



Important Dates

Colour Fun Run
Friday 29 November 2024

**Little Stars
Graduation**
Wednesday 4 December
2024

Meet the Teacher
Thursday 5 December 2024

Carols Night
Friday 6 December 2024

**Graduation
Assembly @9.30am**
Tuesday 10 December 2024

**End of Year Whole
School Mass in
Church**
Wednesday 11 December
2024

Last Day of School
Wednesday 11 December
2024

**Reports sent via
SEQTA Engage**
Monday 9 December 2024

**Graduation Dinner
@ Donatos**
Monday 9 December 2024

28.11.24

From the Acting Principal

STAFF FAREWELLS

As the year concludes, we say farewell to several staff members who have made a significant impact on our community:

- **Louise Santillo** will be taking a year off from classroom teaching at Star of the Sea. While we will miss her presence, we look forward to welcoming her back in 2026. In the meantime, we are sure to see her around as a relief teacher.
- **Trish Jauncey** is following her passion to become a specialist STEM teacher and has accepted a permanent role at another Catholic school. We are grateful for Trish's contributions and wish her the very best in her new role.
- **Gabriele Di Bartolo** will be moving on to a new adventure in another school, and we wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

- **Libby Luey** has worked tirelessly in the literacy space, and her presence will be greatly missed. We wish her every success in her new role.
- **Sheena Pattinson** has been appointed as the Assistant Principal of Religious Identity and Mission at Tenison Woods Catholic School in Richmond. We congratulate Sheena on this exciting opportunity and wish her every success in her new position.
- **Alison Rebuli**, after an extraordinary 44 years with our community, is retiring. Alison's impact on generations of students, families, and staff is immeasurable. Her kindness, dedication, and presence will be greatly missed.
- **Damian Weeks** is retiring after 37 years in Catholic education, including his years as Principal at Star of the Sea. Damian's passion for education and his commitment to fostering a supportive, faith-centered environment have left an indelible mark on our school. We are forever grateful for his leadership and vision.
- **Deb Tucker**, after more than 15 years of service, is retiring. Deb's warmth, care, and dedication have touched the lives of countless students and families. Her legacy will remain an important part of our community.
- **Olivia Watts** is embarking on an exciting new chapter as she relocates to the country to work at Saddleworth Primary School. We wish her all the best as she embraces this wonderful opportunity and the adventures that lie ahead in the country.

EDUCATION SUPPORT OFFICERS

We also celebrate **Abby Griffiths** and **Maria Coppola**, who will be graduating as teachers at the end of this year. They will transition from their roles as Education Support Officers to teaching positions. Congratulations to both of you on this exciting next step in your careers!

STAFF WELCOMES

We are excited to welcome the following new staff members to our community in 2025:

- **Bianca Annese** will join our Year 5 team, bringing a strong passion for STEM education. The students will benefit greatly from her expertise and enthusiasm.
- **Kirsty Crouch**, an experienced teacher, will join the Reception team one day a week. She will be working alongside Tammy Wagner and will bring wonderful skills in building positive relationships with students and families.
- **Meg Fuller**, a familiar face to our community, returns in 2025 as our Year 2 teacher. Meg previously worked as an ESO at Star of the Sea, and we are delighted to welcome her back in this new role.
- **Kelsey Thompson** will be joining our Reception team, bringing great experience in supporting the educational and wellbeing needs of students.
- **Tarah Will** will join our Front Office team as Administration Officer. Tarah's positive energy and attention to detail will be a wonderful addition to the team.

TEACHING STAFF 2025

Reception	Teacher/s
RD	Elyce Davidson
RT	Kelsey Thompson
RWC	Tammy Wagner Kirsty Crouch
RH	Sarah Helmore

Year 1	Teacher
1MF	Caterina Mazzarolo Caterina Ferragamo
1T	Morgan Taylor
1PI	Daniella Pipicella Vivian Iasiello

Year 2	Teacher
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2TD	Mel Teelow Nicci Dixon
2T	Iliana Toumbas
2F	Meg Fuller

