

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



### A Round of Applause for Year 6

A huge thank you to the Year 6 students, our Performing Arts teacher Jacki Williams, and Anita Marino for the performance last week. The students performed with confidence and enthusiasm, showcasing their talent and hard work. It was evident that they thoroughly enjoyed the experience and we are very proud of their efforts. Well done also to our highly capable Year 5 students who supported backstage. Special thank you to Matt Burness, Elisa Consentino and Bernie Meixner for their guest appearance in the performance.

### **Swimming Program Success**

Thank you to Physical Education Specialist Anita Marino for coordinating this week's swimming program for our Reception to Year 4 students. The program has provided a wonderful opportunity for students to develop their water safety skills while having fun.



## **Advent Spirit at School**

As we commence the season of Advent on Sunday 1 December, we would like to invite the students to celebrate this joyful occasion by wearing a Christmas hat or headband to school during Weeks 8 and 9. This is an opportunity to embrace the joy of this liturgical season as we prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

### Preparing for 2025

This week at St Gabriel's, we have started the gradual process of upgrading some furniture in classrooms in preparation for 2025 and commencing the end of year clean up.

### **Upcoming End of Year Celebrations**

As the year draws to a close, we have several events to look forward to and I look forward to seeing everyone at these occasions:

### **Parish Christmas Carols Evening**

Join us for a festive evening with music, joy and community spirit.

When: Saturday 30 November, 6pm

Where: School Gym

#### **School Christmas Carols**

Each class will present a Christmas song. This promises to be a lovely family evening celebrating the holiday season together.

When: Friday 6 December, 6:00pm arrival for a 6:30pm start

Where: On the school oval or in the school gym (depending upon weather conditions)

#### **End of Year Mass**

This special Mass will mark the conclusion of the school year, our farewell to our Year 6 students and staff who are leaving St Gabriel's.

When: Monday 9 December, 9:30am

Where: School Gym

We look forward to celebrating these occasions with you and your family in these final weeks of the school year.

## FROM THE APRIM



#### Advent

This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent in the Catholic Church. It is a time when we reflect on the coming of Christ the King into the world at Christmas.

There are four weeks of Advent which each have a theme. We begin with Hope, then Peace, Joy and love.

Advent is a time of waiting and preparing our hearts to receive Jesus our King into our hearts.

We are filled with hope for the future, peace in our hearts, joy in our lives and love in the world. What better gift could you receive at Christmas?

Included in the newsletter this week for your use is an Advent Calendar prepared by Catholic School Parents SA:



### St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Families are invited to donate nonperishable food items or toys for the Vinnies Christmas appeal. Donations can be made to the school office and placed under the Christmas tree.



#### 2025 House Captains

The election of House Captains for 2025 will begin next week. Year 5 students have nominated whether they would like to be considered for House Captain and their name placed on a ballot paper.

Elections and the final vote counting will take place in the coming weeks and will be complete by the end of the year.

The induction of the new school leaders will take place at the Opening School Mass in 2025.

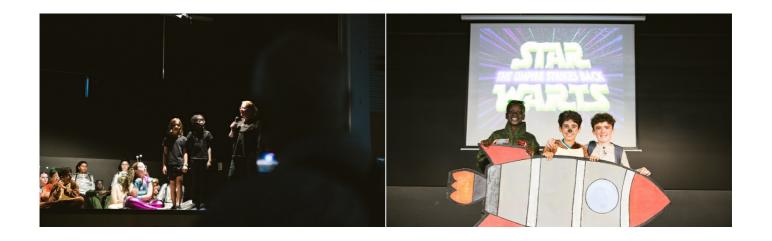
Parents of the newly elected house captains will be notified and invited to attend the Mass in 2025 to witness their children being inducted.

We wish the Year 5 children good luck as they prepare for the elections.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITY - YEAR 6'S

All year the Year 6 students have been working tirelessly to perform in the school Musical, Star Warts The Umpire Strikes Again. Last Wednesday on the 20th November, the students finally got to present their skills and talents on stage for two screenings! The students did an absolutely amazing show and are highly commended for their commitment, motivation and talents. Well done!





## SOCCER CLINIC - SIMPLY FOOTBALL

In Week 6, we had Simply Football visit St. Gabriel's School for a Soccer Clinic. A mixture of boys and girls across various year levels participated in the sessions with an aim to develop their skills. Students have learnt about the fundamentals of the game through various drills and gameplay exercises as well as building their understanding on different rules within soccer.

Soccer has been a very popular sport amongst boys and girls at St. Gabriel's over the years and it's great to see numbers and interest continue to grow. It's been a pleasure to see the students enjoying their soccer and learn new concepts with their fellow classmates.

A major focus in Physical Education this year has been learning new movement concepts, understanding the importance of fair play and participation. A big thank you to Giancarlo from Simply Football for coming out to our school and promoting the game. Thanks to Mrs Anita Marino for organising the clinic.

Physical Education

Nick Hrisafinas





## **COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS**

#### **Christmas Raffle**

To commemorate this festive season, we have organised a Christmas Raffle. You can purchase tickets through QKR! or the front office. Tickets are \$2 and the main prize will be a Weber BBQ.

There will be ice-cream and sweets treats to be purchased on the day. This will only be cash only. Please bring smaller change.

Tickets will be drawn on School Carols night, December 6 Friday.



## **OSHC**

Click the link below to read the OSHC newsletter:

Term 4 Newsletter OSHC

Find out more about OSHC weekly themes & menu:

Term 4 Weekly Themes

Termly Food Planner

Read more about the December/January Vacation Care Program

Vacation Care Program December/January

## **FINANCE**

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

School Fees & School Card 2024

#### Fee Remission for 2025

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 Gemma D'Angelo (Principal) on 8216 9900.

Thank you,

#### Alison Boyce

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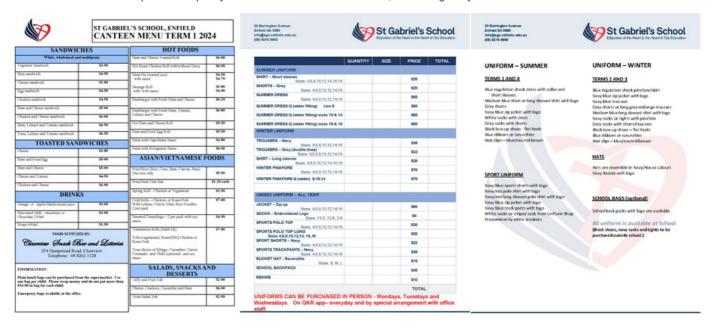
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#### **General Information**

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Wednesday 30 October (all day)

School Calendar



# 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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