
Important Dates

**Sports Day at
Henley Oval**
Thursday 11 April 2024

Last Day of Term
Friday 12 April 2024

Pupil Free Day
Monday 29 April 2024

Term 2 Begins
Tuesday 30 April 2024

10.04.24

From the Deputy Principal

Dear Families,

Here we are already at the end of Term One – what a wonderful and event filled eleven weeks we have had! I wish to thank you for your connection to our school and for the commitment and hard work you show every day in supporting your children to be ready for learning. It has been such a positive experience joining the Star of the Sea community as Deputy Principal and I have appreciated the warm welcome, growth mindset and community mindedness of this amazing school.

We end a fantastic term with some significant accomplishments including our Reception students beginning their schooling and settling into their learning spaces with their peers and new teachers, and all student groups beginning their learning with rigour and intent.

I wish you all a safe, restful and enjoyable school holiday period. May your home and family be blessed with good health and joy and that you have the chance to take the time to embrace opportunities and activities that energise and fulfill you.

Sports Day

A reminder our Sports Day is tomorrow at Henley Oval, entry off Cudmore Terrace or White Street. Please familiarise yourself with the program sent out on Audiri.

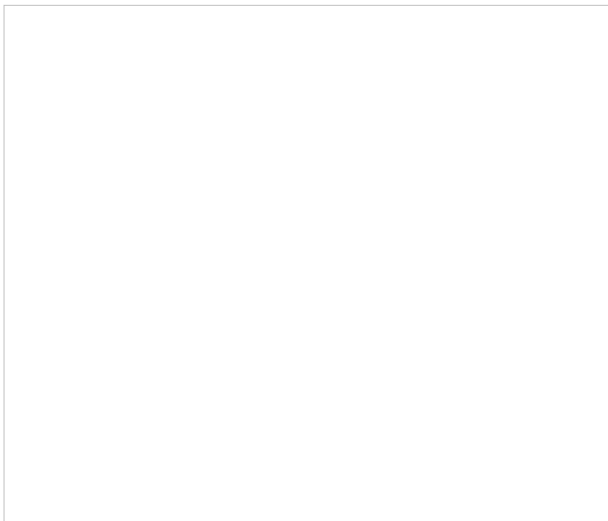
If your child is sick on Sports Day, please email absent@star.catholic.edu.au

If your child is late to Sports Day, they need to see Lisa at the First Aid tent to be signed in. We appreciate your support with this.

Bell Times

As we transition back to a unified timetable for all our students, please find below the structure of the school day.

A DAY AT STAR OF THE SEA	
Time	Activity
8.20am	Yard supervision begins and students can enter grounds
8.45am	Students move to line up positions
8.50am	Lesson 1
9.35am	Lesson 2
10.20am	Lesson 3
11.05am	RECESS PLAY
11.25am	Lesson 4
12.10pm	Lesson 5
1.05pm	LUNCH PLAY
1.35pm	Lesson 6
2.20pm	Lesson 7
3.05pm	3.25pm
3.25	Yard supervision concludes and remaining students are taken to the front office



ANZAC Day

We received some communication from the Henley and Grange RSL inviting our families to the Henley and Grange RSL Anzac Day Dawn Service for 2024 in the year of their 100 Year anniversary. **If Star of the Sea students attend, we ask they wear their school uniform** to represent our beautiful school and place a tribute wreath as part of the service.

The information is below:

This year the service will be held at:

Place: Soldier's Memorial at the Henley Town Hall

Address: Corner of North Street and Seaview Road Henley Beach

Date: Thursday 25 April 2024

Time: The Dawn Service will commence at 6.30 am, however music will be played from 6.15 am.

Staffing News

In staffing news, we farewell Sam Carpenter who will be going on Maternity Leave at the end of this week. We wish Sam all the best as she embarks on the wonderful journey of Motherhood, and we know she is going to be a sensational parent. Replacing Sam is Sarah Merrett, we welcome Sarah to our community. We are also delighted to welcome three new Education Support Officers to support our learners during Term 2 while several of our current ESO's go on placement or take long service leave. Joining our dedicated team

include Tarnee Morey, Skye Van der Flies, Leah-Mangan Jones and Miffy Young. We wish the following staff members well on their leave including Jordan D'Angelo, Olivia Watts, Leanne Stokes, Sarah Balboa, Kim Martin, Carla De Virgilio, Julia Downie and Sally Thompson.

Little Stars

Our 'Little Stars' transition program recommences next term in readiness for our Term 3 Reception intake. We warmly welcome our Little Stars and their educators, Tania Condelli and Kylie Casey.

