



Issue #16

Important Dates

**SACPSSA Cricket
Carnival**

Friday 22 September 2023

**Catholic Schools
Music Festival**

Tuesday 26 September 2023

**Student Special
Lunch Day**

Thursday 28 September
2023

Sports Day

Friday 29 September 2023

Last Day of Term

Friday 29 September 2023

Term 4 Commences

Monday 16 October 2023

Upcoming Events

**Catholic Schools
Music Festival**

Date: Tuesday 26
September - Friday 29
September

**SACPSSA Cricket
Carnival**

Date: Friday 22 September
Time: 9:00am - 2:15pm
Venue: Barratt Reserve -

Sports Day

Date: Friday 28 October
Time: 8:30am - 3:30pm
Venue: St Albans Reserve -
Clearview

Last Day of Term

Date: Friday 29 September
Time: 8:30am - 3:15pm
Venue: St Gabriel's - Enfield

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Thank you to the year 1 classes for hosting today's Assembly. It was great to see and hear about the wonderful work they have been doing. It is always a pleasure to witness the enthusiasm of students when they share their work and experiences. Well done girls and boys.

It is fantastic to be back in the country and at the school. I spent my last 2 weeks in Belgium engaging in studies with the Catholic College of Leuven. Whilst the week days were filled lectures, I had the opportunity to explore the historical towns and sites after hours and on the weekend.

The highlights would have been: visiting Flanders Fields (and seeing the poppies in bloom), Waterloo and the medieval city of Ghent, with a superb castle. Whilst it is great to get away, there certainly is no place like home!

The capital works certainly accelerated while I was away. The Administration building's external work is obvious to see, but it is internally that a lot of progress has been made. The timber joinery is almost complete, ceilings in and painting almost complete. The new student toilets are framed out and the framework for the next concrete pour almost ready.

The staff carpark is ready to have the maintenance shed installed at the northern end with the drainage and power installed.



Tournament of Minds

Congratulations to the Tournament of the Minds Team. On September 10th, the TOM team represented St Gabriel's in authentic, open-ended challenges that foster creative thinking whilst developing collaborative enterprise, excellence and team work. They had been working on their specific challenge since the beginning of term focussing on STEM and The Arts. Thank you to Mr Matt Burness for his work with the teams to make sure they were ready for competition and to the families who supported their children in their afterschool practices and weekend competition. Congratulations **Sienna, Liam, Kenny, Celia, Imogen, Maia, Sophie, Snnovie, Shania, Paarth, Alexis, Tayvia and Peter.**



CATHOLIC IDENTITY AND MISSION

WHERE Dreams BEGIN

Presented by the

Catholic Schools Music Festival

Come along to celebrate and support South Australia's talented youth in performances featuring a 400-voice choir, instrumental ensembles, vocal groups, and remarkable solo artists, all exhibiting an astonishing calibre of musicianship.

An event open to the whole community

**Tuesday 26 to Friday 29 September 2023
Festival Theatre, Adelaide Festival Centre**



Catholic Schools Musical Festival is next week!! Our choir, made up of Year 5's and 6's are so excited to be performing so many wonderful songs, especially a Disney Medley, celebrating 100 years of Walt Disney. All are welcome to attend please see flier for booking details.

FEAST OF THE ARCHANGELS

On September 29th we celebrate the feast of the archangels — Raphael, Michael and Gabriel. The Scriptures speak of how angels are sent to assist in God's plan of salvation. They bring messages, accompany the faithful along the path of daily life.

In celebrating the archangels on Sept. 29, the Church reminds us of three special messengers who were sent to accomplish very specific tasks. The most prominent and best-known of the archangels is Gabriel, the one who delivers special messages to those favored by God. We first hear of Gabriel through St. Luke's depiction of the Annunciation:

"In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, 'Hail favored one! The Lord is with you'" (1:26-28). Gabriel continued: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever and of his kingdom there will be no end" (1:30-33).