Year 3	Teacher
3S	Kelly Stevens
3C	Geordi Caridi
3G	Tamara Golic

Year 4	Teacher
4TO	Mel Tokic
4TR	Maria Trimarchi
4B	Ella Borlase

Year 5	Teacher
5S	Kopano Shepheard
5PH	Anthony Pigliacelli Abbey Hinge
5A	Bianca Annese

Classes	Teacher
6MC	Sarah Merrett Sam Carpenter (From Term 3)
6W	Jess Watson
6F	Adam Francis

Specialist Teachers/ Other Roles	Teacher
PE	Kristen Victory
Art	Lisa Lata
Italian	Tania Condelli
Music	Kirsty Jewell Kaya Nicholls (From Term 2)
IT/STEM	Kim Martin
Science	Abbey Hinge Skye Llewellyn

Literacy Intervention	Allison Sammut Katrina Frangiosa
Leader of Literacy and Intervention	Linda Clune
Leaders of Learning	Daniella Pipicella Anthony Pigliacelli

REPORTS

As you know, we've transitioned to a new learning management system, SEQTA ENGAGE. School reports will be sent via this system on **Monday 9 December**. If you need any assistance setting up your account, please don't hesitate to contact the Front Office.

With kindness

Acting Principal Annette Diassinias

Recent News

28.11.24

From the Acting Deputy Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

It is hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of the school year. What a year it has been! In total our learners and staff have spent approximately 1200 hours at school.....that is a lot of learning, connecting, and growing! I trust that your child can share with you the many wonderful experiences 2024 has brought. I know as a school community we are proud of all that we have achieved, and the opportunities this vibrant school community provides. We look forward to the final weeks as we celebrate some wonderful events that include our farewell assembly today for Mr Weeks, the Colour Run, Meet the Teacher morning, Carols Night, Graduation Dinner and Assembly and End of Year Mass. We hope you can join us for many of this wonderful community events.

End of Year Reports

Our educators have been comprehensively completing Semester 2 Reports that reflect your child's learning journey progress thus far. As you know, here at Star of the Sea School, reporting occurs across the school year in a variety of ways. You would have witnessed many assessments through your child's See-Saw posts, assessment rubrics and conversations with your child's teacher. The formal academic report you will receive on Monday, December 9th on SEQTA Engage will outline your child's strengths and acknowledge areas for future focus and growth. As you speak with your child about their report, I encourage you to affirm all the learning they have undertaken and ask them to share what they are most proud of too. We aim for our learners to be assessment capable, that is, to talk about their learning and consider their own goals and actions moving forward.

Meet the Teacher Morning

Next Thursday 5 December our students will spend time with their new teacher/s and classmates. Our staff are committed to ensure all students feel supported and excited about their class for 2025. A lot of time and consideration is spent on class placements. We are pleased that our new teachers joining the Star team in 2025 will be present on the day to meet their classes too.

Message of Appreciation

Annette and I would like to thank the community for their overwhelming support and well wishes in our recent appointment as Co-Principals of Star of the Sea School in 2025. We are blessed and honoured to lead this wonderful school, in partnership with our dedicated staff, wonderful students and supportive parents. In the new year, we will share in more detail the Leadership model and structures in place to ensure clear communication and portfolio responsibilities. Annette and I have already established a very strong and effective working partnership and look forward to continuing to strengthen and improve Star of the Sea School in the years ahead.

End of Term

A reminder that our last day of the year is on Wednesday 11 December and dismissal is at 3:05pm. This is not a casual day. Students are required to wear their school uniforms as we gather for our End of Year Mass in the Church at 9:30am. We will be giving thanks for the amazing year and farewelling staff and students leaving our school community in 2024. You are most welcome to attend this

celebration.

Go well,

Kelly Manera

Acting Deputy Principal

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28.11.24

From the APRIM

Season of Advent

First Sunday of Advent - December 1st 2024

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.

In our Catholic tradition, the Advent Wreath symbolises the coming of light into the world. The light being Jesus. There are four candles:

Candle 1: Purple represents HOPE

Candle 2: Purple represents PEACE

Candle 3: Pink represents JOY

Candle 4: Purple represents LOVE

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.



The annual [Christmas Family Advent Calendar](#) is now available! Catholic School Parents SA are so proud to be able to share this with you all.

