

## Important Dates

**P&F Meeting**  
Monday 6 May 2024

**Mother's Day Stall**  
Wednesday 8 May 2024

**Mother's Day  
Liturgy SMB**  
Friday 10 May 2024

**SAPSASA Year 5/6  
Mountain Bike  
Championships**  
Friday 10 May 2024

**SAPSASA District  
Cross Country**  
Monday 13 May 2024

**Catholic Education  
Week**  
Monday 13 May 2024

**School Tour 9.30pm  
and 4.30pm**  
Wednesday 15 May 2024

**Year 6 Assembly  
2.30pm**  
Wednesday 15 May 2024

**Whole School Mass**  
11.45pm  
Thursday 16 May 2024

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## From the Principal

Dear Families,

Welcome to term 2. I trust you have had a lovely break from the school routine and maybe your family has had a chance to perhaps have a holiday too!

I had a great three weeks, hooking up my caravan and caravanning in Queensland for most of the holidays.

How great does our school look. The builders have left the site and all areas are operational. The children have especially been enjoying the return of the basketball courts and they have been very popular at recess and lunch.



Now that we have all areas in the school available, we are back to one set of bells, lessons and play periods. There are a few changes to routines which everyone is getting used to. I will be sending you a summary of these changes, hopefully tomorrow.

### **PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

As you would know these are to be held next week. This information was sent to families via email last term.

If your child has a Personalised Plan for Learning this will be the focus of the meeting.

The interviews will be followed by our Semester 1 reports that will come out at the end of term.

### **PERSONALISED PLAN FOR LEARNING (PPL)**

A PPL is a working and evolving document constructed in conjunction with teachers, parents and the leadership team. It is simply a record of the ways in which we are working to best support your child in the classroom, based on our observations over the last term and possibly last year.

The “Functional Impact On Learning” section of the PPL identifies any underlying characteristics that ‘get in the way’ of your child’s access, participation and learning at school. This information then directly informs us as teachers as to how we can best support your child.

The “Personalised Adjustment For Access, Participation and Learning” section is then a list of the strategies, supports and interventions that we are implementing in the classroom to address the functional impact and needs of your child.

### **AGM**

In this newsletter you will find information about our AGM to be held on Monday May 20th.

### **NEWSLETTERS THIS TERM**

This term we will publish newsletters in weeks 1, 3, 5, 7 & 9.

### **PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL**

Please be considerate of others, especially our neighbours and the rules for parking around our school. In particular we are very mindful of parking in and around the church. Last term we released quite a bit of information about this which can be reviewed by visiting our school website.

Regards,

Damian Weeks

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## **Recent News**

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This year, with the easing of Covid restrictions, the School Board is hoping to run a traditional Annual General Meeting on...

**Monday 20 May 2024 – 7pm in the Stella Maris Room**

The format for the evening will be:

1. Welcome
2. Prayer
3. Presentation of reports
4. Elections of Board Members
5. Thank you from the School Board Chair

**Nominations** – Included in this newsletter is a Nomination Form. Please consider if you would like to take up this most important role. Below is a description of the role of a School Board member. If you wish to nominate, return the signed form after having someone in the community (ie another adult) sign to second your nomination. Nominations close on Wednesday 10 May 2024. School Board appointments are for two years. Many School Board members renominate for another period of two years, while some choose not to. Every year 50% of the positions become vacant for which community members can nominate.

## **What do School Board Members Do?**

The faith community has a responsibility for the maintenance and development of its Catholic school. A practical way of accepting its responsibility is to appoint some of its members to use their gifts in working with the Principal and staff in School Board ministry.

There are 5 elements of community responsibility that the School Board undertakes:

- Policy Direction – to guide the school
- Financial Management – to account for and administer all income
- Planning & Development – for the present & future
- Pastoral Care – is care for people (students, parents & staff)

- Evaluation – of the effect of policy decisions

The School Board meets monthly during the four school terms (on the Monday of weeks 4 & 8 at 7pm). Meetings run for no longer than two hours, at which discussion is based around reports from the P&F, Principal, Parish, Staff, Treasurer/Bursar and other key groups.

If you require any further information, please feel free to contact me.

