

Important Dates

**Little Stars
Graduation**

Wednesday 1 December

Meet the Teacher

Thursday 2 December

**New Reception
Orientation Visit**

Friday 3 December

Carols Night

Friday 3 December

**Year 6 Graduation
Dinner**

Monday 6 December

**End of Year Liturgy
Whole School 9am**

Tuesday 7 December

Last Day of Term

Wednesday 8 December

Term 1 2022

Monday 31 January

From the Principal



Dear Families

The End of Year Carols Night has undergone major changes to comply with SA Health requirements. Please read the information in this newsletter.

In this newsletter you will also find the full staff list for 2022.

As you know, we are farewelling the following staff at the end of the year:

- Cathy Clark
- Toby Moulton
- Liana Marafioti
- Marian Izzo
- Karen Lintern
- Angela D'Amico
- Lisa-Marie Lopresti

Joining our school will be Kelly Stevens (Tennison Woods) and Tamara Golic (St John Bosco). Our new teachers will spend the day here on Thursday December 2nd and will meet their students on this day. This is the day where all students will be meeting their 2022 teacher.

COVID UPDATE - REMINDER

Adults are welcome on the school site but if you wish to enter a school building you need to wear a mask and completed a QR code check in.

END OF YEAR LITURGY/FARWELLS

- This is our whole school celebration for the end of year
- Tuesday December 7th
- Venue: Green courts – Stella Maris Room
- Whole school attends
- Parents may attend, but will be required to book tickets via QKR and QR code on entry
- Inclement weather plan – hold the event the next day at the same time

MUSICAL SHOWCASE

This Sunday brings us to the conclusion of our musical showcases with our choirs and bands performances. Congratulations to all our students that have been practising all year and a special thank you to all the tutors for their teaching. The School Leadership Team have taken turns attending the evenings performances and we are all very impressed by what we saw and most importantly heard. These events have been coordinated by our Music Teacher Kaya Nicholls, in her first year at SOTS and I would like to offer my thanks to her for all her good work.

REPORTS

A celebration of the learning that has happened over the last semester is coming home on Wednesday. Congratulations to all our students and thank you to all of our teachers who have spent many hours putting this work together.

Regards

Damian Weeks

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Carols Night - The Changes

To comply with SA Health requirements, we have had to make changes to this night. We must make sure that the total number attending is below 1000 people at any one time. While we have explored other options, the best and perhaps only way, we can do this, is by splitting the event into two sections.

Please see attachment below.

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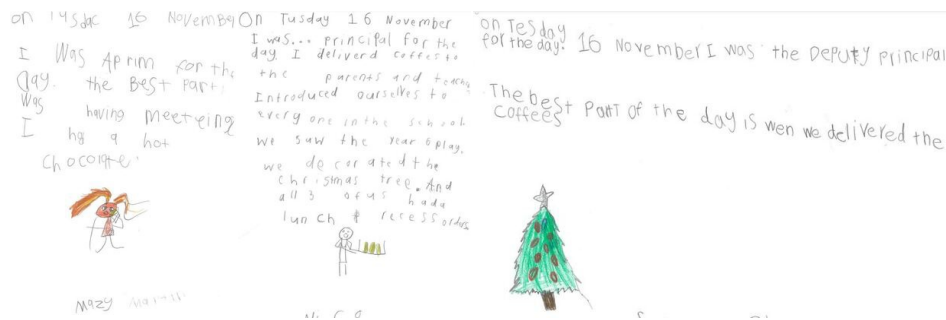
Staff List for 2022

Please find attached our Staff List for 2022.

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Principal for the Day

Last week Star of the Sea had a new Leadership Team, these students were our silent auction winners from our 2021 School Ball. Click on the articles below to see what they have written.



18.11.21

Parents Vaccinations

Dear Families

You may have seen in the media the recent SA Government Direction concerning COVID-19 vaccinations for staff in schools and Early Childhood Education Care settings.

This school has acted quickly to inform our staff of these new requirements. It has been our previous position that for the safety of students and the community, those who are eligible, ought to be vaccinated where possible.

The SA Government Direction now specifies that staff in all schools and education and care settings must have had at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccination by 10 December 2021 and show evidence of a booking for their second dose.

The direction also extends to volunteers (including Board and P&F members) and any unpaid workers.

It does not apply to students and parents who are incidental visitors to the school.

You would appreciate that the 2-year journey we have experienced in dealing with the pandemic has resulted in numerous strategies and compliance measures implemented for the safety of students, families and staff.

