



Important Dates

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 14 February
2024

Sacramental Information Night

Thursday 15 February 2024

Scholastic Online Magazine orders Last Day

Monday 19 February 2024

School Tour 4pm

Wednesday 21 February
2024

SACPSSA Swimming Trials

Friday 23 February 2024

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear families,

Welcome to 2024! It has been a positive start to the 2024 school year, with students and staff settling in well. The first few weeks of the school year have included our 2024 'Building Connections' program. This year, we have incorporated aspects of a new wellbeing program being used in the school called 'Grow your Mind.' Grow Your Mind aims to enhance the social and emotional learning and wellbeing of children, school staff and families through supporting them to understand mental health and form habits of resilience. The program supports learning communities to develop a strong awareness of ways to protect and nurture wellbeing. The program is built

upon four pillars to promote mental health and wellbeing: positive psychology, social and emotional learning, public health and neuroscience. The program draws on the Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning's (CASEL) model of the 5 social and emotional learning competencies (self-awareness, social awareness, self-management, responsible decision-making, and relationship skills) to help children. This includes seeing children understand what a respectful relationship is and developing skills to foster a growth mindset. Grow Your Mind takes a whole-school approach. You may have already heard about GYM and some of the different brain characters such as 'Guard Dog' and 'Wise Owl'! This week, our teachers and students have commenced formal learning in earnest, including our Playberry Laser Phonology program which is consistently implemented across all classes. We are looking forward to monitoring progress and growth in all areas of the curriculum over the coming weeks.

Last week, we hosted a very successful 'Cybersafe families' evening, which followed student presentations during the day. Now more so than ever, it is vitally important to keep our children safe when engaging in an online world. Chris Greene and the team at Cybersafe families do an amazing job of providing support to families and schools in keeping our children safe! You can find out more about the evening by engaging with the Cybersafe families website: <https://cybersafefamilies.com.au/>

This week, we celebrated meet the teacher evening in a new way, with open classes and a community picnic. We felt this would be a more efficient way of imparting information to class parents and a great way of bringing the community together to begin the school year. I was very pleased with the turnout for the evening and we hope to continue this tradition into the future. My thanks to all families who found time to come along and actively engage in their children's learning!

This week was also the beginning of Lent, with the traditional Shrove Tuesday pancake cook up, and then the more sombre Ash Wednesday services. Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Jesus Resurrection at Easter. Fr Michael talked to the children during his homilies on Ash Wednesday, about Lent being a time of focussing on the Love God has for them all, and for us to focus during lent on how we could change our hearts and be more loving of one another and of the world around us, during Lent. As a school community, we look ahead now, to commemorating Lent through our RE program, and to focus on acts of Social Justice such as project Compassion.

Our building project is almost complete! I am nervously optimistic that our scheduled moving day on march the 15th can go ahead, and that students and families can be welcomed into the new space on Monday March 18. I will, of course keep you up to date with progress, and any potential barriers to project completion. Once the new building is occupied, the next stage of project completion will be to remove the transportable village, and to 'make good' the area. This will, understandable take some time to complete, and much of the major works will be undertaken in school holiday time in April. I am hopeful that the site will be completely restored by mid-May, and will keep families informed of progress.

**God bless,
Phil Schultz
Principal.**

FROM THE DEPUTY

Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2024 school year. It has been wonderful to see our Reception students make such an independent start to the year. We pray that the year is rewarding and filled with many friendships, new experiences and enjoyment for all students.

I thank all families for the very positive response to the uniform note sent out in week 1. A reminder that new uniform items can be ordered online at any time through the QKR app or purchased in person from our 'uniform shop' each Thursday before 9.30am or after 2.30pm.

Would you know what to do?

As part of WHS, the school practises either a lock in or an emergency evacuation each term. At some time in the future, we may practise these while parents are still present on school grounds. Would you know what to do?

Emergency Evacuation – **Continuous** sounding of the bell. We all meet on the oval and a roll call is taken.

Emergency Lock in – **Continuous wailing** bell will sound. Go to the nearest room, regardless of whether this is your child's classroom or not. Once everyone is safely inside, the teacher will then follow our site's lock-in procedures.

Your safety is important to us. If you have any questions regarding either of these procedures, please feel free to speak to me or any of the teachers.

Parking

The safety of students is of paramount importance to us and while parking is difficult at any school, if we all follow the school procedures, we decrease the chances of accidents occurring. I ask that you to share the following information with all families and friends who may come to drop off or collect your child/ren.

- Kiss and Drop Zone located in Arcoona Ave and at the front of the Church on Henley Beach Road
- The car park is only for staff parking and for students with a disability
- Please observe the parking signs on Arcoona Ave – Parking Officers frequently patrol this area and will issue fines
- **Signs around our school**
- Periodically, traffic inspectors from the city of West Torrens check that local drivers are following traffic rules around our school.

Breaking these rules may result in a fine.

Here are some reminders for you.



