St Mary Magdalene's School
Elizabeth Grove

NEWSLETTER

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Diary Dates:

3 APRIL	Last day for students Term 1
5 APRIL	Daylight Saving ends
6-9 APRIL	Pupil Free Days
27 APRIL	Term 2 begins This is dependent on COVID-19 updates and directives. You will be notified of any updates or changes.

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM

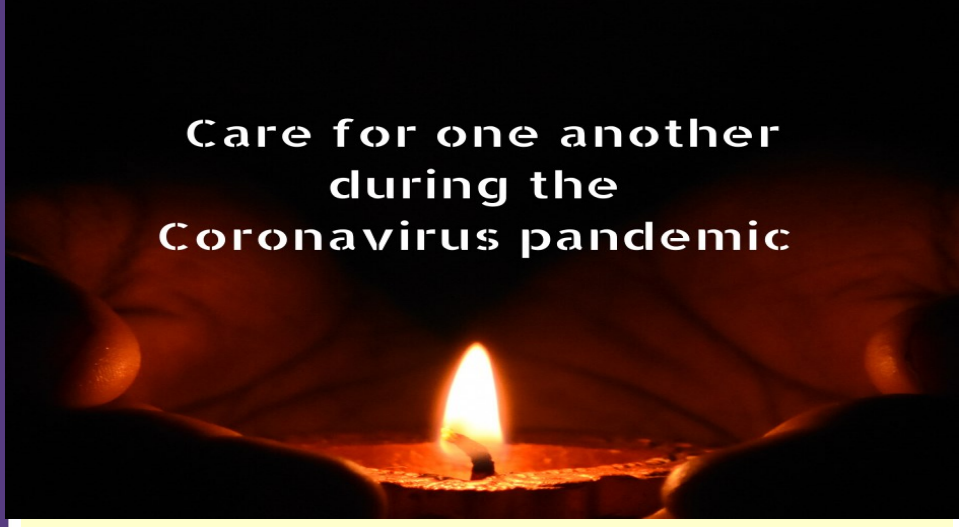
Principal Trish Jones
AP RIM Michelle Menadue

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

School Captain: Norah
ATSI Leader: Stuart
Eco-Justice Leaders: Daniel& Musie
McAuley Sports Captain: Cosmin
Fitzpatrick Sports Captain: Toni
Coolock Sports Captain: Jordyn
Year 3/4 Rep: Callum K
Year 1/2 Rep: Sinit
Year R/1 Rep: Harry

We acknowledge the Kaurna people as continuing custodians of the Adelaide Plains.

We pay our respect to the Elders past and present. We are committed to Reconciliation.



Dear families and friends

COVID-19 UPDATE

I hope that you and your loved ones are keeping well. I want to thank all students and families for your kindness and support of staff during these challenging and unpredictable pandemic days. As you are aware things are changing rapidly. The purpose of this newsletter is to update you on where things are currently at. In the event of the school receiving any further directives from Catholic Education Office I will notify you immediately.

- April 3 is the last day of Term 1 for all students
- April 6-9 are pupil free days where teachers will be given time to develop learning resources for your child. There will be no online learning during the pupil free days.
- OSHC is available to working families during the last week. Please contact Trish Jones to make a booking
- Phone Learning Conversations will begin this week. Priority will be given to parents/caregivers that returned forms indicating their preference for day/time. Remaining parents will still be contacted by their child's teacher.
- Choir, Music Tuition, School Tours, Breakfast Club, SecondBite Community Hub and Little Maggie's Playgroup have been suspended until further notice
- Outstanding Learning Achievement Awards have been cancelled for Term 1
- You can communicate directly with all teachers via email. They will respond to you during working hours.
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You recently received your child's Term 1 Interim English Report and would have noted that your child is either achieving above, at or below in literacy. It is important during their time at home that learning continues, especially in reading. Thank you for your cooperation in this.

May I take this opportunity to sincerely thank Michelle Menadue for her outstanding leadership, work and support as Acting APRIM during Term 1. Michelle will be taking well deserved long service leave during Term 2. Melissa Musolino will return to her position in Term 2. We also welcome Kerryn Chambers as an ESO staff member. Kerryn is St Mary Magdalene's Community Hub Leader. Although the Hub is currently on hold, Kerryn has prepared some information to share with you in this newsletter.

Our Lenten Journey

Soon our Lenten journey will come to an end. Our next celebration is Palm Sunday. This is a time we remember Jesus being welcomed into Jerusalem, like a King, by an excited crowd. People grabbed branches and waved them. They laid down clothing for Him to walk upon. Where in our lives might we have waited in excitement, hoping to be noticed? On Thursday, April 9, we remember Jesus' Last Supper. This was the last meal, he was to share with his disciples before he died. Before the meal, Jesus washed the feet of the disciples. He held up the bread and then the wine, He gave thanks and blessed them. He asked his disciples to remember Him each time they do this. Today in the Catholic Church, we are invited to partake in this meal and to remember His story.

On Good Friday, April 10, we remember Jesus' journey to his crucifixion. This is a time when we reflect on the way we or others carry crosses in our everyday life. There are 14 stations.