Throughout the pandemic we have been absolutely lock-step in following the advice of the SA Chief Public Health Officer as it relates to the schooling sector. The Catholic Education Office has strong direct liaison with the SA Department for Education which has meant that each sector has been remarkably consistent in the messaging over health measures adopted at school sites.

We will continue to monitor and act upon any relevant advice and make staff aware of this new government law.

If more information comes to hand that has an impact on the wider school community, I will keep you informed.

From the beginning of next year, if you wish to volunteer in our school community, we will need to "sight" proof of vaccination before you begin volunteering.

Our front office personnel (Viv, Lisa and Paula) are in charge of this process and will keep a secure file of names of those who have shown proof of vaccination. You can provide this proof, from next week, if you have it.

We do not need to keep any paperwork in regard to this process, but we do need to "sight" one of the following:

1. An official transcript of your COVID-19 vaccination status

or

2. A medical certificate/exemption form from a legally qualified medical practitioner certifying that you either have a medical exemption from receiving the COVID-19 vaccine on either a permanent or temporary basis, endorsed by the Chief Public Health Officer (CPHO).

You will be able to download a copy of your vaccination status by following the directions [here](#). The easiest way to do this is to download your certificate to your phone.

Regards

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Do I need to be vaccinated at School?

The short answer is that **you must be vaccinated if you wish to volunteer at school.**

We have released a lot of information about this over the last week, we have repeated this information in today's newsletter.

a. **Events**

Parents and families attending parent teacher interviews, events or similar, are not required to be vaccinated as long as they are not working or volunteering at the event and COVID safe measures are followed.

b. **Playgroups**

Parents and families attending playgroups at CESA sites are not required to be vaccinated unless they are working or volunteering at the playgroup. Please continue to ensure COVID safe measures are followed wherever practicable.

c. **Parent programs or groups**

Parents and families attending parenting programs, sessions or events at CESA sites are not required to be vaccinated unless they are working or volunteering at the program, session, or event.

d. **Community use and facility hire**

Community groups that hire or access CESA facilities do not need to meet the vaccination requirements provided it is outside of school hours.

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CV19 Plan Moving Forward

South Australian COVID-19 Forward Plan for Catholic Education 2021 From 23 November until further notice



This plan outlines how to manage risks associated with COVID-19 entering Catholic Education sites and is based on Department for Education advice.

It is important to remember that no one measure can minimise spread of the virus. Each risk mitigation forms a layer of protection and minimises likelihood of spread.

Vaccination

- All eligible students (aged 12+) are strongly encouraged to be fully vaccinated.
- All staff, board members, contractors and volunteers must receive at least 1 dose of a TGA approved COVID-19 vaccine by 10 December 2021 and show evidence for the booking of a second COVID-19 vaccination dose.
- All employees, board members, contractors and volunteers will have their vaccination status recorded.

Learning Continuity

- Face-to-face learning and care will continue for all students with COVID safe measures. Vulnerable students with health risks should seek medical advice and work with the school or preschool.
- All sites will remain open unless directed to close due to a confirmed case or in the event of significant outbreak.
- If a confirmed case(s) is identified, SA Health will work with CESA in managing contact tracing and existing closure and cleaning protocols will apply.
- If SA Health identify a significant regional/ localised outbreak, CESA will advise when to activate remote learning. All schools and preschools will remain open with skeleton staff for students that need to attend.
- Critical activities that will continue in the event of a regional/ localised outbreak include essential construction works and vaccine rollout in schools.

COVID Safe Measures

COVID Safe Measures include:

- Masks remain optional indoors for all staff on site and students in secondary settings until there is a SA Health requirement to reinstate masks in response to transmission risk.
- Masks are recommended for all adult visitors to site.
- Sites will maximise natural ventilation in classrooms and meeting spaces and use outdoor learning spaces where appropriate.
- Everyone should maintain good hygiene practices, including hand washing and sanitiser use.
- Unwell students and staff must stay home, regardless of vaccination status or test outcome.
- Additional daily cleaning as required.
- All staff and visitors will be required to COVID-Safe check-in when entering a site.
- Physical distancing of 1.5 metres between adults applies where possible.
- Visitors (including parents and volunteers) will be allowed on site as long as COVID-Safe measures are in place and followed.

