



Newsletter Term 1 Week 5

Important Dates

P&F Meeting 7pm
Monday 6 March

Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
Monday 13 March

NAPLAN Testing
Wednesday 15 March

Community Prayer Assembly All Welcome
Wednesday 15 March

NAPLAN Testing
Thursday 16 March

Year 1 Excursion
Thursday 16 March

NAPLAN Testing
Friday 17 March

Sports Day
Thursday 13 April

02.03.23

From the Principal

Dear Families

Well, the school is almost in full operational mode as all nine curriculum areas gear up. Although, it is worth giving a reminder that students alternate a half year of learning in Italian and Art, doing only one of these each semester.

The first two weeks of school are totally devoted to wellbeing and during this time we do not allow any educational testing (except for just one 10 minute test for our Reception classes). So, a feature of the last two weeks has been some testing in all classes and teachers have been busy looking at the data and adjusting curriculum programs accordingly.

Many families have taken the opportunity to “meet the teacher” and share information about their child. Personalised Plans for Learning (PPL’s), that were developed last year, were a small point of discussion, as we now begin revising these for the new year. PPL’s are the formal way of planning and tracking the learning of those students progressing more slowly than we would expect, and a way of continually communicating with families about the plans we have for learning.

There will be another formal opportunity to meet with teachers early next term for Parent/Teacher interviews. This is a very important opportunity for discussion where teachers will report on progress, especially if there are any difficulties arising. It will also be an opportunity to share the update PPL for any children that have one.

SCHOOL REPORTS – CHANGES ON THE HORIZON

As you would be aware there are two formal School Reports, mid and end of year. Catholic Education SA has adopted a SEQTA as a Learning Management System and this year the “School Report” module is being rolled out. This means that the report we have used in previous years will change to the reporting system being used within SEQTA and it is quite different from what we have previously had. If you have a child at St Michael’s you may be familiar with the SEQTA system, however for the Primary School level, SEQTA is slowly being rolled out a little at a time.

BUILDING

Our project is on time and on cost, as at the end of January. There has been a period of inactivity since the building was knocked down, as we awaited development approvals (this was part of the timeline of our project). This week brought groundwork progress and a first, small pour of concrete is expected soon. In the background we have been working hard meeting to finalise the interior of the building, you may have seen the [fantastic fly-thru of the building that was placed on Facebook](#).

APRIM

With last year’s retirement of Stella Foley as our Assistant Principal, Religious Identity and Mission, you would know that we have Sheena Pattinson and Domenique Laurendi working part-time in this area this term. We have advertised this position and expect to make an appointment, so that the new person will start in term 2.

MAINTENANCE

Over the Christmas holidays there were a number of projects that received attention. The most obvious is the oval, where about a third of the turf was replaced. This was done in readiness for this year as we do not have access to the green courts due to the building.

New carpet has been laid on the first level of the convent. The new admin offices were built in the library and staff room relocated. The canteen has had a redevelopment where the staff room cupboards were relocated here.

Other minor jobs have included:

- Lift maintenance.
- Electrical lighting fit out
- Data and PA system works
- New temp fencing school access
- Air con and filter maintenance

UNIFORMS

The Education Committee proposed two options for our girl’s summer uniform and boys shirts to the School Board. There are some ongoing issues that require further clarification from our supplier and we will share more information in our next newsletter.

Damian Weeks

Principal

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Recent News

02.03.23

From the Acting Deputy Principal

Community Prayer Assemblies

We are pleased to share that we will be gathering as a whole school community each term for our 'Community Prayer Assemblies'. These will occur at OLSH Church and all parents and families are welcome to attend. These gathering will include a prayer reflection, community announcements and celebrations. In addition, to these termly gatherings, year level cohorts will host gatherings in the Stella Maris building to share learning and celebrations within that year level. A timetable will be shared shortly so you can pop those dates in your diaries.

Our first whole school gathering will be on **Wednesday 15th March at 2:00pm** in the Church. At this gathering we will be formally announcing our SRC Representatives and presenting them with their badges. We look forward to welcoming families back to our whole school gatherings.

Enjoy the remainder of the week. I am sure many of you are making the most of the wonderful buzz around Adelaide during Fringe season. Always a great time of the year!

