



st catherine's

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome back to the 2014 school year. I hope that you have had a rejuvenating and most enjoyable break with your children and that you were able to enjoy at least a week or two of 'holidays'.

It is with a real sense of excitement and renewal that I write this first newsletter for 2014. After spending 29 years as a principal of various schools

- St Joseph's Richmond – 1984 – 1990
- St Francis of Assisi, Newton – 1991- 1998
- St Augustine's, Salisbury – 1999 – 2012

I was then seconded to the Catholic Education Office for 18 months and worked as a Senior Education Adviser and Principal Consultant. During this time I resigned my position at St Augustine's to

enable the school to move forward in selecting a new principal. In 2014 I am on the 'Acting Principal' list and am delighted to be back in a school and at St Catherine's. I am committed to doing my best for the school in Leonie's absence, my main goal being to continue the initiatives and directions that the School Board and Leonie have set for the school, and leave the school at the end of my appointment in 'as great shape' as it is now. Two objective/external indicators of a school's learning program and success are the Early Years Assessment scores and the NAPLAN tests. In 2013 St Catherine's students scored really well in both of these assessments, so I am sure that parents, students and staff alike are very proud and pleased with the learning program at St Catherine's.

Personally I am married to Margret, who is also a teacher (Star of the Sea) and we have four grown up boys and 4 grandchildren (another arriving early February and another in July). Being a parent (like you) has been a wonderful journey (highs and lows) and now being a grandparent is another amazing experience. Having the opportunity to share with you in the growth journey of your child/ren is a real privilege for me and I will do my best to get to know you and your child/ren during this time. Partnership between the home, school and church is essential for your child if we are to support one another and really motivate your child to achieve their best.

Newsletter

I know that normally newsletters go out in even weeks. However, being new I thought it was important to introduce myself to you as soon as possible, so this is being sent out in week 1. We will continue this cycle for the remainder of Term 1. However, as Term1 is an eleven week term (this means the last newsletter for T1 will be week 11), the 'normal' cycle will resume from week 2 of T2.

Out of School Hours Care

Leonie was informed late last year by the Governing Council of the Mount Lofty OSHC Service that the four school partnership was being dissolved. From 21st March each school in the previous partnership must now operate its own OSHC service if it wishes to continue to provide this service to families. Leonie has asked me to investigate 'Camp Australia' - an



Calendar Dates

Week 1

Friday 31 January
5.30pm Welcome BBQ

Week 2

Monday 3 February
9am Playgroup
Wednesday 5 February
3.20pm u/10's Cricket Training
3.45pm Swimming Training Woodside
Thursday 6 February
9am Parents & Friends Meeting
Yr 6/7 Aquatics Camp
Friday 7 February
School accounts sent home
Yr 6/7 Aquatics Camp

Week 3

Monday 10 February
9am Playgroup
3.30pm Milo Cricket
Tuesday 11 February
6.30pm Sacramental Program Family Workshop 3
Wednesday 12 February
3.20pm u/10's Cricket Training
3.45pm Swimming Training Woodside
6.30pm School Board
Friday 14 February
9am Whole School Liturgy hosted by Yr 6/7

Week 4

Monday 17 February
9am Playgroup
2.30pm Assembly Yr 6/7
3.30pm Milo Cricket
Tuesday 18 February
2.15pm Liturgy Yr 1/2's
Wednesday 19 February
9am Parent Literacy Workshop
3.20pm u/10's Cricket Training
3.45pm Swimming Training Woodside

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TREEHOUSE WEB

Click on the links below for all the current news, photos and work from your classroom.

www.stcathstreehouse.com

[Class Pages](#)

2014 TERM DATES

Term 1 - 28 Jan - 11 Apr

Term 2 - 28 April - 4 Jul

Term 3 - 21 Jul - 26 Sep

Term 4 - 13 Oct - 12 Dec

*Please note these dates may vary with the addition of Pupil Free Days

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

OSHC service provider for many schools, as she believes that OSHC is a necessary service for St Catherine's families. Consequently I have met with a delegate from 'Camp Australia' and a representative of the Catholic Education Office, to find out what options are available. The following 'steps' are needed to provide an OSHC service at St Catherine's:

- Community consultation – the community (parents) must agree that the service is needed and be prepared to support it
- The St Catherine's School Board must support the provision of OSHC – legal and insurance requirements
- The Director of Catholic Education must approve this service (a letter is being sent this week)
- The SA Government must agree to issue a license to run an OSHC service at St Catherine's
- Whoever runs the service (Camp Australia) must ensure that all of the current Quality Assurance provisions detailed in the Child Care Services Act are in place and adhered to.

