

Important Dates

SAPSASA Metro
Cross Country
Thursday 9 June

Reception
Orientation
Friday 10 June

Term 3 Parent
Meeting 7pm
Tuesday 14 June

Reception
Orientation
Friday 17 June

02.06.22

From the Principal

Dear Families

It has been a busy week with the AGM and visitors to our school this week. We continue to be understaffed in our front office and I thank everyone for your understanding with this.

In this newsletter you will find further information about the Annual General Meeting and concept for a new building. All AGM reports can also be found on our website.

SCHOOL LIFE TAKING ANOTHER STEP TOWARDS NORMALITY

With the easing of Covid restrictions we are back to almost pre-covid days:

- Masks – mostly not required
- Parents – welcomed back on site, in buildings and classes, with face to face meetings and gatherings allowed
- Volunteers – approved and vaccinated volunteers are welcome back

We have already held a Reception parent morning tea and will be doing so for Year 1 parents next Wednesday (Wednesday 8 June) in the Stella Maris room from 8:50am.

For Reception and Year 1 parents we will also be holding an information morning on the “Teaching of Literacy” on Wednesday 15 June in the Stella Maris room from 8:50am.

For volunteers, we will be holding a Volunteer Induction meeting on Wednesday June 22nd in the Stella Maris room from 8:50am.

VOLUNTEERING AT STAR OF THE SEA

We are very happy to have volunteers assisting teachers and the school. Volunteers add to the quality of what we are able to offer at the school. The process for becoming an approved volunteer is a four step process:

1. CESA police check or Working With Children Check
2. Attending a Volunteers Induction course
3. Completing RAN training for volunteers
4. Proof of vaccination shown to the front office

For volunteers, we will be holding a Volunteer Induction meeting on Thursday 28 July in the Stella Maris room from 8:50am.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS AT STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL.

What would you like the school to focus on over the next three years?

Contribute to the final step in the development of our three-year School Strategic Plan by contributing to our prioritising exercise.

Completing our survey, 2022 - 2024 SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLAN. [The survey can be accessed by clicking here](#): it will only take 5 minutes.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Teachers are working hard on school reports that will be sent home on July 4th. This has been a different semester at school with so many students away at different times but teachers are doing their best to produce a report based on the work that the students have completed. There will be an opportunity early in term 3 to discuss your child's progress, if you feel the need.

Damian Weeks
Principal

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Recent News

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New Building Concept

In the background for the last year, we have been working on the Strategic Plan for our school, which also includes work on our school's Master Plan.

A Master Plan gives a long-term view of the facilities of our school and attempts to capture our dreams and realities as we look towards the future.

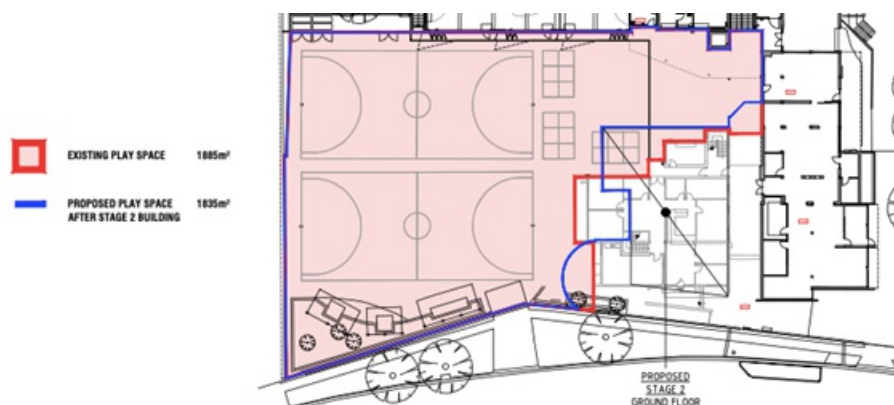
Many years ago, the school moved towards being a three-stream school (ie three classes of each year level). This historical decision was made as the school could not cater for the children baptised in our Parish. Soon after, a third class of Reception students began in our school. Over time, all year levels will eventually have 3 classes and this time will arrive at the beginning of 2024. At this time, we will not have enough classes for all our students and the required specialist teaching spaces.