Go well,
Kelly Manera

02.03.23

From the Acting APRIM

CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION LAUNCH

Last Tuesday four of our Year 6 students travelled to Mercedes College, for the 2023 Caritas Project Compassion Launch Liturgy. Student leader representatives from 7 other Catholic schools were there also. Star of the Sea students were involved in the Entrance Procession, as well as the Prayers of Intercession.

During the Liturgy, Archbishop Fr O'Regan delivered a homily focussed on Lent and explained the importance of this time, in the lead up to Easter, as a time of praying, fasting and giving. He said that Project Compassion provided a "focus beyond ourselves" and urged the faithful to extend this focus past the six weeks of Lent.

After the Liturgy concluded, Premier Peter Malinauskas spoke of how Australians pride themselves on "looking after others more than we just look after ourselves" and "that is what is at the heart of our mission as Christians, as Catholics,". He finished by saying "Not everyone around the world gets the opportunities that we get here in this beautiful country that we call home...Project Compassion gives us the opportunity to take all the fortune we have as Australians and South Australians and hopefully spread a little bit overseas."

Our students were fortunate enough to meet with, and speak to Archbishop Fr. O'Regan, Premier Peter Malinauskas and Catholic Education SA director Dr. Neil McGoran at the conclusion of the Liturgy.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Last Wednesday, on Ash Wednesday, our school community came together to mark the beginning of the season of Lent. Our Year 3 to 6 students participated in a Mass at the Church led by Father Manu. Our Reception to Year 2 students participated in a Liturgy in the Stella Maris Room. During both of these gatherings, we were all reminded to 'Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel' as ashes were placed in the sign of a cross on our foreheads. Both gatherings were a reverent way to begin our Lenten Journey.



PROJECT COMPASSION

During the Ash Wednesday Mass, Fr. Manu blessed bags containing Project Compassion boxes for each class. The eldest child in each family should have brought one home last week. During Lent we are encouraged to put loose change into the Project Compassion boxes to help raise funds for people living in some of the most vulnerable communities across the world.

This year's Project Compassion has a theme of **"For All Future Generations."** This message invites us to step up for those who do not have the essential resources they need for their survival and those whose needs are far beyond ours. By putting compassion into action, we can make a difference today, **For All Future Generations.**

Jesus did more for people every time he saw a need, often surprising those around him by some of the amazing things that he did; healing the sick and being a friend to people he knew were excluded or lonely. Jesus said: "I am the Light of the World." Jesus helped people every day. This Lent we are encouraged to try to be MORE, by being more kind, being more friendly and being more careful of looking after our world.





With Gratitude,

Domenique Laurendi

Sheena Pattinson

Acting RECs

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School Fees 2023

2023 School Fee statements were sent home to all families last week. This statement is the total of tuition fees for the 2023 school year.

Unless there is a payment plan or regular deduction authority in place payment of a minimum of one third of the total account is payable by Thursday 6th April 2023.

The tuition fee above covers all tuition, levies and charges for each child's education.

Extracurricular activities such as after school sport, choir, camps, and uniforms are excluded and will be charged separately.

Sibling Discounts are available for families with more than one student attending our school.

Full Fee

No. of Children	Total
1st Child	\$3,775
2nd Child	\$6,795
3rd Child	\$9,060
4th Child	\$9,060

Lower Income Fee

To be eligible for the lower income fee, you need to qualify as a low income family. This is determined by your family's gross income and is a \$ value set by the State Government.

Proof of income is required, and applicants will need to apply via the State Government's School Card scheme. Application forms are available online at <https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme> or from the Front Office.

Our Finance Manager can help you if you have any questions about applying for the lower income fee.

Lower Income Fee

No. of Children	Total
1st Child	\$2,265
2nd Child	\$4,077
3rd Child	\$5,436
4th Child	\$5,436

Payment Methods

Payments can be made in full, in three instalments in Terms 1,2 and 3 or by an approved payment plan.

