



# Newsletter 14 2023

## Important Dates

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### Mercy Day Stalls

Thursday 21 September  
2023

### School Photos

Friday 22 September 2023

### Mercy Day at the Monastery

Thursday 28 September  
2023

### Term 3 concludes

Friday 29 September 2023

### Pupil Free Day

Monday 16 October 2023

### Term 4 commences

Tuesday 17 October 2023

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## From the Acting Principal

Dear Parents/Caregivers, Students, Staff, and Friends of St Raphael's School,

### Thank you!

Thanks for making me feel welcome. I know from my previous work with the school over the past two years that St Raphael's School is a great place, and many parents were keen to share with me how much they value being part of the St Raphael's School community. I am feeling humbled and delighted to join St Raphael's School and offer the skills I have learnt as a Principal for 10 years, in a variety of leadership positions, and through my role in the Catholic Education office observing best practice in many of our 101 schools.

### It's an exciting time for St Raphael's School

As we build new facilities, including our nearly \$5M significant building works at the front of the school, the aim for this is to be finished by early 2024. The significant building works on Glen Osmond Road will be for brand new contemporary learning spaces for students and also provide an opportunity for us to re-develop and replenish other areas of the school. The building works are part of our continued

improvement as a school.

Details on the redevelopment are available [here](#).

## R U Ok?

In an era of growing awareness about the importance of mental health, this day provides an opportunity for us to care for each other as.

[R U Ok? A conversation that could change your life](#)

## Congratulations

Congratulations to our Reception teacher Louise Rowson on the announcement of her engagement to Craig.

Best Wishes

**Mark Simpson**

*Acting Principal*

## Religious Education News



Dear Parents and Careers

Welcome to Week 8 and we welcome the sunshine and beautiful weather. Our Catholic Church has a focus on the Care of Creation which begins on 1 September and to observe the Season of Creation between that day and 4 October –the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. The Season of Creation is a response to the growing environmental concerns facing the world. The season seeks to care for the planet as part of their religious duty.

At St Raphael's School, our staff have been designing units of work which focus on the children's connection to nature. They have designed some very rich units of learning which will be shared with the broader community. Archdiocese Radio will be coming next week to interview some staff for a Podcast about their teaching, learning and student outcomes. This is a great promotion of our school and the standard of teaching and learning that we have here today.

## Catherine McCauley

Catherine McCauley was an Irish woman who founded the Sisters of Mercy in Dublin in 1831.

The congregation was established to serve the poor, sick and uneducated in Ireland. Catherine McCauley's work was deeply rooted in her Catholic faith and the principles of mercy, compassion and service to others.

Catherine McCauley's dedication to serving the less fortunate and her establishment of the Sister of Mercy have left a lasting legacy of compassion and social justice in the Catholic Church and beyond. Her work is an inspiration to all people. At St Raphael's School we are deeply committed to the values of the Sisters of Mercy and have been privileged in the past to have them teaching and leading in our school and we continue to keep the Mercy legacy alive throughout the school. Catherine McCauley is known for many inspirational quotes. One of her most famous quotes is:

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

## Mercy Week

It is from the Mercy tradition that we celebrate Mercy Week here at St Raphael's, which will run from 21 September through to 28 September.

We will focus on a particular aspect of the Mercy Values, history and outreach throughout this week, culminating with an excursion to the Monastery at Glen Osmond which will include a variety of activities.

