



Newsletter Term 3 Week 3

Important Dates

SAPSASA Metro
Soccer
Sunday 19 May 2024

Sacramental
Workshop Program
7pm in Church
Tuesday 13 August 2024

Year 6 Excursion
Wednesday 14 August 2024

Assumption of Mary
Years 3-6 9.15am
Thursday 15 August 2024

School Disco and
NO Bullying Day
Friday 16 August 2024

Reception & Year 1
Children Mass
Sunday 18 August 2024

Catholic Education
Week
Monday 19 August 2024

Book Week Parade
and Family
Storytime 9.15am
Tuesday 20 August 2024

SAPSASA Metro
Soccer
Tuesday 20 August 2024

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Soccer
Tuesday 20 August 2024

Year 6 Camp
Wednesday 21 August 2024

From the Acting Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

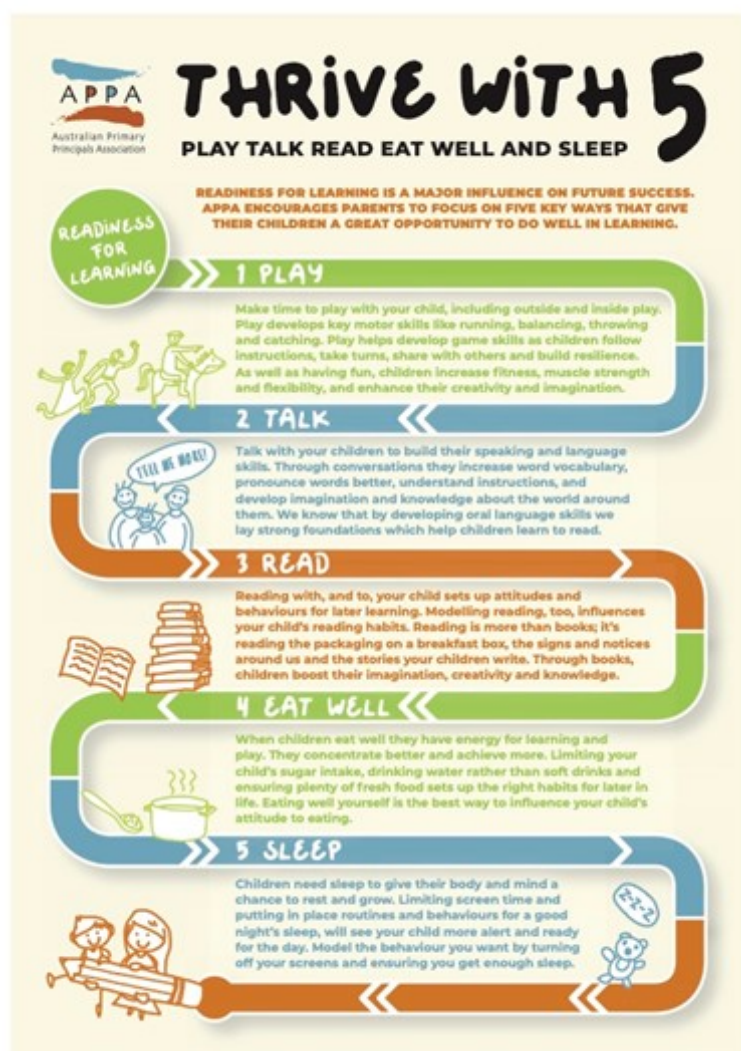
UNLOCKING A BRIGHT FUTURE: THE POWER OF THE FIRST 1000 DAYS

The Australian Primary Principals' Association (APPA) is committed to supporting families in ensuring every child has the best start in life. They have partnered with leading paediatrician Prof Frank Oberklaid, of The Murdoch Children's Research Institute, to produce the **Thrive with Five** paper.

In the first 1000 days of a child's life, their brain grows really fast. Every time they see, hear, or touch something, it helps their brain make new connections. Eating healthy food and getting good sleep are very important because they help the child grow strong. When parents show love and care, it helps the child feel safe and learn to trust others. Playing and exploring help children learn to talk and become curious, which makes learning easier as they get older.

