

Important Dates

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Monday 8 August 2022

9am Whole School Mass

Tuesday 9 August 2022

6pm School Board

Tuesday 9 August 2022

6pm Sacramental Workshop at St Matthew's

Tuesday 9 August 2022

6.30pm Debating Competition

Tuesday 9 August 2022

Catholic Schools Cross Country Carnival

Thursday 11 August 2022

International Youth Day

Friday 12 August 2022

Year 3/4 Mass at St Matthews Bridgewater

Friday 12 August 2022

9am Mass 6CD

Tuesday 16 August 2022

9am Assembly 3/4K & 3/4LD

Friday 19 August 2022

7am Men's Breakfast at St Matthew's

Saturday 20 August 2022

Book Week August 20-26

Saturday 20 August 2022

Catholic Schools Open Week August 22-28

Monday 22 August 2022

Book Week Visits to

9am Liturgy ROW

6pm Sacramental

CSMF Combined

Stirling Library

Monday 22 August 2022

Tuesday 23 August 2022

Workshop at St Matthew's

Tuesday 23 August 2022

Schools Rehearsal

Wednesday 24 August 2022

The Great Book Swap

Thursday 25 August 2022

Vinnies Educations Leaders Sleepout

Thursday 25 August 2022

9am Book Week Parade

Friday 26 August 2022

7pm Sacrament of Confirmation at St Matthew's

Friday 26 August 2022

From the Principal



Dear Parents, Friends, Staff and Students of St Catherine's,â€⁻

It has been a fantastic start to Term 3 and the children have settled quickly into the school routine. A warm welcome to our new Reception children who have joined the Reception OW class and their families. We look forward to getting to know you and helping you become confident and capable learners at our school. Also this term, 18 new children have joined our Bambini program which takes place on Friday mornings for students enrolled to start Reception in 2023 and it was wonderful to meet these children and their parents last Friday.

Annually, we conduct a survey for students, staff and parents to collect information about how we are progressing as a school in relation to our Living, Leading, Learning framework. This information is then used to support our strategic planning into the coming year. A link to the parent survey was sent via Skoolbag to parents last week and I encourage you to take 5-10 minutes to complete this so that we have a thorough picture of what is valued and what we can work on improving into the future that supports young people to become thriving people, capable learners and leaders for the world God desires.

Covid-19

Mask wearing is an effective way to reduce COVID-19 transmission and it is strongly encouraged for all staff and students (Year 3 and up) and particularly for adult visitors to the school. Please continue to wear a mask, particularly whilst indoors at the school and at events such as school Masses, Liturgies and Assemblies.

SA Health only requires masks to be worn by students who are over 12 years of age if they are a household contact, however I encourage any students who are a household contact to wear a mask where possible at school.

As always, please ensure that your child stays away from school and gets tested for COVID-19 if they are experiencing any symptoms, however mild.

Young Environmental Leaders Program (YELP) & Wednesday Morning Family Gardening Group

This week we hosted the Young Environmental Leaders Program (YELP) at St Catherine's. Thank you to Krystina Dawe and Jeremy Gramp from Green Adelaide for coordinating the day of learning. It was a great opportunity to share with so many other schools the great environmental work that happens at our school. We also started a Wednesday morning family gardening group focusing on some small gardening jobs around the school - many hands make light work!

Semester 2 SRC and ECO representatives

Congratulations to the students who have been nominated as their class representative for SRC and our ECO team. We gathered this week to hand out badges and discuss the semester ahead. Mrs Dawe and I look forward to meeting with these students fortnightly on Wednesday afternoons.

| Class | SRC | ECO |
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| ROW | Maeve & Harry | Harriet & Ziggy |
| R/1BD | Bodhi & Maddison | Tilly & Indi |
| 1/2F | Mitchell & Lina | Abel & Chloe |
| 1/2J | Ollie & Mary | Arabella & Leo |
| 3/4KF | Aston & Grace | Charlie & Zara |
| 3/4LD | Harriet & Tom | Anton & Lachlan |
| 5K | Ivy & William | Ruby & Cash |
| 6CD | Allegra & Lila | Hayley & Hamish |

75th Anniversary Event - St Catherine's Night of Music

Come and join us on Saturday 17th September for an evening of food and entertainment to celebrate 75 years of Dominican education at St Catherine's school. The food by Indulgence Food Design is sure to get your taste buds tingling and the performing artists I know will get your toes tapping with a variety of music genres from local Hills artists:

Alain Valodze & Mike Bevan - Fresh from the Adelaide Guitar festival

Elizabeth Riley & Jamie Cock - Soprano and Year 1 mother sings with one of Adelaide's leading piano accompanists

Vonda Last - Ngaanyatjarra singer and songwriter

Shaker - Jazz duo performing Jazz, Modern & Pop

Tickets are available on Qkr! Don't miss out.

