

Important Dates

10.30am Sacrament of Communion

Thursday 4 July 2024

PUPIL FREE DAY

Monday 22 July 2024

Term 3 Commences 8.50am

Tuesday 23 July 2024

9am Welcoming Morning Tea in the Treehouse

Tuesday 23 July 2024

Sushi Lunch

Friday 26 July 2024

1pm Sacramental Program Workshop

Saturday 27 July 2024

9am Forest Friends Playgroup Commences for Term 3

Monday 29 July 2024

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5.30pm Year 4 & 5 Parent Information Session

Monday 29 July 2024

9am Liturgy 1/2C

Tuesday 30 July 2024

3.15pm Yr2-3 Art Club

Wednesday 31 July 2024

From the Principal



Dear Parents, Friends, Staff and Students of St Catherine's,

It is such an exciting time welcoming our new Reception students to St Catherine's. We recently held two transition visits where our Midyear Receptions visited and spent time with their teacher and new classmates. We look forward to Edison, Ellie, Grace, Baxter, Georgia, Lily, Alexander, Sofia, Vivi, Spencer, Olivia and Harriet joining the St Catherine's community next term to begin their learning journey at school.













Our Year 5 and 6 choir students have been busy learning their repertoire of songs and actions ready to perform as part of the Catholic Schools Music Festival at the Adelaide Festival Theatre at the end of next term and they recently joined other school choirs at St Joseph's School, Tranmere for a combined rehearsal. Information regarding ticket sales for this performance will be shared early next term.

Debating

Last week our students enjoyed their last debate for Term 2. Our Year 6 team won their debate against a Year 7 team and our Year 5 orange team won against our Year 5 yellow team by a narrow margin of 0.3 of a point! Congratulations to Matisse who won best speaker on the night. Congratulations also to all our debating students for dedicating their time and effort to extend their learning through this extra-curricular activity.

Semester 1 Student Achievement reports

Student reports were made available via SEQTA for the first time this semester. The information contained in this report is a summary of your child's achievement this year. Reports are provided twice per year and are one of a number of ways that the school communicates your child's achievement and approach to learning. Reporting provides an opportunity for students, parents, and teachers to maintain authentic conversations and partnerships focussed on learning.

I encourage parents to talk through the report with their child and highlight their strengths. You may find it helpful to discuss one or two areas to work on in the second half of the year and the following are suggested questions that can guide these conversations.

What are you most proud of?

What did you struggle with but managed to work through?

What goal/s might you have for the remainder of the year?

Should you wish to discuss any element of your child's progress, please make a time to meet with your child's teacher. Our next formal parent learning conversations are scheduled for Term 3, week 8 and will be an opportunity to talk with your child's teacher about their ongoing progress throughout Semester 2.

Student Leaders

As Semester 1 draws to a close I would like to thank all our student leaders who have represented their classes with a sense of responsibility and pride. Mrs Dawe and I have been extremely impressed with the engagement and confidence the students have shown through sharing their points of views on a range of different topics as well as using problem solving skills to ensure our school is a safe and happy environment, caring for the common good. Our commitment to opportunities for student voice and agency remains a strong focus and we are certain that the development which occurs in these situations provides a great foundation for students to become effective advocates for a socially just and equitable world.

Term 3

As communicated earlier this week, I am taking up a temporary role at Catholic Education as School Performance Leader for Central and North Schools for Term 3. I am very much looking forward to the new challenge and the opportunity to broadening my leadership experience during this time. I am sure you will make Mark Simpson very welcome in his role as Acting Principal during my absence. Mark is an experienced school leader having worked in Independent and Catholic schools for many years. I look forward to seeing you all again on my return in Term 4.

Finally, a reminder of our Pupil Free Days in Term 3.

- Monday 22nd July (Staff are attending an East Region Catholic Schools conference focused on Student Agency and Learning).
- Friday 27th September (Staff First Aid training)

(Camp Australia OSHC will be available 8am-4pm on these days)

Students return to school on Tuesday 23rd July.

Have a safe and happy holiday break.

Warm regards,

John

Together in Faith, Learning and Community

From the APRIM



Vinnie's Winter Appeal - Supporting the Adelaide Hills Community

I am thrilled to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our incredible school community for the overwhelming support shown during our Winter Appeal. Your generosity and spirit of giving have truly made a difference.

Through your donations of groceries, we have been able to provide essential items to those in need within our community. Your contributions ensure that families struggling during these colder months have access to nutritious food and basic necessities.

Additionally, our Olympics-themed casual day was a tremendous success, raising over \$880! The enthusiasm and participation from students and families alike were truly inspiring. The funds raised will go a long way in supporting our ongoing efforts to assist those less fortunate.

