



## Important Dates

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Semester One  
Reports Distributed  
Monday 1 July 2024

Netball Carnival -  
Yr. 6s  
Thursday 4 July 2024

Last Day of School  
for Term 2, 3pm  
finish  
Thursday 4 July 2024

STUDENT FREE  
DAY  
Friday 5 July 2024

First Day of Term 3  
Tuesday 23 July 2024

P&F Family Movie  
Night - The Regal  
Theatre  
Friday 26 July 2024

STUDENT FREE  
DAY  
Monday 22 July 2024

## From the Principal

### We can learn from the Stoics

Although the writings from the Stoics are from a very long time ago, their relevance to our world today is still pertinent.

Whilst there are extensive works from the likes of Marcus Aurelius, Seneca and Epictetus, in this short piece I highlight the four key principles of Stoicism – wisdom, self-discipline, justice and courage. They involve dividing our experience of the world into things we can realistically control, and things we can't. It makes no sense to let ourselves be emotionally affected by the things we can't control. By looking at situations in a rational, objective way like this, we can reduce stressful emotions and negative thinking.

It's helpful to identify what we can control, influence and accept. For example, if you find a particular situation overwhelming, take a rational approach and ask yourself if there is anything you can control or influence to improve it? Could you use your skills to solve the problem, or ask someone else for help and advice?

If you are not able to control or influence the situation, then the best thing you can do is to adapt or accept it. This doesn't mean you're ineffective, passive or lazy. It shows that you are resilient to change, you know your limitations, and you can deal with difficult situations in a mature and intelligent way.

Consider how you can demonstrate the above principles of stoicism in your life and how you might pass these philosophies on to your children.

## Semester One Reports

The Semester One Student Reports will be distributed on Monday of Week 10 (1st July). They emphasise the learning that students have demonstrated this semester and aim to give families a clear picture of a student's educational progress to date, across all areas.

Learning and teaching take place throughout the year and so does the assessment of the learning. I encourage families to look at the 'Approach to Learning' (or the effort) section before viewing the grades. It is important to look at reports as a measure of your own child's individual learning journey and not as a comparison to one another or their friends' development.

For Reception students, the Semester One Reception Reports do not include an A-E grade. Instead, their achievement is reported as either: working 'towards', 'at', or 'beyond' the achievement standard.

Families can use the report to celebrate successes and identify ways to support their child. A student's report is only one of many ways that schools keep families informed about student progress. I trust all families are aware that if they have questions about what their child is learning or how to help their child learn at home, they can make a time to discuss with the class teacher/s.

## Positive driver etiquette and considering a short walk to school

As we are aware, school drop-off and pick-up times are busy. The aim is for this to happen in a safe and courteous manner. Please demonstrate consideration and patience, as well as travelling slowly around the school. In this edition of the newsletter, there is an attachment indicating what it means to be safe around schools. Please take a few minutes to read.

As a result of the busyness at drop-off and pick-up, finding a car park next to the school gate is usually unlikely. You could find a park a little further away from the school, where you will not only find it easier to locate a parking space, but also opportunity for some exercise with your child/ren, and an extra chance to 'connect', as you walk your child to and from school. Also attached to this newsletter issue, there is a 5- and 10-minute walking and cycling catchment map (relative to our school).

## Save the Date – Family Movie Night

The Parents and Friends are holding a Family Movie Night on Friday 26 July at The Regal Theatre, featuring the film Despicable Me 4. Keep an eye out for details.

## Thank you – Annual School Survey

I express my gratitude for taking the time to complete the recent 'Annual School Survey'. The results and other pertinent details relating to the school appear in the yearly 'School Performance Report', which can be found on our school's website (uploaded by 30 June each year).

## Condolences

I extend my sympathies to:

- Staff members, Caterina Musolino and Jen Mastrangelo, on the passing of their maternal grandfather, Giovanni D'Apice.
- The Lionello family (Alessio, 3NZ and Ava, 4BR) on the passing of their paternal grandmother.
- The Swaminathan family (Avantika, 3VM) on the passing of her paternal grandfather (in India).
- The Korte family (Lexi, 6CK) on the passing of her maternal grandfather, Gerrie.