Enrolment for 2023 and 2024

We are currently accepting enrolments for 2023 and 2024. If you have a child that is due to start school next year or the year after and are yet to enroll them, please contact Cathy Fischle as soon as possible. cfischle@stcaths.catholic.edu.au

Term 3 Calendar

A calendar of events for the term was sent via Skoolbag last week. If for any reason you haven't received this, please contact Cathy Fischle (cfischle@stcaths.catholic.edu.au).

Building Works

There is certainly light at the end of the tunnel! As you drive past the school, you can see the main entrance and canopy which has

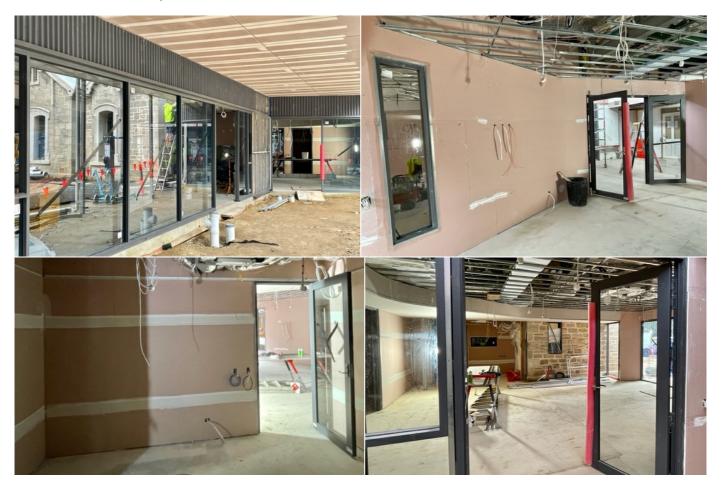
now had the cladding attached. This week, the majority of the glazing has been installed and all of the internal walls have been lined with gyprock. We are really looking forward to being able to move into these new spaces come September.

Warm regards,

John Low

Principal

Building works update



05.08.22

APRIM news

The Feast of St Dominic

Next week we will begin our celebration week which acknowledges the life and contributions of St Dominic. St Dominic, as the founder of the order of Dominicans, has provided us with a great example in accepting his mission from God to live out a life goodness. While not always easy, he took on this challenge and as a result we now have schools such as St Catherine's which continue to live out his mission today. There are a number of activities planned which encompass the four Dominican Pillars of Spirituality being Prayer, Community, Ministry and Study. Families and friends are also invited to join us for Mass on Tuesday morning and students are encouraged to join in the fun on Monday by wearing black and white accessories.

St Dominic's Feast Day

Monday 8th August

To celebrate St Dominic's Feast Day, we are encouraging all students to wear

BLACK AND WHITE

with their school uniform on Monday.

Students can purchase a
Black and White iced donut

Fruit Finger Bun (vegan) Or Muffin (g/f)

\$2

Orders for these goodies are to be made via

These goodies will be given to the students at recess time (please note: there will be no Tuck Shop that day).

Orders close 12noon on Friday 5 August.





We have already had success with our first Family Gardening Group held on Wednesday morning. Families are invited to join me each Wednesday morning to work together on various gardening jobs around our school. As well as being an opportunity to keep our grounds looking good, it will also be another chance for families to connect with each other and further form relationships across our school community. Thank you to those who have already managed to join us for these mornings.



Youth Environmental Leaders Program - Green Adelaide

Our school was honoured to host the second Hills region YELP day for the year with support from Green Adelaide. Seven other schools attended the event and enjoyed taking part in a range of activities including problem solving challenges, making origami compost bins, project planning and a much enjoyed school tour. Our Senior students were able to explain the various initiatives in place at St Catherine's as well as answer lots of the questions from our interested visitors. This ongoing partnership with Green Adelaide, and in particular our local representative Jeremy Gramp, continues to be vital in supporting our environmental work within the school. I would like to thank Jeremy for his assistance in organising such a successful event and to our Year 5 YELP students for their participation and leadership throughout the day.

Made in the Image of God Curriculum (MITIOG)

This term teachers will begin teaching the human sexuality strand of the MITIOG curriculum. This is a mandated aspect of the curriculum and it is an expectation that all staff teaching this curriculum are appropriately trained before doing so. Over coming weeks our teachers will review the curriculum content in preparation for the teaching timeframe and parents will be invited to attend a parent information session on August 16th at 6pm.



ECO Leaders - Semester 2

As we enter the second half the year I am excited to welcome another group of keen ECO leaders to their role. They will follow in the footsteps of those before them by considering their impact on the earth, considering environmental challenges and being advocates for behaviour change which promotes a more sustainable way of living.