The aim of our next building concept is:

- To establish our three classes of each year level, close together
- To provide dedicated specialist teaching areas
- To provide more tutorial spaces
- To achieve this without encroaching on play space

The School Board have been looking at many options, the first of which was the buying of more land, but unfortunately this has not been possible. So, as we moved from "dreaming to reality" we began working with the Catholic Education SA (CESA) and Edge Architects. Many options were discussed but we believe the best option is to reclaim much wasted space around our current admin building, by knocking it down and replacing it with a three storey building. In this way we could reclaim much unused space on the first and second stories by joining the building to the buildings around it, while leaving an undercroft area on the ground floor which can be used for play (see diagram below).

We are currently at the conceptual stage in this project where we are looking at options for how this space could be develop. We have established a Building Committee, a sub-committee of the School Board, who are working closely with CESA and Edge Architects. Of course, a big part of this stage is the cost of a new building, which will definitely bring our dreams into reality!



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AGM General Meeting

Thank you everyone who attended our AGM, especially to those who wrote and presented reports. On our school website, you can find all the reports from the AGM. Some of the points highlight on the night from the reports were:

President: Father Peter – the challenges of Covid and the impact of Church visits for the school and school visits from the Priests. Sacramental celebrations were adapted and brought pleasing new insights. We were finally able to open and bless the new building.

Chairperson: Dave Slovinec – the challenges of Covid, key initiatives (school infrastructure and resources, strategic plan, Master Plan update, ongoing educational and wellbeing initiatives).

Principal: Damian Weeks – highlighted the improved educational results seen in our school as shown through our whole school testing. These results are due to the educational initiatives and the hard work of our teachers. NAPLAN results, validating what we have been seeing in our school. The work we have been doing with the National Consistent Collection of Data, seen by parents in the Personalised Plan for Learning, resulting in almost the doubling of extra support for our students.

Finance Report: Jane Leonard – the excellent financial position of the school, despite the challenges presented by Covid and the impact it had on families. Fee remissions were much higher than usual, as we were able to provide assistance to many families whose employment was affected.

If you refer to the [school website](#) you will find the full reports, as well as reports relating to the Religious Dimension of the School, Grounds and Maintenance, Parents and Friends, Work Health & Safety, OSHC and Vacation Care, Marine Discovery Centre and the Compliance Report.

Each year half the members of the School Board conclude their two year tenure. Those members either choose to conclude their time or renominate for a further tenure (the maximum time on the Board is six years). I would like to thank the following members who have retired from the Board this year:

- Deanne Stephanos – 5 years
- Justin Gargula – 4 years
- Emma Nicholas – 2 years
- Louise Santillo (staff rep) – 4 years

Thank you for your service and dedication to our school.

Brad Dunstan, has renominated after serving two years on the Board and we welcome him back for a further term.

We are delighted to welcome our new member, who have been accepted for a two year tenure:

- Mark Hayes
- Katerina Andrushenko
- Kirsty McCulloch

At the AGM we also presented a concept for a new building and had a Q&A session before closing the meeting and enjoying drinks and nibbles together.

The first meeting of our new School Board will be held on Monday 20 June.

Damian Weeks

On behalf of the Board.

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From the Acting Deputy Principal

With the easing of restrictions recently, we warmly welcome our families back on site! We are pleased that we can gather as a learning community once again. The official 'Welcome to School' morning teas have been scheduled for our Reception and Year 1 Families, despite the Reception students having already attended almost half a year of school and the Year 1 students, almost a year and a half! The resilience of our young people, staff, Parish and families during this time has been outstanding. We are looking forward to life in a (hopefully) 'post-covid' world!

CYBER SAFETY TALKS WITH YEAR 4 – 6 STUDENTS

This week our year 4, 5 and 6 students engaged in cyber safety lessons, with guest speakers attending Star of the Sea School from the Carly Ryan Foundation. Online environments and virtual worlds are not foreign domains for young people, but these digital landscapes can unfortunately present some dangers. Children, sometimes without even realizing, can be exposed to content that is beyond their comprehension, resulting in an anxious or heightened child, from seemingly invisible triggers! Without the neurological infrastructure, children (of all ages) can struggle to communicate their experiences of the content they consume in online worlds, and this is where educators and families can collaborate to support children to become happy, healthy and safe digital citizens.