Families benefit from a supportive community, ensuring both they and the child thrive. Our school is part of a supportive community, and we want to partner with families to shape a lifetime of benefits for every child.

In each newsletter this term, I will share information about the important five: *play, talk, read, eat well and sleep*.



STAFFING UPDATE:

We have three updates of staff leaving or taking extended leave.

We are sad to say goodbye to **Marian Izzo** who has decided to finish her time at Star of the Sea in the Library, to provide care and support to her husband Nat as he currently undergoes treatment. We are beyond grateful for all Marian has done for our community. Our Library will not be the same without her presence. Please pray for Marian, Nat and their family during this difficult time.

Paula Ogilvie will also finish up her time at Star of the Sea. We thank Paula for all the work she has done in our community, and she will

be missed by staff and students.

Amelia Fantus will be taking the rest of the 2024 year off to concentrate on having some important medical treatment, getting well and being with her family. Please pray for Amelia and her family during this challenging time.

SCHOOL DISCO

Next Friday 16 August, we have our school Disco run by the P&F. The students are excited and it will be a gold coin donation to cover some of the costs associated with the disco. Children **only** in Reception and Year 1 can come in casual clothes on that day. All other students are required to come to school in their uniforms.

PARENT AND CAREGIVER SURVEY - COMPLETE FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A \$50.00 GIFT VOUCHER!

All families have received invitations via Audiri to complete a survey we are currently conducting about our school climate, through the Catholic Education *Living Learning Leading Survey*.

This is an important opportunity for you to let us know how things are going for you and your child/ren. Please be assured that your feedback will be anonymous and confidential. CESA and school staff will use the data to identify strengths and areas to work and build upon as part of our continuous improvement.

You can easily complete the online survey at www.NSIPartnerships.com.au and enter the code **SOTSSHBLLLP** in the start questionnaire field. It only takes 3 - 5 minutes. The closing date for the survey is **FRIDAY 23 AUGUST**. Send a screen shot of the completed page to the front office (vandrews@star.catholic.edu.au) and you'll go into a draw to win one of 4 gift vouchers.

With kindness

Annette Diassinias

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Recent News

08.08.24

From the Acting Deputy Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 5. There is no denying that the Olympic spirit and national pride is currently front and centre in many households. I do get emotional watching our amazing athletes give it their all in their chosen fields, but I must admit the tears flow whenever the media pans to their athletes' parents and family members. What a sense of pride they must feel when they witness the talents of their amazing children! It pulls at the heartstrings - that is for sure. One of our teachers, Ella Borlase is currently in Paris watching her sister Isabelle play for the Australian Opal's basketball team. At only 19 years of age, and a member of SA's Forestville Eagles, she has accomplished her dream of representing Australia. As I write this week's newsletter, I am proud to say that our Opals convincingly won the quarterfinal against Serbia, giving them a chance to medal for the first time since the London Olympics!

Book Week Parade and Family Storytime

We look forward to celebrating our annual Book Week Parade in Week 5 on Tuesday 20th August at 9:15 on the courts. The theme this year is 'Reading is Magic' and we invite all our students and staff to dress up. This is a community event where we warmly welcome you to witness the colourful parade. After the parade you are invited to read a story with your child in their classrooms until 10:45am All welcome!

Student Safety

Student safety is our priority particularly before and after school. A reminder that teacher supervision is provided each morning from 8:20am -8:50am and each afternoon from 3:05pm-3:25pm. Students onsite outside of these times require supervision by carers or our OSHC service.

Numeracy Focus

Our staff are continuing to engage in professional learning in the area of Numeracy. This work has seen the development of a Star of the Sea Numeracy agreement, and a scope and sequence aligned with the Australian Curriculum for every year level. In conjunction with this you may also notice assessment tasks utilising the Catholic Education Performance Standards that are directly linked to the Achievement Standards. The purpose of the performance standards clearly explains the learning the students are expected to demonstrate at an A, B,

C, D and E level. In addition, moving forward numeracy instruction will include daily reviews, explicit instruction (I do, you do, we do) to cement understanding and opportunities for transfer and application of new knowledge and skills.

