



Term 2, Week 9, Issue #20 2024

Important Dates

Last day of Term 2

Friday 5 July 2024

Upcoming Events

School Disco

Date: Friday 5 July

Time: 11:30am - 12:30pm

Venue: Catherine McAuley
School - Craigmore

BRIXPO 2024

Date: Saturday 6 July -
Sunday 7 July

Time: 9:00am

Venue: St Clair Recreation
Centre - Woodville South

Stronger Families: A Positive Parenting Conference

Date: Saturday 31 August

Time: 9:30am - 3:00pm

Venue: Adelaide Zoo, The
Sanctuary - Adelaide

From the Leadership Team



Dear CMS Families and Friends,

It is hard to believe that it's the end of Term 2. It has been a rich and memorable term full of wonderful experiences and opportunities. We wish to thank you for your connection to our school and for the commitment and hard work you show every day in supporting your children to be ready for learning.

As we reflect on the Term 2, we note that we have spent approximately 300 hours with your children this term! That is a lot of learning, relationship building, working and playing. We remember all that has happened and give thanks for the many people who made these events possible. In particular: Class Masses, Liturgies, Class Excursions, Sports Carnivals, National Reconciliation Week, Walk Safely to Schools Day, Small Mercies and 100 Days in Reception to just name a few.

MID YEAR REPORTS

Our teachers have been busily writing Mid-Year Reports, which will go home next week. The general comments will highlight strengths and possible areas of growth for next semester. We trust that parents will see these reports as a true indication of where your child is as a learner at this time of the year. When you speak with your child, we encourage you to reflect not only on the academic grade but the approach to learning as well

We remind families that you will have an opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher, following your perusal of your child's report in Term 3 interviews, these interviews are based on Semester 1 Reports.



KEEP THE FIRE BURNING! BLAK, LOUD AND PROUD

7-14 JULY 2024

NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

We have a small number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at Catherine McAuley, and we are proud of their achievements, and their heritage and we continue to commit to increasing our understanding of their vibrant and rich culture.

PULSE CHECK-IN

All children undertook this term's Wellbeing survey in Week 6. Students are asked seven questions to check on how they are going in areas, such as learning, belonging, safety and support. The results allow teachers to monitor the emotional wellbeing and engagement in learning of their students. Any serious concerns that may arise will always be communicated with parents.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

Children who are part of Children's University are encouraged to visit the CU Portal to continue trying new activities in their own time to build up their hours to graduate. As holidays are coming up shortly, there are also many activities and venues children can visit and these also can be found on the portal. Children need at least 30 hours to graduate.

CHILD SAFETY

With the school holidays fast approaching we remind children about adopting safe behaviours. Children and families are reminded to be wary of approaches from strangers, especially when they are unaccompanied by an adult. If children are approached they should not respond and should not accept offers of rides or gifts.



PARENT VOLUNTEERS

A very big thank you to all the volunteers who have helped in various ways from assisting with our recent Quiz Night, we are very privileged to have your support during Semester 1. Your input and efforts are always much appreciated. We look forward to working with you again in Semester 2!

As we embark on school holidays, we encourage families to take time to relax, enjoy the relief from the hustle and bustle of being governed by time and school schedules. As one parent recently described; "I love holidays as we can stay in our PJs as long as we want". So, we trust students will enjoy the break and if you are travelling, please drive safely and take care. We look forward to our coming together to commence Term 3.

Yours in Faith, Growth and Unity

Leadership Team

From the APRIM

FROM THE APRIM
Maria Girolamo-Corbo



Faith, Growth, Unity

Blessings All

It is amazing how time passes; we are already approaching the final week of Term 2.

So many events have happened bringing our community closer together. Events filled with joy and happiness, Monday Morning Prayers, Assemblies, Various Year level Excursions and Quiz Night. On the other hand, we have also had sombre events bringing us close together through the loss of family and friends amongst Staff and our Families within the Community. With all these events, the common element is we are never alone, Our Lord is always walking alongside of us. This brings me to remember a beautiful poem, which is by far my favourite, and I have recounted this poem many times. The Poem is 'Footprints in the Sand', I would like to share it with you all now.

