



Important Dates

9am Whole School Mass 2/3F

Tuesday 6 August 2024

Catholic Schools Cross Country Carnival

Wednesday 7 August 2024

Year 3 & 4 Mass at St Matthew's Bridgewater

Thursday 8 August 2024

8am Coffee Van 9am Assembly 4/5B

Friday 9 August 2024

9am Liturgy RB

Tuesday 13 August 2024

11am Years 4-6 Visit to Mercedes College

Thursday 15 August 2024

Bullying No Way Day

Friday 16 August 2024

19-23 August Book Week

Monday 19 August 2024

Catholic Schools Open Week August 19-23

Monday 19 August 2024

9.15am School Tour

Monday 19 August 2024

Book Week Magic Show

Tuesday 20 August 2024

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Thursday 22 August 2024

9.15am Book Week Parade

Friday 23 August 2024

From the Principal



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

As I sit in the Principal's office and glance out across the beautiful surrounds of St Cath's, I reflect upon my past 7 days at the school. I have been warmly welcomed by staff, students and parents into a community that I knew something about but have now learned more. I have seen firsthand a school committed to its Dominican values with a vibrant, supportive community and strong sense of care for the environment. Overwhelmingly, I have seen a school where everyone is known, where students feel safe and supported to be themselves, where parents are committed to the school and regularly offer support, and there are a wide variety of opportunities beyond the classroom that most students participate in. In short St Cath's is a nurturing place where everyone is known and cared for.

As I shared with the staff on the first day, I see my role this term as that of a Custodian-to keep the good work going. John provided me with an excellent handover last term and during the break and we are frequently in touch but as a staff team, we are now responsible for maintaining our high standards for our students, our community and each other.

I look forward to the opportunity to get to know you and work with you this term.

Our New Reception Students

Following last term's transition visits, our Mid-year Receptions have commenced school. It has been delightful to welcome them into the St Catherine's community as they begin their learning journey. It is my long-held belief that the parent and carers of our new students have now also joined St Cath's community so I encourage you to be involved in the school where you can.

https://www.stcaths.catholic.edu.au/community/volunteer

Bambini Program

Our Bambini program commenced for 2024 last Friday. Our Bambini Program is designed to help our students be school ready. It is for children who are enrolled to attend St Catherine's School in the January Reception intake for the final two terms before starting school. In the program, children are introduced to some of our basic routines of a school day, get to know the school, the staff, the facilities, and the children they will be starting their St Catherine's learning journey with. It also gives our teachers a chance to get to know your child.

https://www.stcaths.catholic.edu.au/enrolment/bambini-transition-program



Year 4 & 5 Parent Information Evening

It was great to see so many parents and carers attend the parent evening and hear the class teachers Ms O'Connell and Mr Butler, current students Sylvie and Jack, parent Jane and Assistant Principal Mrs Dawe, speak so fondly about their school. They spoke of St Cath's as a nurturing community where students' leadership growth is supported and students are offered a great number of opportunities including Podcasting, Aquatics, Global Connections/Languages Lab, School Musical, Enterprise (Business) Program, Eco Leadership, Debating, Sporting Carnivals, Music Festival, and the Environmental Leaders Program (YELP).

First Communion

I look forward to joining the students receiving their First Communion on Sunday. This is an important moment of celebration and reflection, as families and friends gather to witness and support the children as they take this important step in their faith journey. Thanks to Fr Fred, Cathie Oswald, and our APRIM Mrs Dawe for preparing and supporting our students.

Visit to Little Nook Early Learning Centre, Hahndorf

I was delighted to see the way that our senior students engaged with the pre-school children during our visit to the Little Nook Early Learning Centre last week. They represented the school well and as parents and carers, you can be proud of the way your children demonstrated empathy and kindness.



Year 1/2 Coates Liturgy

Well done to the Year 1/2s and Ms Coates for leading the Liturgy on Tuesday.

Regards,

Mark Simpson

Together in Faith, Learning and Community

From the APRIM



Celebrating Our Holy Communion Students

We are thrilled to announce that several of our students will be receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion this weekend. This special occasion marks a significant milestone in their spiritual journey, as they experience the profound grace and blessings that come with this sacred sacrament.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations and many rich blessings to these young members of our community. May they feel the love and presence of Christ in a special way as they take this important step in their faith. We are proud of their commitment and dedication, and pray that this experience brings them closer to God and strengthens their spiritual lives.