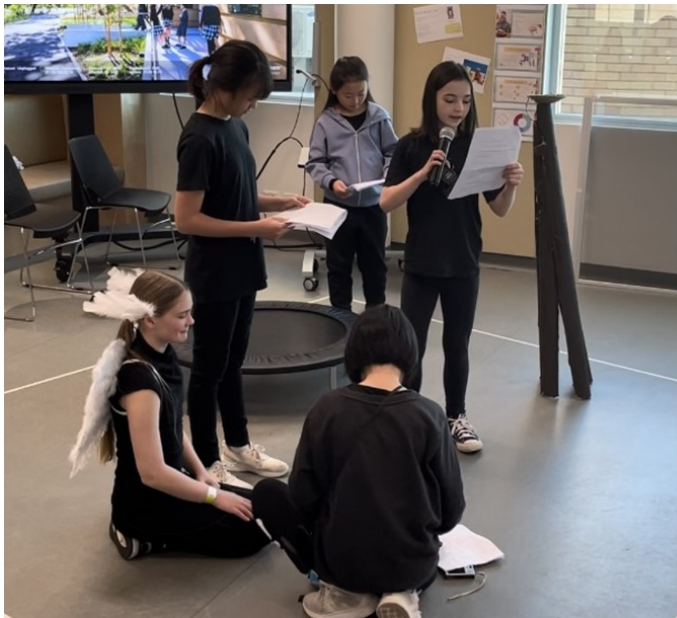
To launch Mercy Week, the Year 6 students have been organising stalls for 21 September. Monies collected from these stalls will be forwarded to Catholic Charities. Please see further information regarding the stalls in this newsletter. It will be a wonderful week of immersion through our Mercy legacy and charism.

Peace and Blessings,

**Helena Card**

*Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission*

## From the Director of Learning



## Tournament of Minds

What a wonderful and talented group of students we had for our inaugural year of Tournament of Minds. For 6 weeks our teams have been preparing for the long-term challenge. Tournament of Minds offers real world benefits as it looks beyond academic achievement and understands that the pursuit of excellence knows no boundaries.

The Tournament process provides a platform for excellence and equips participants with twenty-first century skills and strategies.

## Objectives

- Provide the stimulation of real, open-ended challenges
- Develop creative problem-solving approaches and techniques
- Foster cooperative learning and teamwork
- Promote knowledge and appreciation of self and others
- Encourage experimentation and risk taking
- Expand and reward creative and divergent thinking
- Stimulate a spirit of inquiry and a love of learning
- Develop enterprise
- Celebrate excellence

St Raphael Team 1 consisted of Caroline, Celine, Loraine, Ebony, and Isla. Their long-term challenge was based on STEM. They had to

create a 10-minute presentation on making a replacement exotic bird, and the effect on the economy. The bird needed to fly freely and unaided without support.

St Raphael's Team 2 consisted of Mila, Maria, Leo, and Reggie. Their long-term challenge was on The Arts. They had to design and assemble a presentation based on a particular artist. They needed a soundscape to match and persuade the audience why their installation should be chosen.

Both teams then participated in a short-term spontaneous challenge. This requires rapid interchange of ideas, the ability to think creatively and group cooperation skills.

**Corey-Lee Lewis**

*Assistant Principal - Leader of Learning*

## Class Structure Planning 2024



**St Raphael's School**  
P A R K S I D E

As we begin to plan our class structures for 2024 we need your support in confirming whether your child will be continuing their enrolment at St Raphael's School in 2024. [A copy of the letter sent home to families in Week 5 is available here.](#)

Please confirm your child/children's status for 2024 by this Friday 15 September by filling in the form or emailing [info@raph.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@raph.catholic.edu.au)

## Mercy Day Stalls "Year 6 Economics and Business



**Mercy Works**

SISTERS OF MERCY IN AUSTRALIA & PAPUA NEW GUINEA

*Mercy -  
Walking Together.  
Changing Lives.*

This term, Year 6 students have been learning about Economics and Business, and they have organised a fair for St Raphael's School students on Thursday 21 September (Week 9). The fair will run for about an hour, and students will be able to visit stalls run by Year 6 students. There will be Lucky Disco Hour, 5-a-Side Soccer Shootout, Basketball Prized Shootout, and The Jem, Max and Brax Nerf Shootout. (There will be no food and drink stalls, so students will bring their normal recess and lunch for the day.) All monies raised will be donated to Mercy Works, who support disadvantaged communities around Australia. Please support our Year 6 entrepreneurs and Mercy Works by sending your child to the fair with some money to spend at the stalls. Stalls will range from approximately 50 cents to \$1.50. Thank you.

School Photo Day is Friday 22 September.

# Say Cheese



School photo day is Friday 22 September and envelopes for ordering photos were sent home with students last week. Important information about our school photo day and ordering of photos is available [here](#).

If you require family photos, please ensure a "Family Photo" envelope is collected from the front office prior to this day. There are also spare envelopes for ordering of photographs available from the front office if required.