The spirit of unity and compassion demonstrated by our school community is heartwarming and a testament to the values we hold dear. Thank you for coming together to support such a worthy cause.

Sacrament of Confirmation

We are thrilled to share the joyous news that several of our students have recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Matthew's Church in a service officiated by Archbishop O'Regan. Our Choir Club also added to the celebration through their beautiful musical contributions. This significant milestone in their spiritual journey marks a deeper commitment to their faith and the strengthening of their bond with the Holy Spirit.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Mary, Orlando, Antonio, and Jack for embracing this important sacrament with dedication and reverence. Their commitment and preparation have been inspiring to witness, and we are immensely proud of each of them.

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to the entire school community for keeping these students in your prayers. A special thank you also goes out to their families for their guidance, love, and support which have been instrumental in preparing these candidates for this sacrament. Thank you also to the Adelaide Hills Parish for their warm hospitality throughout the sacramental journey. Your welcoming environment and spiritual guidance have made this experience truly memorable for our students and their families.





Dominican Leadership - Bread Tag Collection

As part of the Dominican Leadership program, the Year 6 students have been collectingâ€⁻breadâ€⁻tagsâ€⁻for Aussieâ€⁻Bread Tagsâ€⁻for Wheelchairs. Not only are we saving plasticâ€⁻bread tagsâ€⁻form landfill, theâ€⁻breadâ€⁻tagsâ€⁻are recycled into items such as door knobs, boards, bowls, pens and even lazy Susans! The money raised goes towards wheelchairs for people who are disadvantaged, particularly in South Africa.â€⁻

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION



Absent from the Table Survey

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 invited to complete this survey with the opportunity being available until Tuesday August 20th. The survey can be accessed through the link below. Please note that all participants need to be 18 years or older.

https://acu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2soKeAtFMEYGf0W

Warm regards,

Krystina Dawe,

Assistant Principal, Religious Identity and Mission

kdawe@stcaths.catholic.edu.au

Languages Expo

On the 24th of June St Catherine's celebrated its first ever language's expo. The year 5 and 6 students were asked to pick a non English speaking country of their choice and researched many different aspects on their chosen country. They presented their projects at the languages expo and included many different props, costumes and food. The evening was a great success with lots of information learnt and positive feedback from our school community.



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Around the Classrooms

RB

We began the term with a very exciting trip to the Monarto Zoo to support our Science classroom learning. We enjoyed seeing many of the Asian and African animals, with a particular highlight being the safari tour on the bus. We have enjoyed spending a lot of time with our buddies this term. This has included Nature Play earlier in the term where we made nature names using natural resources in the

environment. We shared in National Simultaneous story time together and shared many lunches on the courts together which we have thoroughly enjoyed. In Mathematics we have been writing addition equations and learning all the friends of 10. It's great to see the children fostering a love for Math.

R1B/P

In R1B we have been writing persuasive texts to share our points of view. We read books and shared our personal views, and written about them. We looked at words to help to strengthen our arguments. The Year 1s presented their argument about whether or not they should always eat their peas! These skills will certainly be helpful in years to come! We have continued our unit of work on animals and their habitats. The excursion to Monarto Zoo helped us to reflect on what animals need to survive and how animals require different types of shelter and food. We have created posters of a chosen animal to share what we learnt on our excursion.

1/2C

This term in Year 1/2C, we have been extremely busy looking at our beautiful world, the living and non-living things and outer space. We are creating our dioramas and have been researching some facts to include in our creations. We have been looking at local places and what has been constructed, man-made and natural as well as the different states and territories in our country. We also hosted our Liturgy in Week 5 that acknowledged Our Mother, Mary and the role she plays in our day to day lives.

2/3F

We celebrated National Reconciliation Week where we participated in a range of engaging activities that highlighted Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and history. We learnt about inspirational Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people such as David Unaipon and Gurrumul and participated in lessons linked to their talents. We are learning how to care for Tadpoles which links with the science content of lifecycles and living things. We are looking forward to seeing our tadpoles' produce legs.

3/4W

We have had oral presentations over the past few weeks. Our topic was on sharing a book we have read at home and that we would like to motivate others in our class to read. We have heard from everyone, and boy did our book lists grow! The presentations were on Power Point, Canva, Key Note plus using flashcards and our own book creations.

4/5B

4/5B are in the final stages of completing our persuasive summative. The Year 4's are writing a persuasive speech arguing "School uniforms should be compulsory." And Year 5's a persuasive letter arguing for or against "Renewable vs non-renewable energy." In Maths, we have wrapped up our Fractions unit, which has seen the students develop their understanding and application of this abstract concept resulting in learning success across the class. We have represented fractions in 100's charts all the way to adding mixed and improper fractions using multiplication and division.