Wellbeing: Stronger Families – A Positive Parenting Conference

Catholic Schools Parents South Australia (CSPSA) are offering a day event on Saturday 31 August that will be facilitated by prominent parent experts on the following topics:

Maggie Dent: Help Me, Help My Teen

Paul Dillon: Teens, Parties, Alcohol and Vapes – What Parents Need to Know

Madhavi Nawana Parker: Maintaining Calm Amidst Parenting Challenges.

For more information visit the following [link](#).



Wishing you a wonderful weekend ahead.

Go well,

Kelly Manera

Acting Deputy Principal

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08.08.24

From the APRIM

Feast Day of Blessed Mary MacKillop

Today is the feast day of Blessed Mary MacKillop, the day we remember and celebrate the life and work of St Mary of the Cross. Mary was an ordinary Australian like you and me. She worked with the poor and disadvantaged.

Mary MacKillop is Australia's first canonised Saint. We celebrate the important role she played in making education accessible for children in our country. Mary MacKillop devoted her life to ensuring a holistic Catholic education for children from rural, poor families. St Mary MacKillop's impact on Australian education was remarkable.

May we too, always seek to find happiness in making others happy as St Mary of the Cross did.

Prayer

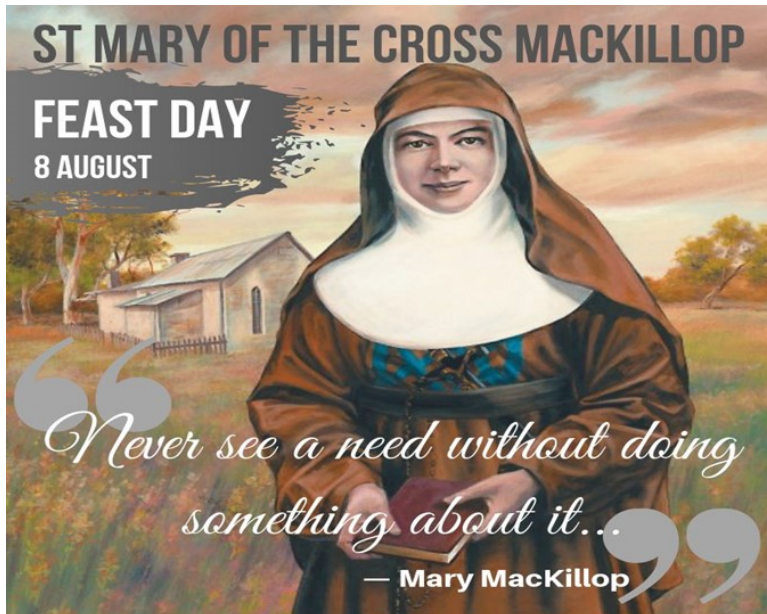
Loving God,

You called St Mary MacKillop to be a beacon of hope and compassion.

Through her example of faith and service, she spread Your love to those in need.

Help us to embrace a spirit of generosity and peace.

Amen



Feast of the Assumption of Mary Thursday 15 August

Next Thursday is a special day – it is the feast of the Assumption of Mary – when we remember how at the end of her life Mary was taken up to heaven to be with God. Mary is very special because she was chosen by God to be the mother of God's son, Jesus. And Mary says yes to all that God asks of her.

On Thursday our Years 3-6 students will remember and honour our Mother Mary by attending the 9:15 Parish mass and our Reception - Year 2 students will celebrate with a liturgy at school at 2:00pm in the Stella Maris Room. This will be lead by our Year 2 students. Everyone is welcome to come join either celebration.

With Gratitude,
Dominique Laurendi

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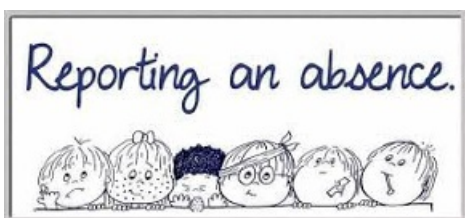
SACPSSA Cross Country Carnival

Yesterday 40 students from Year 3-6 attended the Catholic Schools Cross Country Carnival in the city parklands. It was a fantastic day with the sun shining. Congratulations to all the students who took part, particularly Grace who won silver in the Year 6 Girls Div A, and the Year 4 Boys who won the Year 4 Div A Boys age Group Champion.