Please ensure students are wearing full formal uniform on school photo day.

## Coffee with Mark Simpson our Acting Principal

# COFFEE WITH THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Mark Simpson would like to invite you to have a free barista-made cup of coffee with him on the last Monday of Term 3 from 8:30am.



Our new acting principal, Mark Simpson would like to invite you to have a free barista-made cup of coffee with him on the last Monday of the school term, September 25 from 8:30am.

The coffee van will be at the kiss and drop serving all sorts of delicious beverages for you to enjoy, so take this opportunity to recharge and steal a few minutes for yourselves before the final week starts, you've earned it!

This is a great opportunity for you to meet Mark and ask any questions you may have about the school. We hope to see you all there and look forward to spending some quality time together.

## From the School Counsellor



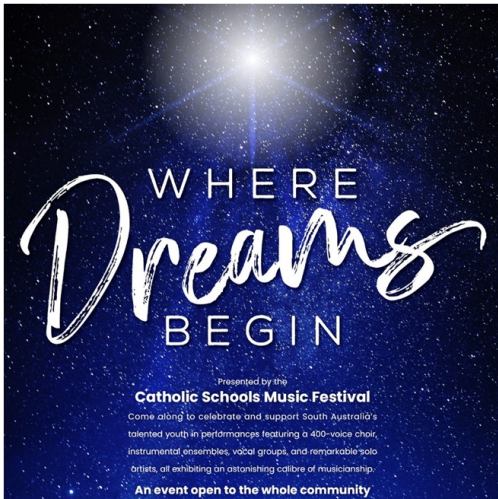
### Is my child anxious or just angry?

Understanding why children become aggressive is really important for how we manage the behaviour/s as parents. It is easy to assume that a child is just being naughty, but underneath anger are always other emotions or triggers. Karen Young from 'Hey Sigmund' has an article that talks about anxiety manifesting as anger and meltdowns in children, and ways parents can support their child. <https://www.heysigmund.com/anxiety-or-aggression-children/>

**Sarah Byrnes**

*School Counsellor*

## Performing Arts



### Choir Ensemble

Participating Year 5 and 6 students

#### **Rehearsal at Loretto College:**

In Week 6, our singers attended a combined rehearsal at Loretto College for all schools participating in this year's Catholic Schools Music Festival on Friday 29 September in Week 10.

I am happy to report that all choral singers put their best foot forward while demonstrating a high level of enthusiasm and truly 'holding their own' during the combined rehearsal. Please see the photographs from the excursion below.

## Catholic Schools Music Festival Performance:

'Where Dreams Begin'

WHEN: Friday 29 September

TIME: Performance starts at 7:30pm

WHERE: Adelaide Festival Centre

### Purchasing Tickets

An email regarding ticket sales went home to all participating students families at the beginning of Term 3, although if you have not yet purchased your seats for the performance, tickets are still available via the Ticketek website [www.premier.ticketek.com.au](http://www.premier.ticketek.com.au) (and search for 'Where Dreams Begin' in event search box). Reminder: When you are purchasing tickets online, please ensure that you select the FRIDAY evening performance from the drop box. Each year the festival organisers allocate ONE performance evening for each participating school, and this year we have been fortunate enough to be placed on the FRIDAY evening - which is also the last day of school for Term 3.

In addition, please note that the Catholic Schools Music Festival is an event open to the general public and thus, you do not need to have a child currently participating in the St Raphael's School Choir Ensemble to attend. In fact, we strongly encourage all students who are thinking of joining the Choir Ensemble next year to attend with their peers and families.

**Amanda Flynn**

*Performing Arts Coordinator*

## Sports Report



In the past fortnight we saw the Touch Football Carnival cancelled due to poor weather conditions on the day. This was upsetting for the students who had worked so hard on developing their skills over the past 5 weeks. Due to the nature of SACPSSA's busy calendar, the tournament will unfortunately not be rescheduled. Payments will be refunded for this.

We have decided that St Raphael's School will run its very own Touch Football Carnival in Term 4. This carnival will run during PE week, allowing students ample opportunities to compete in a round robin tournament which will conclude with a Grand Final match being played out in front of the younger years. More information in regard to this will be posted in the coming weeks.

