



Week 7 - Term 2

Important Dates

SAPSASA State X-Country
Thursday 10 June

Pupil Free Day
Friday 11 June

Confirmation and First Eucharist
Sunday 13 June

Public Holiday
Monday 14 June

Term 3 Reception Transition
Tuesday 15 June

Whats Great and Whats Next with Phil
Wednesday 16 June

Reception Liturgies
Tuesday 22 June

Year 5 Class Liturgy
Wednesday 23 June

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear parents & caregivers,

I was delighted to attend last Sunday's first celebration of Eucharist and confirmation. Further celebrations will be held on Sunday 13th and 27th June. Our candidates did a fantastic job, and we were blessed to have Vicar General Fr Philip Marshall celebrate Mass. My sincere thanks to Helen Wilsdon Smith for her excellent coordination of the program, in partnership with our parish. I was also very grateful to all of the teachers who came along to support the students and be part of the service. A special shout out to Marie Louise Stoddart and Mark Bowman for their music leadership on the night.

Last week, I had the privilege of attending the South Australian catholic primary Principal's Association conference, in the beautiful Barossa Valley. The conference theme was 'Outstanding Leadership for Excellent Schools.' There were a variety of presenters, including world renowned educational leader Professor Michael Fullan-who appeared via video link from Canada-Dr peter Goss from the Grattan Institute, Louka Parry-a local educator and innovator, and Peter Shearer, who is Principal at St Joseph's School in Clare, talking about whole school improvement. Our last speaker was Peter Kenyon from WA, who spoke to us about innovative ways to build community. I was very impressed with Peter's presentation and I am hoping to use some of his ideas, as we engage together to continue to make this a great community! If you are interested in finding out more about Peter's work, you can visit his website – [bank of ideas](#)

This week, on Wednesday, our children enjoyed a Pizza lunch day. My thanks to our P&F for coordinating all of our special lunch days throughout the year. Not only are they good fundraisers, we get to enjoy a variety of yummy foods!

Winter weather is truly upon us! This week it has been cold, windy and wet. As is usually the case during winter, the cold virus becomes active, and we see an uptick in student and staff absenteeism. If COVID has taught us anything, it is the value of good hygiene, and staying at home when unwell. Please be considerate of all, and keep your children at home if they have cold or flu symptoms. While SA has enjoyed a relatively COVID free period, we can see just what happens when an outbreak occurs. We are only one or two cases away from a Victorian style lockdown, here in SA, and so please be vigilant-including using the COVID safe check in, each time you visit our site. As a school community, we are working to make sure that, if a shutdown were to happen, we would be ready to be able to continue the learning program remotely.

Over the next few weeks, we will be welcoming some new students into our school community. We have 20 brand new Reception children ready to start school in term 3, in line with CESA's third term intake. The children will have a number of transition visits, before beginning school full time from term 3.

This Friday's Pupil Free Day will be a good opportunity for me to spend with our wonderful staff, discussing my initial observations and affirmations, after my first 7 weeks as Principal. We will also be engaging in discussion around CESA priorities for school and system improvement. If you haven't yet done so, please consider using our OSHC service on Friday.

God bless,

Phil

FROM OUR DEPUTY

Dear Families,

This term, the Year 6 students have been focussing on Poetry as part of their English curriculum. Specific writing and editing skills were taught and students examined different forms of poetry and then crafted poetry in order to invoke a sense of imagery and emotion.

First published in 1908, Dorothea Mackellar's poem 'My Country' expresses Mackellar's deep passion and love for Australia. The majority of the poem takes its imagery from her love of natural Australian scenery. With this in mind, as part of their English and Media Arts work the Year 6 students created a visual representation of the poem.

Their presentation needed to include:

- The words of the poem
- Photographic images that match their own visualisation of the text
- A voiceover which paid close attention to tone, pace, volume and pitch

Please enjoy a couple of images selected by Year 6 students below this article.

[Zoe My Country Powerpoint](#)

[Oakley My Country Powerpoint](#)

PARENT FORUM - ADELAIDE

'Navigating Together'

You are invited to a Parent Forum for parents and carers of children and young people with disability.

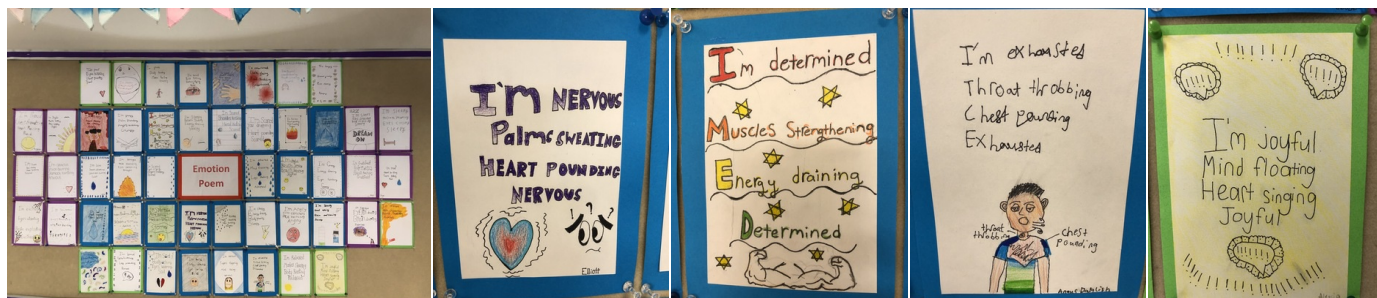
The forum will include a keynote 'My Lived Experience' by Matt Cowdrey OAM, Member for Colton and Paralympian.