5/60

In Maths at the moment, we are learning about patterns and algebra. The students have been able to identify the differences between repeating, linear and growing patterns both visually and numerically. They have also been able to solve complex problems and synthesise the algebraic equation. In Literacy, students are writing informative reports, using strategies such as incorporating language of comparison, cause and effect statements and strong vocabulary. In Science, we are investigating how the survival of living things is impacted by physical conditions such as water and sunlight. We have conducted a range of experiments to support our investigation.

Specialist Subjects

Music

The students in Years 5 and 6 have been busy getting ready for the school musical which will occupy most of their time next term. They have been learning performance techniques and researching the musical which they are going to perform. The junior students have been busy playing a variety of songs on the boomwhackers during music and improvising characters in drama.

Sport

The students have been learning about Netball this term focusing on passing, catching, shooting and game play. The year 4-6 students enjoyed the Cross Country Carnival at Woodside with over 30 students competing on the day running either 2km or 3km distances. The after school Basketball program was again popular for R-2 students on a Monday after school.

Italian

In reception the students are learning the names for farm animals in Italian. They are also learning the sounds that they make and how it

is different to English. They are also learning colours and numbers on a fun game platform called languages online.

Catholic Schools Netball Carnival 2024

Congratulations to the 63 students that competed at the annual Catholic Schools Netball Carnival on Tuesday 2nd July at Netball SA Stadium, Mile End. Each team played 6 matches on the day against various Catholic Schools. The Carnival is a non-competitive Carnival with no scores or tables kept on the day.

Special thanks to our wonderful parent volunteers that assisted at the Carnival, Mia Semple, Cindy Tinnefeld, Sally Hicks, Liz Luppino and Sharon Sullivan. Also, a big thank you to Mrs Williams and Miss O'Connell for their assistance on the day.

We look forward to the next Catholic Schools Carnival next Term, the Cross Country Carnival which will be held on Wednesday 7th August 2024 (week 3).

Steven De Giovanniello



Dominican Leadership program Initiative



Next term, as part of our Dominican Leadership program, our Year 6 students will be collecting shoes through the Tread Lightly initiative who recycle old shoes into gym flooring. We would love if you could please bring in any old sneakers/runners, thongs & slides, boots, leather school shoes, football boots, and hiking boots. There will be a collection box set up before & after school. For more information, please visit the Tread Lightly website: https://treadlightly.asga.com.au/

Any questions, please email Miss O'Connell loconnell@stcaths.catholic.edu.au

Donations needed for Playgroup

Our playgroup and Bambini programs create an engaging environment to promote curiosity, independence and community. We provide activities to promote creative and imaginative play encompassing both fine motor skills and gross motor skills for children aged between 0-5.

At St Catherine's, we strive to be as sustainable as possible. As a result, we would like to reach out to our school community for donations of preloved or unwanted items in before buying items new. If you have items that you would like to donate, we kindly ask that all donations are carefully checked to ensure they are complete and in good or like new condition so our young people can continue to enjoy them.

Below are some suggestions for items that would be useful for our playgroup and Bambini programs. Donations can be brought to the Library.

Items:

- Puzzles (large pieces or wooden puzzles)
- Matching /memory games
- Educational games such as memory games, number games, sorting and pattern games, flash cards, tangrams, money games, shopping games etc
- Animal figurines
- · Play food items for play kitchens/shops
- Picture books for the Paint Playgroups Read program
- Wood bowls
- Artificial flower stems
- Dolls
- Doll house furniture
- Small cars/trucks
- · Craft items (pom poms, patty pans, paper, glue, pipe cleaners, sequins, stickers, scrapbooking embellishments etc)
- Paint
- Model/figurine trees and landscape items
- · Fairy garden items
- Long grain rice for coloured rice
- Clean and intact baby/toddler toys (not battery operated)
- Dress ups (in good condition for ages 2-5)
- · Doctor/hairdresser play kits etc
- Kinetic sand
- Shells
- · Colouring books



School Disco

A massive thank you to all the parents and staff who helped put on a fabulous school disco. The kids had a ball!



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P & F News



Firstly, I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who help to make the P&F such a fantastic group to be a part of. Just 1 hour of your time is all it takes to make a huge impact on our school and our children reap the rewards!

Thanks to the fundraising efforts from the 2023 P&F we were able to purchase new soccer goals for the oval and "block out" blinds for the hall – which have come in handy for the annual disco and the (future) 3&4 Sleepover.