At the first station Jesus is brought to Pontius Pilate who finds no reason for Him to be crucified. Three times Pilate asks the crowd what should happen to Jesus. Each time the crowd calls for Jesus to be crucified.

Today, God of Justice we pray for those in our world who are wrongly judged

At the second station, the soldiers dress Jesus in a purple garment and a crown of thorns. They make fun of Him by calling him 'King of the Jews'. He is stripped of his garment and handed His cross.

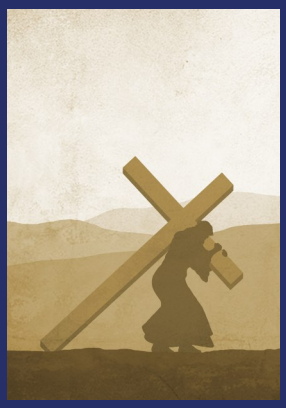
God of Justice, we pray for people in the world who are ridiculed

At the third, seventh and ninth stations, Jesus, unable to cope with the weight of the cross, falls.

God of Love, we pray for people in our world whose burdens are too much to bear

At the fourth station, Jesus meets his mother. Mary's heart is breaking as she watches the suffering of her Son. Later some women from Jerusalem, shed tears of compassion.

God of Compassion, we pray for the families and friends of all those who are sick and suffering especially those who cannot be by the side of loved ones.

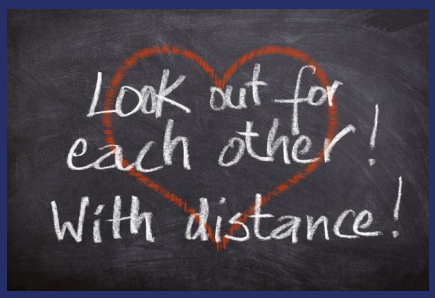


At the fifth station, Simon of Cyrene, is ordered to carry Jesus' cross.

God of Compassion, we pray for our weary Leaders, Priests, Pastoral care workers, Health care workers, Shop keepers, Centa-care workers and school staff that carry our cross. Help us as we strive to make our world a safer place.

At the sixth station, Veronica, out of compassion, wipes Jesus' face.

God of Kindness, may we reach out with kindness to those in need in our community, especially the elderly



At the tenth station, Jesus is stripped of his clothing, he has nothing left to give.

God of Strength, when we feel we have nothing left to give may we find strength in your great love.

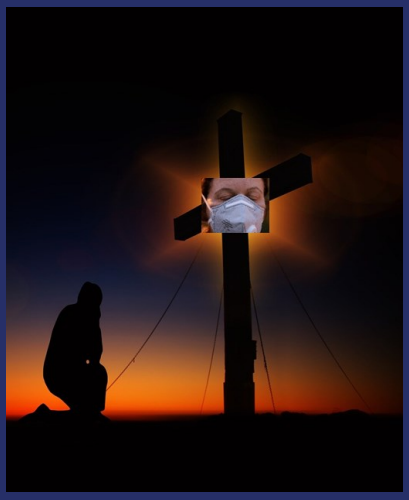
Jesus is nailed to the cross with his Mother by his side despite this he calls for God to forgive those who have mistreated Him.

God of Forgiveness, when others have hurt us, help us to be forgiving, just like you.

At station 14 we remember Jesus being taken down from the cross and laid in a tomb.

God of never-ending Love, we pray for those who have lost loved ones that are not able to say goodbye

As we head towards our Easter break, we hope that you stay safe and well. May Easter be a time of renewed hope for you as we do our part in abiding by the Government's regulation. May you take the time to appreciate the small things in life that so often get overlooked in the business of our everyday life.



God Bless,

Trish and Michelle

COMMUNITY HUB

St Mary Magdalene's School Community Hub is a safe, welcoming and supportive place where our school families and the local community come together to learn new skills, gain confidence and make new friends. We aim to offer a place where our community can feel connected and share our knowledge and skills with each other, as well as offering more formal learning opportunities.

Most of you have seen me around the school and have been wondering exactly what is it I am doing. I have spent the last few weeks setting up an amazing space for us and getting everything in order to be able to offer you a place to meet each other, have a cuppa and get to know myself and other members of our school community better.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic we have suspended all activities in the Hub for everyone's safety. We will return as soon as it is safe to do so and I hope to be able to offer a range of different activities such as: Conversational English classes, Breakfast in the Hub, Playgroup, Community Cooking, Wellbeing Group and anything you as a community would like to do or learn. I am open to any suggestions because this is your Community Hub, I want you to feel comfortable in it and I want to be running activities that inspire and interest you. I am here to help you all achieve your goals, whatever they may be.

Is there is a special skill that you have always wanted to learn? Is there a specific thing that you would like to learn more about? Maybe you are interested in becoming an Australian Citizen or learning how to use a computer? We are so lucky to have been given this opportunity and I really hope that it will not be long before we are able to move forward and start to utilise our space and officially open our Community Hub for all to enjoy.

This is a challenging time for everyone and if you need to reach out to me for any reason, I am here to support you and offer any help that I can. please feel free to contact me at: kchambers@smm.catholic.edu.au or via our Facebook page – St Mary Magdalene's School Community Hub

Please keep safe and healthy

Kerryn Chambers