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## From the Principal

Dear Families

Suddenly we find ourselves in the middle of the term! Where did that five weeks go!

### **MATT PERRY – ACTING PRINCIPAL POSITION**

I would like to announce that Matt will be taking up this position at St Joseph's School, Clare.

Matt will be in Clare from Tuesday 9 March until Friday 2 July 2021. We are currently organising Matt's replacement with CESA.

Congratulations Matt and all the best in the wine country!

### **PUPIL FREE DAYS**

Just a reminder that on the first day back of each term there will be Pupil Free Days and staff will be involved in professional learning. On Tuesday, April 27 (the Monday is a public holiday) staff will be attending the Mary MacKillop Precinct. Students will return to school on Wednesday, April 28.

### **BOARD TALK**

Following this month's Board meeting we would like to update the community on some of the matters at hand.

### **MAINTENANCE**

We celebrated the great success of the oval resurfacing, this area has really lifted the look of the northern part of our school. There were also a number of other minor projects completed over the holidays:

1. Stage areas by the basketball courts

2. Garden redevelopment by the basketball courts
3. Concrete pathing around the sport sheds
4. Slat work around the seating area on the edge of the oval

Coming soon will be the planting of mature trees in the Nature Play area.

#### **ANNUAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN - EDUCATIONAL FOCI**

We have received a report on the draft plan for our school for 2021. This plan will be finalised by our next meeting and then shared with the whole community. The plan is based on our directions for:

1. Catholic Identity
2. STARS Literacy Program
3. CESA Numeracy Strategy
4. Student Wellbeing

#### **LOCKING OF GATES**

With some new students in our younger grades, it has been necessary to have our gates locked by 8:45am. One thought is that we could develop a volunteer roster to monitor the gate between 8:45am and 9am on Seaview Road. If you would be interested in assisting on a particular morning, please drop me an email ([dweeks@star.catholic.edu.au](mailto:dweeks@star.catholic.edu.au))

#### **AGM**

Following our COVID effected meeting last year, we are going to look at new ways of running our AGM. This year all our reports will be delivered electronically in week 2, term 2 (May 6th). Then on May 24th we will be holding a "Town Hall" style meeting at 7pm, where our community can come and ask any questions of the Board, that relates to the published reports. There will be an opportunity to nominate for positions on the Board in the lead up to our electronic-based reporting. In our next newsletter, we will have a further explanation of the process and a call for nominations for the School Board.

Regards

Damian Weeks

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## Recent News

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### Child Protection Information

#### **Cybersafety: Keeping Children Safe In A Connected World**

This document provides schools with guidelines to assist us when sharing in the delights of young people learning online, while observing legislation, policies and practices that promote learning, protection and safety.

#### **Wellbeing for Every Child – A Reminder**

We know that happy children learn well and can adjust to life's challenges in positive ways. All School staff and volunteers are mandatory notifiers meaning they are obliged by law to notify Families SA, if they suspect on reasonable grounds that a child or young person has been, or is being, abused and/or neglected. At Star of the Sea, Matt Perry and Damian Weeks are the contact people, especially for volunteers, who may need support with this process.

#### **Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum**

Throughout the year students will be engaging with the Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum. The curriculum is an evidence based, best practice curriculum developed collaboratively with child protection specialists, teachers, educational leaders and other professionals. It covers a range of concepts including new additional material on contemporary issues such as bullying and cyber safety.

The curriculum is divided into 5 documents specific to the year level of the students plus 2 additional documents for educators working with students from cultural or linguistically diverse backgrounds and for students with a disability.

There are 2 main themes:

- We all have the right to be safe
- We can help ourselves to be safe by talking to people we trust

There are 4 focus areas:

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

The Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum fits primarily within the Health and Physical Education learning area of the Australian Curriculum but can also be incorporated across other Learning Areas. Within the Health and Physical Education curriculum two focus areas Relationships and Safety outline the learning.

Additional information about the broader protection policies of Catholic Education SA can be found on their website: <http://www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/our-schools/safe-environments-for-all>

The website also includes links to online resources for parents and students on a range of topics including anxiety, depression, bullying and how to support your child.

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## Class Room Pulse

As you can see below, there are a range of simple questions about your child's life at school, their identity as a person and a learner, their sense of belonging, safety, and friendships.

<b>IDENTITY</b> REC - YEAR 3	My teacher cares for me.	I enjoy school.
YEAR 4 - YEAR 12	I currently feel I matter to my teacher.	I currently feel that I am thriving at this school.
<b>LEARNING</b> REC – YEAR 3	I am learning at school.	I can have a say in my learning.
YEAR 4 – YEAR 12	I am actively involved in co-constructing my learning.	I feel that my learning needs are being met.
<b>RELATIONSHIPS</b> REC – YEAR 3	I have friends at school.	My teacher helps me when I have problems.
YEAR 4 – YEAR 12	Currently, I feel I have positive relationships at this school.	When asked, my teacher supports me in managing friendship issue.
<b>BELONGING</b> REC – YEAR 3	I feel safe at school.	I feel I belong in this school.
YEAR 4 – YEAR 12	I am feeling safe at this school.	I feel that I belong in this school community.