Once school and Catholic Education Office approval has been reached, it takes between 60 to 90 days for the SA Government to approve a license. Consequently I have asked for the Mt Lofty Governing Council to extend their service until the end of T1, as it is very unlikely, even if there are no delays, that we will have a license to operate by the 21st March.

Aldgate Primary has set their charges for the start of 2014 at \$9.00 for the morning session (7.30 to 8.30am) and \$18.00 for the afternoon session (3.15 to 6.30pm). As we are a much smaller centre (an average of 13 students in the morning and 16 in the afternoon), our charges are going to be higher - \$12.00 for the morning session (but this can start earlier - from 6.30am as the minimum block of time for employment is 2 hours - with no extra cost), and \$20.50 for the afternoon session. With the Child Care Benefit (CCB), all families are charged only half of the amounts stipulated and then each family may receive a further benefit, based on the family income (the more you earn the less rebate received).

Vacation Care will not change, as each licensed centre is provided with a certain number of funded places, at which any child may attend. Places are usually filled by application/enrolment, on a 'first in' basis.

If you are interested/need OSHC, on a regular or semi-regular basis, please complete and return the tear off slip attached. If you have further questions, please contact me by phone or come in for a 'chat'. Please ensure that this is done by the due date, as the School Board meets on 12th February and will need your feedback for its consideration to make the right decision for this community.

Reminders

Private electronic equipment – mobile phones, games, i-pads.

- Mobile Phones – these may be brought to school if they are needed for your child's safe travel. For privacy reasons they must not be used at school.

Students must be responsible for their 'safe keeping' while at school.

- Electronic Games – these are not to be brought to school.

- I-Pads – unless your child is working on a 'particular program' which has been organised with your child's teacher, then these too are not to be brought to school. The school has I-pads that are available for student use when needed.

Parents as Partners/Communication

We know through both common sense and educational research that for your child/ren to achieve their best, the home and school must work together. Parent relationship and influence with their child/ren is always going to be far greater than the influence of a teacher. Consequently we need you to always be supportive and positive

Southern Cross is On-Line

To view the current online edition of The Southern Cross Newspaper, visit www.thesoutherncross.org.au

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about our school and staff. If you have any concerns about any issue, then please discuss your concern with your child's teacher. I believe your relationship with your child's teacher needs to be one of mutual respect and support, so if you come to see me without first seeing your child's teacher, then I will delay our meeting until this first step has occurred. While personal meetings are generally the best ways to resolve queries/concerns, for working parents, phone calls may be a viable option.

Our new web page is now online – www.stcaths.catholic.edu.au Teachers will also be communicating with you via their class intranet page.

Staff Meetings

These are held every Tuesday afternoon from 3.30 to 4.30pm. Please avoid making appointments with staff on Tuesday afternoons to enable them to attend staff meetings promptly.

Student Happiness/Safety/Bullying at school

Teachers will be going through safe practices, positive friendship practices and anti-bullying strategies at school during the coming weeks. While we try to work primarily from a positive friendship perspective and student happiness, unfortunately children do sometimes behave inappropriately – just like we do! Should your child inform you of any issue that they are having with another/ other students, including cyber bullying coming from home computers, please let your class teacher know immediately. We will take action in partnership with you to ensure the happiness of your child at St Catherine's.

School Safety

While we do have an appointed WHS Officer at St Catherine's (Mrs Pat Wheeler), school safety is everyone's responsibility. Should you see anyone behaving in an unsafe manner, or a potentially unsafe condition in our buildings and grounds, would you please let Pat know or report to the front office. Every person's safety at St Catherine's is vitally important!

