



Term 4 Week 5

Important Dates

Year 5 Camp -
Woodhouse
Monday 18 November 2024

Graduation Mass -
9.15am
Tuesday 3 December 2024

Graduation Dinner -
6pm
Tuesday 3 December 2024

Feast of St Nicholas
Friday 6 December 2024

Presentation/Carols
Night
Monday 9 December 2024

Last Day of Term -
Normal Dismissal
Time
Wednesday 11 December
2024

Student Free Day
Thursday 12 December 2024

Student Free Day
Friday 13 December 2024

Principal's Report

Dear SCMS Community,

As we near the end of the year, this season brings both busyness and a mix of emotions as we prepare to say goodbye to some of our valued staff and students. We bid a warm farewell to our final Year 7 cohort and wish all the best to our staff members moving on to new chapters. This year is unique, with both Mrs Miriam Honner and Mrs Angela Grigoras-Oates graciously deciding to stay with us in 2025 in various roles. We take a moment to acknowledge their significant contributions over recent years and are grateful not to be saying a full goodbye just yet.

This week marks the close of applications for our teaching positions, allowing us to finalise the remaining roles. We are also eagerly awaiting the conclusion of the selection process for the Assistant Principal role, which will directly impact the class structures for 2025. Once finalised, I will communicate these arrangements to families.

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Nicola Parker, who has recently joined us as a Curriculum ESO. Nicola, a familiar face within our community, has seamlessly stepped into her role, bringing a wealth of experience from her previous work at Minlaton Childcare.

Looking ahead to 2025, we will start with 83 enrolled students, with numbers expected to grow as mid-year receptions begin. This is an exciting time, especially as we bid farewell to 19 students this year. We are pleased to welcome Gracie-Mae Nelson and Francis Bernhardt as part of our reception transition for Term 1 and Georgia Bernhardt in Year 3.

SACPPSA Athletics

After seven years with this organization, I recently had the chance to view our school from the perspective of a proud Principal. Pride is truly the best word to capture my feelings as I watched 21 hardworking, respectful, dedicated, and gracious students give their absolute best in each performance. Thanks to their efforts, we celebrated a major victory, winning the Boys Shield for Best School of the Day, with outstanding individual performances by Sergio Taheny, Archer Mason, and Lukas Rowe. A special mention goes to Lukas, who made history as the first student in Catholic school athletics to compete in the carnival for five consecutive years, starting his debut in the 1500m event in Year 1. A heartfelt thanks to Suzie Harvey for her incredible work behind the scenes and to all the parents who volunteered and helped with transport on the day.

Quiz Night

Earlier this term, the P & F hosted our annual quiz night, which was a fantastic event enjoyed by many families and community members. After nine rounds, plenty of games, and numerous prizes, we celebrated our winners. The night raised over \$3,800! Thank you to everyone who joined us, as well as those who generously donated. This was a wonderful community event, and I look forward to building on it next year.

Grandparents Day

Last Friday, we expressed our gratitude to the grandparents and special friends who give so generously to our families and school, especially in a time when their support is more valued than ever. With a wonderful turnout, we opened our classrooms, allowing students to engage with their visitors in various activities. This was followed by a morning tea and a special performance by our festival choir, who sang two classic songs. It was another beautiful example of community spirit, bringing everyone together in celebration.

With many events marking the end of our school year, I encourage you to stay informed and join us whenever possible. I look forward to sharing these moments with many of you.

God Bless,

Luke Buchanan

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RE News

Hello!

I have started saying that from now on, as soon as we get to July we might as well say "Merry Christmas". Life absolutely goes quicker

the older you get... in fact, I'm actually pretty sure that that's a scientific fact 😊

With only 3 ½ weeks left of the year, we are absolutely on the downhill run. On Tuesday the 3rd of December, we will have the last whole school mass for the year. This mass will be a significant one as it will be the Graduation Mass. Traditionally, this mass has been held in the evening with just the graduating students and their families, but we have decided that it would be a beautiful thing to have all the school present to pray for and send off these students. We would love to see our wider school community come along for this and share in this special occasion with the graduating class. You are also welcome to stay after mass for a morning tea. It is a busy time of year, but these events are so significant in these students lives, it's such a joy to see them relish in these moments.