We invite you to share this beautiful resource with your community. It is our hope that families will embrace the joy of the Christmas season and the spirit of giving through this meaningful Family Christmas Advent Calendar.

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/gyU1aMFb1D>

Thank you and Merry Christmas

As we approach the end of another wonderful year, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to the entire school community for your unwavering support this year. Your generosity in raising funds for various charities has had a meaningful impact, and your presence at Masses, liturgies, and assemblies has been a true testament to the strength of our shared commitment to our school community. I am deeply grateful for your continued support of our teachers and staff as we work together to nurture and educate your children. Wishing each of you a blessed Christmas and a joyful holiday season filled with peace, love, and precious time spent with your families. May God bless you all.

Dominique Laurendi

APRIM

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2024 School Fee Final Due Date

Wednesday 4 December 2024 is the final day to pay your school fee account if you are **not** on a payment plan, reminder statements have been sent to families not on payment plans.

Thank you to the many families who have finalised their 2024 fees.

If you have any queries regarding your school fees or are unable to complete payments by Wednesday 4 December 2024 please contact Karyn Burlow, Finance Manager to discuss payment options or an extension of date. We are happy to support families during periods of difficulty, so it is important that you reach out to us. All conversations are confidential to the parties involved.

2025 School Fees

Packs were recently sent home with your 'Student Update Form', in this pack was information regarding 2025 School Fees.

All families are required to complete a 'Payment Plan Agreement Form' indicating your school fee payment preference for 2025. Thank you to the families who have already returned this information. If you are yet to return this information, could you please do so as soon as possible.

If you have any queries or need to speak to us about your school fees please email Karyn Burlow, Finance Manager at accounts@star.catholic.edu.au alternatively please come in and see Karyn, Monday to Friday 8.00am to 4.00pm.

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HotShots

In Week 7, Star of the Sea participated in the Regional State Finals for HotShots Tennis. Schools were selected from over 54 HotShots carnivals held statewide. Eight students from Years 3 and 4 were chosen to represent the school: Kiara, Chelsea, Alexia, Frankie, Anders, and Samuel.

The team displayed incredible resilience, competing in over 30°C heat and winning five out of six matches. Their outstanding performance secured them a place in the Bronze Medal Match against Saint Columbia. The final score was tied at four sets each, but they narrowly missed victory with a score of 116–113 on points—a true classic match.

Congratulations to all the students selected! They demonstrated remarkable effort, grit, and determination in representing Star of the Sea with pride throughout the competition.



UPCOMING REMINDERS

REMINDER



Colour Run and Sacred Heart Church Funeral

This Friday, our Colour Run will begin at 1.00pm. See Audiri for further information on the schedule for each cohort. Please note that the Sacred Heart Church will be holding a funeral at the same time. We kindly request that all school families refrain from parking in the

Parish car park on this day to show respect for the family and the Parish community. We greatly appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Parking Compliance

The local council has recently contacted the school to ensure that families are following the parking regulations around the school. Please be mindful of the signage in place and adhere to all parking rules to avoid fines.

Toilet Facilities

The toilet block near the OSHC Courtyard is clearly marked with separate adult and student toilets. We ask parents to please use the individual toilet labelled "Adult Toilet" and not enter the student toilets. If you are assisting your child or need to use the facilities, kindly use the designated adult facilities.

OSHC Capacity

We are working to increase the capacity of our Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) service to meet the growing demand from families. This process requires significant documentation and approval from the Education Standards Board, and while it is a challenging task, Miffy and Elly are dedicated to progressing this matter as quickly as possible. We appreciate your patience and support.

Arriving at school before 8.20am

We have noticed an increase in the number of students arriving at school before 8:20 am, with some being dropped off as early as 8.00 am. Please be aware that there is no supervision in the yard before 8.20 am, which raises safety concerns for these early arrivals.

To ensure the safety of all students, any child who arrives at school before 8:20 am will be taken to our OSHC (Out of School Hours Care) service, which will incur a charge to the family.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us keep all students safe.



The December 2024 / January 2025 Vac care form which is now live on the school's website.

FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER 2024

Christmas Carols

BBQ DINNER

Pre Order your Christmas Carols BBQ Dinner via Qkr! before 3pm Wednesday Dec 4th
Pick up near the oval Military Rd Gate from 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Menu

Sausage with or without onion / sauce = \$3.00

Burger (onion, lettuce, tomato, sauce) = \$5.50

Meal Deal 4 x Sausages & 4 x Can of Soft Drink = \$15.00

Burger & Can of Soft Drink = \$6.50

Sausage & Can of Soft Drink \$4.00

GF Bread & Burger Bun Option Available

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P&F Gala Questionnaire

In 2025 we want our community to have a voice in what type of event we bring to you. Please complete the below questionnaire to support our P&F in the planning for this event.

Please click on the link to our survey <https://forms.office.com/r/u0epfTGE9z>

SAPSASA Mountain Bike Competition



For the past 2 years, Year 5/6 Star of the Sea students have been taking part in the SAPSASA Mountain Bike Competition at Craighburn Farm Trails and will continue to do so in 2025. Head for the Hills is one of the supporting businesses of the carnival and offer various programs for children 8 – 15 years old who would like to get into riding and are currently advertising their Adelaide Dirt League (Mountain Bike Riding) programmes for 2025.

If your child enjoys riding and have energy to burn this may be for them. If you are unsure if this program is for your child, they are offering a Come & Try session for Under 10 and Under 13 riders at Eagle Mountain Bike Park on May 11 at 9am – 11am. You will have an opportunity to meet their fantastic coaches, ask questions and get some skills coaching and riding in. For further information about the Adelaide Dirt League please head to:

headforthehills.net.au/adelaide-dirt-league/

From the Parish - Advent Retreat

Advent Retreat “Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room”

Saturday 30 November 9:15am - 4pm

At Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church 420 Seaview Road Henley Beach.

The day will include:

- talks given by Fr Manu Kumbidiyamackal MSFS Mass Reflection Reconciliation Benediction
- Please bring your own lunch tea/coffee provided.
- Enquiries and bookings phone Pauline 0403 002 240 by Wednesday 27 November. Cost by cash donation. All Welcome

Join us for **Christmas Eve Mass**
Tuesday 24th Dec 2024 @ 6pm
Henley Beach Catholic Parish



Children are invited to come dressed as a **nativity character or animal**, an angel, shepherd, king, queen, wise woman or man.



There are many opportunities for children of all ages to participate in our mass.



Blessings for you and your family this Christmas

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Henley Beach Parish
420 Seaview Road, Henley Beach



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CHRISTMAS MASSES 2024

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church,
Henley Beach Parish

All Christmas Masses will be held in our Church this year
420 Seaview Road, Henley Beach.

CHRISTMAS MASS times for 2024 are ...

TUESDAY – Christmas Eve	Children’s Mass 6:00pm 8:30pm Midnight
WEDNESDAY – Christmas DAY	8:00am 9:30am
THURSDAY – Boxing DAY Mass	9:15am
WEDNESDAY - NEW YEAR’S DAY Mass	9:15am

The 6pm Christmas Eve Mass will be a Children’s Mass with a focus around young children. Children are invited to dress as their favourite nativity character when attending at any Mass time over Christmas.

Together let us embrace the Spirit of Christmas and celebrate the birth of Jesus.



**We wish you and your family
a Happy and Holy Christmas.**

Star or the Sea Sustainability



**Please use the
link below:**
[Star of the Sea
Sustainability
Survey](#)

Our school community is embarking on an exciting journey to redesign our approach to sustainability.

To ensure this initiative reflects the needs and values of our students, staff, parents, and the wider community, we need your input.

We kindly ask you to take a few moments to complete our brief survey. Your feedback is invaluable and will directly inform how we shape our sustainability efforts and educational programs.

Thank you for your time, support, and dedication to helping us create a greener future together!





Did you know....that by purchasing books using Scholastic Book Club, not only are you helping your child become a lifelong reader but your school earns Scholastic Rewards.

**Scholastic rewards help your school
acquire more resources for all
children at no cost**



In 2024, families supporting Scholastic Book Club at Star of the Sea
have helped earn **more than \$1100** worth of additional resources!
Thank you for your support.