



Important Dates

National Simultaneous Story Telling
Wednesday 24 May

Sacramental Program Retreat
Thursday 25 May

Year 4 Zoo Snooze
Monday 29 May

Yr 2 ML and 2BG excursion to Art Gallery
Thursday 1 June

Yrs 3-6 Lacrosse Carnival
Thursday 1 June

School Disco
Friday 2 June

Cheese and Wine Night
Friday 2 June

Reconciliation Week - Assembly 4/5P 2.15pm
Monday 5 June

Confirmation 7pm
Thursday 15 June

Assembly 2ML 2.15pm
Monday 3 July

Years 3-6 Netball Carnival
Thursday 6 July

Hot Chocolate & PJ Day
Friday 7 July

Last Day Term 2
Friday 7 July

Principal's Report

Mother's Day Celebrations

What a beautiful experience last Friday, when we welcomed all our mums, grandmothers, and special ladies for a delicious breakfast and a very moving liturgy. The number of special visitors was higher than we have ever had, and we could not have been happier to be able to host this special community function.

The highlight was the liturgy led by Year 2ML where each child processed in with a personally drawn image of their mum and placed it

with great care on the altar. The reading shared was the story of Mary visiting her cousin Elizabeth. Mrs Ridley's shared a reflection with the students about how their mum was a bit like Mary in her hope and excitement about finding out she was to become a mother. The joy that she would have experienced in finding out this wonderful news.

The highlight of the liturgy was the whole school singing to the mums a very powerful and beautiful song "A Thousand Years" by Christine Perri. There was not a dry eye in the church and the children sang it with so much love and pride. Well done and thank you to each of them.

Many of us have inspiring women in our lives, who have shaped us and helped us to become the person we are now and who we will become in the future. I am blessed to have my mum, Frances, still a very active part of my life. Many of my achievements would not have occurred if she wasn't there on the journey with me. She is my hero, and I am sure that my siblings would also agree.

To all you wonderful women – thank you for who you are and what you do for others. We ask for God's blessings on you every day.

Catholic Education Week

Catholic Education Week is all about celebrating the excellent teaching and learning that happens in catholic schools. We have spent time this week highlighting all the individual things that make St Monica's so special. The theme for this year's Catholic Education Week is #LoveMyCatholicSchool. Keep an eye on our socials to see what students, parents and staff think is so amazing about St Monica's. Please feel free to share it with others. You are also most welcome to email the school to share what you think is unique about our community. #LoveMyCatholicSchool

Emily Sayer

Principal





Wine and Cheese Night

We are very fortunate the Virgara family are returning this year to host our Wine & Cheese Night. They are looking forward to showcasing some of their wines. They are also an old scholar family, their son Antonio graduated in 2019. The Virgara family and their passion for wine is creating a new taste sensation - the blending of Italian wine-making tradition with the distinctive flavour of the Adelaide Plains.

Angle Vale has been home to Virgara Wines for over 50 years. With its mild climate and rich soil, it was the natural place for the Virgara family to establish their winery. The fertile soils of the Adelaide Plains, combined with the long sunlit days and cool nights, ensure premium growing conditions for some of the finest grapes and produce in Australia. The lush grounds and extensive lawns surrounding the winery make it an incredible setting for a function set by the award-winning team at Sneaky's restaurant. Virgara Wines is a significant stakeholder in the increasingly popular Adelaide Plains wine region, which is one of South Australia's oldest wine-producing areas. This now re-emerging region is creating enormous interest due to the unique, intensely coloured and richly-flavoured wines.

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Xavier - Cross Country success!

Last week Xavier completed at the North Adelaide SAPSA Cross Country 3km time trial. He came first which qualified him to the next stage which will be held in Oakbank. If he is successful at Oakbank he will be selected in the South Australian SAPSASA Cross Country team, putting him in the top 5 cross country runners for his age group in SA. We can't wait to hear how we went!



2023 Children University

If your child completed a holiday activity which can be recognised as Children's University hours, please ask them to come and see me with their passports. A number of children have completed activities on the Children's University Portal, please send in their passports for stamping.

Remember to consider following Children's University on Facebook and log in to the Portal for ideas.

P&F need your help

Dear Families,

P&F require assistance in the set-up and pack up for the up-and-coming Disco.