Pupil Free Day Term 2

Just a reminder that Term 2 commences on Tuesday 30 April as our staff will be engaging in Numeracy Professional Development on the Monday with Carla Thomas from the Catholic Education Office.

Vacation care is available for families requiring this service.

Parent Teaching Interviews

Parent-Teacher interviews will be held for years Reception to 6 during Week 2 of Term 2 Monday 6 May- Wednesday 8 May 2024. We encourage you to take this opportunity to come along and discuss your child's academic and social development. Further information regarding bookings will be sent out via Audiri.

Uniform Update and Changes

A reminder that there have been some changes to our uniform policy. *"The school hat is to be worn at recess, lunch and for all outdoor activities during **Terms 1, 3, 4 and in Term 2 when the UV is above 3** as recommended by the Cancer Council South Australia. This includes matches and training for School Sporting teams. This requires hats to be at school for all 4 school terms"*.

This decision requires students to have their hats at school all year round. In Term 2, an announcement will be made via loudspeaker only when the UV is above 3 and students will be required to wear their hats on these days. If students do not have a hat on the days the UV is above 3, they will be required to stay in the designated areas during playtime.

We thank families in advance for their support to ensure we keep all our students safe and protected from the sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation.

Canteen News

There will be some ongoing changes to ice blocks from Term 2. As we are moving back to one timetable due to our building project being finished, R-6 Recess and Lunch will be at the same time. Any ice blocks that are ordered via the Qkr app, will be provided to students at lunch time. Ice blocks will also only be sold in the canteen at lunch time. Thanks for your ongoing support of our canteen.

With kindness

Annette Diassinias

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Recent News

09.04.24

From the Assistant Principal/ Learning and Wellbeing Co Ordinator

Dear Families,

Here we are at the end of Term 1 – what a productive and connected 11 weeks we have experienced. We thank all our Star of the Sea educators and support staff who are so committed to the academic and social/emotional wellbeing of all our students and their families. We are so blessed to have such wonderful school community.

Play space options at Recess and Lunch

The completion of the new build is very exciting indeed and with that comes changes to our playtime spaces and supervision. Next term during recess and lunch our outdoor play spaces will include the freshly painted courts, 'green' oval, JP and MP assigned playground, nature play, sandpit, lower undercover courtyard and imaginative play space. In addition, students will also have more options at lunchtime to visit either the Early Years club in the Atrium or the Primary Years club in the Stella Maris room. Our Library will also be open and supervised at lunch time for those students wanting a quieter space. We hope all these options will provide a variety of

experiences for our learners across the week and reduce congestion on various play areas around the school.

We intend to replenish our nature play, sandpit, and imaginative play spaces with items to encourage creative play. If you have any pots, pans, cups, wooden utensils, buckets, plastic spades, plastic trucks/diggers, or items that are no longer being used at home, we would appreciate any donations. Please feel free to drop off any items to the school office.

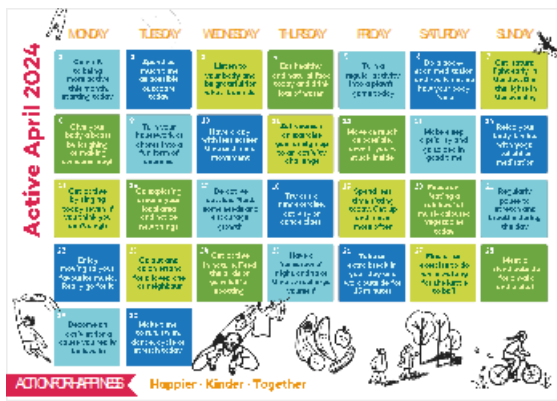
CESA Pulse Check In: Follow up

As most would be aware, all Catholic schools conduct a 'pulse check' each term. Students are asked seven questions to check on how they are going in areas such as learning, belonging, safety and support. The Leadership team and Leaders of Learning review these results and follow up with any students that flagged 'at risk' response in the survey. Across the school, we conducted mini chats with these children to ascertain if further follow up is required or whether the issue or concern flagged in Week 5 has been resolved. These discussions are then shared with the class teacher for monitoring.

Action for Happiness: Active April

This month's focus on the action for happiness website is 'Active April' which is perfect as we head into Sports Day and the school holiday break. There are some great suggestions that you may like to set as a challenge for your family. For more information, please visit:

<https://actionforhappiness.org>



Wishing everyone a safe holiday break!

