



Issue #7

Important Dates

Catholic Education Week

Monday 13 May 2024

National Sorry Day

Sunday 26 May 2024

National Reconciliation Week

Monday 27 May 2024

NAIDOC Week

Monday 10 June 2024

Refugee Week
Monday 17 June 2024

Last Day of Term 2

Friday 5 July 2024

First Day of Term 3

Monday 22 July 2024

Upcoming Events

Reception & Year 1 Excursion

Date: Friday 3 May Time: 9:00am Venue: Lenswood -

Year 2 Excursion

Date: Friday 10 May -Monday 30 November

Time: 9:00am

Venue: Woodville Town Hall

Year 5 & 6 Camp

Date: Wednesday 1 May - Friday 3 May

Time: 12:00am

Venue: St Gabriel's School -

Coffee with the Principal

Date: Friday 3 May
Time: 8:30am - 9:00am
Venue: St Gabriel's School -

Lenswood - Woodville Enfield Enfield

Mother's Day Stall

Date: Thursday 9 May -Monday 30 November

Time: 12:00am

Venue: St Gabriel's School -

Enfield

Mother's Day Morning Tea

Date: Friday 10 May Time: 9:00am - 12:00am

Venue: St Gabriel's School -

Enfield

National Simultaneous Storytime

Date: Wednesday 22 May -Monday 30 November

Time: 11:30am

Venue: St Gabriel's School -

Enfield

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we have moved to a new system with traffic management on Barrington Ave and the OSHC gate, I have repeated the information from earlier in the week for you below:

Traffic Safety and Your Child

We have been working with the Port Adelaide and Enfield Council to assess the safest way for children and most efficient way for parents to manage the kiss-and-drop on Barrington Ave. Given the small number of children who catch the bus, the Council have agreed with our request to move the bus zone to enable cars to use the preferred space directly out the front of the school. The signs below have now been installed on the school side/northern side of Barrington Avenue:

No Parking (Kiss and Drop Zone)



- A driver must not stop on a length of road or in an area to which a no parking sign applies, unless the driver -
- a. is dropping off or picking up passengers, and
- stays within 3m from the vehicle, and
- c. moves on within 2 minutes

For safety please:

- · Remain in your vehicle
- 2 minutes maximum parking time
- Move forward to the start of the line and follow cars in sequence
- Please be courteous to other drivers
- If you need to come into school to collect your child, then please consider parking in an alternative area.

A reminder about the No Standing signs on the southern side of Barrington Avenue that have been in place for some time.

Please see below:



 A driver must not stop on a length of road or in an area to which a no stopping sign or continuous yellow line applies.

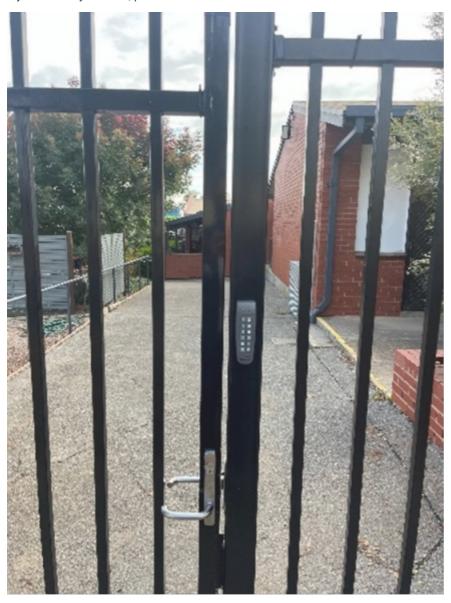
NB. Please don't park on the southern side of Barrington Avenue and ask your child to cross the road.

New OSHC Gate

With the completion of the building works, I have been concerned about the safety of students in OSHC. We have been leaving the front gate open from early in the morning and in the evening and with the darker months approaching, it is important for us to have a safer system. We have installed a key code for parents whose children are in OSHC to use to drop off and collect their children (see picture below). The OSHC Director has shared this information with students who attend OSHC.

Please note, close the gate behind you and do not share the code with the children.

If you have any concers, please see me.



CATHOLIC IDENTITY AND MISSION



ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day is an important day in the Australian calendar. It is a day we honour and give thanks to all the men and women who have defended our country and worked for peace in other parts of the world. Some of these men and women never returned to their families. They offered something called a supreme sacrifice. They had their lives cut short in defence of freedom and the preservation of the way of life we enjoy in Australia. This is what we remember in an effort to never let it happen again.

On Tuesday the St Gabriel's community commemorated ANZAC Day. We were careful to make the distinction with the children about a celebration and a commemoration. The sacrifices made are not to be celebrated because we don't ever want these sorts of events to happen again. Unlike a birthday celebration which is something we enjoy and do so every year.

A commemoration helps us understand what has happened in the past and keeps us on guard to ensure we do our best to try and prevent conflict at all costs.

The words we hear in an ANZAC Day commemoration are 'Lest We Forget', which simply means 'don't ever let us forget and become complacent and foolish enough for conflict, anger and hatred be the way we choose'.

