

Important Dates

Mother's Day
Liturgy 9am -
Yarning Place All
Welcome
Monday 13 May 2024

Book Fair (14th May
to 20th May 2024)
Tuesday 14 May 2024

Catholic Netball &
Soccer Carnival -
Years 4 - 6 (Parents
to drop students at
St Thomas More)
Thursday 16 May 2024

Term 3 Reception
Transition Morning
Wednesday 12 June 2024

Term 3 Reception
Transition Morning
Wednesday 19 June 2024

Term 3 Reception
Transition Morning
Wednesday 26 June 2024

End of Term 2 /
3pm Finish
Thursday 4 July 2024

Pupil Free Day (No
School)
Friday 5 July 2024

Camp - 5/6 AFL
Max
Tuesday 23 July 2024

Camp - 5/6 AFL
Max
Wednesday 24 July 2024

MSP School Photo
Day
Thursday 25 July 2024

MSP School Photo -
Mop Up Day
Tuesday 30 July 2024

Pupil Free Day
Friday 23 August 2024

Pupil Free Day
Thursday 12 December 2024

Pupil Free Day
Friday 13 December 2024

From the Leadership Team

Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 2. It has been great to welcome lots of smiling faces again at the gate each morning. Many of the children have shared stories of what they did during the holidays. While some went away, many enjoyed the opportunity to just stay home and do things around the house. Whatever your family did, we hope it was great just to share that extra time as a family. Welcome to Chloe who has commenced with us in Year 2 this week. We hope that your stay with us will be full of learning, making friends and fun!

Remember the **Parent Teacher Learning Conversations** will be held next Monday 6, Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 May. You would have received a 'times slip' at the end of last term, indicating the day and time(s) of your particular conversation(s). If you have lost it or misplaced it, please check with your child's teacher or with Lisa in the front office. Please remember that these Learning Conversations are for ten minutes only. If you require more time than this then you will need to arrange an alternative time with the classroom teacher. Teachers do a great job in keeping to their schedule so help them keep to time. I thank our teachers for the extra work involved in these learning conversations. There is a great deal of preparation involved but it is also a few extra hours of added work at the end of their

normal busy and tiring days.

On Thursday 16 May our **Year 4 to Year 6** children will be participating in a **sporting carnival at Argana Park** at Elizabeth Downs (Netball and Soccer). On this day we ask parents to drop those children at St Thomas More School in the morning (8:45am) and collect them from St Thomas More School in the afternoon (3pm). The children will walk to and from Argana Park from St Thomas More. Any children in OSHC will be transported in private vehicle by one of the staff. Parents may wish to work together to transport each other's children. Thank you for your support and understanding. It will save families the expense of us hiring a bus. While there is a canteen at the venue, we ask that children do not bring money to spend. Our preference is for children to take their own lunch, snacks and drinks with them for the day.

We have some student and teacher **desks/tables** that are no longer required by the school. If you would like a table to take home then please see me at drop off or pick up. These are **free to take!**

In **Term 2 and Term 3** there is no requirement for children to wear **hats** during play time, unless the UV factor is particularly high. It would be good for your child to keep their hat at school in their book tray just in case.

Our **School Board AGM** will take place on Tuesday 14 May at 6pm.

In Week 3 we will be holding the Scholastic Book Fair. Please check Seesaw for further information about this fair. Week 3 is also Catholic Education Week.

Thank you to our caregivers and children for enabling their children to come dressed in their favourite team colours yesterday. As a reward to our Crows supporters we played the Crows theme song to begin the day today.

We would like to remind students and families to be wary of approaches from strangers, especially when they are unaccompanied or travelling to and from school. If they are approached, students should not respond and should not accept offers of rides or gifts. Students should seek the assistance of other nearby adults if they feel unsafe and should report any events to a trusted adult (parent or school staff member) as soon as possible. SAPOL advises that taking out a mobile phone and calling police can deter an offender and they recommend the student making a formal report to their closest police station.

Please remember that we have the following dates set aside as **Pupil Free Days** for the staff to undertake professional development, staff reflection, complete hand over activities, etc. Our remaining set dates are: Friday 5 July, Friday 23 August, Monday 14 October, Thursday 12 December and Friday 13 December. Please mark them in your diary and book in to OSHC if you require this service (spaces are limited).