Footprints in the sand.

One night I dreamed a dream.

As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.

Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.

For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,

One belonging to me and one to my Lord.

After the last scene of my life flashed before me

I looked back at the footprints in the sand.

I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,

especially at the very lowest and saddest times,

there was only one set of footprints.

"I don't understand why, when I need You most, You would leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you,

Never, ever, during your trials and testings.

When you saw only one set of footprints,

It was then that I carried you."

Class mass continuation into Term 3 and 4.

Dear families, if you can join us at the St Ann Parish Church on scheduled Fridays, please do so. Our Class Mass visits will continue, and the students are always so happy when their families are present. The remaining Mass Visits are below.

Mass schedule Term 3

Week 2 – 2nd August = Yr. 4E

Week 4 – 16th August = Yr. 3E

Week 6 – 30th August = Yr. 4R

Week 8 – 13th September = Yr. 2M

Mass schedule Term 4

Week 2 – 25th October = Yr. 3R

Week 4 – 8th November = Yr. 2R

The **Sacramental Program** is well on its way and all the workshops are now completed. We are approaching the final stages of preparations, the practices and then the Sacramental Celebration Ceremonies. We have our first Ceremony, Sacrament of Reconciliation on Friday the 2nd of August. Two students from Catherine McAuley are involved in the Sacramental Program this year, Leila Catania and Ayla Paterson. I asked both girls how they are feeling towards their Reconciliation celebration, and this is what they mentioned,

Leila is feeling excited about receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Ayla is feeling happy and excited and can't wait for the Reconciliation ceremony.

For your information, the practices and Sacrament Ceremonies are provided below.

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| Reconciliation Celebration | Term 3 Week 2 | Friday 2 nd August | 6:00pm | St Thomas More Church | Candidates, parents & carers | Sacrament Program team |
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| Practice for Confirmation and Holy Communion | Term 3 Week 5 | Saturday 7 th September | 3:30pm -5.00pm | St Ann Church | Candidates, sponsors | Sacrament Program Team |
| Confirmation Celebration | Term 3 Week 7 or Week 8 | Thursday 12 th September | 7:00pm | St Ann church | Candidates, sponsors, families, and friends | Sacrament Program Team |
| 1 st Holy Communion | Term 3 Week | Saturday 14 th September | 6:00pm | St Thomas More | Newly confirmed, and families | Sacrament Program |
| 1 st Holy Communion | Term 3 Week | Sunday 15 th September | 10:00am | St Thomas More Church | Newly Confirmed and their Families | Sacrament Program Team |

Centacare

I would also like to take the time to thank you also for the many donations brought into the school weekly. On Fridays I deliver your generous donations to Centacare, and they are so overwhelmed and thank full for your contributions, I sincerely thank you!

I would like to conclude with a prayer to keep us safe during the Term break which is fast approaching.

Dear Lord,

At the end of this school term, we pray.

That you keep us safe and give us rest.

So we start again renewed and refreshed.

Full of health, full of fun

Ready to come and learn again.

Amen,

Blessings,

Maria Girolamo-Corbo

Assistant Principal in Religious Identity and Mission

From the Year 4 Unit

In Year 4, we're excited to share the incredible learning journey unfolding in our classrooms! This term has been jam-packed with enriching experiences across all subjects:

Science: We've been exploring the fascinating world of forces! From gravity to friction, our budding scientists have been hands-on and curious, conducting experiments and uncovering how these forces shape our daily lives.

Literacy: In Literacy, our focus has been on persuasive texts. The students have been crafting compelling arguments and refining their skills in persuasive writing. It's been wonderful to witness their creativity and persuasive abilities flourish!

HASS: Delving into history, we've been diving deep into the First Fleet and its profound impact on Australia. Through engaging activities and discussions, our students have gained a deeper understanding of this pivotal moment in history.

Mathematics: Meanwhile, in Mathematics, we've been mastering addition, subtraction, multiplication and division strategies, exploring 3D shapes, delving into angles and symmetry and investigating chance and data. The students have been actively problem-solving and exploring geometric concepts, fostering a strong foundation in mathematical thinking.