## End of Term One and Beginning of Term Three

Please note that Term Two concludes on Thursday 4 July at 3:00pm. Further, the first day of Term Three, is Tuesday 23 July, beginning at 8:40am. OSHC is available on both 5 and 22 July.

**Wishing you well!**

## From the Deputy Principal

### Reflecting on Semester One

As Semester One is coming to an end, the upcoming holiday break is a great opportunity for students and their families to reflect together on the wonderful learning and events which have occurred this semester at school. Our News Editors (Luisa, Julian, Charlie and Aiden) will share with you some of their Semester One highlights.

#### **News Editor Name: Julian (6CK)**

**-What have you enjoyed most about school this semester and why?**

I have enjoyed playing with my friends and learning new things.

**-What is something you've learned that you didn't know at the start of the year?**

I have learnt different concepts in Maths and new topics in other curriculum areas.

**-What are you most looking forward to next semester at school?**

I am looking forward to learning more things and hanging out with my friends.

**-Tell us something you are you looking forward to doing in the school holidays?**

I am looking forward to going on a holiday with my family.

#### **News Editor Name: Luisa (6CK)**

**-What have you enjoyed most about school this semester and why?**

I have enjoyed being a leader. Camp was one of my favourite things because it gave our year level lots of time to spend with each other outside of school and learn new things about each other, bringing us closer together for our final year of primary school.

**-What is something you've learned that you didn't know at the start of the year?**

In Science we learnt about yeast, mould, and penicillin. What I found most interesting was when we went further into learning about yeast and how it reacts to different things such as water and sugar.

**-What are you most looking forward to next semester at school?**

Next semester I am most excited for graduation. It will be nice celebrating with my friends and the rest of my year level.

**-Tell us something you are you looking forward to doing in the school holidays?**

I am excited to spend time with my friends and celebrating friends and family birthdays. I also look forward to sports, such as soccer training and games. Along with relaxing at home, enjoying two weeks off school and getting ready for the next semester.

#### **News Editor Name: Aiden (6AM)**

**-What have you enjoyed most about school this semester and why?**

I have enjoyed camp in Term 1, as the cabin talk amongst my friends was enjoyable.

**-What is something you've learned that you didn't know at the start of the year?**

I've learnt how to use algebra this term.

**-What are you most looking forward to next semester at school?**

I am looking forward to the changes in the PE curriculum and the excursions we may go on.

**-Tell us something you are you looking forward to doing in the school holidays?**

I am looking forward to my birthday party.

#### **News Editor Name: Charlie (6CK)**

**-What have you enjoyed most about school this semester and why?**

I have enjoyed camp because I got to hang out with my friends and we got to go to the beach.

**-What is something you've learned that you didn't know at the start of the year?**

Something I learnt but didn't know at the start of the year was algebra in Maths.

**-What are you most looking forward to next semester at school?**

I have am looking forward to the excursions we may go in Semester Two.

**-Tell us something you are you looking forward to doing in the school holidays?**

I am looking forward to going to going on a holiday.

## Thank you Tiahn and Harshita

Tiahn and Harshita conducted their Social Work university placement this semester at our school and finish with us next week. Tiahn and Harshita worked with a range of students, supporting and enhancing their social skill development, through the 'What's the Buzz' program. We wish Tiahn and Harshita all the very best for their future studies and we thank them for their hard work and dedication this semester whilst supporting our students.

## 'Jump Back Up July' calendar

Please find attached the '[Jump Back Up July](#)' calendar from the Action for Happiness website. We encourage you to share this calendar with your families at home to promote kindness.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a happy and enjoyable holiday break.