Sunday May 12th is **Mother's Day**. I would like to take this opportunity to say Happy Mother's Day to all our Mums. I hope it is a fabulous day for you. At this same time we bring to mind all those women who, for whatever reason, are unable or choose not to have children. We ask for God's blessing on all women at this particular time. As an acknowledgement and a celebration of all women, we will have a short **liturgy** for all those who would like to attend on Monday 13th May in the Yarning Place at 9am. We would love to see you there!

Kind regards

Peter Mercer

Head of School

'Shaping our Future Together'

Recent News

From the APRIM

CATHOLIC IDENTITY

LITURGICAL CALENDAR INFORMATION

A Liturgical Calendar shows the cycle of seasons in the Catholic Church. The Church year consists of six liturgical seasons: Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time after Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time after Pentecost. In each newsletter we aim to highlight different events in the Liturgical Calendar that we might be focusing on or celebrating in our school.

This term we celebrate many feast days that occur in our liturgical calendar. A feast day is a day when we remember and celebrate

something or someone important to our faith.

Special celebrations that we focus on during classroom and whole school prayer throughout term 2 and those that come up in our liturgical calendar include:

Week 1

3/5 Project Compassion Fundraiser – Walk for Water

Week 3

12/5 Feast of the Ascension

12/5 Mother's Day

Week 4

19/5 Feast of Pentecost

Week 5

26/5 Feast of the Trinity

26/5 National Sorry Day

27/5 Reconciliation Week

Week 6

2/6 Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

5/6 World Environment Day

Week 8

20/6 World Refugee Day

22/6 Feast of St. Thomas More

Week 10

7/7 NAIDOC Week

EASTER

Easter is not just one day! It is a whole season of 50 days of joyful celebration which will last up until the feast of Pentecost. We take even longer to celebrate Easter than we took during Lent to prepare for it. In the early days of the Easter season, our readings from the bible told us about how different people reacted to the wonderful news of the resurrection. The resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of our faith. Our Easter celebration prepares us for the coming of the Holy Spirit, who helps us bring the Good News of Jesus' resurrection to everyone we meet.

ANZAC DAY

During the holidays we celebrated ANZAC Day. A day when we remember in a special way all Australians and New Zealanders who have died in war. We remember all women and men who served their countries in war, our own relatives and those people whose names we do not know. We remember this history of war, and pray that, in the future, all people will work to make peace not war.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - COMPASSION

Our theme in Religious Education this term is Compassion.

During staff prayer this week, staff were invited to walk with Jesus in compassion.

Jesus' entire ministry was marked by this capacity for compassion, and it remains central to our ministry too. As we listened to the Gospel reading, staff were invited to listen for any key words that might connect with them in the reading and for the message that might be there for them that day.

In Religious Education lessons, students in Year 5/6 have started their unit of work by developing a class definition on what they think compassion is. They came up with a list of words to describe compassion, some of which included; loving, caring, kind, common good, beliefs, people and that it included ways of thinking, being and taking action.

As a class group, they came up with the following as a definition for compassion:

'Compassion is about taking actions that are positive, mature and respectful that show kindness, love and caring actions to one another for the common good.'

ELIZABETH CATHOLIC PARISH SACRAMENT PROGRAM

For those families who have enrolled in the program, please be aware of the following dates:

Confirmation Workshop Session 1

Saturday May 11

9am – 11am

St. Thomas More Church – 19 Laverstock Rd, Elizabeth North.

Confirmation Workshop Session 2

Saturday May 25

9am – 11am

St. Thomas More Church – 19 Laverstock Rd, Elizabeth North.

Reconciliation Workshop Session

Saturday June 15

9am – 11am

St. Thomas More Church – 19 Laverstock Rd, Elizabeth North.

Please contact Melissa Musolino for more information.

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Sports Day 2024!

5th of April, St Mary Magdalene's School celebrated Sports Day in perfect weather for outside activities. It was great to see students illustrating their, agility, coordination, speed and strength to the best of their ability throughout sports day. To see everyone having so much fun and striving to gain points for their team was a highlight.

A big thank you to all the staff for their help and support throughout Sports Day. The students appreciated your enthusiasm, encouragement and willingness to get involved and celebrate a day of activity and fun.