"We are guardians of creation" - Pope Francis

Warm blessings,

Krystina Dawe

Assistant Principal, Religious Identity and Mission

APRIM Photos



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Curriculum

Book Week

We are looking forward to celebrating Book Week during Week 5 of this term. The theme for the CBCA 2022 Book Week is Dreaming With Eyes Open.

Book Week is a time to celebrate and promote the joy that reading brings to the minds of children.

During Book Week all classes will be involved in fun and engaging activities related to the shortlisted books for 2022. If any parents are interested in running a craft activity during lunch time please see Narelle Brine for more information.

During Book Week we will hold a Book Swap so students can swap their books from home with their classmates. More information will be sent home in the next few weeks.

On Friday of Week 5 students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character. This is always a fun, creative and colourful way to end our week of celebrations!



Mud Pies

We have some enthusiastic chefs who are enjoying the mud kitchen at recess and lunch. We would like to replenish our used bits and pieces and are seeking donations of any old metal pots, pans and muffin trays that could be used to make some delicious muddy treats.

Please drop your donations to Narelle Brine in R/1BD.





LLL Survey

You would have received a link to the Living, Learning, Leading survey for parents and caregivers via Skoolbag last week. The survey only takes about 3-5 minutes. The purpose of the survey is to find out the performance of St Catherine's School and gives parents and caregivers an opportunity to let school staff know how things are going for them and their children. St Catherine's values your feedback and will strive to respond to the information we receive. The scores are aggregated so there is complete anonymity, but we value your input.

Narelle Brine and Corey Lewis

05.08.22

Wellbeing

Dear Families,

Welcome back to yet another exciting Term at St Catherine's School. I hope your break was relaxing and a rewarding time of connection as a family. Our students on a whole have certainly come back to school happy, keen to share their holiday experiences and enthusiastic to undertake a new term of learning.â€⁻

Action for Happiness Calendar - Altruistic August

Kindness is the foundation for happiness.†Yes, life can be hard and lots of us are struggling. But our small acts of everyday kindness can still make a big difference.

The August calendar is full of actions to help us spread more happiness.â€⁻



To learn more about Altruistic August, you might like to watch the video HERE

I hope you will join me in spreading some happiness and practicing ways to manage our own wellbeing this Augustâ€⁻â¤â€⁻â¢ē

Mission Australia Family Information Session

Catholic Education South Australia has teamed up in a collaborative partnership with Mission Australia to provide Family Information Sessions about how Mission Australia could potentially support your family. The aim of the Information Session is to assist students and their families to gain access to and engage with relevant supports and services, including the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

Please see the attached flyer with the information for when Mission Australia will be visiting our school. As the Leader of Inclusive Education at St Catherine's, I will be at this session, along with Sue Willcock from Catholic Education South Australia who is our Education Advisor in Learning Diversity and Equity at St Catherine's School. I highly recommend that parents attend this session if you are curious about what supports might be out there for your child or if you would like to know more about the NDIS and Mission Australia.



eSafety Parent Webinar

The eSafety Commissioner is running a free parent webinar in August on three separate occasions. This months webinar is about Popular Apps such as TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat and YouTube to help your children stay safe online. Please see the attached flyer and register via their website if you are interested.



How and why should we improve our sleep?

Getting enough sleep each night is super important for our young people, and ourselves! We know there are many benefits associated with a good night of sleep such as being able to learn and concentrate better at school, the ability to form and maintain better friendships with others and experience overall happiness. How can we help our children to have a better night's sleep? Here are a couple of little suggestions:

- Set up a bedtime routine that is relaxing and consistent.
- Where possible keep sleep and wake up times the same each day (try not to let children sleep in too long in the morning this includes the weekends).
- Turn off electronic devices at least an hour before bedtime.
- · Keep your child's bedroom dark and quiet.
- Make sure that children do enough physical activity (sports, running, playing, moving) throughout the day.
- Teach some strategies such as deep breathing or imagining / thinking of nice things to help children off to sleep. It is important that we lie very still to go to sleep and we know this can be challenging for some children and they may need some support.



