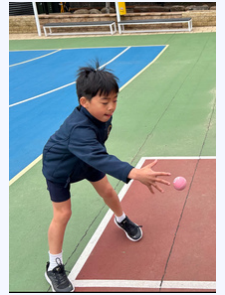
I LOVE HANDBALL AND IF YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO PLAY MY FRIENDS AND I WILL TEACH YOU. - ADELE 20M

I LOVE HANDBALL BECAUSE YOU GET TO PLAY WITH DIFFERENT PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT CLASSES. I LOVE TWO

SQUARE BECAUSE YOU GET PASS TO EACH OTHER. INDI 2H

I REALLY LIKE HANDBALL BECAUSE YOU GET TO LEARN NEW LOTS OF SKILLS TO GET PEOPLE OUT. YOU ALSO GET TO

MEET FRIENDS FROM OTHER CLASSES. JACK - 2H



BEACH RUN

BEACH RUN IS SO MUCH FUN BECAUSE WE LOVE RUNNING. I ALSO GET TO SEE MY BESTIE IN THE OTHER CLASS. MABEL 2S

LET ME TELL YOU THE WORDS THAT WENT THROUGH MY HEAD – I AM TIRED, BUT I AM STILL GOING TO DO THIS! I DID 3 LAPS – NEXT

TIME I WILL TRY FOR 5. LUCY M 2S

BEACH RUN WAS SUPER FUN AND I GOT TO RUN WITH HARRIET. ADDI 2S

BOOM – I RAN AS FAST AS I COULD. I WAS PROUD OF MYSELF AND I FELT AMAZING. MY PARTNER WAS RIVER AND WE HAD SO

MUCH FUN. LEO P 2S

I LIKE HOW MY MUM GETS TO GO ON BEACH WALK WITH ME - ZOE S 20M

WE ARE VERY LUCKY THAT WE GET TO DO THIS AND GO FOR BEACH WALKS NEAR OUR SCHOOL. JOSH 20M

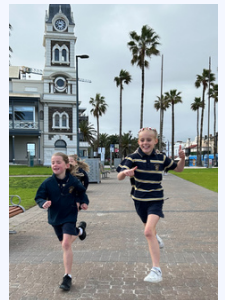
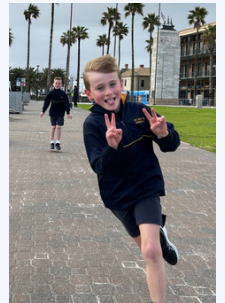
I LOVE TO WATCH THE WAVES AND WHEN ITS COLD WE RUN ALL AROUND THE PLAYGROUND WHICH IS SO FUN! AMBREEN 20M

I LIKE THE BEACH WALK BECAUSE WE GET TO WALK WITH A PARTNER, AND WE CAN RUN ON THE BEACH AND PLAY ON THE

PLAYGROUND. ALFIE 2H

ON BEACH WALK, WE GET TO CHOOSE OUR PARTNERS AND WE CAN TALK TO THEM. WE SOMETIMES GET TO WALK ON THE JETTY

OR GO ON THE SAND AN THE PARK. AUDREY 2H



PRAYER

A Prayer for Reading a Book
Word of Life,

open my eyes to see you and my mind to learn more
about you through these pages.

Author of Creation,

protect me against anything that would lead me astray.

Help me hold on to all that is true, good, and beautiful.

May I sense your presence as I read and find you
closer with each turning page.

Amen.



"A book
is a gift
you can
open
again
and
again."
— Garrison Keillor

Parade

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.

Week 6

Year 3 & Year 2 Buddy classes Mass 9:30am Tuesday

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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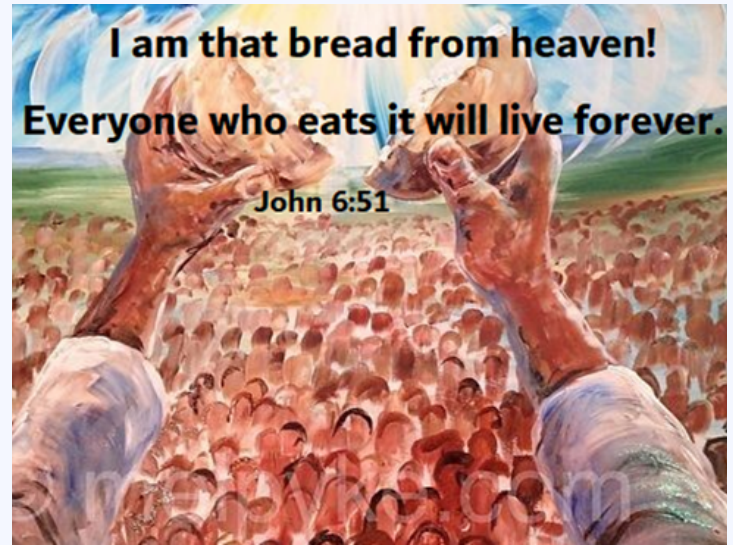


GLENELG CATHOLIC PARISH

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
Web: www.glenelgcp.com

SUNDAY GOSPEL QUOTE



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 have the final sacrament, First Eucharist, to prepare for and celebrate this term.

- Workshops will be at 6pm on Thursday evenings, August 22, August 29 and September 5.
- Families can choose any of Masses around Sunday 8th September for first Eucharist – Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9am, 10.30am or 5pm.

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

If your child is in Year 3 or above and you would like them to become initiated into the Catholic Church through the sacramental program please email:

- Fr John Herd – jdherd@hotmail.com
- Tamara Smith - tsmith@stmarmem.catholic.edu.au

The program begins in Term 4.

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

BOOK WEEK 2024



The Parent & Friend committee this year are excited to host a **Fathers Day Stall**.

Our aim is to offer students an opportunity to say 'Happy Fathers Day' to the special people in their lives who care for them. All classes will be rostered to visit the gift stall with their teacher on Thursday 29th August.

The prices of all gifts will be either \$3, \$4 or \$5. Parent volunteers will be on hand to help your child select their gifts.

Student may bring whatever amount of money they wish to spend, however initially they will have the opportunity to purchase up to 3 gifts during their class visit. This is to ensure there is ample stock for all classes.

We suggest your child's money be placed in an envelope or snap lock bag with their name and class number on it, especially lower primary students to make it easier for them to find and keep safe. We ask that students bring along their own carry bag to take their purchases home.

FAQ's

- The gift stall is not for profit, it is not a fundraiser, we purchase new items to sell at the stall
- Parent volunteers are on hand to help your child choose items
- Feel free to include note if your child needs to purchase multiple gifts
- Please bring a reusable bag



A colorful promotional graphic for a Father's Day Stall. The central text reads "FATHER'S DAY Stall" in large, bold, blue letters, with "Stall" in a cursive font. Below this, it says "29 | AUGUST | 2024" and "\$3 / \$4 / \$5 GIFTS PURCHASE UP TO 3 GIFTS". At the bottom, it states "FYI: NOT FOR PROFIT STALL VOLUNTEERS ON HAND TO HELP PLS BRING A REUSABLE BAG". The graphic is decorated with various icons: a gift box, a hat with glasses, a "MY HERO" badge, a "WE ♥ DAD" mug, a watch, a heart, and another gift box.

Thank you for your support of this volunteer run initiative!

School Photo Day



**Wednesday
28 August 2024**



Students are to wear **full Winter Uniform** even if it is their Sports Day.

All orders will be delivered to SMMS for distribution.

If you have any queries, please refer to correspondence sent directly from MSP Photography or contact the Front Office.

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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

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 PUPIL FREE DAY 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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