Please join us in celebrating and supporting these students as they continue to grow in their faith:

- Mary
- Orlando
- Antonio

May the joy and peace of this Holy Communion stay with them always.

Made in the Image of God Curriculum (MITIOG)

The Made in the Image of God Curriculum (MITIOG) is the official program for sexuality and respectful relationships education in South Australian Catholic Schools for Years R-12. Each year our students engage with age-appropriate curriculum content regarding sexuality and respectful relationships through MITIOG. This year this curriculum will be taught during the second half of term 3.

Catholic understanding is that all humans are made in the image of God and therefore deserving of the utmost dignity and honour, and that our sexuality is a fundamental dimension of the human person. We acknowledge that the beliefs, values and insights of the Christian Tradition and Catholic moral teaching enrich our lives.

Parents are caregivers are invited to attend a parent information session on Tuesday 27th August at 5.30pm. This will be an opportunity to learn more about the curriculum and the way in which it will be taught across the year levels.



Semester 2 ECO Leaders

It was exciting to welcome our new group of student leaders and to hold our first meeting. We discussed the importance of an Acknowledgement of Country and the way in which our sessions would run. Students shared their understanding of what it means to be a leader and some of the things they hoped to achieve. Our first hands on experience was learning how to construct newspaper compost bins. Students worked together to follow the instructions and complete these origami items. They are excited to use these items to help dispose of food scraps, tissues, pencil sharpening's and paper towels in the compost bin. You may even like to consider if they are something you could use within your own home. The attached video was made by some of our past students and will help demonstrate how they can be constructed.

Origami food scrap



Worm Wee For Sale

Our R/1 class have been caring for the worm farms all year and we excited to have a good supply of worm wee for sale. This is liquid gold for the garden, provide valuable nutrients for the plants. The liquid should be watered down to a solution that looks similar to weak tea, so the contents of each jar will go a VERY long way. If you would like to get some worm wee for your garden, please visit the front office and make your purchase through Qkr!



Year 5 YELP Leaders Explore Natural Habitats

Our Year 5 YELP (Youth Environmental Leaders Program) leaders recently participated in their second workshop, focusing on the fascinating topic of natural habitats, particularly tree hollows. The event was held at Unley Primary School and was expertly facilitated by Green Adelaide.

Throughout the day, our students engaged in activities and insightful discussions about the importance of tree hollows in supporting local wildlife. They learned how these natural structures provide essential shelter and breeding spaces for various species, including birds, bats, and possums.

The workshop was an enriching experience for our young leaders, deepening their understanding of ecological conservation and inspiring them to take proactive steps in preserving natural habitats.

We are incredibly proud of our YELP leaders and their dedication to environmental stewardship. Their participation in these workshops not only enhances their knowledge but also empowers them to make a positive impact within our school community and beyond.





Thank You from St Vinnie's

Dear Friends

Thank you for your kind donation of \$880.40. This will help Vinnies provide the immediate assistance that people experiencing homelessness - and those at risk of it - really need. Please find your official tax deductible gift receipt below.

Your generosity is helping to give vulnerable people like Luke the long-term support they need to break free of homelessness. Due to cost-of-living pressures and the worsening housing crisis, Luke and his dad Colin were pushed into homelessness. With nowhere else to go, they ended up living in abandoned buildings, and then a tent.

Your donation came at just the right time to help the increasing number of people like Luke experiencing or at risk of homelessness right now.

Thanks to wonderful people like you, Luke and his dad, Colin, are feeling hopeful for the future, and are so grateful for the opportunity to rebuild their lives.

Yours sincerely

Evelyn O'Loughlir

Invitation to Our School Assembly

We warmly invite you to join us for our upcoming school assembly, where we will officially welcome our new students to the school and acknowledge our Semester 2 ECO and SRC representatives. This special event will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our growing community and recognise the leaders among us.

Event Details:

• Date: Friday 9th August

• Time: 9.00am

• Location: Siena Hall

We look forward to coming together as a community to celebrate these important milestones. Your presence and support mean a lot to us and our students. We hope to see you there!