Kerry Cornelius

Leader of Learning (R-6) - Wellbeing and Inclusion

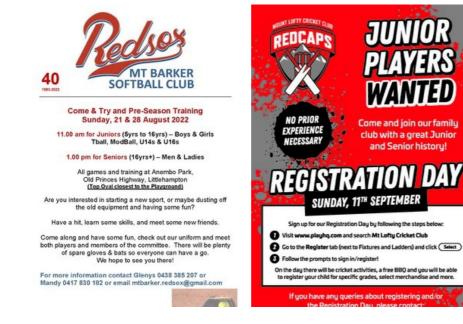
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A Night of Music Saturday 17th August 2022

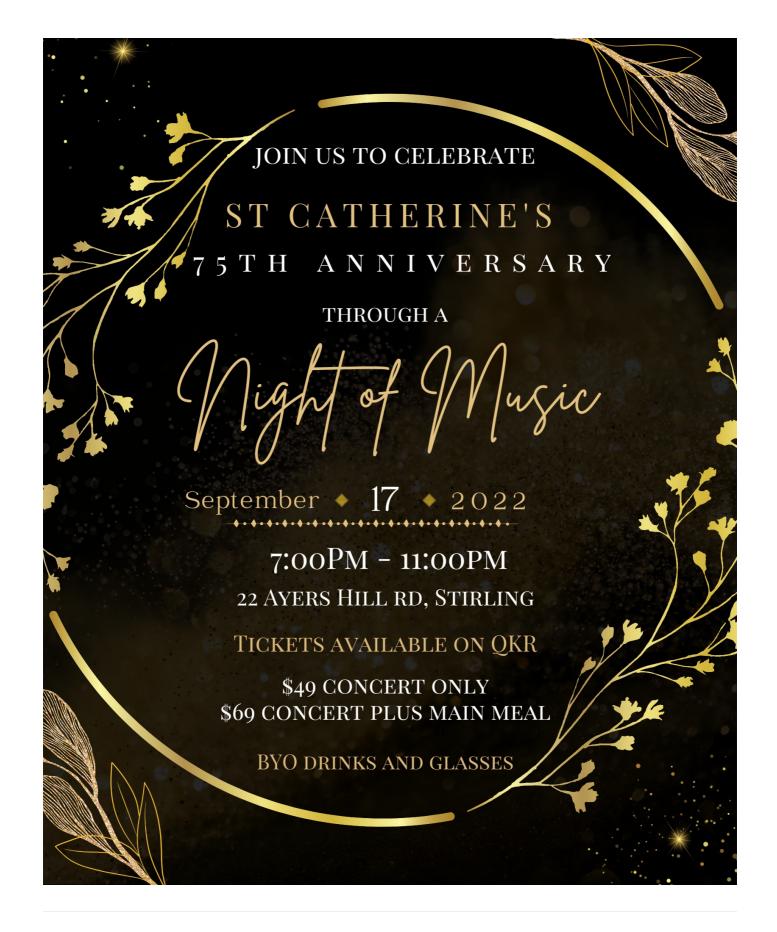


Community Notices





A Night of Music



Assumption of Mary Whole School Mass August 16



The Assumption of Mary Uhole School Mass

Tuesday 16th August 2022 9am in Siena Hall

Please join us as we celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary and her assumption into heaven.

Register your attendance via our school website.

<u>All visitors must sign in on arrival</u>

We encourage all visiting adults to be wearing masks onsite

https://www.stcaths.catholic.edu.au/community/parent-attendance-registration-form

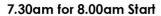




Men's Breakfast at St Matthew's August 20

Men's Breakfast

Saturday 20th August 2022



Our Lady of the Adelaide Hills Hall, Bridgewater



Guest Speaker: **JUSTIN WESTHOFF**FROM FOOTBALL TO SOCIAL ACTIVISM

After playing 280 AFL games with Port Power and retiring at the end of the 2020 season, Justin will share how he his life has changed from chasing a football to his commitment to a range of social issues and his deep-seated desire to make the world a better place.

All Dad's and sons are invited to join us for a cooked breakfast and presentation at the Parish Hall

\$10 per DAD, accompanying sons are FREE

RSVP by Wednesday 17th August to:

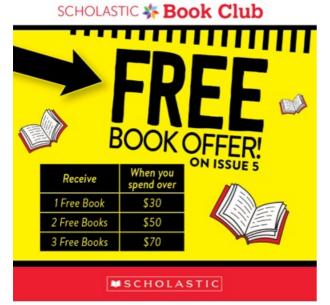
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Which Bin? Free waste disposal chat Sept 7

WHICH BIN!

Do you have tricky items that you don't know how to dispose correctly?

Have you ever wondered if you are putting things in the right bin?



If so, come along to our tricky waste disposal chat on WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH from 9.30-10.30am

- ➤ Bring along any items you are unsure of and we will help you with disposal options.
- ➤ Bring along your own ideas for reducing plastic waste, especially in children's lunchboxes.
- ➤ Come along to share tips, tricks and questions.

Presented by Aliza Fuller, AHC Waste Management Coordinator

Held at Summit Community Centre, 4 Crescent Dr, Norton Summit

Email: events@hecinc.org.au to register if you wish to attend. Entry is FREE

Pre-school age children are welcome.



