



St Raphael's School Newsletter 7, 2024

Upcoming Events

Assembly with 5/6B

Date: Friday 9 August
Time: 9:05am
Venue: The Hall at St Raphael's School -

Mini Monet's

Date: Friday 9 August -
Sunday 11 August
Venue: The Monastery -

Dress up as a Super Hero Day for National Anti- Bullying Day

Date: Wednesday 14 August
Venue: St Raphael's School
- Parkside

Community Prayer with 5/6 B and Reception

Date: Thursday 15 August
Time: 9:05am
Venue: The Hall at St
Raphael's School -

Incursion: Legally Blonde Theatrical Performance

Date: Thursday 15 August
Time: 11:00am - 12:15pm
Venue: The Hall at St
Raphael's School -

Principal's Tour

Book Week and

Book Fair

Whole School

Date: Sunday 18 August
Time: 2:00pm
Venue: St Raphael's School
- Parkside

Catholic Schools Open Week

Date: Monday 19 August -
Friday 23 August
Venue: St Raphael's School
- Parkside

Date: Wednesday 21 August
- Friday 23 August
Venue: The Loft St
Raphael's School - Adelaide

Liturgy in St Raphael's Church led by Reception, Yr 1 and 2.

Date: Wednesday 21 August
Time: 9:30am
Venue: St Raphael's Church
- Parkside

Principal's Tour

Date: Thursday 22 August
Time: 9:30am
Venue: St Raphael's School
- Parkside

Principal's Tour

Date: Sunday 8 September
Time: 1:00pm
Venue: St Raphael's School
- Parkside

Book Week Parade

Date: Friday 23 August
Time: 9:15am
Venue: St Raphael's School
- Parkside

Board Meeting

Date: Tuesday 27 August
Venue: St Raphael's School
- Parkside

Excursion to St Raphael's Church for a 'Show and Tell' plus 'Q&A' session for Reception and Year 1.

Date: Friday 30 August
Time: 1:30pm
Venue: St Raphael's Church
- Parkside

Father's Day breakfast, prayer and blessing

Date: Friday 30 August
Venue: St Raphael's School
- Parkside

SACPASSA Touch Football Carnival

Date: Tuesday 3 September
- Thursday 5 September
Venue: Not at school -

Assembly hosted by Reception

Date: Friday 6 September
Time: 9:05am
Venue: The Hall at St
Raphael's School -

Community Fair Day

Date: Sunday 8 September
Time: 11:00am - 3:00pm
Venue: St Raphael's School
- Parkside

Principal's Tour

Date: Sunday 8 September
Time: 11:30am
Venue: St Raphael's School
- Parkside

Community Prayer with 5/6H and Year 2.

Date: Thursday 12
September
Time: 9:05am
Venue: The Hall at St
Raphael's School -

Community Prayer with 5/6H and Year 2.

Date: Thursday 12
September
Time: 9:05am
Venue: The Hall at St
Raphael's School -

Parent Educative Session with Madhavi Parker of Positive Minds Australia

Date: Monday 16 September
Time: 6:15pm
Venue: St Raphael's School
- Parkside

Principal's Tour

Date: Tuesday 17
September
Time: 9:30am
Venue: St Raphael's School
- Parkside

School Photo Day

Date: Friday 20 September
Venue: St Raphael's School
- Parkside

Assembly hosted by Year 3/4.

Date: Friday 20 September
Time: 9:05am
Venue: The Hall at St
Raphael's School -

Catholic Schools Music Festival

Date: Tuesday 24

Mercy Stalls presented by all year levels.

Excursion to the Monastery and last day of Term 3

Thank You for Your Feedback on Our Communication Channels

At St Raphael's, we deeply value the voice of our community and appreciate your feedback regarding our communication channels. Your input is vital in helping us enhance our connection with you and ensuring that important information reaches you effectively.

You have told us what you want, and we have listened. We are excited to announce that we will be making Seesaw our main channel for communication with families.

Seesaw will be used for:

1. **Whole School Events:** Keep informed about upcoming school-wide events and important announcements.
2. **Class-Specific Activities:** Stay updated on activities and events specific to your child's class.
3. **Your Child's Learning:** Receive insights and updates on your child's progress and learning journey.

To simplify and streamline our communication, we will begin phasing out Audiri. We believe that consolidating our communication channels will provide a more cohesive and user-friendly experience for our families. We thank you for your ongoing support and for being active participants in our school community. Your feedback is invaluable, and we are committed to continuously improving our communication with you.

