



From the Principal

Dear Families and Friends of St Gabriel's

THANK YOU for your SUPPORT - Annual General Meeting

Thank you to all families for your active support at our Annual General Meeting (AGM) last Wednesday night. Apart from the excellent parent support of this event, the other highlights included, support from our School Board and Community Group, and our wonderful student performances including keyboard, choir and percussion. Parent feedback was another highlight of the evening, and we are already reflecting upon how this feedback from parents will help to inform the future direction of our school. There will be an opportunity for all families to provide feedback to these questions in due course.

Learning Conversations

This week teachers, students and parents/caregivers from across our school gathered for Term 1 Learning Conversations. These conversations are a celebration of student progress and they also provide a formal opportunity to shape how home and school work together to promote the learning progress of every child in our school. Whilst we offer formal learning conversations in Term 1 and Term 3, I encourage all parents/caregivers to engage with teachers throughout the year if there are any questions or concerns. Your child's teacher is always the first port of call as needed. Similarly, teachers will always contact you to clarify information or share any concerns. As a school we view these occasions as an important part of each child's learning development and an opportunity to work together as partners.

Before and After School Traffic

Since our last newsletter myself and our Assistant Principal, Bernie Meixner have had a meeting with a representative from the Port Adelaide Enfield Council. The focus of this meeting was to discuss Council observations of Barrington Avenue, including parking, bus access, and the current risks related to community safety and wellbeing.

The Council is about to commence a two phase consultation process with residents.

In Phase 1, residents will receive a notification from Council about plans for the installation of a crossing on Barrington Avenue. Phase 2 will be to consult with residents about parking. In the coming weeks we look forward to some proactive changes on Barrington Avenue which promote the safety of all members of the community. Further information about these changes will be communicated once the details have been finalised.

Thank you to those families who have shared their concerns with us.

Term Dates 2025

Please continue to refer to our school calendar for important dates including our term dates for 2025. Our term dates for 2025 include the following **Pupil Free Days**, which cater for staff strategic planning and curriculum development responsibilities:

Term 1 - Tuesday 28 January - Friday 11 April

Term 2 - Tuesday 29 April - Friday 4 July (**Pupil Free Day: Monday 28 April**)

Term 3 - Tuesday 22 July - Friday 26 September (**Pupil Free Day: Monday 21 July**)

Term 4 - Monday 13 October - Wednesday 10 December (**Pupil Free Days: Thursday 11 December & Friday 12 December**)

To support families during these days our St Gabriel's OSHC will be open and available for bookings. Information about how to book for Pupil Free Days will be provided by OSHC ahead of time.

I look forward to seeing many St Gabriel's families at tonight's Parish Bingo event in our school Gym. Bingo starts at 6:00PM.



From the APRIM

LENT

Third Week of Lent

As the Season of Lent progresses, different Gospel stories are read to help the faithful understand the significance of this preparation time leading up to the death and resurrection of Christ.

This week the Gospel reading was the Parable of the Fig Tree, Luke 13: 1-9.

He told this parable: *'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none'. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'*

CARTIAS KAZ

Last week at assembly, Cartitas Kaz (Karen de Sousa) visited the students to give some insight into what Caritas does to support disadvantaged communities throughout the world. This year Caritas is focusing on communities in Vietnam and Samoa. We were told that in Samoa there is a water shortage so children have to go home from school if there is not enough water in their rain tanks.

In Vietnam people with disabilities are being reintroduced to the workforce to help them become self-sufficient and become active in their community life.

Children at St Gabriel's School have Caritas Money Boxes they have brought home, so please be generous in your contribution to Project Compassion.

THE BIG WATER WALK

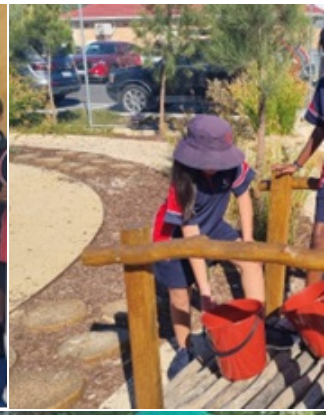
Many students have been learning about the daily trials some families must endure just to have the basic necessities in their home.

One such necessity is clean water. Some communities are required to travel up to one hour at a time to collect clean water for daily use. Some people in communities without a central water supply have to complete such tasks four times a day.

The Year 5 students went on their own Water walk this week to gain some insight into what this might be like. The students carried a bucket of water around the school to see what it would be like to complete such a task. One litre of water weighs one kilogram. The students had up to eight litres of water to carry. The students gained a new perspective about what it would be like to live without running water in their own home.

Caritas Australia, through the money raised during Project Compassions helps communities provide easier access to clean running in communities in need.

Please be generous this Lent.



Colour Run



Get Ready for St Gabriel's Colour Fun Run!