Mother's Day Stall was a HUGE success with 202 Tokens purchased.

Father's Day Tokens will be on QKR for purchase next Term – Stall will be open to students on 30th August just in time to purchase a gift for someone special in their lives.

St Helen's Cottages has a great offer in place for St Cath's families - please see Audiri for more info.

Italian Day is locked in for 29th August – Signora has a fantastic day planned and yummy food will be available for pre-order via QKR – keep your eyes on Audiri for more info.

That's all from me, for now!

Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing break.

Lucia and P&F Team

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Curriculum



Children's University

St Catherine's School'sâ€⁻allocated graduation date isâ€⁻Thursday,14th November 2024.â€⁻â€⁻

Graduates will need to arrive byâ€⁻9:45amâ€⁻in readiness for the ceremony to commence sharply atâ€⁻10:30amâ€⁻and conclude by approximatelyâ€⁻12:00pm.â€⁻Official invites for the graduation will be distributed in Term 3, however you may like to take note of this date. Arrangements for attending the graduation will be confirmed next term, however please note only two guests per graduating student will be able to attend.

For those looking to boost their learning hours, you might like to consider the Winter Holiday Challenge Activities. The school holidays are a great time to get stuck into some of the learning activities.



Student Reports

On Wednesday this week you received your child's academic report for Semester 1 via the SEQTA Engage platform. This is a summary of your child's achievement so far this year. There will be an opportunity to have a discussion with your child's teacher during our

scheduled Learning Conversation next term. Until then, the following table may provide additional insight into your child's achievements this semester.

The Department for Education provide further clarity in relation to A to E grades, which will be encapsulated in the CESA Performance Standards.

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A	Your child is demonstrating	Thorough knowledge and understanding of the content,
	excellent achievement of	key ideas and concepts
	what is expected at this	Very high level of competence in the skills and processes
	year level.	Uses these skills and processes in new contexts
В	Your child is demonstrating	Extensive knowledge and understanding of the content,
	good achievement of what	key ideas and concepts
-	is expected at this year	High level of competence in the skills and processes
	level.	Uses the skills and processes in some new contexts
С	Your child is demonstrating	Satisfactory knowledge and understanding of the content,
	satisfactory achievement	key ideas and concepts
	of what is expected at this	Expected level of competence in the skills and processes
	year level.	Uses skills and processes in familiar contexts
	Your child is demonstrating	Basic knowledge and understanding of the content, key
	partial achievement of what	ideas and concepts
D	is expected at this year	Limited level of competence in the skills and processes
	level.	Some ability to use skills and processes in familiar
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E		Very basic knowledge and understanding in a few areas of
	Your child is demonstrating	the content, key ideas and concepts
	minimal achievement of	Very limited competence in some of the skills and
-	what is expected at this	processes
	year level.	Beginning ability to use skills and processes in familiar
		contexts

NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC Week is a special time where we celebrate the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This year, NAIDOC Week is held from 7 – 14 July 2024. It's a time for us to learn about the rich traditions and contributions of Indigenous Australians.

This year's NAIDOC Week theme reminds us of the ongoing connection Indigenous Australians have with their land and the importance of caring for our environment. During NAIDOC Week, we had the opportunity to participate in various activities and learn more about Aboriginal culture. Pictured are the Miss Barolo's, Mrs Brines and Mrs Williams students with examples of their learning.



The story of Mad Magpie taught us about caring for each other.



The story Big Rain Coming taught us about our environment.







The Year 3/4 students helped their younger buddies to make NAIDOC Week bracelets using beads.

Book Week

Need a project for the children in the school holidays? This may be an ideal time for children to think about what they would like to dress up for our Book Week celebration next term.

The theme for this years Book Week is 'Reading is Magic'. We are looking forward to celebrating book characters during Week 5 of next term. You may also like to sharpen up your magic skills for our school Magic SHOW!



Kind Regards,

Narelle Brine and Krystina Dawe Leaders of Learning – Curriculum and Assessment

Wellbeing



Stronger Families: A Positive Parenting Conference

Presented by Catholic School Parents South Australia

This one-day event is tailored for parents and professionals involved with youth, offering a platform where prominent parenting experts from Australia come together to share invaluable insights on modern-day challenges affecting children and teenagers

Program

Registration	9.00am
Welcome and Introduction	9.30am
Maggie Dent	9.45 - 11.15am
Madhavi Nawana Parker	11.30 - 12.30pm
Lunch (Light Lunch Provided)	12.30 - 1.15pm
Paul Dillon	1.15 - 2.15pm
Panel Discussion	2.15pm - 3pm
Close	3.00pm

Featured Speakers

Maggie Dent: "Help Me Help My Teen".

