



Issue #15

Important Dates

Class Mass - Year 4

Thursday 14 September
2023

Photo Day

Wednesday 20 September
2023

School Board Meeting

Wednesday 20 September
2023

Community Group Meeting

Wednesday 20 September
2023

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
Venue: Festival Theatre -
Adelaide

SACPSSA Cricket Carnival

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

Sports Day

Date: Friday 29 September
Time: 8:30am - 1:00pm
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,

I hope everyone has enjoyed the lovely bursts of sunshine we have had, how lucky were the Fathers to have such gorgeous weather for Father's Day.

As many of you are aware, Mr Hill is on study leave in Leuven, Belgium. What an exciting experience to study at KU Leuven, an international university leading in Catholic Education and Theology. During this time Mr Meixner and myself will be Co-Principals.

We look forward to finishing of our last month of Term 3 with as much enthusiasm as energy as the last 6 weeks.

With Faith, Hope and Love

Karla Sparapani
Acting Co-Principal

SALA



Many thanks to Kylie Pedlar for her amazing work in the South Australian Living Artists Festival (SALA) and how she brought it to life for the school. The Teachers worked tirelessly with their students to create amazing artwork that really projected what our school truly means to us. The connection to their learning was evident when you spoke to the students about their artwork. I really enjoyed the atmosphere on opening night with parents and children milling around our "Museum" discussing their artwork and those of their fellow classmates. Analysis of artwork is a key part of The Arts Curriculum and the language students were able to use to discuss their artwork was well thought out and knowledgeable.

Book Week Parade, Grandparents Day & Father's Day

So many wonderful events to be celebrated over the last couple of weeks. Thank you to the Community Group for their wonderful organisational skills, planning the Father's Day Stall, Father's Day Breakfast and our Grandparents Day Bake Sale. They were all well attended and received.

Book Week Parade was a wonderful opportunity to gather as a community, and for students to show off their favourite book characters!! It is always so much fun walking around the block as if we are celebrities waving to our adoring fans!



Child Protection Week



Child Protection Week (from 3 to 9 September) highlights the message that all children have a right to feel safe and protected. National Child Protection Week is a wonderful opportunity for everyone in the community to think about how we can work together to keep all children safe.

Importantly, we want to remind everyone that:

- We ALL have a part to play in protecting ALL children
- Even small actions can help to improve a child's future
- By building stronger communities, we are creating safer environments for our children

How can I start playing my part to protect children today (and every day!)?

- Be a good role model for children
 - Be kind to children, parents (and yourself!)
 - Take the time to really listen to children and believe them if they tell you something
 - Learn about what help services are available so you can support others if they need help
 - Don't judge other parents and families; remember that we're all trying our best
 - Look out for all children, not just your own
 - Be a friendly, helpful member of your local community
 - Don't be afraid to ask for help or to ask someone if they need help
 - Check out our Tip Sheets for more ideas about how to play your part
- Leesa Waters, Deputy CEO, NAPCAN

As a school we provide the Keeping Safe Curriculum for all learners, it teaches children from a young age to:

- recognise abuse and tell a trusted adult about it
- understand what is appropriate and inappropriate touching
- understand ways of keeping themselves safe.

If you have any questions about our Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum please do not hesitate to ask.

WAG State Championship

Lila from Year 6 competed in the 2023 Level 3-5 WAG State Championship! In her level 4 open category, she faced 35 other gymnastic and brought home a successful first place win.

Congratulations to Lila!

CATHOLIC IDENTITY AND MISSION Season of Creation

September is set aside in the church to celebrate Creation.

We celebrate the Season of Creation during this month and try to honour the gifts of nature that God has given us. We must also be aware of the needs of the poor and the lack of access they have to these gifts of nature.

Prophet Amos cries out: *"But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!"* (Amos 5: 24) and so we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity.

As the people of God, we must work together on behalf of all Creation, as part of that mighty river of peace and justice.

In our school we try to recycle rubbish and food waste. The gardens are cared for by our students and we act to help people who do not have enough resources by making and donating food.

As a school we can improve our impact on the environment by reducing waste through packing 'nude food', remembering to turn off taps and lights, putting our waste in the correct bins and not wasting food. It is alarming the amount of food and drinks that are thrown out by our students. It would be a good discussion topic for parents and children to have about how much of their recess and lunch goes in the bin.

May we continue to help our world and its people thrive and grow.

Bernie Meixner

APRIM/ACTING CO-PRINCIPAL

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**

PHOTO DAY: Wednesday 20 September

Photo envelopes for ordering school photos went home earlier this week. Extra envelopes are available at the office (please note that these envelopes do not have your child's individual name/code on them so CASH will be the only payment option, no change will be given by the school or photographers).

Family photo envelopes are also available at the office.

Your child's photo will be taken, even if photos are not purchased.

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct winter uniform on the day.

Do not wear sport uniform on Photo Day.

Please see the UNIFORM POLICY for correct uniform.

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: Presented by Year 3

It has been a busy time in the Year 3 learning community. Both classes have been busy finishing their artworks in order to have them ready for display in Gabby's Gallery for the SALA Arts Festival.

The students did an amazing job, producing three unique pieces of art inspired by endangered Australian wildlife, using a variety of different mediums.

The results looked incredible on display in the Gallery, with many visitors taking time to appreciate the work of the year 3 cohort during their walkthrough.

In Maths, students have been learning about money, including recognising the relationships between dollars and cents, representing money values in different ways, and how to calculate change in transactions.

The year 3 classes also enjoyed playing a game called 'Race to \$10'. They rolled a 6-sided dice and added the corresponding coin amount to a running total – first person to accumulate \$10 was the winner!