No Stopping

- To 'stop' a vehicle means to stop and remain stationary for even a short period of time. You must not stop or park your vehicle in any area where a 'No Stopping' sign or a continuous yellow edge line applies, even to pick up or set down passengers or goods.



No Parking

- You must not park your vehicle in an area where a 'No Parking' sign applies, unless: you are dropping off or picking up passengers or goods you do not leave the vehicle unattended - that is, move more than three metres away and you complete the dropping off or picking up as soon as possible - in any case, within two minutes.
- Please note: A 'No Standing' sign has the same meaning as a 'No Stopping' sign.
- Always use the crossing

God Bless

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CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Welcome to the start of a New School Year!

Beginning of Year Liturgy

We were very fortunate to celebrate our beginning of year liturgy with Karl Telfer, a long-time friend of the school, who lead us in **Greeting to Spirit of Place** (Welcome to Country)



Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Tuesday 13th February

Shrove Tuesday refers to the shriving Bell to bring everyone to church to be shriven, or to confess his or her sins before the season of Lent. Early Christians observed strict rules of fasting and self-denial during Lent, so in the days before, they would eat unrestricted foods, party and have fun.

Dating back to 1000 AD, over the years Shrove Tuesday not only became a day for Confession but a time for Catholics to feast on eggs, sugar and dairy which are traditionally restricted during the Lenten fast.

The children enjoyed eating delicious pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. A big thank you to our parent volunteers Erin, Rebecca, Emma, Nicole and Charmaine, and Mary, Annette, Bryan & Tad from the Lockleys parish who gave of their time to cook pancakes for us. Also thank you to the many parents who donated via Qkr! and the parish Bingo ladies who gave a generous donation to support the work of Project Compassion.



Ash Wednesday 14th February

<https://youtu.be/NFHQZzFJaYA>

Yet even now says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart.” (Joel 2:12)

We celebrated Ash Wednesday with a Mass in the church for years 4-6 and a Liturgy of the Word for Reception – 3.

Ash Wednesday marks the **beginning** of 40 days of Lent. Ash Wednesday is observed by having the mark of the cross made on our forehead with ashes. The ashes are made from the blessed and burnt Palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday. The sign of the cross **symbolises** repentance before God and is also a reminder that God is gracious and forgiving to all who seek to open their hearts to change.

The themes of Lent are fasting, giving to the poor, good works and prayer. This year the Project Compassion theme is **“For Future Generations”**.

During Lent the Church recalls Jesus’ life and ministry. Traditionally, Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and good works. (taken from CROSSWAYS – Religious Education framework)

Sacrament Parent Information evening

A reminder the Sacrament parent information evening will be held on Thursday 15th February in the Christ the King Church at 5:30pm.

Dates for your diary

Feast of St Joseph March 19th

Palm Sunday March 24th

Good Friday March 29th

Easter Sunday March 31st

Wishing all a peace and joy throughout the year

Class Masses and Liturgy of the Word Term 1

February 28th **Year 5** Christ the King Church at 9:15am

March 6th **Year 1** Christ the King Church at 9:15am

March 20th **Reception RLF & RRC** Liturgy Of the Word Christ the King Church

March 25th **Year 2** Palm Sunday Liturgy time tbc

April 3rd **Year 3** Christ the King Church at 9:15am

April 10th **Year 6** Christ the King Church at 9:15am

NB please check with class teachers for confirmation of Mass times

God Bless

Angela De Nadai

Assistant Principal: Religious Identity and Mission

P.E/SPORT

It has been an exciting beginning to the year in PE lessons. The focus for all classes has been on how I can be successful and support my teammates to be successful too. Through paired activities such as tricky switches, small group games, both pictured below and whole class games like Star Wars Chasey students have been encouraged to reflect on including others, fair play and how I can make others feel successful.

As we progress throughout Term 1, these points of emphasis will hopefully develop a culture of teamwork and fun. For Reception and Year 1 students we will continue to develop fundamental movement skills through individual repetition and paired activities. Year 2, 3 and 4 students will focus on performing these skills in small sided modified games, challenging them to make decisions to support and develop game play. Students in Year 5 and 6 will look at more sport specific skills, investigating how movement and skill execution result in individual and team success.



Term 1 also offers up the opportunity for school sport as we begin Netball, Basketball and Cricket competitions. Students in Years 3-6 also have the opportunity to participate in the SACPSSA Swimming Carnival in Week 10. Trials for this are scheduled for Friday of Week 4 if your child is still interested. SAPSASA events are also commencing in Term 1 with Softball trials over the next few weeks and Football trials starting later this term.

I look forward to an exciting year of participation, fun and achievement in Physical Education in 2024.

James Goldy

Physical Education Teacher

Woodville Girl Guides



Woodville Girl Guides invite you to -

Come and Try Girl Guides

Wednesdays 6.30-8.00pm for girls aged 5- 10 years.

Also Tuesdays 7-8.30pm for girls aged 10-14 yrs.

**Join us for a program of fun, challenge, and friendship,
in the Rotary Hall, Gawler St Woodville West.**

Please call Linda 0407 729 457 to register for this free visit.

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