We next encounter Gabriel in Matthew's Gospel when he delivers the message to Joseph that he, Mary and Jesus must flee from the wrath of Herod. "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him" (2:13). Later, after the crisis has passed, once again Gabriel comes to Joseph instructing him to return to Israel (see 2:19-20). The messages that Gabriel delivers were obviously highly significant and, thus, the Lord entrusted them to a special carrier.

We are thankful for having such a wonderful guide and patron for our school.

Heavenly Father, Saint Gabriel the Archangel was a faithful messenger for You. I pray for the grace to also share the good news of salvation with others. Dear Saint Gabriel, help me to reflect your love for God.

Amen.

Karla Sparapani

APRIM

FINANCE:

Announcement: School Fees for 2024

We are pleased to inform our school families that there will be no increase in school fees for the 2024 school year.

Catholic Education SA has announced it will freeze tuition fees at its 84 Diocesan schools for the 2024 school year.

"We recognise that cost-of-living increases are putting significant pressure on families," says Dr Neil McGoran, Executive Director, Catholic Education SA.

"Growth in enrolments across the State in our 101 Catholic Schools, together with prudent financial management, puts us in a position where we are able to hold tuition fees at this year's level."

Dr McGoran said the fee-freeze will not impact the quality of education.

"We're committed to keeping school fees as low as possible and ensuring a Catholic education is affordable and accessible to all."

Since 2019, Catholic Education SA has been implementing the Making Catholic Education More Affordable Initiative to ensure Catholic schools are accessible to any family who wants their child to have a Catholic education.

In addition to the fee-freeze, further fee remissions are available to any family who is struggling to pay school fees due to financial difficulties. Families should contact Alison Boyce or Sean Hill for more information.

School Fees and Fee Remission for 2023

Please review your fee statement and ensure you are on track to have all fees paid by the end of the school year.

We strongly encourage families to enter into a regular payment plan to keep fees at a manageable level.

Please be assured of the school's support for your family during these difficult times. If you are having difficulty paying fees, please

contact Alison to make a time to discuss assistance and payment options available.

School Card 2023

School Card needs to be re-applied for on an annual basis. 2023 School Card application forms are now available online and from the Front Office, please apply as soon as possible.

For eligible families, St Gabriel's School lower income fee will apply once School Card is approved:

1st child Lower fee of \$1,380
2nd child Lower fee of \$1,040
and nil fees for further children.

A credit is applied to your account to reflect the lower fee and a revised statement sent home for you.

School Card Income Limits

The tables below list the income limits for applications lodged in 2023 – based on the family's gross income in 2021/2022.

To qualify for School Card, your family's gross income must be below a certain limit. This limit depends on how many dependent children you have.

You will need to provide proof of income – such as payslips or Centrelink information.

Eligibility income limits for school card:

Number of dependent children	Combined gross family income limit for the 2021/22 financial year	Gross weekly school card income limit
1 child	\$66,412	\$1,277
2 children	\$67,598	\$1,300
3 children	\$68,784	\$1,323
4 children	\$69,970	\$1,346
5 children	\$71,156	\$1,369
Each additional dependent child	\$1,186	\$23

The School Card Scheme is administered by the State Government to provide financial assistance towards the cost of education for full time students of lower income families. Any parent/caregiver who would like more information about the scheme can contact Alison at the school or the School Card section on **1800 672 758** (free call) to discuss or visit the link below:

<http://www.sa.gov.au>

Fee Remission assistance

Parents/caregivers experiencing financial difficulties are encouraged to apply for fee remission ASAP. Please email accounts@sgs.catholic.edu.au for a fee remission form or collect from the School Office if you wish to apply.

We assure parents/caregivers that all details provided will be kept strictly confidential.

If you are having difficulty with meeting your fee obligations or have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Alison Boyce (Bursar) or Sean Hill (Principal) on 8216 9900.

Thank you
Alison Boyce, Bursar
accounts@sgs.catholic.edu.au
Direct Ph: 8216 9902

GENERAL INFORMATION

Student Attendance

You are reminded to ring the school/leave a message or Seesaw the teacher on the day your child is not attending school - please include the reason for non-attendance.