As we approach the end of this term, we are buzzing with excitement about the learning opportunities ahead. Next term promises even more adventures and chances for growth. Stay tuned as we continue to explore, discover, and learn together!



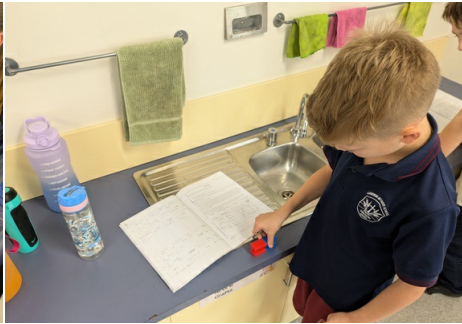
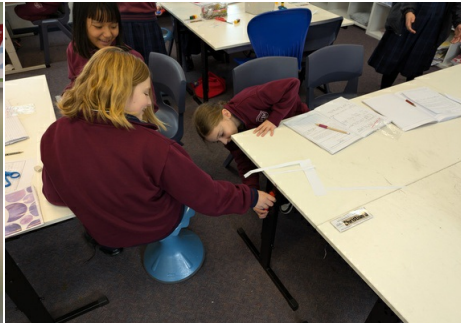
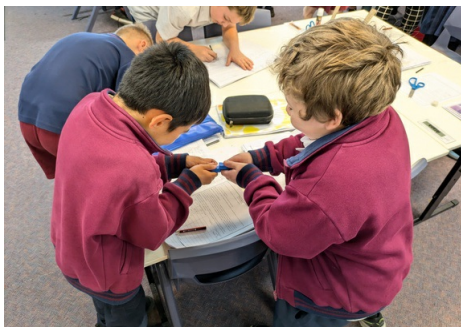
Without trees, the air can become polluted.

Adds to climate change.

Fewer places for us to enjoy.

Need to keep our spaces clean.

Litter can spread disease and cost people money.







Power to Thrive

Our Year 3-6 Defence Family students enjoyed their 'Power to Thrive' Excursion today, run by Port Adelaide Football Club! 🍏⚡ The students had a fabulous day learning about mindfulness and resilience, had lots of fun on the blow up Ninja Course and met many Port Power players. Thanks to Jacqui Langstreth our Defence School Mentor for organising this!



Catholic Schools Basketball Carnival

On Friday 7th June, Catherine McAuley participated in the Catholic Schools North-Eastern Basketball Carnival at The Lights. The round-robin competition was divided up into boys and girls.

All students showed enthusiasm, discipline, teamwork and tried their best. This was evident throughout the day as both teams showed excellent gameplay and achieved great results.

The girls team displayed excellent teamwork and shared the ball around extremely well displaying great skills and energy. Overall, the girls team finished 3rd.

The boys' team was extremely competitive, finishing 5th overall. They started strongly and showed great improvement throughout the day, especially in defence. The team did extremely well to move the ball quickly when they had possession to score some great points.

Congratulations to **Summah Zammit** on winning the Three-point shootout. Summah started the competition with a magnificent swish which proved to be a competition winning shot.

All the boys and girls enjoyed the day and are to be congratulated on their fine sportspersonship during all matches. Thank you to

Katrina Timmins and Mitchell Wood for assisting with supervision and coaching on the day.

PE Teacher/Coordinator

Fabian Chevalier



Lost Property

Can you please make sure your students' belonging are **labelled**. We've had an influx of jumpers in lost property without names on the tags.

Lost Keys

These keys were found on school property. If they're yours, please see the Front Desk.



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HELP MY TEEN



PAUL DILLON

TEENS, PARTIES,
ALCOHOL AND VAPES.
WHAT DO PARENTS
NEED TO KNOW?



**MADHAVI
NAWANA PARKER**

BEING CALM IN
THE EYE OF A
PARENTING STORM

**THE SANCTUARY
ADELAIDE ZOO**
1 PLANE TREE DRIVE

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 31**

**9AM
REGISTRATION**
9.30AM TO 3PM

\$25 + Booking Fee per person. Light lunch included

Tickets available at Humanitix

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Stronger Families: A Positive Parenting Conference

31 August 2024 9:30am - 31 August 2024

3:00pm Adelaide Zoo, The Sanctuary, 1 Plane Tree Drive, Adelaide, South Australia 5000

A Positive Parenting Conference Presented by Catholic School Parents South Australia This one-day event is tailored for parents and professionals involved with youth, offering a platform where prominent parenting experts from Australia come together to share invaluable insights on modern-day challenges affecting children and teenagers.