**Keep well (and stay warm!)**

**Michael Musolino**

## From the APRIM

### Learning, Listening and Love

As I press pause to reflect back on our accomplishments in Term Two, Saint Mary MacKillop's words resonate with me, "We have much for which to be thankful." I am thankful for the collective insights, wisdom, and curiosity that we share in making our school a place that seeks to foster the love of God in Jesus Christ as the centre of communal life. This is evident in Religious Education, which is at the heart of our Catholic school. The Religious Education curriculum is deeply integrated with and enriched by the religious life of our school through prayer, celebrations, and service. This is nurtured by a strong partnership with the parish, staff, students, parents and friends. I wish to extend a special 'Thankyou' to our P&F this term. Their unwavering commitment to service and leading by example are inspiring to us all. Important celebrations this term have included the Triduum in honour of Saint Anthony of Padua; the Year 4 and 5 Saint Aloysius Gonzaga Memorial Mass, and Reception and Year 3 Liturgy, the Sacrament of Confirmation Workshop with families, and Refugee Week.

### Triduum in honour of Saint Anthony of Padua

In Week 7, we honoured Saint Anthony of Padua. All classes, including the little children from the Preschool, visited the relic, listened to the story of the Saint and prayed for healing and peace, and the homeless and refugees. As a community of faith, we know that we have a special holy friend in Saint Anthony who prays for us and keeps us close to Jesus, especially when we feel a little lost and need extra help, love and guidance.

On Thursday 13 June, Feast Day of Saint Anthony of Padua, our Year 3 students of Italian, STEM and Music, accompanied by their teachers and me, attended Italian Mass, presided by Father Michael and Father Bartolino from the Basilica in Padua. The children showed reverence and beauty and even sang hymns in Italian, filling the hearts of those present with joy. At the end of Mass, the children received the blessed bread to eat, as well as a Saint Anthony medallion and prayer card for protection and guidance.

Drawing on their imagination and openness to engage with the Mystery of God, the children expressed their innate sense of wonder and awe. It was a privilege to observe them listen attentively and dialogue with religious perspectives and concepts, as they made connections between the Catholic Tradition, Scripture and their life experiences. The children had profound questions. A Year 1 boy asked if Jesus was with him when he was feeling lonely and had no one to play with. A Year 3 girl asked if a relic of Jesus existed.

Moments like these help us to appreciate God's inestimable love for children and the great gift of children and childhood. In the gospel of Mark (10:13-16), the disciples attempt to dismiss children from their presence because they see them as intruding. But Jesus welcomes the children and blesses them, affirming that "the Kingdom of God belongs to them" - they are the ones most receptive to the gift of God. Immediately, Jesus insists that the disciples should see children as models of how to receive the love of God. In these photos we see our own Parish Priest, Father Michael kneeling down to meet and welcome the Preschool children to church, affirming once again God's inestimable love for children. In recognising the children as a gift and blessing of God's love, we are invited to remember that through our openness, engagement and valuing – through listening – children have the space and time to fulfil their potential. Honouring children's

agency and intrinsic value also asserts adults' responsibility for the protection and nurturing of each child (CESA *Children: Close to the Mystery of God*).



## Sacrament of Confirmation Family Workshop

On Wednesday 19 June, parents/caregivers and the sacramental children attended the Sacrament of Confirmation Family Workshop. Despite the cold and rainy evening, the atmosphere in the gym was filled with warmth and joy. Guided by Father Michael, parents and caregivers worked closely with their children, creating a sense of togetherness and community, as they explored the importance of choosing a baptised and confirmed sponsor and a saint for their Confirmation.

The learning in the Year 4 Religious Education Crossways Curriculum, the *Parish Passport* and the liturgical celebrations this term, such as the Triduum in honour of Saint Anthony, and the Year 4 and 5 Saint Aloysius Gonzaga Memorial Mass, provided the children with some examples. This shows how the Religious Education learning area is deeply integrated with and enriched by the religious life of the School through prayer, the celebration of liturgy and sacraments, and service experiences. The students learnt that saints are inspirational models of discipleship because with God's help they show us how to have faith in God and love Jesus, and how to live a life of hope by putting our trust in God even in times of doubt and difficulty. The saints loved God, and loved others with compassion, justice and charity.