Warm regards,

Krystina Dawe

Assistant Principal, Religious Identity and Mission

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St Dominic's Week Celebrations

Week 3 Monday 5— Friday 9 August 2024

To celebrate St Dominic's Feast Day, our students will participate in activities that relate to the 4 Dominican Pillars during the week.

In recognition of St Dominic, we ask that students wear Black and White accessories with their school uniform to represent the Dominican colours all week

Monday 5 August

All classes will participate in a koala talk session with Sally Hicks (mum of Indi and Lucy)

Sally volunteers her time with the 1300Koalaz charity. Students will learn about the koala's in our area and what the charity does for the welfare of these cuddly creatures.

If you wish to donate a gold coin, this will be graciously accepted by Sally on behalf of the charity.



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This term we welcome 17 new children to our school community as they join the Bambini transition to school program.

The Bambini children work with Mrs Narelle Brine each Friday morning to explore the school environment, develop social connections with each other and become familiar with the routines of school.

Here are some photos of our first week together:



RB News

This term RB has welcomed 12 new students to our classroom. A warm welcome to Edison, Ellie, Grace, Baxter, Lily, Alexander, Sofia, Vivi, Spencer, Olivia, Georgie and Harriet. We have enjoyed spending a lot of time learning and playing together and I can't wait to see these students blossom in their friendships and time here within our beautiful school community. Here are some photos of our first few days spent together.



2/3F News

Welcome back to Term 3! The students were very excited to return to school which was wonderful to see! In week 1 the students participated in Health afternoons where the Year 3's learnt about online safety and strategies to cope with changes in life. The students tapped into their creativity to make positive affirmation cards that they can use as a strategy when feeling overwhelmed. 2/3F have also been learning about interoception in mindfulness. Interoception is where we are aware of our internal bodily state and thus can identify emotions in our bodies before they get too big. Ask your child what interoception activities they have been participating in and have a go!



3/4W Reading

In 3/4W we do weekly Reading Rotation activities. Each group of students rotates through the week to complete different reading, spelling or comprehension tasks. This week we were working on reading books online then answering questions at the end, comprehension reading and questions about Ian Thorpe, a grammar task on plurals, plus creating a booklet sharing information about one of the countries participating in the Olympics.



Congratulations

A huge congrations to 2 of our year 5 students, Joseph and Alex who have both been selected in the final boys' Hills District Soccer Team!

Well done boys, and all the best with the upcoming competition.



Curriculum



Book Week Dress Up Parade

In Week 5 we will celebrate Book Week. On Friday August 23, we invite students to dress up as their favourite book character. We will come together as a school community to have a parade at 9am on the courts (weather permitting) hosted by our school captains. Parents are welcome to join us to watch the parade and celebrate the wonderful world of reading!

Book Week Magic Show

The 2024 Book Week theme "Reading is Magic" has inspired us to think about all of the magical characters, settings and storylines in the books that we have enjoyed.

Students are invited to share their magical talents at the St Catherine's Magic Show, being held on Tuesday (August 20) at lunchtime during Book Week.

Students can sign up as individuals or as a group. Time to start practising those magic tricks! The sign up sheet will be in the Treehouse during Week 4.



ICAS - Important Dates

Our ICAS testing window is fast approaching. To be able to help prepare your children you may wish to look at the parent support pages.

https://www.icasassessments.com/icas-fags-for-parents/

In particular, the following video will show an example of the assessment platform and some sample questions. For those who are undertaking ICAS for the first time, I can see this being a valuable resource.â€⁻

https://youtu.be/9DMCtlAjQHs?si=WDdlZeaOOWucmpjw

The following dates have been marked for the various ICAS Assessments. Please make note of these. Should students be absent, a catch-up time will be arranged for another time within the same week.

- Digital Technologies Monday August 5th
- Writing Thursday August 8th
- English Tuesday August 13th
- Science Monday August 19th
- Spelling Bee Tuesday August 20th
- Mathematics Tuesday August 27th

Thank you for supporting your child/ren through ICAS in 2024.