Damian Weeks

Principal

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## From the Deputy Principal

Dear Families,

Welcome back! I hope you have enjoyed the break from routines and the chance to share some relaxed times with your children. It is great to be back and see all the children ready to learn and the excitement for the term ahead. Next week, we will have the opportunity to discuss in detail your child's learning progress and wellbeing. These conversations are integral to ensure our educators are working in partnership with you to best support your child(ren). Just a reminder that this Friday night is the cut-off date for you to book a time for the Parent Teacher Interviews.

### **PARENT SURVEY – PARENT WORKSHOP**

In collaboration with the P&F, Star of the Sea school is looking for feedback from families about areas they would like to learn more about with our school running parent/caregiver workshops to meet the needs of our families. There is a quick less than 2-minute form to fill out via the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/r/atfUJNNLE6>

You can also access the form via the QR Code below.



### **ANZAC DAY SERVICE**

Thank you to the students and families who attended the Dawn Service On ANZAC Day representing Star of the Sea School. We paid tribute to the courage and sacrifice of the ANZACs, carrying the torch of remembrance forward. Thank you to Lily and Summer for laying the wreath. They did a wonderful job being the youngest students to lay the wreath for what was a wet but beautiful service.



### **MOTHERS DAY STALL NEXT WEEK**

Our wonderful P&F committee will be running a stall next Wednesday for our students to purchase gifts for the special 'women' in their lives - mothers, grandmothers or caregivers. There will be a catch-up day on Friday, for any children absent on the Wednesday. We thank the committee for all the work behind the scenes to help make Mother's Day a special one for our community.

### **UNIFORM UPDATE AND CHANGES**

A reminder that there have been some changes to our uniform policy. "The school hat is to be worn at recess, lunch and for all outdoor activities during Terms 1, 3, 4 and in Term 2 when the UV is above 3 as recommended by the Cancer Council South Australia. This includes matches and training for School Sporting teams. This requires hats to be at school for all 4 school terms".

This decision requires students to have their hats at school all year round. Throughout this term, an announcement will be made daily via loudspeaker only when the UV is above 3 and students will be required to wear their hats on these days. If students do not have a hat on the days the UV is above 3, they will be required to stay in the designated areas during playtime.

We thank families in advance for their support to ensure we keep all our students safe and protected from the sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation.

### **AUSTRALIAN EARLY DEVELOPMENT CENSUS (AEDC)**

From May 2024, our school, along with thousands of others across the country, will participate in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC). The AEDC is a teacher-completed census (similar to a questionnaire) which provides a comprehensive picture of how children have developed by the time they start their first year of full-time school (Reception Children). The AEDC is an Australian Government Initiative and is completed nationally every three years.

Children don't miss any class time while the AEDC is completed, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information. The data collected through the AEDC is used by schools, communities and governments to better understand children and families' needs, and identify the services, resources and support they need. AEDC results for individual children are not reported and the AEDC is not used as an individual diagnostic tool.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary, however the AEDC relies on all schools with children in their first year of full-time school participating in the collection. Families don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census. If this is the case, please let your child's teacher know by Friday 17 May. To find out more about the AEDC and how it is being used to help children and families visit: [www.aedc.gov.au](http://www.aedc.gov.au)

With kindness

Annette Diassinias

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## **From the APRIM**

### **Project Compassion**

A huge THANK YOU to our wonderful Star of the Sea community. Through all your generous donations, our school raised approximately \$1,768.00. This money will go to Caritas Australia where it will be used to fund many of their projects assisting communities in need.

### **Winter Dignity Drive**

We are once again collecting items this winter to make someone's cold and lonely life a little brighter.

During May and June, we will be collecting some specific items to support Catherine House and the Hutt Street Centre.

These organisations have requested the following specific items,

**If you can please add some items to your shopping and bring these along to school, they will be much appreciated by some of the more vulnerable members of our greater community.**

New Sleeping bags and new or good quality thick/woolen blankets also gratefully received!

**Reception Families:** Cotton tips/face cleanser/shower caps

**Year 1 Families:** Adult female socks/ spray on deodorant (not roll on please)

**Year 2 Families:** Face moisturiser /hairbrush / hair ties

**Year 3 Families:** Toothbrush / small toothpaste

**Year 4 Families:** Instant noodles / 2 minute noodles

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You can bring these items into school anytime this term.