For the next steps in the preparation of the Sacrament of Confirmation, the candidates are invited to refer to Prayer Check List 2 in their Parish Passport to learn the Prayer before Meals, the Prayer to My Guardian Angel, and the Apostles Creed. Father Michael will return from his Annual Leave and Study Leave on 2/3 August.

The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Tuesday 13 August or Wednesday 14 August at 7:00 pm in Our Lady of Peace Church. Archbishop Patrick O'Regan will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation for our candidates this year.

## Refugee Week 16 – 22 June 2024

Term Two saw our school come together with hundreds of schools across the nation, to celebrate the contributions, creativity, courage and resilience of refugees. Pope Francis has asked all of us to experience God's love and compassion by welcoming the stranger. The Pope reminds us that "our response to the arrival of migrating persons can be summarised by four words: welcome, protect, promote and integrate." Classes learnt about what it means to be a refugee; they read stories and watched two films for children, *Help them Feel at Home*, and *Wind*, and engaged in discussions and activities. Classes were invited to make origami paper *Boats of Hope*. To show solidarity, the children wrote a prayer or a message of hope for our refugee brothers and sisters.



Loving Jesus, friend and brother,  
You know what it is like to be hungry and thirsty.  
You know what it feels like to be a stranger who is made to feel unwelcome.  
You know the suffering of all who have lost everything. We pray that by showing our care  
for refugees, we may show love for our neighbour and be closer to you.  
We ask these prayers in Your name. Amen

## Made in the Image of God Human Sexuality Education

The Made in the Image of God program is the Human Sexuality Education program for SA Catholic Schools. It is based on the fundamental belief that humans are made in God's image and are deserved of the utmost dignity and respect, and that sexuality, integral to the human person, is a gift from God through which we can live out our vocation to love. The program is delivered across each year level from Reception to Year 12.

Parents are acknowledged as the first and foremost educators of their children, particularly in the area of sexuality. In providing sexuality education, SA Catholic schools support parents in their primary role.

The Made in the Image of God (MITIOG) Curriculum is taught in Semester Two. Early in Term Three, each family will be sent a letter outlining the curriculum content for their child(ren)'s year level.

In addition to the letter, APRIMS from schools in our region will host a MITIOG Information Evening on Wednesday 31 July at 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm, in our school gym. The MITIOG Information Evening is for any parents or caregivers interested in learning more about the program. A link to register will be sent to families in due time.

**Wishing you a safe holiday break!**

**With gratitude,**

**Patrizia Puglia**

**APRIM**

## Keep Kids Safe

[Keep Kids Safe Brochure 2024](#)

[Walking and cycling catchment map 2024](#)

## Sport Fees

Invoices were sent out last week for Cricket Term 1, Soccer and Netball Term 2 & 3. Friendly reminder that payment is due on Monday 1st July 2024. Payments via QKR

## Playgroup and Occasional Care Programs

Please click onto the link below for further information

[Playgroup](#)

[Preschool](#)

[Preschool Mid-year intake](#)

[Piccolini](#)

## OSHC

Please click onto the link below for further information

[Out of School Hours Care \(OSHC\)](#)

## Community News

[Newton Jaguars Summer Trials](#)

[School Holidays Squash SA Program](#)

[Norwood Football Club School Holiday Program](#)

[Cows for Cambodia Tour](#)

## Canteen

### Canteen Sponsorship

Does your business need Promoting or Advertising?

Do you want to get involved and support your child's Canteen?

Sponsor the Canteen for just \$250 (tax deductible)

By becoming a Sponsor you will receive free advertising for the whole term in the School Newsletter and on the St Joseph's Payneham social media pages.

**Any queries please contact Mrs Helen Crosato on 8206 5103.**

## 2024 School Term Dates

29 January to 12 April

29 April to 4 July

23 July to 27 September

14 October to 11 December

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## Term 2 Calendar of Events 2024

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