DIGITAL DISTRACTIONS AND THE IMPORTANCE OF FACE to FACE SOCIAL INTERACTION



Digital distractions are a very real problem in society, but even more so for our young people who are yet to learn how to manage the temptation of digital immersion, whether that be on or offline. An overreliance on devices for entertainment can displace the development of social skills, play time with friends and problem solving in a face-to-face, real world setting for example our play spaces at recess and lunch. Helping young people to balance their 'screen time' with 'green time' (any outdoor play and social activity) is just one way that we can support them. Parents and educators have the right to decide:

WHAT – programs, apps and websites their children use and visit

WHEN – and for HOW LONG their children use their devices.

WHERE – devices can and cannot be used (eg behind closed doors/at the dinner table/after 7pm)

WHO – children can connect with and who they cannot connect with.

LANGUAGE – that is acceptable for use during gaming, group chatting or any online interaction; and

PROBLEMS – how to address problems that arise, in an open and honest collaborative way.

Parents and Caregivers do not need to be Tech Experts to support their children to resolve problems in a digital setting, they just need to follow the 5 principles listed below:

1. Set clear rules and boundaries
2. Parent/Caregiver makes the final decisions about device use (see above)
3. Use management controls
4. Stay up to date with your child/ren's usage and tech habits
5. Communicate regularly with your children about their digital use

These principles will not change, even when the technology does! This will allow families to keep on top of the constantly evolving nature of apps, games and social media platforms. The key is open, honest and regular communication with your children about their digital use.

Narelle Sandercock
Acting Deputy Principal

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Carly Ryan Foundation



We were pleased to host the Carly Ryan Foundation at our school ON TUESDAY 31 May. Children from Year 4-6 had a positive and informative session about how to ensure they have positive and safe experiences online now and in the future. We learned about geo-tagging, password safety, keeping personal information safe, privacy settings and more. I encourage you to talk to your children about what they learned.

Parents, families, and carers play a crucial role in keeping children safe online. If you wish for any further information please consider visiting the Carly Ryan Foundation website <https://www.carlyryanfoundation.com/> and <https://www.carlyryanfoundation.com/resources> or The Office of the eSafety Commissioner website <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

FAST FACTS

5.6 Billion FAKE Facebook accounts were taken down last year alone!

RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

Carly Ryan Foundation Popular Apps Fact Sheets <https://www.carlyryanfoundation.com/resources/fact-sheets>

eSafety Commission Parent Resources including webinars <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

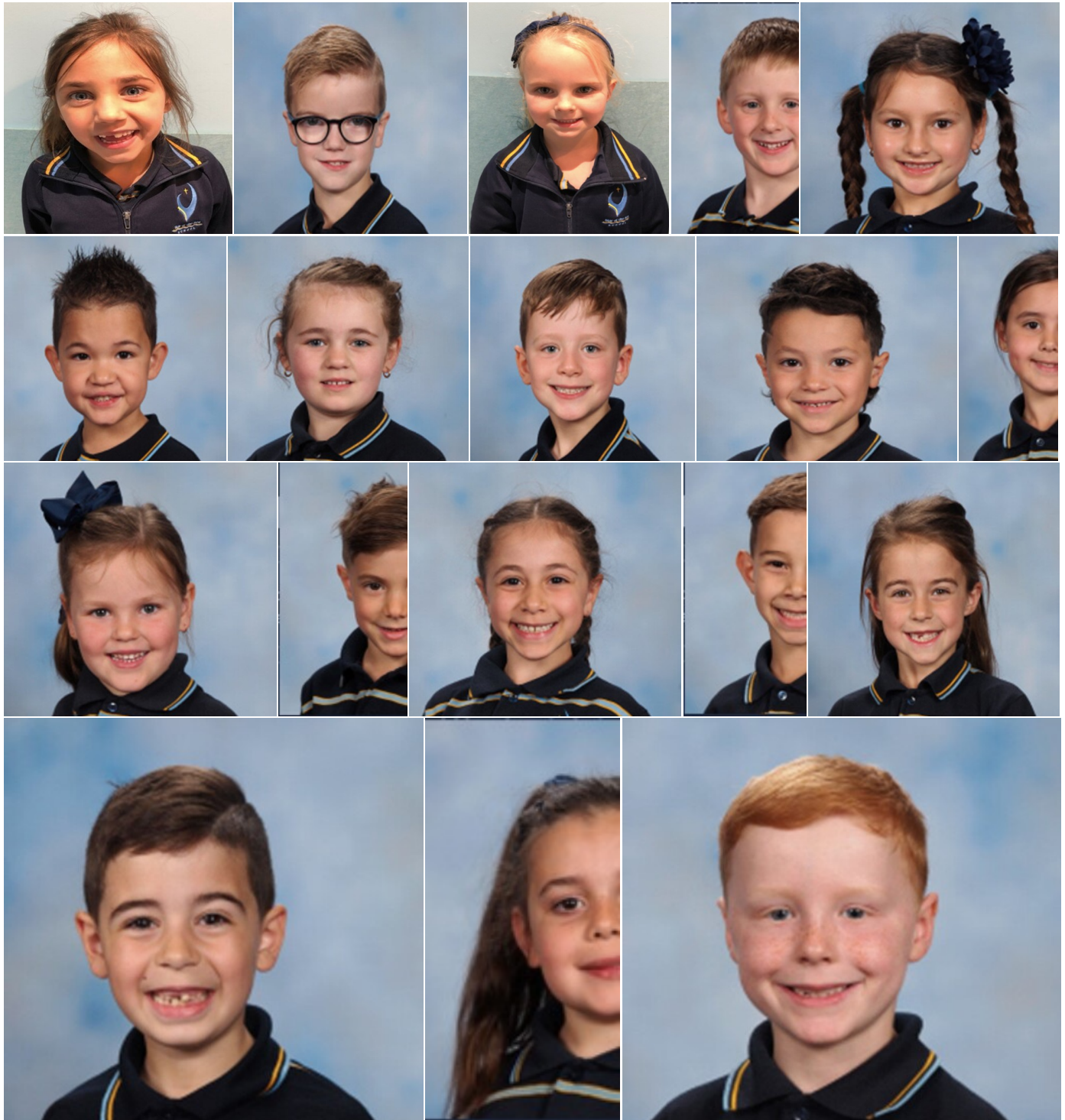
Apple Apps parental controls and privacy settings - <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201304>