### **Friday 14 June will be "Fluffy Friday"**

All students are invited to wear a scarf/ beanie /pj's /tracksuit /fluffy socks / slippers etc, to remind us of how grateful we are to have warm, comfy clothes to wear during these cold winter months.

### **Mother's Day Liturgy**

Please join us on Friday 10 May straight after drop off for a 'cuppa' as we celebrate all the beautiful women in our lives. At 9:15am our gorgeous Reception students will lead us in a small liturgy and entertain us with their angelic singing.

With Gratitude



Dominique Laurendi

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## Canteen News

### **CANTEEN - TUCK SHOP BITES**

Welcome back for Term 2! We have lots of delicious and warming foods to choose from which are always popular in the winter months, including mac and cheese, lasagne, vegetarian (gluten free) fried rice, pizza slabs and more.

#### **What's new**

We'll be introducing Mrs Mac's "Lite'n Up" range for hot pastries in Term 2, replacing Balfours.

Mrs Mac's are made in South Australia and are rated "amber" in the school canteen rating system. Please note - this doesn't relate to all Mrs Mac's products, just the Lite'n Up range.

Mrs Mac's 175g pies and 120g sausage rolls are available for order. We are currently looking for a pasty replacement, subject to demand and stock availability.

#### **What's hot (and cool!)**

Sour Popz in grape and lemon flavours continue to be very popular after we introduced them at the beginning of the year! With less additives than Zooper Doopers and less food miles, being made by Golden North ice cream in beautiful Laura, we love that the kids love them for a cool treat.

#### **What's not**

Corntos continue to be out of stock as the manufacturers refresh their packaging - students will be relieved to know the much-loved Corntos taste remains the same. We hope they'll be back in lunch orders and available for purchase soon.

#### **Reminder**

In Term 2 recess and lunch are back to whole school breaks. This means the canteen will be open for over-the-counter purchases at lunchtime only and recess sales will cease.

Students can collect part of their order for recess if they wish - eg muffins, chips, pretzels and Fruit Nuggets. Any ice blocks ordered as part of a lunch order can only be collected at lunch time - please remind your child to bring their lunch order bag with them.

#### **Thank you**

Thanks to all the volunteers who continue to support the canteen - we couldn't do it without you!

If you'd like to join us, we always welcome new volunteers and pride ourselves on creating a fun and welcoming environment.

For any current volunteers who haven't yet completed their online "DoFoodSafely" certification, please visit <https://dofoodsafely.health.vic.gov.au/index.php/en/>, take the quick quiz and email your certificate to [dtaggart@star.catholic.edu.au](mailto:dtaggart@star.catholic.edu.au)

Wishing you a very happy Term 2!

Dee

Canteen Manager

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## Term 2 Preloved Uniform Shop



Term 2 Pre Loved Uniform Shop hours:  
Open Monday & Fridays 8:20am - 8:50am

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## Term 2 Calendar

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### WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

On Friday May is National Walk Safely to School Day. This event is about raising awareness of the health, road safety, transport, and environmental benefits that regular walking, or alternative active transport (especially to and from school) can provide for the long-term well-being of our children. The best exercise for all Australians is walking regularly and children need at least 60 minutes of physical activity a day.

Star of the Sea will be participating in this event and more information will be sent out via Audiri and our socials over the coming week.

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STAR OF THE SEA

# Mother's Day Stall



MAY 8TH & 10TH

VOUCHERS TO BE PURCHASED VIA  
QKR!



NOTING IF YOU HAVE MULTIPLE CHILDREN YOU NEED TO  
PURCHASE A VOUCHER PER CHILD

\$5 \$10 & \$15 gifts

Some Grandmother gifts & gifts for carers  
available





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**Catherine House and Hutt Street Centre**

**by donating the following items:**

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# Why do Yoga?

**Boost your brainpower:** Yoga helps improve focus and memory, making homework and learning easier.

**Feel fantastic:** Stretching and breathing exercises release feel good chemicals, lifting your mood and reducing stress.

**Become a yoga ninja:** Enhance flexibility, balance, and strength, making you unstoppable in sports and play!

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## YOGA FOR KIDS



WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY

START TIME 5PM-5.50PM

9 WEEK TERM

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AGES 6-12

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