As always, should you have any questions regarding anything PE/Sports related, please don't hesitate to reach out [ctucker@raph.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ctucker@raph.catholic.edu.au)

## School Sport Results

Week 6:

Year 5/6 Netball: St Raphael's 15 defeated St Dominic's 7

Week 7:

Year 5/6 Netball: No Game (due to weather conditions)

### Term 3 Kelly Sports R-5

The Kelly Sports Program continues this week for Reception – Year 2. Sessions are held on Wednesdays after school from 3:15pm - 4:00pm. It is not too late to register your child. Please be mindful that you must be on time and pick your child up at 4:00pm otherwise they will be sent to OSHC.

Term 4 Kelly Sports Program flyers were sent home with students last week and copies are available below. Nominations will open once the forms are sent through and finalised.

Years 3 to 5 Volleyball Program flyer is available [here](#).

Reception to Year 2 Multi-sport Program flyer is available [here](#).

#### **Corey Tucker**

*P.E. Teacher and Sports Coordinator*

## Year 1 Class Page



In Visual Arts this term, the Year 1 learners used Viewpoints to explore the artwork of Aboriginal artist Judy Watson, a Waanyi artist from north-east Queensland. They were inspired by Judy's spine and teeth artwork (mundirri banga mayi, 2019) to create their own artwork using natural objects. Students collected leaves and used them to create leaf monoprints. This week, learners will also be using natural objects such as rocks, gum nuts and seedpods, to stamp onto their artwork. Then, finally they will use bush brushes to add paint textures to their masterpiece. This project has enabled our Year 1 learners to connect with God through nature as part of our school wide nature and spirituality inquiry this term.





## School Disco



Please enjoy the photo gallery below from our school disco which was held on Friday 1 September. As the photos show, lots of fun was had by everyone! Thank you to Mr Sicari and the Year 6 students for planning this event. Thank you also to Katrina for organising the nibbles and drinks at the Parkside Hotel for parents to attend while their children enjoyed the disco. What a great night.



# Parents and Friends Committee

Everyone's  
welcome

## Poppies Project for Remembrance Day

We, at St Raphael's School, are proud to announce our Poppies Project for Remembrance Day. We would like to invite all of our students and their families to participate in this project. To honor this solemn day, we will be creating a special Remembrance Board that will display the red poppy flowers that are knitted or crocheted by our community members.

The red poppy has been a symbol of remembrance since the end of World War I. It is a symbol that honors the brave people who have fought and died for our country. The Remembrance Board that we are creating will serve as a tribute to these brave individuals, and as a reminder of the sacrifices that they have made.

We encourage everyone in our community to participate in this project. Whether you are a skilled knitter or a beginner, your contribution will be greatly appreciated. Together, we can create a beautiful display that honors the memory of those who have served our country. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing your poppies on our Remembrance Board.

