



## Important Dates

Mon 29 July 2024 - 3/4 Tree Planting

Wed 7 August 2024 - SACPSSA Cross Country

Thurs 8 August 2024 - Assembly - 2.30pm

Thurs 8 August 2024 - Liturgy - St Mary Mackillop Feast Day - 9.15am

Mon 12 August 2024 - Choir @ Wallaroo

Thurs 15 August 2024 - Mass - Feast of the Assumption - 9.15am

Tues 20 August 2024 - Book Week Parade

Wed 21 August 2024 - 3/4 Camp

Thurs 29 August 2024 - Choir Rehearsal – Adelaide

Thurs 29 August 2024 - Assembly - 2.30pm

Fri 30 August 2024 - Student Free Day - Staff Retreat

Thurs 12 September 2024 - Mass - 9.15am

Thurs 19 September 2024 - Assembly - 2.30pm

Thurs 26 September 2024 - Catholic Schools Music Festival - Adelaide

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## Principal's Report

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! Term 3 has begun positively, and the students have settled in productively. It looks to be another busy term ahead and there are calendar dates on the front of this newsletter with the main events for the term on it. Please keep this handy and join us for the Masses, Liturgies and Assemblies when you can.

As we begin a new semester, we welcome another family into our school community. Wylie (Year 6), Levi (Year 4) and Bohdi (Year 1) come to us from Y.A.S and are the grandchildren of Michael Collins. On the back of our newest six receptions starting, we currently sit at 97 students. It is important to make mention that in our school, every student is known, valued, and supported. This close-knit community fosters strong relationships, personalised learning, and a sense of belonging, a continual focus for us as we get a little bigger. It is a credit to all SCMS community members that we have such a positive reputation within the SYP region and hence our increase in enrolments throughout the year.

### Staff Development

Last Monday, many classroom teachers attended a conference in Adelaide as part of the Catholic Education, Eastern Region. The day was centred around student agency and what schools could be developing within their settings around student voice for learning and creating places whereby students become the best versions of themselves. The conference was an invaluable experience for individual staff members and our school. The knowledge gained, connections made, and the inspiration drawn from the event will contribute significantly to our ongoing work. The day was made extra special by reconnecting with previous staff members Emily Rowe and Scott March.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome back Mrs Angela Grigoras-Oates who returns from a term away and I would also like to introduce Luke Davoli to our school for the next several weeks as he undertakes his practicum in the Year 3/4 class, completing his Master of Education.

### Newsletter Structure

Moving forward a decision has been made to reduce the number of newsletters to three per term. We will begin each term with an 'Administrative' newsletter, filled with lots of important information, dates and communication to parents. The following two newsletters will be student focussed in weeks 5 and 10.

### Uniform Policy

Late last term, staff saw an increase in students presenting in incorrect uniforms. By wearing the correct uniform, students at St Columba's emphasise our shared values, and create a sense of belonging and unity. The uniform policy will be reviewed at our next Board meeting and will then be distributed to families. This term, I along with support of staff will be monitoring correct uniforms. I encourage all families to adhere and uphold the policy and your support in this matter will be greatly appreciated. If you have any queries regarding the school uniform, please come and speak to either the front office staff or myself.

I look forward to a productive and consistent term ahead and I hope to see many community members around the school.

God Bless,

Luke Buchanan

Principal

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## Uniform

### Boys Uniform

- Navy/Gold Polo Top with emblem
- Navy school shorts

- Navy socks
- Black school shoes or boots or Brown/Navy Roman sandals
- Navy school pants (Not Cargo Style or track pants)
- Navy Polar fleece jumper with emblem

#### Girls Uniform

- Summer dress, skorts or Navy school shorts
- Navy/Gold Polo Top with emblem
- White or Navy socks (to cover ankle)
- Black school shoes or boots
- Navy blue leggings or tights
- Navy school pants
- Navy Polar fleece jumper with emblem

#### Sports Uniform

- Navy/Gold polo shirt with emblem
- Plain navy sport shorts or Plain navy track pants
- Navy Polar fleece jumper with emblem
- Plain navy or white sports socks
- Sports shoes

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At times all parents feel lost or without a clue about what our child might need from us. Imagine what it might feel like if you were able to make sense of what your child was really asking from you. The Circle of Security Parenting™ program is based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened.

Learning Objectives of the Program:

- Understand your child's emotional world by learning to read the emotional needs
- Support your child's ability to successfully manage emotions
- Enhance the development of your child's self esteem
- Honor your innate wisdom and desire for your child to be secure

**Where:** The Hub (Telecentre), Yorketown  
**When:** 9.30am Tuesday 6th August - 17th September for 1-1.5hrs each session.  
**Attendance to every session is ideal for grasping the COS-P messages**  
**Contact:** Anna Phasey to reserve your spot  
0432254572 or [Anna.phasey@sa.gov.au](mailto:Anna.phasey@sa.gov.au)



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## Western United Basketball AGM

**Western United Basketball Club**  
**AGM**  
**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August**  
**7pm @ Warooka Sports Club**  
**All Welcome!**

To help with planning, please let us know if you would like to play or coach this season ASAP (or if you are aware of anyone else who is interested).

For more information contact  
Geordie Cameron (0422705278)  
Or Jo Rowe (0429027447)

Hope to see you there!



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