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Star of the Sea Student Leaders

Please meet our Star of the Sea Student Leaders: *Leaders for the world God desires*

Their leadership capabilities will promote the *common good* within our school as we reflect on ways we can care for other people and our environment.





Sport News

This term a number of students have been selected to represent us at both at a metro and state level. At the beginning of the term, we started off with the SAPSASA Metro Swimming Carnival. From this carnival Saoirse was selected to travel to Brisbane in August to represent South Australia in the 50m and 100m Freestyle, 50m & 100m Butterfly, the 50m Medley Relay and the 50m Freestyle Relay. Congratulations Saoirse, that is an exceptional effort! You truly are a role model to the students at Star of the Sea.

The next event was the SAPSASA District Cross Country where Luca, Jimmy, Ava, Stirling and Grace were selected to represent the Airport District at the Metro Day in Oakbank, Thursday next week. Well done to all of you, that was an amazing effort! Good luck next week.

Following the SAPSASA District Cross Country Carnival was the SAPSASA Metro Softball Carnival. Ryan V and David S were both selected to represent Airport Districts at this carnival. Their skill and sportsmanship were exceptional. Thank you for being such great role models to the students at Star of the Sea School.

Congratulations goes to Jimmy B, Zoe S and Ella VD who were selected to represent Airport Districts at the SAPSASA Metro Football Carnival. A great effort to all the Airport Team who did an excellent job. I hear that their sportsmanship and effort was exceptional.

Congratulations goes to Ruby B who was selected part take in the SAPSASA Metro Diving Championships.

Ruby participated in both Individual and Synchronised Events and was successful in both. Excellent effort Ruby you are a great role model to us all.

Finally, a huge congratulations goes to the following students who competed in the Surf Life Saving Championships at the beginning of the term.

- Eddie B who won the U8 Boys Age Champion
- Grace C who won the U8 Girls Age Champion
- Tate N who won the U9 Boys Age Champion
- Grace B who won the U9 Girls Age Champion
- Abe S who won Runner Up to the U10 Boys Age Champion
- Ava C who won the U10 Age Champion
- Saoirse H who won the U11 Age Champion
- Jimmy B who won the U12 Age Champion
- Zoe S who won the U12 Age Champion

Wow that was almost a clean sweep for Star of the Sea! You are all great role models for the students at Star of the Sea. Well done to all who took part in the Surf Life Saving Championships, being part of the it also makes you a winner!

