



Newsletter Term 2 Week 5

Important Dates

**Queen's Birthday
Public Holiday**
Monday 8 June

**Transition Days for
Term 3 Intake**
Friday 19 June

**Transition Days for
Term 3 Intake**
Friday 26 June

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Our New Flags



Our local state member for Colton visited the school last week and presented three new flags for our new flag poles. Matt Cowdry handed over the Australian and Aboriginal flags and a Torres Strait Islander flag to our Year 6 leaders. The new flag poles will be positioned to the left of the Stella Maris Building on Military Road. [View this article online to read more](#)

Recent News

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents & Friends,

Like many, I found the tragic news of the death of Anne Marie Smith was quite confronting. In today's world of demanding accountability how can a vulnerable person be left to perish in such degrading circumstances? This shocking incident started me thinking about how much our society has changed. How many years ago we used to visit each other in our homes for a 'cuppa' and now, today we meet in coffee shops and cafes. We don't just call anymore, but we text to ask permission to call on a mobile.

This week memories of my childhood days came flooding back when we used to play cricket in the street outside our house. Armed with well-worn willow, fruit box for stumps and coming apart at the seams ball, we would play on the bitumen, imagining we were test bowlers and batsmen of the day. We would play with the neighbours' kids and more often than not, end up at someone else's home for lunch or dinner. Our parents never seemed to mind if there were extra mouths to feed.

These memories of our neighbourhood community are no doubt replicated all over Australia in past years but became more poignant this week when I read about Anne Marie Smith's passing. The fifty-four-year-old woman who lived in Adelaide's Eastern suburb died from severe septic shock and malnutrition. Police say she had been stuck in a cane chair for 24 hours a day for more than a year. One can only wonder what it would be like to have been this woman who apparently had little contact with neighbours and relied on her 'carer' for all her needs.

The unnoticed existence of Anne Marie Smith is a reminder call and a worrying sign about the nature of the suburban communities in which we now live. In recent times in my own street, long established homes are being demolished and replaced by double-storey townhouses that are designed so the front windows of past days have been replaced by a roller-door garage front and iron gates. Our homes and our schools have become fortresses and the price is that we become unaware of those who constitute our neighbours.

Not everything from the past was wonderful. But a characteristic and strongly positive feature was the sense that people knew and cared

for the well-being of those nearby. Today our Church community often reminds us that we are called to be 'community for the world'. At Star of the Sea we do an amazing job teaching our children to be compassionate for others and to care for the vulnerable. The recent St Vinnies drive is just one example of students, parents and teachers working together to help those who help others. St Vinnies, Meals on Wheels, the Salvo's, Anglicare and even our own Star Outreach Kitchen are all about caring for others and making sure no one is left alone or without. We need to work with our young people and constantly remind them that their education is not just for themselves, but also for others.

Kiss and Drop

Recently a person asked me what I won't miss about school when I retire. My response was, 'after school traffic duty' and the 'Kiss and Drop'. I remind parents and grandparents that the two 'Kiss and Drop' zones on Military Road and Seaview Road are as they are aptly named 'Kiss and Drop' with the emphasis on the 'drop'.

Please be aware of parents who are waiting in line to drop and collect their children. The longer you take the more congested the line becomes and this causes safety issues. It would be most helpful if the children could be prepped and ready to go as soon as you stop at the Kiss and Drop zone.

This week parents may have noticed the City of Charles Sturt traffic inspector driving around the school in his silver SUV with his flashing lights. He informed me that Star of the Sea was one of two of the worst offending and problematic schools in the council. Not a good record to have! He informed me that he has been issuing warnings and that as of next week beginning Monday 1 June, he will be issuing expiation notices to drivers who queue on the yellow lines and exceed waiting limits in no parking zones.

Enjoy the weekend ahead
Joe De Tullio

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Board Talk

The School Board held its Term 2 meeting on Monday 18th May via Zoom. As this was the first meeting and gathering of the newly formed Board, nominations were called for the various positions and committees of the Board. Emma Nicholas and Brad Dunstan were welcomed as newly elected members to the Board as a result of the recent AGM.