Children's University

The focus for CU has now shifted towards the graduation ceremonies in Term 4, and an important step in the process is to fit the students for the gowns they will wear on the night. Emma Scottâ€⁻from CU will attend atâ€⁻1:00pmâ€⁻onâ€⁻Thursday, 22nd Augustâ€⁻for a graduation briefing and to gown students.â€⁻

Please keep working towards building your learning hours and remember to send student passports in to school for checking. I will then also process online activities at the same time

For those looking to build their learning hours, you might like to consider the following activities and learning detitanations.



Make your own fun this weekend. Come along to a free kids D.I.Y. Workshop at Bunnings where you'll make fun, creative projects like toolboxes, toy trucks, planter boxes and paintings.

With a different theme every week from garden and woodworking, to mosaics and recycled wall art there's something for everyone. Be sure to check out your local store webpage to see what's on and book your place.



Adventure awaits! Set amongst native bushland in picturesque Piccadilly, in the Adelaide Hills, Woodhouse specialises in creating exceptional, memorable experiences through a shared love of the outdoors.

Through Children's University you can try up to 11 different experiences to be stamped in your Passport; including Challenge Hill obstacle course, The Labyrinth a split level maze, Cameron's Climb a multi-dimensional bouldering challenge, disc golf, orienteering, Tube Slide, campfire (outside bush fire season), tent set up and UNPLUGGED school holiday program.

Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum (KS:CPC)

The Department for Education Child protection in schools, early childhood education and care services policy states that 'all children and young people in the department's preschools and schools will access the approved child protection curriculum'.

The KS:CPC teaches children and young people to recognise abuse, tell a trusted adult, understand what is appropriate and inappropriate touching and ways of keeping themselves safe.

Themes

The curriculum is based on two main themes which are presented through topics and activities.

- Theme 1: We all have the right to be safe
- Theme 2: We can help ourselves to be safe by talking to people we trust.

Focus Areas

The two themes are explored through four Focus Areas, which are examined in growing complexity in accordance with the age of the learners.

- 1. The right to be safe
- 2. Relationships
- 3. Recognising and reporting abuse
- 4. Protective strategies.

More information can be found on the KS:CPC website: http://kscpc.2.vu/DE_ParentsCarers.

The latest Book Club catalogue is now available:



Kind Regards,

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

Community Notices



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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.



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



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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!

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





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9.30AM TO 3PM

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cspsa.catholic.edu.au/events

SALA Family Exhibition August 17 & 18 Generation



Mixed Group Ceramics, Painting, Photography, Sculpture, Textiles

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Bridie O'REILLY, Stuart TEMPLETON, Poppy TEMPLETON, Mack TEMPLETON

Exhibition

In this unique exhibition, three generations of artists showcase the colours of SA through a range of visual arts: photography, painting, sculpture and weaving. Mack (5) and Poppy (8) will be exhibiting in SALA for the first time with their father Stuart and grandmother Bridie. Mack will present his unique take on the world through his love of photography, while Poppy will display her poured acrylic paintings on traditional and unconventional canvases. Stuart will be exhibiting his abstract aerial photography that will be printed on aluminium or acrylic glass. Bridie works with mixed media and will exhibit both clay and upcycled textile sculptures plus abstract woven landscapes.

17-18 Aug

Sat-Sun 12-5pm

Opening Event 17 Aug , 02:00 pm-02:30 pm

Artist/Exhibition Website

Somerton Yacht Club

Cnr Esplanade Rd & College Rd, Somerton Park

0403 896 854

Venue Website 🖪 Facebook

Stuart Templeton, Long Gully, Photography, 50cm x 75cm

"Generation - SALA Family Exhibition" is a family affair, featuring Poppy (3/4W) with her acrylic pour painting on skateboard decks and Mack (R/1B) with his unique photography. They are exhibiting together with their dad (Stuart) who is a professional ariel photographer and their nanna (Bridie) who is showing her weavings and sculptures using reclaimed materials.

- Location: Somerton Yacht Club, corner Esplanade and College Road, Somerton Park
- Dates: Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th August 2024
- Time: 12pm 5pm (both days)
- Opening event: 2pm on Saturday 17th August (with live music)
- The bar will be open both days BYO food
- Parking: College Road, Esplanade or the surrounding streets

All works are available for purchase

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