

From the Principal

Dear Families and Friends of St Gabriel's

Launching 70 Years of St Gabriel's

Last Friday our community gathered for our first ever Colour Run, which was a huge success. It was delightful to see staff, students and parents gather for this fun, engaging event.

Colour Run is the first school community event which was organised to mark the 70 year anniversary of our school. Thank you to all members of the Community Group for organising this event and to school staff for their support.

Thank you to all families for your extraordinary generosity. Overall, **Colour Run raised \$11,500** which will go towards the provision of additional shade for students.

Celebrating Growth and Opportunity in Term 1

As we conclude Term 1 there is much to be thankful for in this wonderful school community:

- The relationships that have been established this term between students and teachers
- The learning progress already being made by students across the school
- The opportunities that we have shared together this term, which included our Annual General Meeting, Learning Conversations, excursions, camps, a recent visit from Behind the News for our middle to Upper Primary students, and of course Colour Run which was last Friday. We also celebrated Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, yesterday's Holy Week reflection and 15 candidates celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation, 7 from our school.

Welcome to New Staff this Term

This term we have appointed additional ESOs to work across our school. Some of the new ESOs already work in our OSHC service which provides our students with further continuity between school and OSHC.

Please join me in welcoming:

- Jessica Cosmai
- Emily Clune
- Oscar Burrows
- Julia Pham
- Stella Tronnolone

We also welcome Emily Rocca who has just commenced this week. Emily has been appointed as Marketing and Community Engagement Coordinator, which replaces the role previously fulfilled by MJ Manalo who left St Gabriel's at the end of last year.

Change of Day for Term 2 Assemblies

This term we trialled morning assembly on a Friday, and we are delighted that families are attending this important community event. In Term 2 please note that assembly will change to a **Thursday at 9.15am**. This change of day enables playgroup and assembly to have separate times in the weekly timetable. We look forward to seeing families at assembly on Thursdays. Please check the important dates for Term 2 available in this newsletter.

Have a Wonderful Break

As we reach the end of this school term, we give thanks for the growth, learning, and shared moments of this term.

May the joy of the risen Christ fill your hearts with hope, peace and purpose. May His sacrifice remind us of God's deep love for us.

*Wishing all St Gabriel's families a blessed Easter and a restful term break. I look forward to seeing you all on the first day of **Term 2**,*

Tuesday 29 April.



From the APRIM

I would like to wish all families a safe and happy school break.

We pray the Lenten season brings each of us rest and renewal, bringing us closer to God.

Let the Easter season bring joy and happiness to your family and our community. We look forward to seeing smiling and refreshed faces after the break.

This term has allowed us to celebrate as a community and witness the good works of all who help make our community special.

From the Opening Mass, Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday to the leadership day at OLSH School, we have all been part of something greater.



Year 3 Special Feature

What a busy and fun term it has been in the Year 3 learning community!

Religious Education

In Religious Education, students have been learning about *Lent* and its importance in the liturgical calendar. We explored how Lent is a time for reflection, kindness, and preparation for Easter, with a focus on the three traditional pillars of Lent—*almsgiving*, *fasting*, and *prayer*. Each student thoughtfully made a *Lenten promise*, writing it on a paper leaf. These leaves are now proudly displayed in our classrooms as a reminder of our personal commitments during this special season.

Harmony Day

Recently, we celebrated *Harmony Day*—a time to reflect on the importance of inclusion and respect for all. We shared stories, traditions, and experiences that helped us appreciate the rich diversity within our school and country. Students created individual artworks highlighting important words connected to our understanding of Harmony Day, embracing the message that *everyone belongs*.

Lenswood Apple Orchard Excursion

In Week 7, the Year 3 classes went on an exciting excursion to *Lenswood Apple Orchard* in the Adelaide Hills. The students loved picking their own *Golden Delicious* apples and learning firsthand how apples are grown and prepared for sale. The fresh apples were crispy, juicy and tasty! The steep walks through the orchard were a fun challenge (and great exercise!), and the whole experience tied in perfectly with our Biology learning about *life cycles*. It was a fantastic way to see our Science learning come to life.