For each statement, students will select whether they feel it applies to them “most of the time,” “sometimes” or “not very often.” Students in Reception – Year 3 will have emojis alongside the options to help them identify their feelings.

A sample of the Check In can be found here [www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/classroompulse](http://www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/classroompulse)

In addition to supporting your child, de-identified data from all participating schools will be used by Catholic Education SA to identify trends to assist in future planning for the support of the learning and wellbeing for students across South Australia.

Catholic Education SA believes that our role is to help every child to be a thriving person, capable learner and a leader for the world God



desires.

We believe this Check In will play an important part in supporting that goal and your child.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you require any further clarification.

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## Ash Wednesday



*"Aspire not to have more but to Be More"* Oscar Romero.

Ash Wednesday was celebrated throughout the school and parish in many wonderful ways. You might have caught up with photos on Facebook. This year we are encouraging students to use their gifts and talents by letting their light shine throughout Lent. 'Be More' is the theme of Project Compassion and you would have received a small box to fill at home; it's tricky, because we don't have many coins anymore but we can all Be More: kind, patient, prayerful, generous, helpful. Often it's by reaching out to others, but have you considered what you might need this Lent? Perhaps you need to be more understanding of yourself – slow down, take time to have a coffee, don't sweat the small stuff. Give yourself 5 minutes a day, go on, do it, and see what happens. Do one small thing that brings you joy.

May the light of god shine brightly in your world.

Stella

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## Sport News



A reminder that all sporting information will come out through the Skoolbag app and registrations are made through QKR!. If you do not have either of these apps please feel free to see the office staff for support with downloading the apps or to ask any questions. Once you have registered using QKR please ensure that the registration has gone through by checking the receipts section in the app. If you do not have a receipt, then it hasn't gone through.

Registrations for Football and Soccer will be coming out very soon. Football registration will be a little different this year so keep your eyes on the Skoolbag app.

SACA are running a Junior Blasters Cricket for Rec – Year 3 students on a Wednesday afternoon, 3.20pm – 4.20pm. Further information on Skoolbag app. If you would like your child to give it a go before registering, you are more than welcome to attend prior to signing up. Please note parents must be there to supervise their own child. If your child attends OSHC please speak with the OSHC staff.

Sports Co ordinator  
Kristen Victory

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# Playgroup incursion at the MDC

Our Playgroup had so much fun at their incursion at the MDC.



## Term Dates 2021

**Term 1** Wednesday 27 January to Friday 9 April

**Term 2** Wednesday 28 April to Friday 2 July

**Term 3** Tuesday 20 July to Friday 24 September

**Term 4** Tuesday 12 October to Friday 10 December

## Canteen

Due to the ongoing trade disruptions from overseas, we are no longer able to purchase zing icy poles. I know this will be a disappointment to a lot of children. I will be replacing these with Zooper Doopers as this is an Australian made and owned company, which will make future suppliers easier to maintain.

Thank you Dee  
Canteen Manager

## Goodbye



Goodbye Mrs Turner we will miss you, good luck with your new school.

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Congratulations





Last week, Ms Barilla got the surprise of her life. Joseph organized to surprise her with a wedding proposal at school in front of her students! Of course she said yes 😊 congratulations 🍷🥂

Children's University Program





Registrations are now open for 2021 via QKR! app for learners in Years 3-6. Registrations close Monday 1st March. For more info check out <http://bit.ly/childrensuni2021>

## Mandarin at Star of the Sea School



The 2021 Star of The Sea Mandarin Language Class wishes you and your family a "Happy Lunar New Year".

The Mandarin Language and culture class has been running after school at Star of the Sea for 7 years continuously and has become a feature of the school's offerings. Our classes are held on Monday afternoons after school until 4:45pm. We learn language, poems and songs in Mandarin and participate in the principal annual celebrations such as Lunar New Year and the Moon (Lantern) Festival.

Enrolments are still open for the class of 2021 for any students that would be interested in enjoying this cultural experience.

Please contact Angel Zhang on **0425 226 285** or at [angelmandarin555@gmail.com](mailto:angelmandarin555@gmail.com)

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## Sport Dates

Airport District SAPSASA Swimming - Wednesday 3 March

SACPSSA Swimming Carnival – Monday 15 March

Metro SAPSASA Swimming Carnival –Thursday 25 March

Metro State Softball Carnival for Years 5 -6 Monday 29 March to Wednesday 31 March

Star of the Sea School Sports Day – Term 2 Date TBC

These are the dates that have been set so far so mark them in your diaries!

Please note the athletics carnivals will begin in Term 3.

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## Auskick 2021





NAB AFL Auskick is one of the best, first experiences kids aged 5-12 will have learning Australian Football.

In weekly sessions, Auskickers and their families will run, jump, kick, laugh and create their own special moments playing footy.

No matter their skill level, ability or knowledge of the game, Auskick is for everyone!

### Registration is this simple!

- 1** **WWW.**  
Visit [play.afl](http://play.afl)
- 2**   
Select 'Where to play'
- 3**   
Enter your suburb
- 4** **REGISTER**  
Find your local club and register!

[play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick)

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Wednesday and weekend mornings.  
Season commences March.**

**For enquiries,  
contact Junior Girls  
Technical Director:  
Kevin Holohan - 0425 238 477**