Go well,
Kelly Manera

Assistant Principal Learning and Wellbeing

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08.04.24

From the APRIM

Easter – He is Risen!

Last week we came together as a school community to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. Our dedicated Justice Leaders led our school in a beautiful liturgy and reflection. We all sang 'Alleluia, He is risen' and adorned the cross with flowers, as a symbol of new life.



As we head into the final week of school and prepare ourselves for a much-needed break, we look back and reflect with love and gratitude in our hearts for the 11 weeks we have journeyed together. This term has been jammed packed, full of new learning, new friendships, new spaces, and new opportunities to connect with the love of God.

I wish our staff, students, and community a fabulous break and look forward to seeing everyone back next term. May God bless you and keep you safe these holidays.

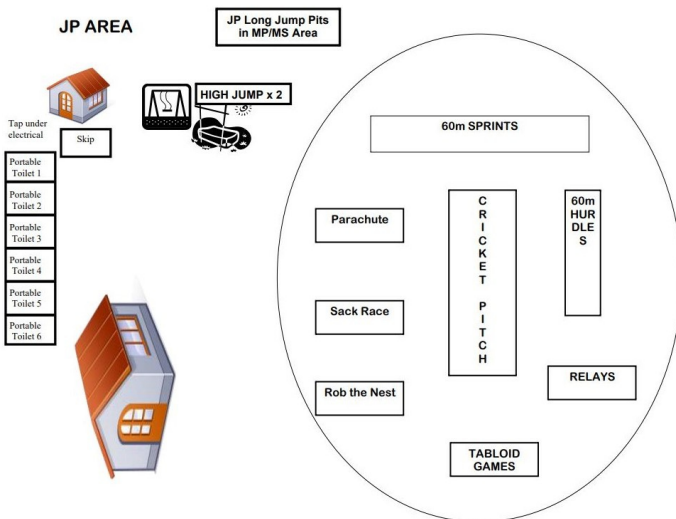
With Gratitude,
Dominique Laurendi

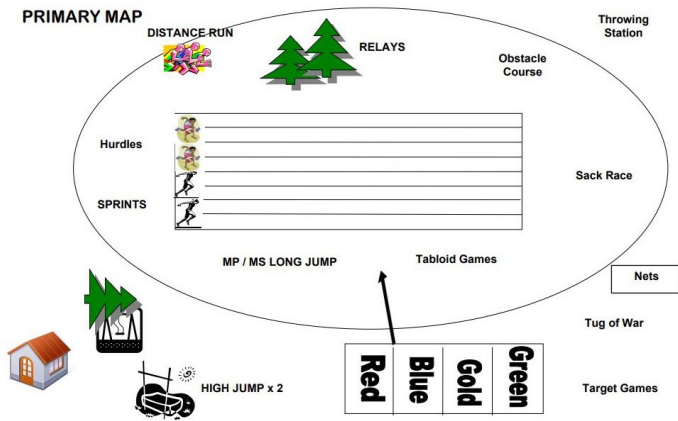
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Sports Day 2024

Please find attached maps and information for Sports Day on Thursday 11 April.





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New Kiss and Drop Rules Term 2



Term 2 Gates

Below is a link of a video explaining our new Military Road gate system for Term 2.

The video explains the following:

The Oval Gate - For anyone who walks into school especially coming off the crossing or walking from Marlborough Street.

The Courts Gate – The kiss and drop entrance or for students walking into school from the south of Military Road. Afterschool, students using the Kiss and Drop will gather in this area.

The Front Office Gate – This is used to go to the Front Office. Students in the morning will not use this gate, unless they need to visit the front office. This gate is open all day. If children arrive after 9.00am or need to leave prior to 2.50pm they will use this gate.

[link here](#)

Devon Uniforms Updated Hours



Fulham store will be open on Saturdays from 10.00am – 1.00pm starting in **Week 1, Term 2 this year.**

There will be no more Thursday trading hours. The updated days and hours will be as follows:

Mondays 8.00am – 11.00am

Wednesdays 3.00pm – 6.00pm

Saturdays 10.00am – 1.00pm

Mothers Day Stall

STAR OF THE SEA

Mother's Day Stall

MAY 8TH & 10TH

VOUCHERS TO BE PURCHASED VIA
QKR!

NOTING IF YOU HAVE MULTIPLE CHILDREN YOU NEED TO
PURCHASE A VOUCHER PER CHILD

\$5 \$10 & \$15 gifts
Some Grandmother gifts & gifts for carers
available