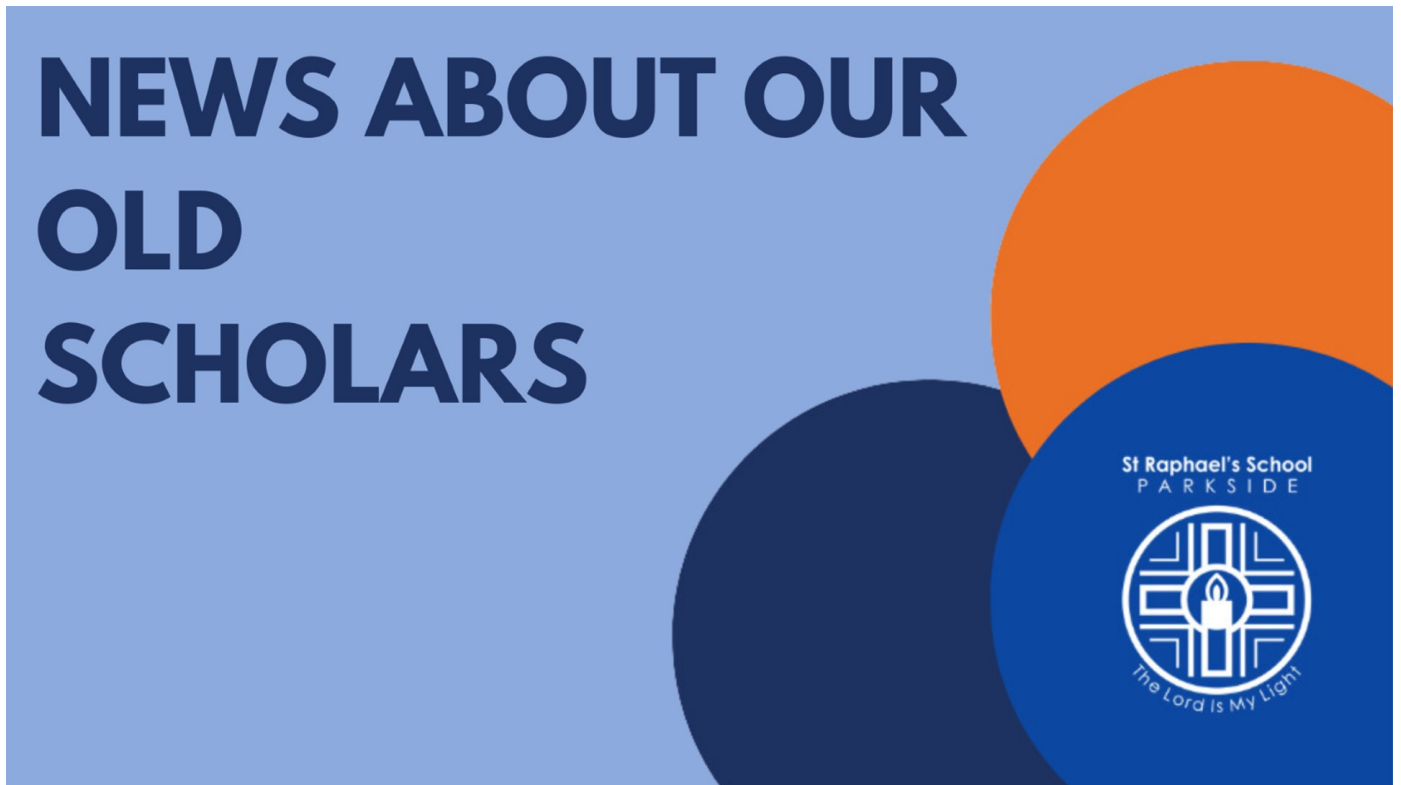
If you would like to participate, please contact Katrina on [ktucker@raph.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ktucker@raph.catholic.edu.au) for a pattern. All poppies are to be delivered to the front office once finished and no later than the end of Week 1 Term 4, Friday October 20.

## Next meeting

Everyone is encouraged to join us for our next meeting on Monday evening 6pm to 7pm September 25 via TEAMS. If you'd like to join this meeting, please email Katrina on [ktucker@raph.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ktucker@raph.catholic.edu.au)

### **Katrina Tucker**

*Marketing and Communications Coordinator*



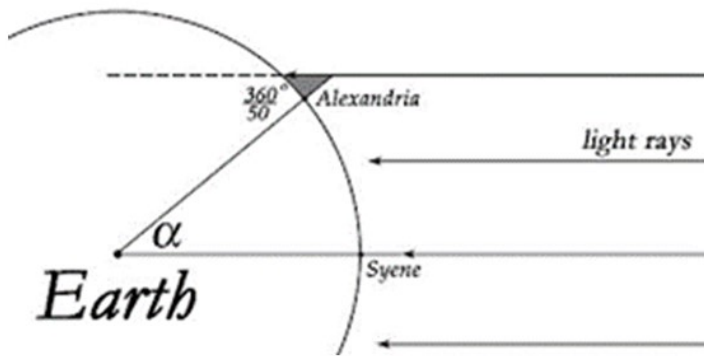
Recently, Archie a former St Raphael's School graduate and now Year 9 student from Mercedes College, visited our Year 6 students to talk about transitioning to secondary school. It was a wonderful experience for our students to see someone who they may remember not so long ago being a primary school student, now a bigger and older secondary school student.