Finally, I will be organising Sacrament classes for next year. If anyone has any children that would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation, please let me know. Also, if you or your children wish to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, please also get in touch.

Have a great few weeks and God Bless,

Miriam Honner

APRIM

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Reception News



In Reception, students have been working hard to understand the concept of equal sharing. We talked about how some amounts can be shared equally, while others can't. To explore this, we conducted a group investigation to find out which numbers can be shared equally among groups of 2 to 10, and which numbers can't. Following this, students tackled a sharing problem where they made sure each fairytale character received an equal amount of the same foods.

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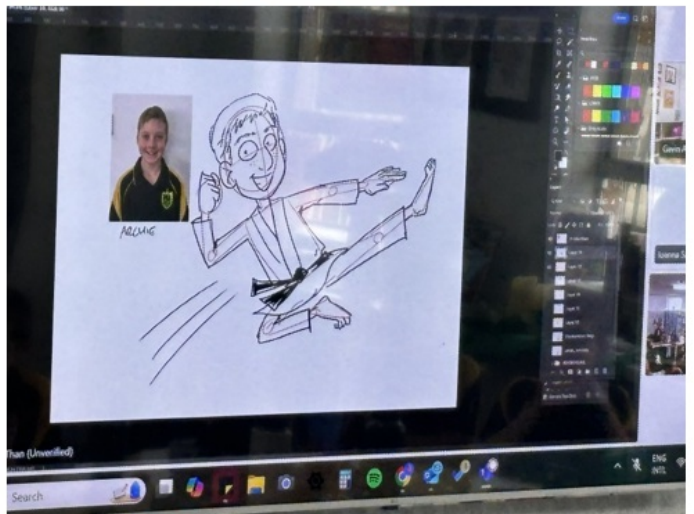
Junior Primary News



Year 1/2 students had a great time exploring what lives under the Edithburgh Jetty in our recent visit with Jo. They discovered amazing sea creatures, plants, and shells, and their smiles said it all! We can't wait for our upcoming excursion to Edithburgh to continue our HASS learning and discoveries.

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Middle and Upper Primary News



In week 4, the year 3/4 and 5 classes were lucky enough to participate in the Draw your own cartoon character with Gavin Aung Than, as part of Adelaide Festival Centre's OzAsia Festival. Students said it was very fun and educational to help them learn to draw their own cartoon characters. He told students to draw lightly to allow room for errors (making them easier to be corrected). One of the students in our class was lucky enough to have a photo of them drawn by Gavin Aung Than as a cartoon character! Since the workshop, students have been using their free time to draw cartoons using the techniques explored. We are very thankful to have been offered this opportunity!

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Senior Primary News



In Week 3 the Year 6/7's embarked on their camp to Adelaide to stay at West Beach Parks for 3 nights. This camp was the last primary school camp for our Year 6/7's. The camp acted as a celebration of their school year, and time together at St Columba's Memorial School. During the camp the Year 6/7's took part in many fun activities developing their independence and challenging themselves.

On Monday, students enjoyed The Beach House Glenelg playing on the bumper cars, arcade games and water slides. Students also enjoyed the water boats and water slides - executing a plan perfectly to gang up on the teachers! Our accommodation at West Beach Parks in cabins, allowed students to develop independence and responsibility in working as a team to take care of their cabin during their stay. We had amazing weather during our camp where students were able to use the swimming pool and jumping pillow.

On Tuesday, we ventured to the Central Market. Students were provided with \$15 each to source their own lunch. Students enjoyed exploring the market and working out what they would spend their money on, with each student being able to budget to buy lunch, a sweet and a drink. That afternoon we had a guided tour of Haigh's Chocolate Factory. Many students decided that they would want to work here one day, as the tour guide said workers can eat as much chocolate as they like!

On Wednesday, the weather was perfect for a morning playing games on West Beach, then utilising the pool at the park. We then challenged each other to a round of Mini Golf.