The forum will provide a safe and supportive environment to share your experience, obtain information and helpful strategies as well as providing the opportunity to have your questions answered.

For more details, please find attached the information flier. [Parent Forum Flyer](#)

God Bless

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CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION



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CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

"...I have called you by name, you are mine. You are precious in my sight and honoured and I love you." Isaiah 43

Congratulations to the following candidates who celebrated their Confirmation and First Communion on Sunday June 6.

Tess Aldridge, Ollie Atyeo, Wil Costoloe, Aria De Pasquale, Ines Fewster, Rocco Fontanelli, Aaron Gariboli, Mason Heatley, Dante Holton, Matthew Jurisevic, Ollie Lewis, Sienna Mayo, Kathryn McCabe, Marcus Mezzino, Alex Panozzo, Kit Saracino Mia Scali, Arlo Sosnowski, Carissa Speziali, Stella Spiniello, Emilio Visentin and Nathaniel Williams.

Over the next few weeks, June 13 & 27, the Vicar-General, Father Philip Marshall will celebrate the sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion with the remaining sacramental candidates in Year 4 and Year 5.

Alna Ajai, Jameson Ayres, Zara Bolzon, Eli Caltabiano, Amelia Dichiera, Seamus Doran, Lachlan Flood, Grace Gitsham, Scarlett Grosso, Giorgia Guidi, Lucas King Dante Lastella, Christian Machiste-Guitian, Isabelle Mazzarolo, Sierra-Rose Mirolo Charlie Norris, Frankie O'Rielly, Louis Papic, Michael Pegoli, Siena Pegoli, Natalie Rugari, Alessia Sergi, Chloe Sullivan and India Varapodio.

Mason Care, Olivia Chetcuti, Ava Esposito, Eva Filipi, Miriam Fisher, Samika Formato, Amelia Francesca, Jaxon Friscic, Lucas Germinario, Sophie Luttrell, Jaida Manou, Alessio Marrone, Alexander Pedisic, Joseph Rapuano, Ethyn Renfors, Connor Robertson, Miley Sparrow, Lily Sparrow, Shayla Tarca, Valentina Vorrasi, Isabella Zagari and Alira Zollo.

Please keep the candidates and their families in your prayers as they continue their faith journey.

God invites every one of us to be a living sacrament, a living symbol of God's presence, love and grace to all we meet.

GO CASUAL FOR A CAN OF SOUP OR BLANKET

Part of our mission in Catholic schools is to provide outreach to those in need.

As Catholic schools, we participate in the Church's mission, 'to bring Good News to the poor' (Luke 4:18), encouraging members of our community to action on behalf of justice and love.

Our Go Casual for a Can of Soup or a Blanket initiative provided 38 blankets and 688 cans of soup. The blankets and cans of soup donated to the Vinnie's will provide warmth and a nourishing meal for those in need. Congratulations!

Thank you for your generous response to this social justice initiative.

Peace and blessings,

Helen Wilsdon-Smith APRIM/School Chaplain

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P.E/SPORT

School Soccer

NO GAMES THIS WEEKEND. Due to the June long weekend there are no scheduled games for this weekend Saturday 12th June. Enjoy the sleep in. Everyone can look forward to getting back out on the field the following week on June 19th. Keep an eye out on the association website page www.nwjsa.org.au as the new instalment of the program will be available to view early next week.

SAPSASA Netball Results

As the carnival week came to an end the Year 6 Metropolitan Airport Zone Netball Team finished in 3rd position in the Division 1 Competition, with 6 wins, 2 losses and 1 draw. A fantastic effort and certainly a wonderful achievement by all involved, including 3 of our own year 6 students. Maeya Robinson, Capri De Pasquale, Mercy Walsh and Maeya Robinson. I asked the girls to reflect on their time and give a short sentence to wrap up the carnival in their own words.

Capri.... "The carnival was really fun, the team of girls were really nice and it was a wonderful experience."

Mercy.... "A good experience, especially being my first time participating. I really enjoyed our team."

Maeya.... "I had a lot of fun, all of the girls were really nice and as a team we all played really well."

Well done girls, keep up the amazing sporting achievements.



School Athletics Trials

During the final weeks of Term 2 all students in Year 3-6 will be taking part in Athletics Trials to assist us in selecting our Athletics teams that will compete at both the SACPSSA and the SAPSASA Carnivals. Once our days/dates are confirmed we will inform our families so the students can be prepared. The events will include Shot Put, Discus, High Jump, Long Jump, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m and Hurdles.

PLAYGROUP NEWS

During this week's playgroup session, it was such a fitting time for our craft themed activity of 'Winter' on such a freezing cold winter's day. The children decorated some paper umbrellas and enjoyed listening to a story about the 4 seasons of the year. They kept warm

inside playing with the various toys and games set up around the space.



RECEPTION EXCURSION

On Wednesday the 26th of May, the Reception students went on an excursion to the Royal Adelaide Zoo.

This exciting event was linked to many areas of our learning this term. During the excursion we followed maps to get around the zoo. We saw lots of amazing animals and examined their habitats. We also got to have a play on the zoo's adventure playground!

We had lots of fun and were very lucky to have sunny weather.

Our thanks to the wonderful parent volunteers who attended on the day.

When we arrived back at school, we created maps to show where we went and all the animals that we saw.

Reception Children and their Teachers