Currently on Skoolbag App and Qkr! is the SACPSSA Netball Carnival. If your child is in Yr 3 – 6 and are interested in taking part please register through Qkr!.

Coming out shortly through Skoolbag App and Qkr!, is SACPSSA Cross Country Carnival information / registration which will be held at the beginning of next term. If your child is interested, they will need to start attending beach running on a Wednesday morning at 8am.

If your child is interested in taking part in carnivals please keep your eyes on the skoolbag app to ensure they do not miss out.

A reminder to all families that all sporting information will come out through the Skoolbag app, if you do not have this app please feel free to see the office staff for support.

All registrations are made through QKR. If you do not have this app once again the office staff are a great resource. 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.

Kristen Victory

Sports Coordinator / Teacher





School Uniforms

We are working to address some of the uniform interpretations that are surfacing in our community and as always, we endeavour to work collaboratively with families in doing so. We are very proud of our learning community and believe that the uniform is an outward sign of this, hence our commitment to ensuring the uniform policy is adhered to. Please ensure your children wear Star of the Sea School items of clothing only when at school. There is a large range of warm uniform items for the colder months, all available from our uniform shop or second-hand uniform shop. Thank you also to our Board (new and old) for their time and effort in reviewing the Star of the Sea School uniform, from a functionality (fit) and financial perspective.

Please do not hesitate to get in contact with your classroom teacher should you require any further information or clarification about uniform items. We are always open to hearing from families to ensure a positive partnership exists between school and home.

ROAD SAFETY

Students and families are reminded of the importance of safe choices on and around our surrounding footpaths, carparks, crossings and roads. Pedestrians have right of way on our footpaths, crossings and carpark areas. Cyclists, scooters and cars must give way. We have had near misses in the MCD carpark with cars entering this area, but also at our crossings with cars driving through the stop signs! We remind all families, grandparents, aunties and uncles, or who ever is collecting or dropping children to school to please be safe!

Thank you for your co operation.



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OF YOUR FAITHFUL
AND KINDLE IN THEM
THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE.
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Chaplain



Chaplain at Star of the Sea is a new complementary role alongside APRIM that I have commenced this term. My desire is to enhance our community through conversation, caring and connecting with staff, students and parents. All are welcome and will be greeted by a smile, a listening ear, and a cuppa. My days are Monday to Wednesday so feel free to visit phone, or email for you or your child.

If you, or you know of someone, who might need a meal or assistance in other ways I'm here to help, confidentially of course. Yesterday, at recess, I started the Three Cs with Year 6 for Cookies, Conversation and Connection. What wonderful young people our year sixes are becoming; I think the world will be in good hands.

Blessings,

Stella

Canteen News

The Canteen operates each school day. Children are now able to purchase snacks from the canteen over the counter at lunch time only using QKR or cash.

Ordering your children's lunch is done via the QKR App. Ordering through QKR reduces the need for your child to carry large amounts of cash to school, so no more worrying about lost lunch money. Cut-off time for QKR is 9.15am daily. Orders can be placed days in

advance for your convenience.

[New Canteen Menu](#)

Thank you Dee

Preloved Uniforms



Please click on the following [link](#) for information regarding buying second hand uniforms.



'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few' (Luke 10:2)

Harvesters is an informal group of people involved in Catholic parishes, ministries, schools and agencies in South Australia who want to continue spreading Jesus' Good News and encourage each other in their faith journeys.

All are welcome to join us.

No meetings and no cost!

Harvesters make 4 commitments:

1. *To read a Gospel passage each day.*
2. *To greet co-workers and fellow parishioners warmly and participate in parish and ministry activities when possible.*
3. *To do something for the poor, lonely or alienated each month.*
4. *To read and reflect on the Harvesters' Monthly Message.*

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Sport Dates Term 2 2022

SAPSASA Metro Cross Country - Thursday 9 June

SAPSASA Metro Netball & Hockey Carnivals - Wednesday 22 June to Friday 24 June

SACPSSA Netball Carnival - Wednesday Wk 10, registrations currently on Skoolbag app.

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 and Star of the Sea School Sports day will be in Term 4.



KICKS OFF SOON!



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For more information
visit play.afl/auskick

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Star of the Sea PS Auskick Centre

August 1st - September 19th

Monday afternoons (3:20- 4:20pm)

@ 333 Military Rd, Henley Beach