This seminar, based on Maggie's latest book, is a reassuring, practical guide for parents to help teenagers navigate adolescence and

grow into confident, capable adults. Adolescence has always been a time of huge transformation, but today's teens deal with challenges that parents may never have imagined.

An increasingly digital world filled with social media, gaming and harmful content, along with changing cultural norms, has intensified the pressure to excel and 'fit in' – leading to heightened levels of stress, anxiety and depression.

Paul Dillon: "Teens, Parties, Alcohol, and Vapes: What Parents Need to Know".

Adolescence is a challenging time for all concerned, with many parents feeling as though they are not adequately prepared, particularly in areas such as alcohol and other drugs.

Every family is different and there are a range of different circumstances that will dictate how a parent responds to problems that may arise in this area. Having good quality, accurate information is vital.

Madhavi Nawana Parker: "Maintaining Calm Amidst Parenting Challenges".

This workshop, based on Madhavi Nawana Parker's books on social emotional wellbeing, resilience, confidence and happiness, will bring parents of pre adolescents and adolescents, evidence based tools to help you confidently navigate the inevitable (and very real) ups and downs of life with a teenager.

Madhavi will teach simple and practical ways to regulate your own stress and emotions, while building in daily happiness and wellbeing habits, that will help strengthen your family's lifelong connection with each other.

Seating is general admission and light lunch is provided.

For more information contact trish.jarvis@cspsa.catholic.edu.au

Growing with Gratitude - AFL Max Leadership excursion

The Student Representative Council and Eco Reps from Years 3-6 were invited by Ash Manuel at Growing with Gratitude to come along to a leadership and teamwork capacity building workshop at AFL Max on Friday, Week 7!

We had a fun time exploring the many different activities there that took us out of our comfort zone. We learnt about the C.A.R analogy when it comes to communicating with each other, standing for clear, appropriate and regular! We hope to bring this back into our future meetings together.â€⁻







Kids in Adelaide

Looking for something fun to do together this holidays?

Kids in Adelaide have rounded up some amazing ideas for you to look in to. Click the link to find out more: https://kidsinadelaide.com.au/adelaide-school-holidays-july/

Genevieve Jong

Leader of Learning - Wellbeing and Inclusion

Community Notices



Friday Lunches Help Needed

Friday Lunch Helpers Needed

GRILLIN' AND CHILLIN' *



P&F IS LOOKING FOR A COUPLE OF VOLUNTEERS WHO CAN HELP WITH FRIDAY LUNCH ORDERS.



FRIDAY'S 11AM-1PM
FULL TRAINING PROVIDED

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.
LUCIA 0431 083 032

* NO BURGER MAKING REQUIRED.

(F) Greetings

Help is needed 11am-1pm Fridays to help with Lunch Orders. Contact Lucia if you are able to help.

Pupil Free Days for the 2024 school year

Monday 22 July 2024

Friday 27 September 2024

Thursday 12 December 2024

Friday 13 December 2024

St Helen's Cottages



ST. HELEN'S COTTAGES

bed & breakfast

Winter Getaway Fundraiser in the beautiful Clare Valley

Situated just 5 minutes drive to the main street of Clare, it's the ideal location.

The Riesling Trail is at your doorstep, with Tim Adams winery next door,

and Greg Cooley winery just over the road.

4 individual cottages are strategically placed throughout the 4 acre property giving you privacy during your stay. (2 two bedroom cottages & 2 one bedroom cottages)

Winter Getaway bookings are available from 1 August —31 October 2024 (2 night min.)

As a special fundraiser for our school, St Helen's Cottages are generously donating 10% from each booking to the school!

Only valid for bookings made directly via

https://www.sthelenscountrycottages.com/ When booking, use the code STCATHS in the promo code section

All funds raised will be used towards our Italian Day activities later this year.





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A POSITIVE PARENTING CONFERENCE

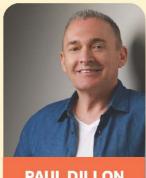


OUR SPEAKERS



MAGGIE DENT

HELP ME HELP MY TEEN



PAUL DILLON

TEENS, PARTIES, ALCOHOL AND VAPES. WHAT DO PARENTS **NEED TO KNOW?**



NAWANA PARKER

BEING CALM IN THE EYE OF A PARENTING STORM

THE SANCTUARY **ADELAIDE ZOO**

1 PLANE TREE DRIVE

SATURDAY AUGUST 31

9AM REGISTRATION

9.30AM TO 3PM

\$25 + Booking Fee per person. Light lunch included

Tickets available at Humanitix www.events.humanitix.com/stronger-families-conference

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