The 2020/21 Board positions are:

Phillip Reichelt	School Board Chairperson
Deanne Stephanos	Deputy Chairperson
Fr Paul Cashen	President
Noreen Gaudry	Parish Representative
Justin Gargula	School Board Finance Committee
Chris Flaherty	School Board Finance Committee
Brad Dunstan	Capital Development and Maintenance Committee Chairperson
Emma Nicholas	Marine Discovery Centre Chairperson
Dave Slovinec	OSHC and Vac Care Chairperson
Deanne Stephanos	Education Committee Chairperson
Ros Stevens	Parents and Friends Chairperson
Louise Santillo	Staff Representative
Joe De Tullio	Principal
Matt Perry	Deputy Principal

The School Board works closely with the principal and staff in developing and supporting the school community. It achieves this goal more by taking on a coordinating and advisory role, and by close interaction with the school community through the P&F, staff and parish. Many of the Board members are also members of school subcommittees to facilitate better interaction. The Board's primary responsibilities include policy direction, finance management, pastoral care of staff, students and parents, maintenance, planning/development and evaluation. Although the principal and staff are responsible for the educational programs and how they are implemented, the School Board representing parents has a stake in these programs.

Justin Gargula and Chris Flaherty presented the school's Finance Report and reported that the school finances have been impacted due to the COVID-19 crisis. However, overall due to the ongoing strength of the school finances the Finance Committee has not identified any major concern. The school finances will be monitored, and the Board will have a better indication of the ongoing affect once the

school has received more guidance from CESA in relation to government support.

Pino Dichiera, the school's architect presented via Zoom. Pino informed the Board that the building development has now been completed and PARTEK conducted the handover and were now attending to defects etc. The Board passed on its thanks and appreciation to both Edge Architects and PARTEK Construction for the design and quality of the new buildings. Pino described the construction as a difficult project, but he was very pleased with the outcome. The Board suggested that there would be an official opportunity to give thanks to all involved in the building once the COVID-19 restrictions were lifted.

Joe De Tullio made a COVID-19 presentation to the Board, outlining the various issues and restrictions that have had an impact on the school. Joe commended the work of the teachers in maintaining the school's programs. He also praised the children and parents for their support and encouragement due this difficult time.

All other committee papers were tabled as read. The next meeting will be held in June.

Phillip Reichelt
Chairperson

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New areas come into play



This week the school took possession of the ground floor section of the new building. The Stella Maris Building now has two new completed spaces, the Music Room and a Multi-Purpose space for meetings, gatherings and activities when it is raining, and much more. This week the children gave the new spaces the thumbs up, tick of approval as all classes from Reception to Year 6 will enjoy the new purpose-built facilities.

We think what was even more exciting for the children, was the fact the hard-court space was also open for use this week. After eleven months of sharing the oval and MDC Carpark the kids finally got back their extra space and welcomed the ability to play basketball, shoot netballs and return to playing 'four-square' on the handball courts.

In the months ahead the hard courts will be resurfaced, and lines marked. The cold weather has caused the delay as the latex coating won't cure.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding with student drop-offs and pick-ups. Even though certain areas of our lives are returning to normal, we are still being instructed by health authorities and Catholic Education SA to minimise adult contact and access within the school until further notice.