On Thursday, students challenged their fears at the West Beach High Ropes course. Our morning here began with the Giant Swing. We are very proud of our cohort with each student and the staff giving this a go! We all agree that these were our favourite pictures from the camp. Students then worked through the 3-levelled activity course.

It was a fantastic week filled with laughter, fun and memories!

Literacy Testing

Year 6 DIBELS Testing END 2024

Composite Score	Score	errors	%	✓	x	score	
	ORF			MAZE			
382	↑	0	88	100%	14	0	14
485	↑	0	189	100%	62	2	61
481	↑	0	189	100%	33	4	31
416	↑	0	122	100%	25	2	24
370		5	75	94%	22	2	21
485		2	192	99%	35	2	34
393.5		8	99	92.5%	23	8	19
463	↑	1	170	99.4%	41	26	28
323	↑	9	28	75.6%	7	8	3
450	↑	0	158	100%	28	14	21
472		2	179	98.3%	38	5	35
389	↑	2	96	97.9%	18	12	12
501		2	208	99%	40	9	35

Teachers and ESOs have been busy testing students in the last few weeks, with the 3rd and final round of DIBELS testing. DIBELS stands for Dynamic Indicators of Basic Literacy Skills. At our school we are using this system to test students from Year 3 to Year 7. Teachers and ESO's in Reception and Year 1/2 are using other methods, such as InitialLit.

In Years 4-7 students have 2 tests, one to check the fluency of their reading (called ORF– or Oral Reading Fluency) and the other a test of their reading comprehension (called MAZE or a multiple choice written test). In Year 3 students also have 2 more tests, both testing their phonics knowledge, so teachers know those students who need extra assistance and time with the basics from Junior Primary.

The data collected from these tests is entered on a digital spread sheet, which colour codes student results with one of 4 colours, to indicate to teachers where this student sits in comparison with a standard for other students, in the same grade.

- RED - indicates the lowest level, (students who need 1:1 assistance)
- YELLOW - students who need some assistance, perhaps in small groups
- BLUE - students who are considered quite able but capable of a little improvement
- GREEN - which indicates these students are outstanding and quite independent

Each student is spoken to individually, by me and told their results. They will be informed in which group their literacy skills currently place them. They know that this is only a temporary marker, and that improvement, through practice, will see their score improve. They are also shown the arrow for each test result, which indicates whether their score is higher/ lower/ the same as the last test. It is really important for any student who finds Literacy challenging, that they know that even in the lower groups, an improvement, even a slight one, is to be celebrated.

Regards,

Mandy Thompson

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Spanish News



The Reception and Junior Primary classes have been working on making mariposas (ladybugs) and abejas (bees).

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Catholic Athletics



What a fantastic effort by our SCMS Athletics team. Great sportsmanship and efforts from all involved. Overall we came third in the girls and first in boys.

Congratulations to Sergio, Archer and Lukas for winning age champion. In addition to the year 6 girls winning overall aswell as the year 4 boys overall.

It was a fantastic day, big thanks to parents and staff who helped in transport and on the day.

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Garden News



Green Space & Food Tech

Earlier in the term, the Green Space had a big 'change of seasons' overhaul, with students across all classes working hard and lending a hand to clear out the last of the winter beds, pull weeds, mulch, and most importantly, plant out new summer seeds and seedlings. We have strong pumpkin plants coming along in our patch, as well as corn, zucchini, strawberries, tomatoes, climbing peas, as well as some beautiful flowering plants.

We had a beautiful bearded dragon visitor to our apple tree, and plenty of interesting insects including native blue banded bees - the diversity in our garden is a great indicator of how healthy it is!

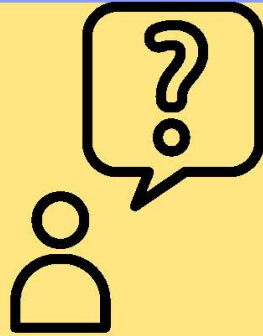
We continue to extend our knowledge and experiences through the Food Tech program in both 1:1, small group settings and class activities. The year five students have recently been working on preparation for the Graduation lunch, and students from the junior primary have been working in specialised small group and individual activities to enrich and foster skills around process and procedure.