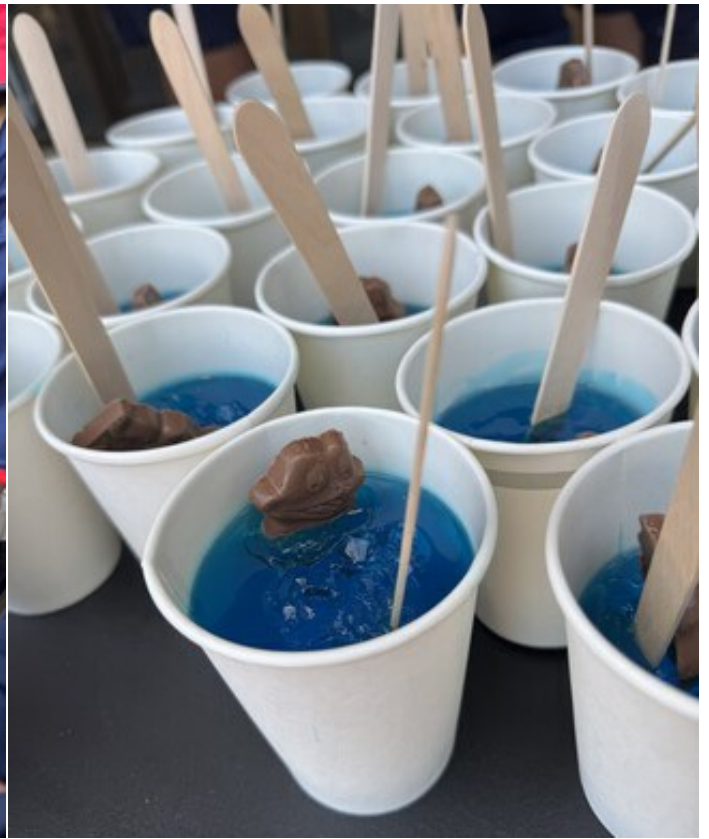


Project Compassion

All Year 6 students contributed selling iced cupcakes and jelly cups which were created at school to raise money for Project Compassion.

The students showed excellent leadership in running their stalls and ensuring that the day ran smoothly.

We are proud to share that we raised over \$700 for those less fortunate.



From the Parent Community Group

*Mother's Day
morning tea*

FRIDAY 9 MAY

9:15 - 10:00 am
ST GABRIEL'S GYM

BOOKINGS VIA QKR! OR THROUGH THE
FRONT OFFICE BY 7 MAY

*Mother's Day
Stall*

MAKE MUM OR GRANDMA SMILE THIS MOTHER'S DAY WITH A
HANDPICKED GIFT FROM OUR MOTHER'S DAY STALL!

THURSDAY 8 MAY

\$6 VOUCHERS FOR YOUR CHILD CAN BE PURCHASED VIA
QKR! APP OR THROUGH THE FRONT OFFICE BY 6 MAY

Limit 1 voucher per child

Event organised and arranged by The Community Group



Aussie Hoops - Run by the West Adelaide Bearcats

Aussie Hoops is an initiative of Basketball Australia and is the National Introductory Basketball Program for children aged 5-10.

Aussie Hoops Clinics are run weekly by various Basketball SA affiliated Clubs (like the Bearcats) and at centres across metropolitan Adelaide. During the program children are taught how to bounce the ball, pass and shoot while playing fun games in the process!

Where: Multiple location options including Port Adelaide, Osborne, Flinders Park, and West Beach.

Sessions: 50 mins sessions run over 8 weeks.

Cost: The program runs for 8 sessions and is \$80 per child (plus \$9.90 insurance & Basketball Australia levies) (\$89.90 total).

There are also Aussie Hoops merchandise packs available to purchase separately at checkout.

This is a great beginner program for players to learn some of the basic

An advertisement for the Adelaide Football Club's 'Train Like a Crow' program. It features three photos of children playing football. The text 'ADELAIDE FOOTBALL CLUB' is at the top. Below the photos is the 'TRAIN LIKE A CROW' logo. A red starburst badge says 'AGES 5-14 YEARS OLD'. The main text reads 'APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC ON SALE NOW!'. Below this, it lists locations: 'MT BARKER | WEST BEACH | WEST LAKES' and dates: 'MONDAY 14 APRIL & TUESDAY 15 APRIL'. A paragraph describes the clinics as hitting the road, bringing action to local grounds in West Beach and Mt Barker. It lists benefits for kids aged 5-14: hands-on skill development, a fun, safe, and inclusive environment, and meeting/training with the Crows players. A red button says 'BOOK NOW'. At the bottom, it says 'Spots are limited - register today and get ready to play!'.

Reminders

- Please return your child/ren's photo permission forms to the classroom teacher.
- Children will wear Winter Uniform in Term 2.

Important Dates

- Week 1:
 - Monday 28 April: Pupil Free Day
 - Tuesday 29 April: Term 1 commences
- Week 2:
 - Thursday 8 May: Reception Excursion
 - Thursday 8 May: Mother's Day Stall
 - Friday 9 May: Mother's Day Morning Tea
- Week 3:
 - Catholic Education Week
- Week 4:
 - Wednesday 21 May: Board Meeting
- Week 5:
 - Friday 30 May: Jam Band Incursion
- Week 8:
 - Wednesday 18 June: Board Meeting
- Week 9:
 - Friday 27 June: Feast of the Sacred Heart Day
- Week 10:
 - Semester Reports
 - Friday 4 July: Last Day of Term