We encourage all families to set up weekly, fortnightly or monthly direct debit payments

Payment options include:

- **Cash or Eftpos** – through the Front Office
- **Direct Debit** – deductions from your bank account (forms available on the school website).
- **Credit Card** – regular deduction from Visa or Mastercard (forms available from the Front Office).
- **BPay** – reference numbers are printed on invoices and statements.
- **Qkr!** – by downloading the app

Please email Karyn Burlow at accounts@star.catholic.edu.au if you have any questions regarding your school fees.

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Safe Use Of Our School Drop Off / Pick Up Zones



Our utmost concern in these areas is for the safety, health and wellbeing of our students. Drivers displaying courtesy and patience will help us all achieve this goal.

Local government parking regulations are an act of parliament, implemented by the local council and monitored regularly by both the Police and the Charles Sturt City Council. The school does not make the rules for these areas and have no influence over any fines issued.

To encourage the safe use of these areas, please keep the following in mind...

1. Drop off / Pick Up Zones are in use from 8am - 9.30am and 2.30pm - 4pm.
2. The council actively monitors this area and issue fines to those drivers who are not following the rules, especially the two minute limit (have you noticed the large sign on the Military Road fence).
3. When entering the line please remember:
 - a. You must enter the line from the back, you are not to drive along and see a space and quickly turn into it.
 - b. As per council directives please do not do a U turn to enter or exit the line.
 - c. Enter the line at a slow speed, remembering that school zones are 25km.
4. Once you are in the line you only have two minutes in this line to wait for your child.
5. Drivers are not allowed to exit their car.
6. Ensure you are concentrating when you move your car forward in the line as many students go to the back of cars to put bags in car boots and the students themselves can be inattentive, drop things bend over to pick things up, etc.

Thank you for your help with the safety, health and wellbeing of our students.

Regards,

Lenten

Star of The Sea School Outreach Committee
invite you to a parent retreat

A Lenten Reflection in the Sacred Garden

**Friday March 31st, 10am – 1pm
at The Monastery
15 Cross Road, Urrbrae**

Lunch Provided.

Please register via [this link](#) so we can cater for you.

**Please RSVP using this link
by Wednesday 22 March 2023.**

If you have any questions, please call
Vania Dotto 0422 874 411 or Belinda Fernandez 0421 110 893

Music learning improves how we first hear and understand speech language, and then how we connect the sound with each letter and word combination

Music learning is learning language

White, E. J. et al (2018). 'Learning, neural plasticity and sensitive periods: implications for language acquisition, music training and transfer across the life span'



In the past, we have had a very strong concert band program, which requires woodwind and brass instrumentation. Due to students moving on, we are now seeking woodwind and brass players to fill up the tuition program. We would love to have Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet and Trombone players join our program, to start tuition and work towards joining our concert band.

There is a multitude of research which shows that learning an instrument enhances all academic learning areas and works all areas of the brain. Dr Anita Collins has done a fantastic TED talk on music education and its effects on overall learning.

If learning a brass or woodwind instrument is something your child might be interested in doing, please head to the [Star of the Sea website](#) In this section you will find our instrumental policy, instrument hire prices, tuition agreement form with prices and instrument hire form.

If you would like to contact me further regarding information about our program, please e-mail me at kcox@star.catholic.edu.au

Thank you,

Kirsty (Replacement music teacher)

Children's University



Registrations for our Children's University program are open now via QKR! for children in Years 2-6.

For more information about this great program please visit
<https://www.star.catholic.edu.au/com.../childrens-university>

Please reach out to Kim Martin our Children's University Coordinator if you have any questions.
kmartin@star.catholic.edu.au

LADIES NIGHT



Friday 31st March
Mosaic Hotel - 7:30pm - late



free drink on arrival | nibbles all night | door prizes |
raffles | dancing | drink specials |
connect with other ladies from the Star community.

Tickets \$40 on QKR!

Healing Mass



Healing Mass Thursday 9th March Rosary 7pm Mass 7.30pm including the Sacrament of Anointing, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation, Prayer Ministry with Candlelit music in the Spirit of Taize, and individual blessings with the Blessed Sacrament in the Monstrance, Tea/coffee.

At Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church 420 Seaview Road Henley Beach. All welcome Enquiries Pauline 0403 002 240.



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Wednesday and Thursday 3pm - 6pm





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For more information; E junior.registrar@fpfc.com.au P 0466 655 515