Events and Activities

- Events can be held (on site and at other venues) providing all COVID-Safe requirements are in place and followed - ie physical distancing, QR check in, face masks for audience members when indoors, sanitiser/hygiene, attendees are encouraged to stay home if unwell.
- Interstate travel/camps are not recommended. Critical trips with appropriate planning will be considered on a case by case basis.
- Intrastate excursions/camps can continue, subject to appropriate contingency planning and assessment of COVID-19 risks.

Early Childhood Services

Additional Information for Early Childhood Services

- Early childhood services will remain open unless directed to close by SA Health due to a confirmed case or in the event of significant outbreak.
 - If a confirmed case(s) is identified the site will be directed to close and undertake deep cleaning.
 - The site will reopen to all staff/educators and children other than those directed to quarantine at the soonest possible time on advice from SA Health.
- If SA Health identifies a significant regional/localised outbreak, sites will remain open with skeleton staff/educators only for children that need to attend.
- Masks are optional indoors for adults, including staff/educators until there is a SA Health requirement to reinstate in response to transmission risk. Masks are recommended for all adult visitors to site.
- Sites should ensure regular environmental cleaning throughout the day through maintaining full adherence to the National Health and Medical Research Council childcare cleaning guidelines.
- Physical distancing of 1.5 metres applies, particularly for those with face mask exemptions.
- Visitors (including parents) are allowed on site and events will proceed as long as all COVID-Safe requirements are in place and followed - ie physical distancing, QR check-in or visitor record of attendance, face masks, sanitiser/hygiene, stay home if unwell.

More Information

Contact your Principal or site leader for more information or refer to the Catholic Education SA website:

www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/alerts

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"When the woman came out of the tent and we saw she was pregnant, I thought, we're not leaving her here." John, Vinnie's volunteer (welcome baby Jake)

Umes from St Vincent de Paul – 'Vinnies' came and spoke to our Year Four classes and the SRC about his work with refugees, the homeless and the many who need help. "He was awesome. He made me want to do more", said one student. Last week 700 calls for help were made in Adelaide, many from the free Telstra phone boxes. This year Vinnies has helped 100,00 people. The children were amazed when they thought of that as almost 200 of our school. So, let's have one last push for providing goods for those in need this Christmas across the next week. Thank you for your continued support for social justice.

May this season of Advent fill your heart with joy and, for many of us, long awaited family reunions.

Stella Foley

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Our New 2022 Receptions

Our New 2022 Receptions have started their transition into our school.



End of Year Library News



Premier's Reading Challenge was a great success again this year! Students will be receiving their certificates or medals very soon. Everyone is to be congratulated for being part of the challenge. We have a library brimming with wonderful books for all to discover and enjoy, so it is most rewarding to manage the challenge on the school's behalf and watch the smiling faces as the certificates and medals are distributed.

As the end of year nears, we ask that all library books and reading texts be returned to the library before the end of Week 8, Friday 3rd December.

Overdue lists, followed by overdue notices will be given to class teachers and individual students thereafter.

If a book is lost or damaged, please get in touch with the class teacher or library staff asap.

Finally, a huge Thankyou to all students, parents and volunteers that have supported the Library throughout the year, with Book Club, PRC and Book Week.

Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas with family and friends.

From Helen Kolaczkos – Teacher/Library Manager

Margret Kluzek & Maria Ottrey – Library ESO's

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Children's University



The Children's University graduation ceremony was held last week at Bonython Hall (Adelaide University). Unfortunately, Claudia was unable to attend but we would like to congratulate her for working in her own time to earn her graduation hours. Well done Claudia.

VACATION CARE

Hello to all our OSHC/ Vacation Care & School families.

Our Vacation Care Program for the Christmas/New Year holidays is available on the school website. We have some days almost booked out so, don't delay, get your booking forms in.

- With the end of year near.... We ask all our OSHC families to finalise any outstanding OSHC fees by the end of Term. Please contact our School Finance Officer, if need be or contact OSHC for any clarification on final, outstanding fees.
- It has been with much consideration and consultation that we decide to increase OSHC FEES from Term 1- week 1, 2022.
- With the ever-increasing costs of living and running a viable service for our community, we have been left with no choice. Fees will increase \$5 per session for Before & After School Care along, with a \$5 increase for Vacation Care, per day.

Lastly, could families please begin to communicate their children's permanent OSHC bookings for Term 1, 2022? With a busy Vac Care Program commencing soon, we would appreciate families either emailing or dropping in, to fill a 'Permanent Booking' form in. Thanking all in anticipation.

Wishing all our families & the School Community a wonderful Christmas & New Year break, go safe and enjoy with family and friends.

Regards
OSHC Team