[Get your tickets here](#)

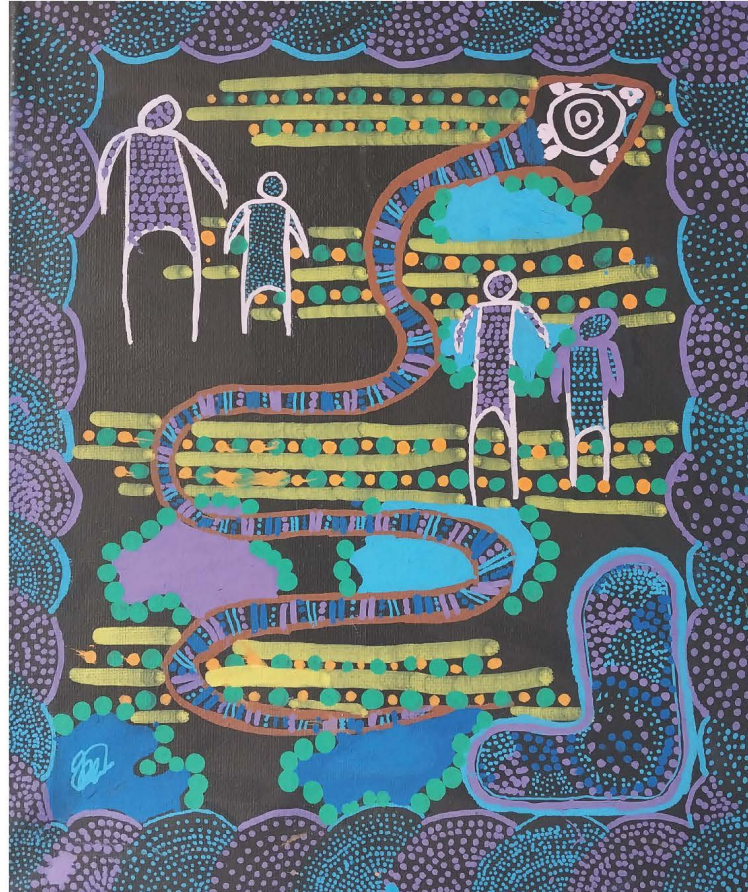


NAIDOC in the North

**FREE
Event!**



**More info
on the back**



When: Wednesday 10 July 2024 10am to 2pm

Where: John McVeity Centre – 182 Peachey Rd, Smithfield Plains

Connect to Culture

Fire Pit

Stalls

Free BBQ

Elders Area

Chillout Zone

Music

Activities

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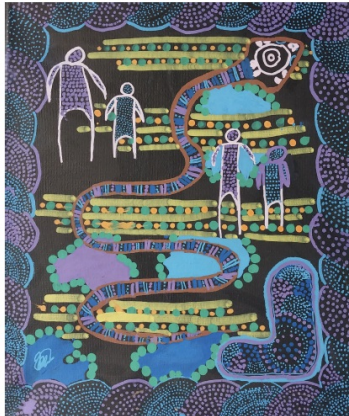
NAIDOC in the North



NAIDOC in the North Logo

By Sam Gollan
Meiwi Aboriginal Art

The Northern network community coming together to promote, protect and share culture. The hands represent the younger generation continuing to grow and learn culture. We walk together.



Event Artwork - 2024 Winner

'Family'
Lori, 10 years old

This painting is symbolic as it shows the family circles, and the importance of the river being the meeting place for water to survive. The river is in the form of a snake as it is located in the middle of the painting and represents ancestry stories.

The NAIDOC in the North committee ran a competition, sponsored by Yara Family Connections, for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people to design the artwork for the 2024 event.



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Shared Oval of Playford PS & Catherine McCauley

Starting 31st July at 3:30pm



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The Southern Cross

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