Meet the Teacher Chats - Last Friday

Thank you to all families who attended these meetings – a really great 'turnout'! Verbal feedback received has been very positive. To help in the planning for next year, would you please take a few minutes to complete the feedback form attached. Your thoughts will help ensure that the meeting format next year better meets both your needs and that of your child.

P&F Fundraising

A 'huge' thank you to the P&F for their fundraising last year (over \$20,000). The Year 3 and 6/7 teachers and classes would like you to know that they really appreciate their new round tables (Yr 3 received - Yr6/7 excitedly awaiting delivery).

Calendar

Please 'hold onto' the T1 final copy included with this newsletter. Should anything change because of weather conditions or other factors beyond our control, we will let you know.

Final Word!

My apologies for the length of my 'section', but lots to 'say' for the beginning of the year. I assure you that I will be much briefer in the next edition! I look forward to getting to know you and your children and working with you for the happiness and success of your child/ren.

Wishing you every blessing

Terry Kluzek



Community Welcome BBQ

Friday January 31st

5.30pm till 7.00pm

Meat & bread provided

Please bring a salad to share

BYO Drinks/Chairs/Picnic Basket

Dear Families,

Welcome!

We had a lovely start with happy, excited students and a large, very relaxed and social gathering of parents for an early morning cuppa in the Treehouse. A number of brand new families remarked on the friendly and very welcoming feel of the gathering. Many thanks to our established parental cohort who attended and ensured this occurred! (You were all very good with the washing up too!!!!)

Sacramental Programme

Our journey continues with the next family workshop being held at 6.30pm on Tuesday February 11th at St Matthew's Church, Bridgewater. The evening will focus on the Sacrament of Confirmation. Hopefully since we last gathered, you have made opportunities to work through the Sacramental booklet you received. If not, it might be a great idea to do that now, to refresh you and your child's memories as it has been a while since we last met.

There will be a snack break during the workshop, so remember to bring something to eat and drink. Tea and coffee will be available as before.

The following St Catherine's students and their families are part of the programme this cycle; Georgina, Jett, Ebony, Matthew, Henry, Sabine and Georgia.

Weekly Parish Mass at St Catherine's

Unfortunately, this opportunity is not available to us this term, but may hopefully continue later in the year. We'll keep you posted!

Beginning of Year Whole School Liturgy - Friday 14th Feb, 9 am in Siena Hall.

Weather permitting, we will be gathering as a whole school to celebrate our community and the 2014 journey that lies ahead of us. We would love to have you join us and then stay to enjoy a cuppa and a chat. During the liturgy, new students will be officially welcomed and staff commissioned in their role as educators within the Catholic system. Hope to see many of you there!

Please let me know if I can be of any support to you. Generally I will be at school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays or you may prefer to email me at tstott@stcaths.catholic.edu.au

I'll finish with some wisdom from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.....

"So great is the strength we possess in our unity."

I love this as it is a great reminder about the importance of working together for the benefit of all – which is really what life is all about I think!

Many blessings,

Tanya Stott



Treehouse info!

- Our beautiful Treehouse is open Monday – Thursday mornings from 8:30 and Monday – Thursday lunchtimes 1:00 – 1:30. Students are encouraged to borrow at this time.

- Students may have up to 4 books out at any one time.

- Books are borrowed for a maximum of 2 weeks .

- Please return books through the returns slot in the Treehouse desk or scan them 'returned' with the scanner and put them on the trolley.

TOP TIP! To help your child to keep track of their library books, allocate a special shelf, basket, space etc in your house where library books are always stored when not being used. Make it your child's responsibility to manage this.

Parent Helpers

We welcome any parents who can spend some time helping Natalie and myself in the Treehouse. Jobs include shelving, covering, tidying and on occasion making literacy games. You do not need to commit to a particular time, we take help any time we can get it! No experience is necessary and there is always a cuppa on offer. Please let us know if you are interested.

NAPLAN Dates

The NAPLAN dates for this year for Years 3, 5 and 7 students are Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th of May with a catch up day on Friday 16th if children are absent for any test. Please consider these dates if planning family holidays at this time.

Alison Edwards

ENVIRONMENT NEWS

This term I will be working in Mel Lehmann's role as Environment Coordinator while she is on leave. I am looking forward to working in this role.