We were privileged to have Chief Petty Officer Matthew Mendes attend our commemoration service. Chief Petty Officer Mendes spoke to the children about what it is he does in the navy and the challenges on families with a parent being away on duty. He then recited the Ode of Remembrance before we observed a minute's silence. We are grateful for Chief Petty Officer Mendes' time and presence.

The children in their classes prepared wreaths which they placed during the ceremony which was done with respect and dignity.

It was a reverent and significant event for our community which we were pleased to present.



Community Outreach Programme

Moore Street Centre

Each year St Gabriel's students help people 'doing it tough' by making soup for the homeless and people down on their luck. This programme will begin again this term. You will be notified in the week prior when your child will be participating in soup making.

The children will be involved in peeling and chopping vegetables and cleaning up after the work is done. No children will go near hot water or surfaces for safely reasons and will be given clear safety instructions when using peelers and chopping knives.

The soup will be delivered to Sister Janet Mead's Adelaide Day Centre for Homeless Persons Inc. They are also known as the Moore Street Centre.

Any donations of chicken or vegetable stock, or cans of chickpeas will be most welcome. These can be delivered any time during school hours to the office.

As the winter months approach, the centre is also in need of warm winter items to help their clients.

CAN YOU HELP?

Donations of the following items are being sought by the Moore Street Centre:

- Blankets
- Rain coats
- Warm jumpers
- Woollen Scarves
- Warms socks
- Umbrellas

Any donations will be most welcome and can be brought to the office.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY - LIBRARY



We are pleased to have the new library up and running at the beginning of the year! The students have enjoyed using the space for quiet reading, borrowing with their class and a shared book with their teachers. At recess time, the students are welcome into the space where

they spend time drawing, reading and borrowing books with their friends. The new space also gives the Year 6's students opportunity to sit down and catch up on their work. There are also extra room used as break out spaces.

Two students from each class has been allocated as Library Monitors for semester 1.

The role of a library monitor includes responsibilities such as :

- · Assisting teachers to borrow /return books for the class library
- · Supporting recess time library activities
- · Returning books in the library
- · Assisting to create library displays
- · Recommending and reviewing books
- · Planning book themed special days and events

Families are welcome to come along to borrow books with their children. Here is the flyer for more information:



, Family borrowing time in the Library

Read and borrow some books with your child/children on the first Thursday of each month between 8:30 and 8:50am.



Term 2 opening times:

*Thursday 2 May

*Thursday 6 June

*Thursday 4 July





EARTH CARE SQUAD

We have received some soil to top up our garden beds and are now waiting for a new irrigation system for the Garden area. Then we will be in full swing planting our winter vegetables.

Thanks to Bunnings Prospect for their kind donations!

COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

Mother's Day Stall

The community Group are busy preparing the Mother's Day stall. Flyers have been sent out and gifts can be bought for \$5. Please support the Community group and their efforts this Mother's Day.



Coffee with the Principal

On Friday 3rd May there will be a Coffee Van outside the Year 6 room to allow Mr Mark Simpson to say hello in an informal and friendly forum. Please drop in, introduce yourself to Mark and have a cuppa.



Vacation Care Highlights

Read more about what is happening at OSHC!

View this article online to read more

FINANCE

To find out more about the School Fees and School Card, click the link below:

School Fees & School Card 2024

Fee Remission for 2024

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 Mark Simpson (Principal) on 8216 9900.

Thank you,

Alison Boyce

accounts@sgs.catholic.edu.au

Direct Ph: 8216 9902

GENERAL INFORMATION

Illness

If you or your child are suffering from any respiritory symptoms, coughing, sneezing etc. we ask that you please do not come to school until you are well. Thank you for your support in this matter.

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.

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

Please note that uniform will be sold at the office on MONDAYS, TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAY. If using QKR - every day. Other days by appointment.

TERM 2 - STUDENTS ARE TO BE WEARING THE WINTER UNIFORM

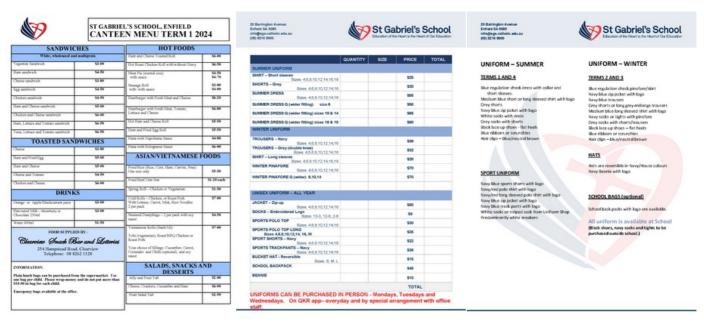
Please ensure that your child is wearing black laced up shoes with their everyday uniform.

Sneakers are not to be worn for everyday uniform and only to be worn with sport uniform

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.

To view the 2024 uniform price list & policy and the 2024 lunch order menu, click the gallery below:



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Transition Day

Transition Day for all 2025 Year 7 students will be held Wednesday 30 October (all day)

Helpful Contacts/Links for families

QKR App - resolved with Android phones



The Android Phone issue has now been resolved, parents/users can now download the App from the Google Play Store.

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