We would like to congratulate the students on their willingness to demonstrate the Sports Day values of Respect, Effort, Teamwork and Fair Play. Thank you to all the Sports Captains and Embassadors for their help and support in preparing for and assisting on Sports day.

Congratulations to the **McCauley House** team on winning the House Cup and **Fitzpatrick** on winning the Spirit Cup.

Results:

House Cup

Auley – 1601

Kath Platten Spirit Cup

1st Fitzpatrick – 4675

oolock – 1453

2nd Coolock – 4170

patrick – 1422

3rd McCauley – 2885

Champions

Moses Kwizere

Mariam Habibullah

Champions

Elisa Byiringiro

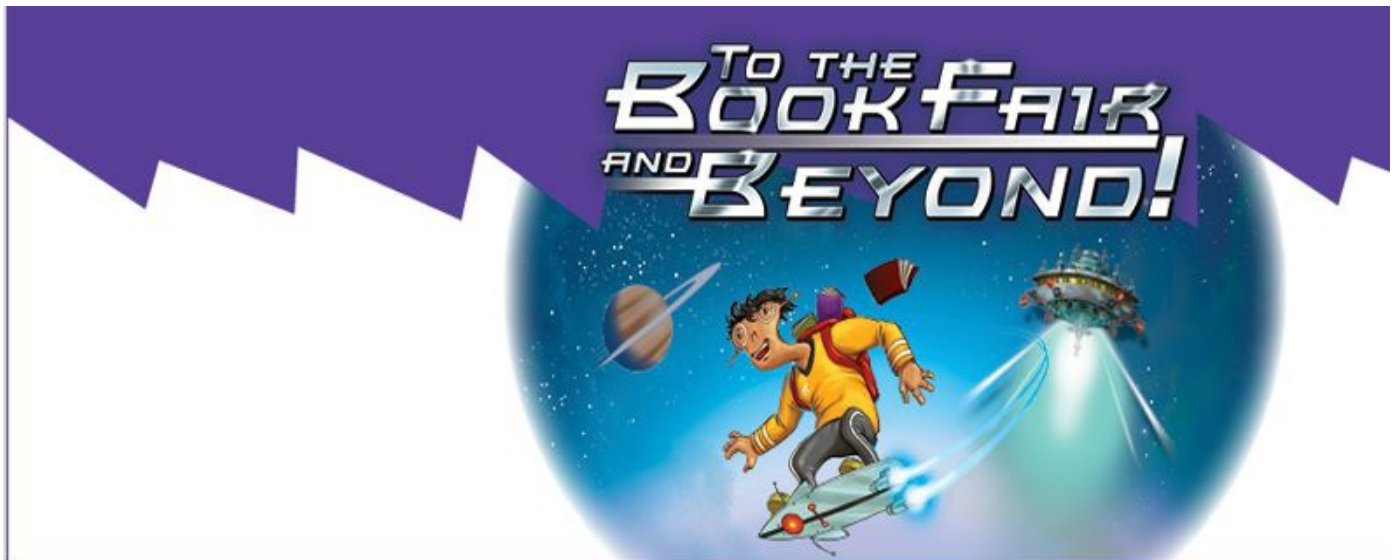
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Annual Book Fair May 14th to May 20th 2024



From May 14-May 20 our school is hosting our Annual Book Fair to celebrate 'Family Reading Month'. Students will be bringing home an invitation which contains information about the Book Fair. All proceeds from the book fair will go towards buying new books for our school library. The book fair will be held in the Yarning Place and open before and after school for purchases. Parents/carers will be able to attend the bookfair during the following times.

Opening times will be as follows:

Tuesday May 14	3:00 – 3:20pm
Wed May 15.	8:30 8:45am / 3:00 – 3:20pm
Thurs May 16	8:30 8:45am / 3:00 – 3:20pm
Fri May 17	8:30 8:45am / 3:00 – 3:20pm
Mon May 20	8:30 8:45am / 3:00-3:20pm

I look forward to seeing you there.

Ged Hughes



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During sessions, a Music Therapist will lead you in singing, dancing and playing instruments with your child. We use familiar and original songs to help you and your child have fun playing together and learn new ways to support child development.