We'd be grateful if this could be done prior to 9am. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Keeping Safe

Please be aware that on our school website, there are key documents in relation to keeping all children in our school community safe from harm; physically, mentally and emotionally.

- **Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy**
- **Cybersafety: Keeping Children Safe in the Connected World**

Labelling

Please check and ensure that your child's jumper/jacket, hat, drink bottle and small plastic containers are labelled so that they can be returned to them.

Uniform

TERM 4 - STUDENTS ARE TO BE WEARING THE SUMMER UNIFORM

Please ensure that your child is wearing black laced up shoes with their everyday uniform. Sneakers are not to be worn for everyday uniform and only to be worn with sport uniform

Click to read **Summer & Winter Uniform List**

Click to read **Uniform Pricelist**

Clearview Snack Bar - Lunch Menu

Lunches can be ordered by using the Qkr! app - see below or purchasing paper bags and writing your child's name, class and order on the bag with money enclosed. These can be left at the office or given to your child's class teacher.

Click to view **Lunch Menu Price List**

SPORTS DAY: Friday 29 September

There is a sense of excitement for our fast approaching St Gabriel's Sports Day.

Click to view the Sports Day Letter

Click to view Sports Day Schedule

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY: SALA

SALA: The South Australian Living Artist Festival is a unique South Australian Art Festival that recognises living artists. In week 6, St Gabriel's School participated in its third Festival Exhibition having participated in both 2019 and 2021 as well.

This year our theme was 'OUR WORLD' with artworks exploring student's understanding of the world; the people and places they connect with, their concerns and hopes for the future. With every student from R-6 working on at least three pieces, playgroup and Gabby's Angels' students contributing as well as staff, there was over 1000 pieces of art on display in the school gym. Our publicity artwork for the event was created by year 6 student Hayley Vo.

Visual arts and visual literacy are integrated into every key learning area of the Australian Curriculum because the study of art has many benefits. It can relieve stress, provide endless opportunities for personal expression and experimentation and enable time and space for students to interact and be creative. Students can develop skills and discover new ones. Our decision to participate in the SALA Festival

every two years is guided by our aim to provide authentic learning experiences and purposes for students and what better purpose than to share their work and achievements with you.



ECOLOGICAL CONVERSION

The Earth Care Squad have given the vegetable garden a good clean out. The old winter vegetables are finished and new summer vegetables have been planted.

The children loved helping to pick the snow peas in the last few weeks.

There is lots of uneaten food being thrown away at school. Please encourage your child to bring home any food they do not eat.

Today I found an unopened fruit box that was left near a bin. If such items are taken home they could be used by someone else.

The Earth Care Squad will remove all the old sunflowers in the nature play area. We will keep the seeds and plant more later in the year.

Bernix Meixner

ECS Coordinator



COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

Subway orders are out for next Thursday, 28th of September. Orders close, Wednesday 27th September at 7pm.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Our next meetings will be Wednesday, November 8th at 9am and 6:15pm. We look forward to having you join us!

St Gabriel's School Enfield~buy, sell and swap second hand uniforms

A Facebook page has been established by a parent as a link for parents to buy, swap and sell St Gabriel's uniform items. This Facebook page is run by parents and not in conjunction with the school or school uniform shop.

When listing an item for sale, please take time to check the items are current uniform and are still able to be worn at school. To check if the item is still current, please call the school on 08 8216 9900.

[Click here to join the facebook group.](#) If you are unable to use this link please search the above name in the title to find the page.

Karla Sparapani
Assistant Principal

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Helpful Contacts/Links for families

QKR App – issue with new Android phones



There is an issue with being able to download the QKR App to new android phones.

The QKR technicians are working diligently towards a solution but don't have a release date as yet. We will advise once resolved.

In the interim, any parents having android issues can make purchases via the QKR website below:

Qkr! by MasterCard (qkrschool.com)

Thank you for your patience.