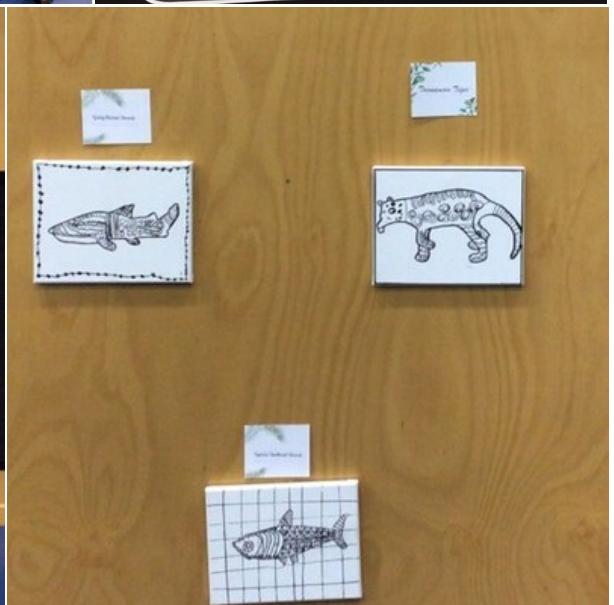
Title: Endangered
 Artists: Year 3B and 3PS
 Medium: Acrylic paint, Black paper, white posca paint text on canvas

Brief:
 In Australia, we have a remarkable landscape populated with unique animals not found anywhere else in the world. Unfortunately, the list of animals which are endangered or have become extinct increases every year. In this artwork, students celebrate the wonderfully unique animals that are unfortunately on the Australian Government's Species Profile.



Title: Patterns on Animals
 Artists: Year 3B & 3PS
 Medium: Sharpie texta on canvas

Brief:
 Australia is home to thousands of animal species found nowhere else in the world. Sadly, changes in landscape, native habitat as a part of human activity and climate change have ensured many of these unique animals are at risk. Students selected an Australian Animal from the Government's threatened and endangered list which currently contains 590 different fauna. After researching what the animal looks like, students practiced drawing their animal before transferring the image to a canvas and adding patterns.



ECOLOGICAL CONVERSION

The Earth Care Squad are doing a great job trying to recycle food waste in the school.

Please try to send your child to school with Nude Food if you can. This will help keep the rubbish to a minimum around the school.

The Season of Creation has begun in the Church. From September 1st to October 3rd is the Season of Creation. The children will be involved in activities to celebrate this church season.

Bernie MEIXNER
Earth Care

COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

Thank you to Community Group for the wonderful organization of the Father's Day Breakfast and Grandparents Day/Book Week Bake Sale. They were both a resounding success. We look forward to many more exciting events over the next couple of months.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Are next meetings will be Wednesday, September 20th 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

ADVERTISEMENTS

The services and events contained in this Newsletter are in no way connected with the school and are included in this Newsletter for your information only. Parents and caregivers need to make their own inquiries and assessments about the suitability of these events and services for their needs and those of their children.

The advertisement collage contains the following content:

- College Tours:** Promoting tours to OLSH and Kildare College. OLSH tours are held weekly on 3, 9, 15, and 21. Kildare College tours are on 3, 9, 15, and 21.
- SA Dental:** Promoting dental services for children. Text: "Your child's dental health is important to their overall health and wellbeing. All children from 0-18 years are welcome to attend SA Dental. There are no out-of-pocket costs for most families. Book an appointment today! To find your closest SA Dental clinic, visit www.dental.sa.gov.au/find-a-clinic. To request an appointment, visit www.dental.sa.gov.au/kidsrequest-an-appointment"
- Come & Try Athletics:** Promoting a "Come & Try" event. Text: "Learn more and try Little Athletics at our free introduction sessions. COME & TRY Sat 19 Aug 1.30pm COME & TRY / INFORMATION NIGHT Fri 8 Sep 5.45pm BRIDGESTONE ATHLETICS CENTRE FROST ROAD, SALISBURY. jets.org.au/preflight"
- Nippers:** Promoting a "Come & Try Nippers" event. Text: "SEASON STARTS 21st OCTOBER REGISTRATIONS FROM 11AM JUNIOR TRAINING SATURDAYS 12:45PM - 3PM From March to June. Member Fee: Seasonal Fee: \$3,500. COME AND TRY SESSIONS available till 14th Dec. \$25.00 for 3 sessions (non consecutive sessions ok). WANT TO BRING: Long Sleeve Training Top, Head Band, Hat, Socks, Water Bottle, Bathing, Towel and Goggles. GET IN EARLY - PRE REGISTER AT THE CLUB. WEB: www.nippers.com.au OR CALL 1300 652 222. ALTERNATIVELY USE OUR COME AND TRY PAGE ON THE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO, DOWNLOADABLE INFO SHEETS, and registration forms. <http://www.nippers.com.au> and try. Alternatively, e-mail enquire@nippers.com.au
- Scholarships:** Promoting scholarships for OLSH. Text: "Various scholarships are now available for new students commencing Year 7 & 8 in 2024. Applications close Friday, 20th June 2023." www.olsh.com.au
- North Haven Surf Life Saving Club Nippers and Youth Crew:** Promoting a "Come & Try Nippers" event. Text: "What are you up to this summer?? Join our Nippers or Youth Crew for a summer of fun with friends at the beach! Season starts Saturday, 21st October 2023 11:30 - 1:30pm. For more information or to register... email: nippers@northhavesurfclub.com.au

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.

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