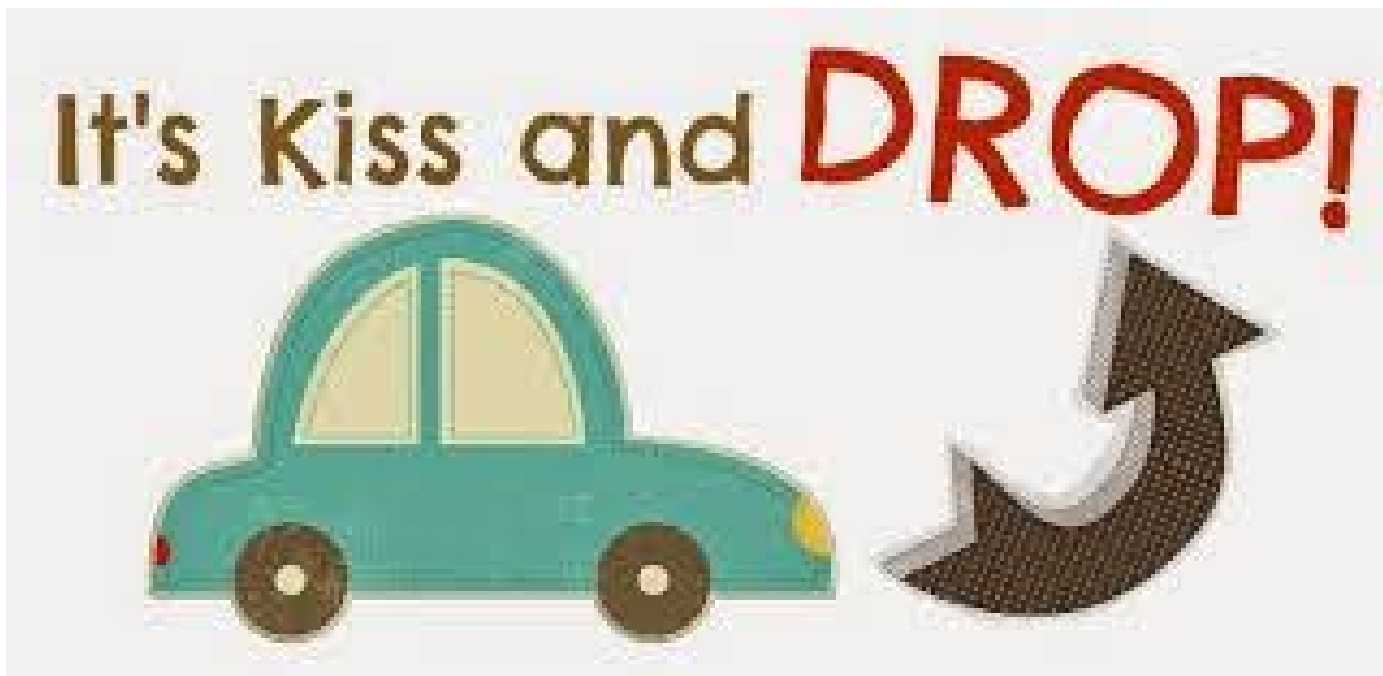
Hopefully sometime soon we can welcome parents, grandparents and caregivers back into the heart of our school.

Before School Supervision

A reminder to parents that teachers begin duty at 8:20 am in the court area and students need to gather in this area of the school prior to the 8:45 am bell.

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From the APRIM



Let us celebrate [National Reconciliation Week](#) together. #InThisTogether2020

This wonderful painting by Queenie McKenzie, a Warmun woman, is 'People talking to Jesus in the Bough Shed, 1995. Do you talk to Jesus and if so, where? Did you know that the first permanent Deacon of the Australian Catholic Church was a highly respected Kardu Diminin clan elder, Deacon Boniface Perdjert: *"My people existed here in Australia thousands of years before Abraham. In all that time God was working with my people. He worked through their culture."*

The joyful celebration of Pentecost is this Sunday, <https://www.henleybeachparish.com.au/online-mass> concluding the 50 days of Eastertime. On Pentecost the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples of Jesus, bringing them hope and inspiring them with their mission. God lives in us as we accept the gift of the Holy Spirit, so this is a good time to reflect upon our gifts, our talents and play to our strengths proudly.

Remember, that Jesus who laughs and cries with us, is 'The Way, the Truth and the LIFE.'" Catholic Bishops.

May God bless you with peace and love
Stella Foley

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Sport Dates

Term 1, 2020

SACPSSA Swimming Carnival – Reschedule date TBA

Metro SAPSASA Swimming Carnival –Reschedule date TBA

Star of the Sea School Sports Day – Reschedule TBA

Term 2 2020

SAPSASA Virtual Cross Country

Year 4 Wednesday 3 June

Year 3, 5 & 6 Friday 5 June

SACPSSA Netball Carnival - TBC

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

Please note athletics carnivals will be held in Terms 3 & 4.

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Sport News

At this point in time we are still unsure of what sporting programs will take place this term. Refunds will be made as we become informed of what is happening. Should there be refunds for your child's sport, I will inform families by email how this will occur. Please do not contact the office for refunds at this time, as the policy is still the same, once registered there are no refunds. However, in this unprecedented situation, all refunds will occur once we receive official notification from the particular sporting organisations.

SAPSASA has organised a Virtual Cross Country for students in Yrs 3 – 6. If your child is interested in taking part, please go to Skoolbag app for further information and Qkr! to register.