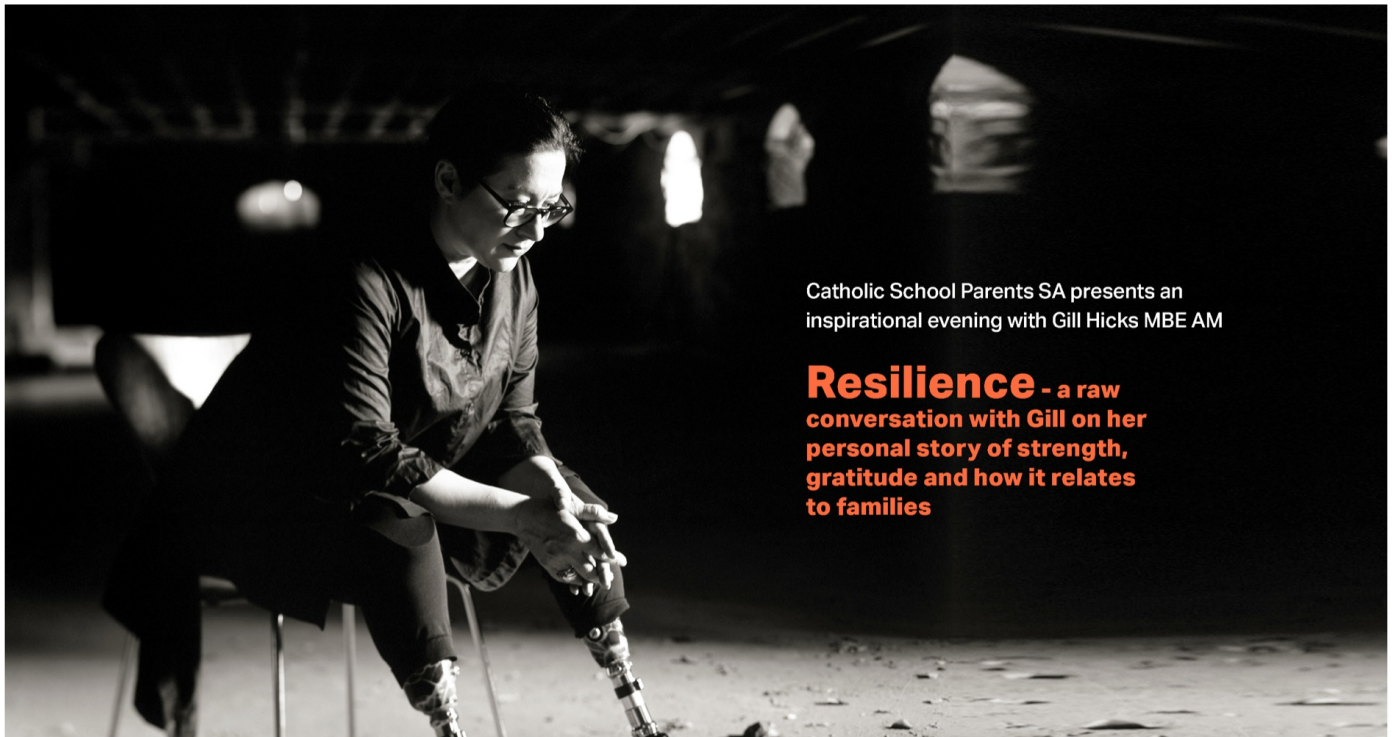
Set up will be from 1:30 pm on Friday 2nd June, and pack-up to commence at 9 pm.

Any assistance would be greatly appreciated, please let Annette know if you are able to help.

Thank you

P&F

Resilience with Gill Hicks



Catholic School Parents SA presents an inspirational evening with Gill Hicks MBE AM

Resilience - a raw conversation with Gill on her personal story of strength, gratitude and how it relates to families

Catholic Schools Parents SA – CSPSA is hosting an incredible opportunity to listen to and be inspired by Dr Gill Hicks, a survivor of the London terrorist bombings. If you are interested in attending please follow this [link to register](#).

Second-hand Uniforms

The parent community has established a private group on Facebook that facilitates the trading of second-hand uniform items.

Please visit www.facebook.com/groups/stmonicasbuyswapsell and request to join the group if you are interested.

The page is ideal for selling items in good condition that your child has outgrown, or to sell items if your child is moving on. Simply post images and your contact details. Alternatively, you can join the group to take advantage of the pre-loved items that become available.

For those of you who are not on Facebook, please contact the P&F pandf.stmonicas@gmail.com and they will assist you with the sale of items.

Please note the sale of old-style uniform items is not allowed. St Monica's Parish School does not manage this page and takes no responsibility for any private sales.

We have joined Instagram

ST MONICA'S IS NOW ON INSTAGRAM!



Follow us
[@stmonicawalkerville](#)

To follow us - [LINK](#)

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Kurna people as the traditional custodians of the land upon which St Monica's learn, work and play.

May we walk gently on this land acknowledging the Kurna people's deep spiritual connection with their country.

We pay our respects to Kurna elders past and present and commit to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

ST MONICA'S PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

DISCO

**FRIDAY 2ND JUNE | SCHOOL HALL
RECEPTION TO YEAR 2: 6—7:15PM**

YEAR 3 TO YEAR 6: 7:30-9PM

Dress in WHITE, BLACK or NEON

**\$5 entry per child to be paid PRIOR to the
night via QKR only.**

Both sessions are LOCK IN

BYO Drink bottle

****NO GLOW STICKS ****

ST MONICA'S NETBALL CLUB



STARTS
26th MAY 2023

HAVE- A-BALL

The St Monica's Netball club is offering an 8 week program for children aged 5-7. The program will be delivered in weekly 1hr sessions, FRIDAY, 4:30-5:30pm.

Location: Laurie Knight Reserve,
Romilly Ave, Manningham.

Cost: \$80 per child

First Session: 26th of May, 2023

Email:

stmonicasnetballclub@hotmail.com

Call: Judith 0404032359

Numbers limited to a maximum of 20.



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Scholarships

Various scholarships are now available for
new students commencing Year 7 & 8 in 2024

Applications close Friday, 2nd June 2023

A Girls Secondary Catholic College from Years 7 - 12
496 Regency Road, Enfield SA 5085 | E: scholarships@olsh.catholic.edu.au





Mary MacKillop College
Kensington

Year 7 2024 Transition Visits start soon

**Contact us for
more information**

8333 6300
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