Silly Scientist

The Years 3, 4, 5 and 6s were lucky enough to watch 'The Silly Scientist' perform at school. Several students were selected to participate in the interactive performance, by assisting Michael and Micky with their amazing experiments. They promoted a positive, fun and engaging attitude towards Science related activities, and reminded us that Science can be present everywhere in our everyday lives. All experiments linked with our Term 3 Chemical Science learning and investigations that are taking place this term in the classroom. It was a fantastic incursion and enjoyed by all!



You have 2 options to notify an absence:

1. Call 8115 7400 and press 1
2. Email us at absent@star.catholic.edu.au with the subject being ABSENT and provide us with the name of your child, their class and the reason for the absence.

If you email the teacher your child's absence, please also let the Front Office know by using the same email address absent@star.catholic.edu.au

If your child is late any time after 8.50am they must report to the Front Office to sign in so we can record their arrival on SEQTA.

Any reoccurring appointments must also be notified to the front office on the day of the appointment. Also children leaving school before 3:05pm must be signed out from the Front Office so the early departure can be recorded.

If your child is away more than 2 weeks an exemption form must be filled out. You can find this on our [website](#) or at Front Office.

Thank you for your co operation.

School Disco



DISCO PARENT INFO

GOLD COIN DONATION UPON ENTRY

PRE ORDER FAIRY FLOSS ON QKR!

\$10 FLOSS LIGHT UP STICK - \$8 FLOSS POP STICK

**CHILDREN WILL NEED CASH TO PURCHASE FROM THE CANDY STALL
\$2 PER ITEM - RING POPS - FREDDO FROGS - SOUR WORMS - SNAKES**

**DRESS CODE - CHILDREN CAN WEAR WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE
CHILDREN MUST PACK A DRINK BOTTLE**

ALL CHILDREN WILL BE SIGNED IN & SIGNED OUT

DROP OFF AND PICK UP IS FROM THE BLUE COURTS MILITARY ROAD SIDE

PLEASE WAIT WITH YOUR CHILD UNTIL THEY ARE SIGNED IN

YOU WILL NEED TO PROVIDE YOUR CHILD'S FULL NAME &

CLASS WHEN COLLECTING THEM

SESSION TIMES:

3.00 - 4:30 PM - MID REC, REC & YR 1 - CLASS TEACHER WILL SIGN IN CHILDREN

5.00 - 6.30 PM - YR 2 & YR 3

7.00 - 8.30 PM - YR 4, YR 5 & YR 6

**Tuesday
20th
August**

**2024 Book Week Parade
and Family Storytime**



**Reading
is
Magic**



**9:15am - 10am
Parade - Courts**

**10am - 10:45am
Families bring your favourite book
to read to your child/grandchild**



SOTS Recipe Book

WE ARE CREATING A RECIPE BOOK FROM THE FAMILIES AND STAFF OF SOTS, THAT CAN BE PASSED ON FOR GENERATIONS TO COME!

THROUGHOUT TERM 2 & 3 YOU CAN SEND IN YOUR RECIPES TO VANDREWS@STAR.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU

FORMAT FOR SUBMISSIONS:
A WORD DOCUMENT ONLY (NO PDF/SCREENSHOTS)
TEXT ONLY (NO IMAGES REQUIRED)
INCLUDE RECIPE TITLE AND FULL NAME

CATEGORIES FOR SUBMISSIONS

SOUPS
SPREADS & DIPS
MAIN COUSES
LUNCHBOX IDEAS
RICE & VEGETABLES
MULTICULTURAL
DESSERTS
MUFFINS & SCONES
BISCUITS, SLICES
RAW CAKES
SMOOTHIES
KIDS PARTIES
DIY - SLIME, PLAY-DOH
DIETARY OPTIONS

Recipe Books will be available to

purchase in term 4 for \$10 each



- **ISSUE 5 NOW OPEN – LAST DAY FOR ORDERS FRIDAY August 9th.**
- **Expected delivery of books ordered from Issue 5 – August 26th to August 30th.**

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