

Important Dates

Showcase Concert
Friday 1 December 2023

**Little Stars
Graduation**
10.30am
Wednesday 6 December
2023

**Meet the Teacher
Morning**
Thursday 7 December 2023

Carols Night
Friday 8 December 2023

**Year 6 Graduation
Dinner**
Monday 11 December 2023

End of Year Mass
11.30am
Wednesday 13 December
2023

Last Day of Term
Wednesday 13 December
2023

Term 1 2024
Monday 29 January 2024

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From the Principal



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Principal for the Day

Principal, Deputy and APRIM for the day.

Hi everybody! We are Ariana and Benjamin. We are the Principal and Deputy of the school today. Today we delivered drinks to all the teachers in the school, the teachers enjoyed the drinks we delivered. After that, we went around classes and areas around the school, so we could take pictures of all the Christmas decorated doors. We were with bigger year fives, and they assisted us while taking photos. Our favourite one was the one from 3S, it was a giant snowball!



In the afternoon we got the chance to visit the new building! The building was really big!

We even set up the school's Christmas Tree.



Thank you for this wonderful day, we loved the opportunity to be the Principal and Deputy for the day.

We hope we can do it again sometime! But not tomorrow because we are very tired and need a rest!

APRIM for the day

Hi everybody my name is Salina and I had the responsibility of being APRIM today,

Today I have delivered coffees for all the staff, I have made the important decision to extend recess for all the children at Star of the Sea, we gave out free ice blocks to all the students at Star of the Sea, we even got to have a tour of the new building and then we went around the school and judged all the decorated Christmas doors. Later in the day, we helped to put up the Christmas tree, Advent Wreath and Nativity set in the office. It was a very busy but fun day.

Now time for the moment we have all been waiting for, the judging for the Christmas doors. My favourite was 3S's snow globe. What I liked about their door was the snow and I really liked all the decorations they put on the door.



Thank you
Ariana, Benjamin and Salina

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From the Acting Deputy Principal

Dear Star of the Sea Families

As we prepare for the end of a wonderful school year together, there is much to celebrate.

Thank you to all Star students for your efforts this year and the many ways that you have grown since the year began.

Thank you to all Star parents and caregivers for working in partnership with the school throughout the year, so that students can make the most of their learning opportunities academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually.

Thank you to all of the Star staff for the many roles that work together to ensure a safe and thriving learning environment for every student every day.

Thank you to all members of this vibrant school community, it has been a privilege to work at Star for this semester. I wish you all every blessing for the future.

An Advent Prayer

God of Love

We pray that there will be joy, peace and love everywhere during the season of Advent.

Thank you for your special Advent light that brings joy and love to all.

Help each of us to share that light with everyone we meet at school, at home and in the wider community.

God of Hope, who brought love into this world, be the love that dwells between us.

Amen

Kind regards

Gemma D'Angelo

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From the APRIM

Season of Advent

First Sunday of Advent - Monday December 3, 2023

Advent provides us with the opportunity to slow down, to reflect, to take the time to prepare our hearts for Jesus once again. It is time to think about how we may truly receive Jesus, God-with-us (Emmanuel) this Christmas. Advent is a wonderful time in the school year for us all to live the gifts of waiting, patience, anticipation and hope.

The First Candle

This is called the 'Hope Candle' or 'The Prophets Candle'. It reminds us of the prophets, especially Isaiah who reminded the people to always live in hope for the coming of Jesus.

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37 (Stay awake).

Jesus said, 'Stay awake and be alert, because you have no idea when the Son of Man will come. Think of the man who leaves his servants in charge while he travels abroad. He warns them to watch for his return, whenever that might be, so he doesn't find them sleeping when he returns unexpectedly. So to all you I say, stay awake and keep yourselves ready!

The Gospel of the Lord.

Wondering questions.

Have there been times when you could stay awake no longer?

Have you missed out on something when you fell asleep?

How did you feel when you woke up and realised that you had missed out on something?

What can you do to stay alert for Jesus' coming at Christmas?

Is this time of Advent a time for us all to live lives that allow others to see Christ in us?



Sacramental Program 2024

In the Archdiocese of Adelaide, Sacramental Catechesis occurs within the local parish with the focus on a strong partnership between families, parish and school. We acknowledge that parents are the first and enduring nurturers of faith in their children. The local Catholic community supports parents and families in their role and the parish community welcomes and supports each family as they undertake the sacramental journey within the community.

This journey begins with the decision taken by the family to initiate their child into the faith and life of the Christian community through the

sacrament of Baptism. Parents then make the decision for their child to participate in the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion based on the readiness of each individual child.

A letter of invitation has already gone out to all current Year 3 families, however if you feel your child is ready to embark on this journey and you would like them to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion in 2024, then we ask that you fill in the questions via the Forms survey to show your interest and commitment towards the program. <https://forms.office.com/r/LHAYP46Kiq>

As I look back at the year and reflect on my first year of being APRIM, I feel very blessed to be part of a school community that is so welcoming, generous and giving of their time. Together as a community we have achieved so much and have changed the lives of others through our many outreach initiatives.

I wish you all and your families a very blessed and special Christmas.

I look forward to continuing to work with you all next year.

With Gratitude,
Dominique Laurendi

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Advent Retreat

An Advent Retreat will be held on Saturday 16 December 9:15am - 3:30pm at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church.

Topic: "Don't be Afraid, Mary;

Speaker: Fr Manu Kumbidiyamackal MSFS

The day will include

Talks given by Fr Manu

Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Silent Reflection

Reconciliation

Benediction

Prayer Ministry

Please bring your own lunch tea/coffee provided. Enquiries and bookings phone Pauline 0403 002 240 by 14 December Cost by donatio. All welcome Thank you, God bless Pauline Cotton 0403002240

Gingerbread houses for sale



The parish are continuing to fundraise for overseas clean water projects – currently working on one in Bangalore India.

These gorgeous Gingerbread Houses are \$35 each. They will be delivered to the school on the morning of Monday the 11th of December.

To place an order, please come into the front office and fill in the order form. Payment required upon ordering. Cash only.

Or alternatively, you can place an order at mass on the weekends.

A great centrepiece for your Christmas table while helping a worthwhile cause.

Vacation Care Program



See the link below for Vacation Care for the December 2023 and January 2024 which is now live on the school's website:

<https://tinyurl.com/5euznrtr>

Mental Health Services and Support

Beyond Blue

24/7 mental health support service

1300 22 4636
beyondblue.org.au

headspace

Online support and counselling to young people aged 12 to 25

1800 650 890
(9am to 1am daily)

For webchat, visit:
headspace.org.au/eheadspace

Kids Helpline

24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services for children and young people aged 5 to 25

1800 55 1800
kidshelpline.com.au

1800 RESPECT

24/7 support for people impacted by sexual assault, domestic violence and abuse

1800 737 732
1800respect.org.au

QLife

LGBTI peer support and referral

1800 184 527
(3pm to midnight daily)

qlife.org.au
(online chat 3pm to midnight local time, including over holidays.)

Lifeline

24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services

13 11 14
lifeline.org.au

Suicide Call Back

24/7 crisis support and counselling service for people affected by suicide

1300 659 467
suicidecallbackservice.org.au

Mensline

24/7 counselling service for men

1300 78 99 78
mensline.org.au

13YARN

24/7 crisis support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

13 92 76
13yarn.org.au

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