A big thankyou to those families who came in during the school holidays to water and care for our gardens. Your help is greatly appreciated.

- Gower family (Edie)
- Rust family (Edwina & Louis)
- DalPozzo/Morrison family (Alexandra & Katherine)
- Robinson/Strachan family (Matthew & Seamus)

Briony Fitzgerald

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education

Welcome to the 2014 school year! Part of this term in Physical Education our R-7 students will be preparing for our upcoming Sports Day held in Week 9. This involves a number of team orientated games and activities to facilitate students understanding of teamwork and co-operation. Activities will explore student's ability to successfully work in their house teams, along with developing team strategies and cohesion during a variety of challenges. In addition our R-2 students will be developing their enjoyment and involvement in sport with opportunities of playing modified and minor games involving many fundamental movement skills. The Year 3-5 students will be exploring cricket skills and games, and the Year 6/7's will be developing their Volleyball skills and techniques. It's been a warm start to the year and great to see the students showing their enthusiasm. Stay active!

Term 1 Sports Calendar

Term 1 always seems to be quite busy on the sporting calendar. Our Senior Class of Year 6/7's will be heading out to Port Noarlunga for their Aquatics Overnight Camp next Thursday and Friday, where students will experience a number of water activities including snorkeling, surfing and canoeing. Swimming trials will get underway next week in preparation for both the Courier Cup and Catholic Swimming Carnivals. Half way through the term interested students from Years 4-7 will begin their Athletics training and trials ready to compete in the Hills SAP-SASA Carnival later this term and the Catholic Carnival at Santos Stadium early next term. In addition, our Sports Day preparations are already underway so please keep Friday 28th March free for our annual twilight event at Stirling Oval. Looking forward to an exciting term!



Milo Cricket

Just a friendly reminder for all existing Milo Cricketers to inform me whether you will be continuing your participation on Monday afternoons this term. Any new students to St. Catherine's from Reception to Year 2 are more than welcome to join in the fun. If you are interested please come and see me and we can arrange your registration. See you all on Monday 10th February (Week 3) for our first session.

Lukas Antoniadis

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

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All welcome

We welcome all parents and friends to join us for our first meeting of 2014 on Thursday 6 February at 9am. The meetings provide us with an opportunity to receive updates from the Principal and staff and give feedback on general school activity but are importantly the main event and fundraising vehicle for the school. All ideas are welcome and we greatly appreciate all input. These are generally informal meetings and younger siblings are welcome.

Cocktail Party - Save the Date!

This year we will again hold a Cocktail Party but a new venue - The Crafers Inn. Mark 4/4/14 in your diary and stayed tuned for more details.



WELCOME

TUCK SHOP

A special welcome to the new staff that have joined us...

Ian Aitchison
Reception/Year 1
Monday - Friday



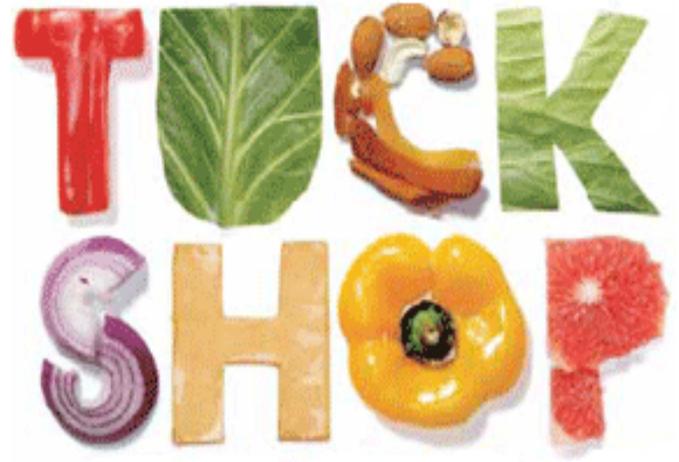
Joanne White
Year 1/2 L
Thursday & Friday



Angie John
Year 1/2 L
Monday-Wednesday



Sarah Wight
Year 1/2 F
Friday



Monday Lunch Times

The tuck shop is open for snacks each Monday.