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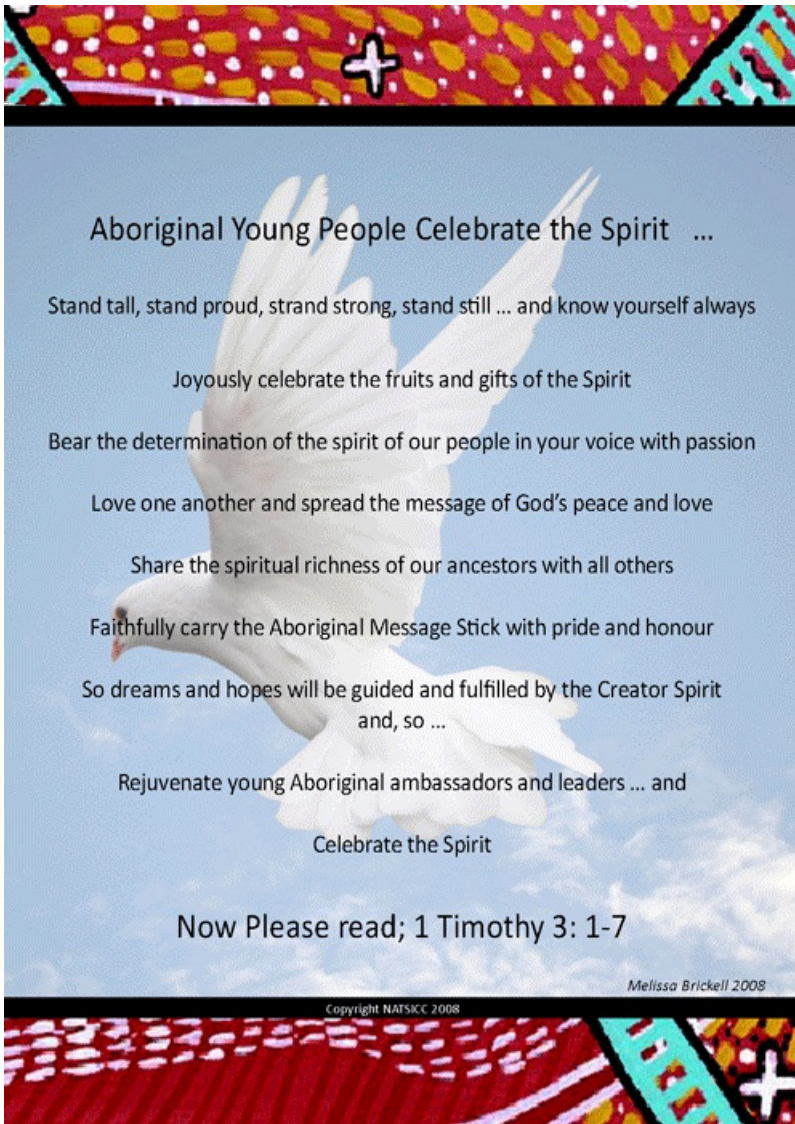
Canteen - Morning writing by Isla from RRF



We welcomed back this week Dee Taggart to the Canteen. We have missed Dee's smile and friendly welcome, and the smells of butter chicken and pies and pasties that emanate from the canteen.

Just a reminder that the canteen has partially reopened for lunches only on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Lunches must be pre-ordered via Qkr! At this stage, recess and over the counter purchases remain closed.

Canteen volunteers are still required and permitted to help with appropriate hygiene requirements. Please contact Dee via the office if you can volunteer some time.



Aboriginal Young People Celebrate the Spirit ...

Stand tall, stand proud, stand strong, stand still ... and know yourself always

Joyously celebrate the fruits and gifts of the Spirit

Bear the determination of the spirit of our people in your voice with passion

Love one another and spread the message of God's peace and love

Share the spiritual richness of our ancestors with all others

Faithfully carry the Aboriginal Message Stick with pride and honour

So dreams and hopes will be guided and fulfilled by the Creator Spirit
and, so ...

Rejuvenate young Aboriginal ambassadors and leaders ... and

Celebrate the Spirit

Now Please read; 1 Timothy 3: 1-7

Melissa Brickell 2008

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