Excitement is building for the **Colour Fun Run on Friday, 4th April!** This fantastic event is all about fun, fitness, and fundraising. Every

student can join in by creating a fundraising profile online or collecting cash donations. Amazing prizes await those who raise \$10 or more, including special Monty the Monstar incentives!

Date: Friday, 4th April

Time: 1:30 – 3:00 PM

Location: St Gabriel's Oval

Make sure your child wears clothes they don't mind getting messy, with a white shirt (for maximum colour explosion) and closed-in shoes. Each student will receive sunglasses and a headband—so get ready to get bright, bold, and colourful!

Check out the sponsorship booklet for more details, or visit the Front Office for assistance. **Consent forms are due by Monday, 31st March.**

Let's make this the most vibrant Fun Run yet!

Year 4 Special Feature

Zoo Snooze

In Week 6, the Year 4 students had the incredible opportunity to attend the Adelaide Zoo for the enjoyable Zoo Snooze excursion. The students went on a tour around the zoo. They saw plenty of interesting and amazing animals, had plenty of fun on the Adventure Playground, with only a few minor scratches. The students were then led through some lessons by the Zoo-educator, including some up-close learning with lizards, skinks, and skeletons! After dinner, cooked by the amazing Year 4 teachers and volunteers, was the night walk. This gave the students a chance to see the curious nocturnal animals, such as the maned wolf and the fennec fox. They had plenty of fun, and some of them even managed some sleep! What a great experience.



Online Safety

In Term 1, the Year 4 students have been hard at work to understand and practise safe online strategies. This could look like a clear and defined balance between *screen time* & *green time*, making strong passsentences instead of passwords, making sure our personal

information is private, and checking in with parents before signing up for new websites or games.

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- The image shows a handwritten list of three cybersafety tips. The title 'Cyber Safety' is written in large, colorful letters. The tips are numbered 1, 2, and 3, each written in a different color. The background is a light blue grid.
1. Use strong password
 2. Don't give out your personal information
 3. Use a secure...

Times Table Challenge

This term, Year 4 have been working tirelessly to improve their multiplication skills. Every week, they get 5 minutes to answer as many of the times table questions correct as possible. It's not about getting all the answers, our goal is to do our best and get the ones we attempt correct. Have a go yourself using the times table challenge sheet. How many can you get in 5 minutes?

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$11 \times 3 =$	$2 \times 8 =$	$6 \times 0 =$	$4 \times 5 =$	$12 \times 12 =$	$6 \times 9 =$
$1 \times 5 =$	$4 \times 10 =$	$9 \times 2 =$	$8 \times 6 =$	$9 \times 9 =$	$5 \times 11 =$
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Community Group meeting

Dear Families,

Our next Community Group meeting will be held on **Friday 11th April at 9:15AM in the Italian Room.**

Please ensure that you sign in at the Front Office before the meeting.

Thank you

Sibling Enrolments

Dear Families,

We are currently enrolling for mid-year 2026, 2027 & 2028.

If you have siblings at home that are turning 5 years old in these years, please contact the Front Office as soon as possible to secure a placement.

Please refer to the link below from our School Website regarding information on Enrolment processes.

<https://sgs.catholic.edu.au/tours-enrolments/enrolment-procedures>

OSHC Vacation Care

Dear Families,

Please use this link to access the OSHC Vacation Care Family Booklet.

[_files/d/20684/Vacation_Care_Family_Handbook.pdf](#)

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Advertisements Term 1 2025

Clearview Kilburn Catholic Parish

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT



WHEN
Friday 28th of March at 6:00pm

WHERE
St Gabriel's Primary School Gymnasium
17 Whittington Street, Enfield SA 5085

COST
\$20 for adults
\$8 for children 15 years of age and under
(* booking fee which goes to charity)

Book tickets and donate through Humanitix
<https://events.humanitix.com/clearview-kilburn-catholic-parish-family-singo-night-2025>

- BYO FOOD
- TABLES OF UP TO 12 AVAILABLE
- LANGUAGE HIGGLE, SOFT DRINKS AND DESSERTS FOR SALE
- RAFFLE DRAW & LUCKY SQUARES
- ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS
- PRIZES TO BE WON




EASTER BASKETBALL CAMP

APRIL 22-24
10AM TO 1230PM
CEDAR COLLEGE

YEARS 3 - 9

LIMITED SPOTS!
BOOK NOW!




ST PAUL'S COLLEGE

REMINDER

Year 7 in 2027
Applications Close:
Friday 11 April
stpauls.sa.edu.au/enrol

FAITH
RELATIONSHIPS
EXCELLENCE
DIVERSITY

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

From 5-14 | Nightly Drop: \$50 | Other Activities: \$12.50

- Nerf wars
- Mighty Days

Mighty Days open 8-12
Mighty Days open 10-12, unless otherwise notified

Book online:
parkers.vmcg.org.au/school-holiday



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