We are looking for volunteers to help out maybe once or twice a term between 12.30-2pm. If you are able to help in this way please contact

Karen Gower on 0414 366 834 or by email kaz_gow@internode.on.net



Friday Lunch Orders

Maria's Kitchen provides lunch orders for students on a Friday. Lunch orders must be received at the front office by Thursday at 10am.

Menus

Menus for both Monday and Friday will be available on our Treehouse Website.

stcathstreehouse.com/tuck-shop

Introducing our Year 7's for 2014



Being a Year 7 Leader at St Catherine's means.....

....being mature enough to have the responsibilities of a leader and gaining the respect of my peers. Isobel

....that I can help the school and the students with school jobs and activities. Isabella F

....participating in groups and teams to help the school and to motivate your peers.....Acting responsibly in the yard to be a good role model....Treating teachers and students with respect so they do the same for you knowing you are a good person and leader.....trying hard with everything , including your school work, so you can also help others. Sarah

....you have to take responsibility for your actions and take care of the little people around you. Bercan

....being responsible, showing leader skills and setting good examples. Isabella G

....helping little kids, my peers and teachers. It may also mean helping out after school. Hoop

....to be a role model and to look after the younger and older. Makayla

....to listen to everyone's opinions equally and respect everyone fairly. Cooper

....being respectful of everyone. Kai

....to be responsible and to help people in need. Sabine

....helping within the school community. Rebecca

....That you are a good role model, use initiative and act responsibly. Millie

....looking after everyone, being nice and kind, helping teachers in need and always trying your best. Also being responsible for my actions. Nicky

....it is an opportunity to not only lead the gold team but the whole school and I will not only respect the students but also the title of being a leader. Ryan

Playgroup

Playgroup will commence for 2014 on Monday 3rd February from 9-10.30am. Children from 0-5 years are very welcome. Cost \$3 and a piece of fruit to share. Playgroup will be run in the music room at St Catherine's.

Second Hand Uniform

We have a small amount of second hand uniform items available from the school.

We are looking for a new parent co-ordinator who can assist parents and sort donated items. Only a small time commitment is required, perhaps once or twice a week. If you are interested in helping please see Tanya or email tstott@stcaths.catholic.edu.au.

School Banking

School banking resumes on Thursday in Week 2.

A representative from the Commonwealth Bank will be at St Catherine's to assist with any new accounts or answer any queries on Thursday 6th Feb at drop off time.

St Cath's Facebook Parent Community



A positive place where parents of St Catherine's School students can share information relevant to our school.

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/207847549395215/>

St Catherine's parents and caregivers can follow this link and request permission to join the private St Cath's parents group. On your first visit please click on files tab and become familiar with the St Catherine's Parent Community House Rules.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The services and events contained in this bulletin 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 enquiries and assessments about the suitability of these events and services for their needs and those of their children.



EASTERN MAVERICKS BASKETBALL CLUB

www.easternmavericks.basketball.net.au

Are you aged 5 to 10 and interested in learning basketball skills?

Then come to Mini Mavs!

Mini Mavs provides basketball skills training for beginners run by the Eastern Mavericks District Basketball Club. Trainings are held at the Adelaide Hills Recreation Centre on Sunday mornings during the school term at a cost of \$4 per training.

Please contact James Rattus on 0414 472 630 or Bridgette Warhurst on 0419 031 893 for details.



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(Free, four-week program)**

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Senior coaches and players will be in attendance

2014 registrations will also be taken throughout the academy

To book for the academy and/or register for 2014, contact Brenton Wilson on 0408 609 452 or email conollywilson@activ8.net.au

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Classes start 1st week February 2014

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REQUIRE JUNIOR PLAYERS FOR ALL GRADES OF FOOTBALL AND NETBALL

Under 8,10,13,15 and 17.5 for football,
Under 9,11,13,15 and 17 for netball

REGISTRATION DAY FOR BOTH CLUBS WILL BE SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

From 11.00am to 12.00 noon
FOLLOWED BY A FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE

All current players welcome.
Come along for a kick and catch and meet the Coaches.

Contact details:
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FOOTBALL - Marc Richards 0400 184 066