Group Information

When: **Thursdays - 9am**

Where: **St Mary Magdalene's School
Community Hub - Playgroup Room
82 Fairfield Road, Elizabeth Grove
(Enter through Harvey Road Gate)**

Dates: **02/05/24 - 27/06/24**

To register contact:

**Kerryn Chambers: 0437 609 976
kchambers@smm.catholic.edu.au**

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Little Maggies Playgroup



TUESDAY MORNINGS

*DURING SCHOOL TERMS

9am

Please
Bring a Snack
and
Water



Contact Kerryn on 0437 609 976
www.facebook.com/CommunityHubSMM

Located at 82 Fairfield Road, Elizabeth Grove 5112
(Enter through the gate on Harvey Road)





FREE COMMUNITY ENGLISH CLASSES

*During School Terms *Free Child Minding - Booking Required

MONDAYS - 9:30am - 11:30am

THURSDAYS - 12:30pm - 2:30pm



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Community Hub

St Mary Magdalene's School - 82 Fairfield Road Elizabeth Grove
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Term 2, 2024 TIMETABLE

All sessions are FREE and open to the Community - Everyone is welcome!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	
<p>COMMUNITY ENGLISH CLASS</p> <p>9:30am - 11:30am</p> <p>*FREE CHILD MINDING *BOOKING REQUIRED</p> <p>NO COST - FREE CLASSES ALL LEVELS WELCOME</p> <p>29th April - 1st July</p>	<p><i>Little Maggies</i> Playgroup</p> <p>9am - 10:30am</p> <p>FUN ACTIVITIES + MAKE NEW FRIENDS CHILDREN FROM BIRTH - 5 YEARS</p> <p>30th April - 25th June</p>	<p>ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOP</p> <p>9:15am - 12pm</p> <p>RAISING KIDS IN A DIGITAL WORLD CAN BE CHALLENGING! LEARN SOME POSITIVE APPROACHES TO GUIDING CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOUR ONLINE AND KEEPING THEM SAFE IN THE ONLINE WORLD</p> <p>*BOOKING REQUIRED *FREE CHILDMINDING</p> <p>5th June</p>	<p>SING AND GROW with THEA</p> <p>9am - 10am</p> <p>FREE 8-WEEK PROGRAM FUN MORNING OF SINGING, INSTRUMENT PLAYING AND DANCING!</p> <p>*BOOKING REQUIRED</p> <p>CHILDREN FROM BIRTH - 5 YEARS</p> <p>2nd May - 27th June</p>	<p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION</p> <p><i>SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUB</i> MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:30AM-8:45AM</p> <p><i>WALK TO SCHOOL DAY</i> FRIDAY 10 MAY 2024</p> <p><i>TOY LIBRARY</i> BIRTH - 5 YEARS COMING SOON!</p> <p><i>PLAYGROUP MEET AND PLAY EVENT</i> TBA</p> <p>Contact: KERRY N</p> <p>Call or Text: 0437 609 976</p> <p>Email: kchambers@smm.catholic.edu.au</p>
<p>PARENTS, CARERS & FRIENDS</p> <p>2pm - 3pm</p> <p>POP IN FOR A CUP OF TEA OR COFFEE, CHAT TO OTHER FAMILIES AND BROWSE OUR OP-SHOP!</p> <p>6th & 13th & 27th May, 3rd June, 17th June</p>	<p>CRAFT / SEWING</p> <p>11am - 12:45pm</p> <p>ALTERNATE WEEKS OF CRAFT AND SEWING OR BYO ACTIVITY</p> <p>30th April - 2nd July</p>	<p>ONE BOX COLLECTION</p> <p>3pm</p> <p>FORTNIGHTLY BOX OF FRESH FRUIT, VEG & BREAD</p> <p></p> <p>*See Kerryn to join the waiting list</p>	<p>COMMUNITY ENGLISH CLASS</p> <p>12:30pm - 2:30pm</p> <p>*FREE CHILD MINDING *BOOKING REQUIRED</p> <p>NO COST - FREE CLASSES ALL LEVELS WELCOME</p> <p>* 2nd May - 27th June</p>	
	<p>MY TIME</p> <p>1pm - 3pm</p> <p>SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS & CARERS OF CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS</p> <p>*FREE CHILD MINDING *BOOKING REQUIRED</p> <p>7th May - 11th June</p>			

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ATTENTION PARENTS

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