Archie shared his wisdom, knowledge, and humour with our students. He emphasised the importance of being respectful and listening to your teachers, always trying new things even if you are unsure, and being kind to yourself and others. Our students found these takeaways to be valuable and inspiring.

We are grateful to Archie and Mercedes College for taking the time to come and speak to our students. It was a great opportunity for them to learn about the transition to secondary school from someone who has recently gone through it. We hope that our students will take Archie's advice to heart and use it to help them succeed in their future endeavours.



## Learner Writings



It's always been important to understand the world we live in. Given recent Google trends, this has never been more important. You may not believe this but sadly, more and more people today once again think the Earth is flat. In this explanation, Eratosthenes uses facts from his 'Well Theory' to explain why he believes the world is a sphere. A 'sphere' is a round, 3D object like a tennis ball.

Eratosthenes asked his companion to check the shadow in a well in Syene at noon when the sun was directly above the well. They agreed that there shouldn't be a shadow in the well. They were both correct, there wasn't a shadow. Eratosthenes' companion thought that this would bring an end to Eratosthenes' crazy idea that Earth is a sphere.

At exactly the same time, Eratosthenes was in Alexandria which is much further north from Syene. When he looked in a well, he found a shadow! Eratosthenes then took factual measurements of the shadow in the well.

Once they finished their investigations. Eratosthenes and his companion met up to discuss what was in their well. His companion went first and told him that there where no shadows in his well. Then Eratosthenes went and told his companion that he had found a shadow in his well and had recorded the measurement to prove it.

In conclusion, we need to stop just believing random opinions we read on the internet that haven't been proven with scientific facts and theories.

The image above shows the light rays at 12 noon wells in Alexandria and Syene.

## Upcoming OSHC Events



**SEPTEMBER 15**  
**THIS FRIDAY NIGHT IN OSHC**  
**is P'J's & MOVIE NIGHT!**

**AFTER A BIG WEEK OF SCHOOL. CHANGE INTO SOMETHING COMFY & COME TO OSHC AND RELAX!**

**YOU CAN WATCH A MOVIE ON THE BIG SCREEN. EAT SOME POPCORN AND CHILL. WHILE ANNE MAKES YOU SOME YUMMY "SMORES" FOR SNACK.**

**GET YOUR PARENTS TO BOOK YOU IN ASAP SO ANNE CAN MAKE SURE SHE HAS ENOUGH CHOCOLATE AND MARSHMALLOWS FOR YOUR SMORES!**





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## Parish Bulletin



The latest Parish Bulletin is available here for families to read.

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St Raphael's School  
PARKSIDE

# POPPIES PROJECT FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

Please see our Parents and Friends Committee article for mor details.

## School Arrival Time

# Reminder



Our school opens at 8:30am. Learning commences at 8:50am and gates are locked at this time. If your child arrives at school after 8:50am, you will need to sign them in at the office.

## School Hats





We are a SunSmart school and all students must wear hats during recess, lunch and outdoor activities from 1 August to 30 April.



# Catholic School Parents

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

Catholic School Parents SA is pleased to present:

Helping children and teenagers respond to friendship difficulties and bullying

Presented by Madhavi Nawana Parker.

More information is available here.



**Wednesdays  
10am-12pm**

**196 Glen Osmond Rd.  
Fullarton 5063**

**Contact the team to  
book your spot today!**

**08 7228 6280**

## PLAYGROUP AT GUARDIAN CHILDCARE & EDUCATION FULLARTON

Unsure if childcare will suit you & your families needs? Come to one of our playgroups to see what childcare looks like and meet our team.

### Meet Our Educators

Spend time with our qualified and experienced educators. Ask all your childcare questions and meet other parents.

### Explore Our Purpose-Built Environments

Test out our brand-new environments filled with aesthetically-pleasing resources to engage and enrich your child's learning and development.

### Sample Our Delicious & Nutritious Menu

Try some of our meals cooked in-Centre by our Centre Cook Sue.

**Guardian**  
Childcare & Education



Not sure about childcare?  
Chat to our Centre Leadership Team about what to expect when you attend a Guardian Childcare and Education Centre.

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