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COLUMBA'S COLUMN

Guess the Teacher

Clues:



- I have two siblings
- I played netball
- I have a dog
- I am from Adelaide

Last newsletters answer for guess the teacher was Miss K. Well done to anyone who got that correct!!

Sports with Mr. B

We are doing tennis and it is really fun and challenging ~Georgia

We have been doing tennis. I like that it is about tennis. I have learnt the rules of tennis. ~Fred

Camp Review

It was really cool. We went to the beach house and went on the waterslides. ~ Poppy

First we went to the arcade and played games on the machines. We then went down waterslides, it was really fun. ~Issac

What's up with Jo?

We have made Nachos and other food for the year 6/7 graduation lunch. I have enjoyed it because Jo gives everyone a go. ~Archie B

We have been making the graduation lunch and my favourite bit is getting to try the food. ~Aiden

We have been cooking. I love cooking with Jo because she is kind and helps me with my cooking skills. ~Abbie

By Kylie Dodd and Students

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Book Fair



Dear Parents

Our ever popular "Buy One Book, Get One Free" Book Fair is open on the Wednesday 13th of November to Wednesday 27th of November.

Purchases can be made before and after school.

Many thanks, Julie

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Tweens & Teens

A free interactive workshop for Grandparents, Kinship carers and Parents!

Wednesday 27th November, 10.00am - 2.00pm

Presented by Linda White, counsellor, trainer and workplace consultant.

Topics include:

- Caring for Tweens and Teens.
- Understanding the developing Teen brain.
- Teens and gaming, devices and social media connections.
- Behaviours of concern and how to manage them.
- Staying strong and adjusting to parenting a Teen.
- Carer vs Grandparent: putting fun into your caring relationship.

Morning tea and lunch provided.

Please register by scanning the QR code below, or contact the SYP Community Hub to confirm your place (08 8852 1820).



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Beloved

Beloved is going to be a vibe!
Gather the girls for an incredible
day!

Saturday 18th January
Girls 11-18 y.o
\$25 - meals included

Light Church Edithburgh
10am-8pm

Guest Speaker: Isobel Coleman

Join us for a GROOVY POOL
PARTY,

Glitter facepaint, Henna, Kareoke,
Hair and so much more!

To register or more info contact:
Sarah-Jane 0433240691

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**Yorketown
Basketball Club**

**FAMILY
FUN DAY**

**Yorketown Sporting
Club Courts
17th Nov ~ 10am-2pm**

Everyone Welcome

**New to basketball? Come along.. Already involved in the club? Excellent..
Previous involvement? Welcome back.. From out of town? Nice to see you**

**FREE Lunch, Face painting, On and off court activities
Bring some change for drinks, raffles and competitions**

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CURRAMULKA LIGHT UP


DEC 7
2024

6:30-9.00 PM

Curramulka
Community Club


Live Music
Face Painting
Food / Drinks / Bar
Giant Inflatable Slide
Markets - Train Rides
Bubble Disco - Glow Products
Town Light Display from 8:45 PM
Photos with Santa in the Curry Cave

 **STREET PARADE - 6:30PM**
FROM HOTEL CORNER
ALL PARTICIPANTS WELCOME!
ASSEMBLE ON THIRD STREET BY 6:15PM

  Curramulka Community Events



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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Edithburgh Progress Association wishes, in partnership with Carols by the Sea, to hold an inaugural Christmas Pageant. We are seeking expressions of interest to support/participate in our very first Christmas Pageant on Sunday 22nd December 2024. Individuals or groups can enter a float, dress up e.g. as clowns, decorate their bike or anything else to celebrate Christmas.

The Christmas pageant would precede and lead into the Carols by the Sea event.

This will be a free family fun event and if you would like to participate in the pageant to enter a float or simply be part of the parade, please contact Nola O'Connell

(Mobile: 0438 400 655), by 30 October 2024, for further information and details.

Name:

Phone number:

Email:

Type of entry: e.g. Float etc

Other names of people participating with you:

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