To ensure that all families can fully utilise Seesaw and take advantage of its features, we will be hosting workshops both online and face-to-face. These workshops will provide guidance on using Seesaw effectively, helping you stay connected with your child's learning and school activities.

Workshop Details:

Online Workshop: Date and time to be announced.

Face-to-Face Workshop: Date and time to be announced.

Should you have any questions or need assistance with Seesaw, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Exciting News: Our Front Carpark is Now Open!

We are delighted to announce that our front carpark is now officially open and ready for use! This new addition is a significant milestone for our school community, and we are excited about the convenience and safety it will provide for our families.

To ensure a smooth and efficient process, we kindly remind all families that pick up and drop off between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM should take place through the front carpark. This will help us maintain a safe and organised environment for our students.

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration in making St Raphael's a safe and welcoming environment for our students. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

LLL Survey (Live, Learn, Lead)

The Catholic Education SA (CESA) Live, Learn, Lead survey is an important tool used by schools and CESA to track school satisfaction data. You are invited to participate in a short (5/10minute) survey about St Raphael's School Performance. Similar surveys are being administered to all staff and students (from Year 2 through Year 6) to enable us to capture a snapshot of the performance of our school. The information provided is used to affirm the strengths of the school, whilst also providing feedback to identify areas of opportunity to improve the school. This data can be useful to inform decision making when planning the schools Strategic Goals for the short and long term.

All responses are confidential and anonymous – and all information is used for school improvement purposes. Completion of the survey

is on a voluntary basis.

We would like as many parents/caregivers of our school to complete the survey to provide feedback across the various domains of the survey. To access the survey please complete the following steps:

- Navigate to this website.
- <https://www.nsipartnerships.com.au/>
- Click on the "Start Questionnaire" box.
- Enter the unique school code: SRSPLLLP
- The survey closes on Friday, 23 August 2024 (end of Week 5).

Planning for 2025

As we begin to prepare for the 2025 school year, we kindly ask for your assistance in confirming your child/children's status for the upcoming year. This information is crucial for our planning and helps us ensure a smooth transition into the new school year.

To help us with this process, if you are no longer continuing with St Raphael's in 2025 could you please email Emma Fowler at efowler@raph.catholic.edu.au with the following details by Friday, 30 August 2024

- Student Name:
- Current Year Level:
- Intended School for 2025: Leaving
- Reason:

We understand that family circumstances can change, and students may leave our school. This is why we request this information at this time. Additionally, I would like to remind families that they are required to provide one school term's notice of their intention to withdraw their child from our school. Failure to do so will result in incurring one term's school fees in lieu of notice.

Thank you for your cooperation and support as we plan for another wonderful year at St Raphael's School.

From the APRIM



Dear families and friends,

Hasn't it been cold! It is very timely that last week, a van from the St. Vincent De Paul Society came and collected a wheelie bin full of beautifully hand knitted beanies along with a variety of good quality, warm clothing items. Added to these were many boxes of cans and long-life food items, which were donated on the last day of Term 2 on our 'Wear Your Winter Woollies Day'. Many sincere thanks on behalf of Vinnie's, to all our families for their amazing generosity! All of these are probably already being put to good use, supporting those in the community who really need a helping hand.

Our senior students created and drew the design for classes to place their donated food items on. They decided on a heart shape and wrote Vinnies on the inside. From this angle, it looks a bit like a gigantic set of Rosary beads!

St. Raphael's Knitting Club Returns

Sue Schulz, our Parish Pastoral Associate, is once again generously sharing her time and skills with our community. She will be joining us at Recess each Tuesday, to run the St. Raphael's Knitting Club. All the materials will be supplied for the students and it is open to all Year Levels. We will keep you updated with their progress!

News from the Parish of St. Paul of the Cross

- The next Family Friendly Children's Mass will be held on Sunday August 18, 5pm at the Monastery. Please see the flyer included with this newsletter for more details.
- Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults - Ever thought about becoming Catholic? Want to learn more about the Catholic faith? Wish to prepare for Baptism and/or Confirmation? St Paul of the Cross Parish, Glen Osmond/Parkside invites you to our Enquiry Meeting to start the journey. This meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th of August at 7pm in the Sebastian Centre (behind St Paul of the Cross Church). RSVP to Sue Schulz at the Parish office on 8338 1277 or sue.schulz@themonastery.net.au for catering and resource purposes.
- Sacramental Programme – the Children's Confirmation Ceremony will be held on Wednesday August 21, 7pm at St. Paul's Church. First Holy Communion is on the following Sunday August 25, 11am at St. Raphael's Church. All are most welcome to come along and join in the celebrations.

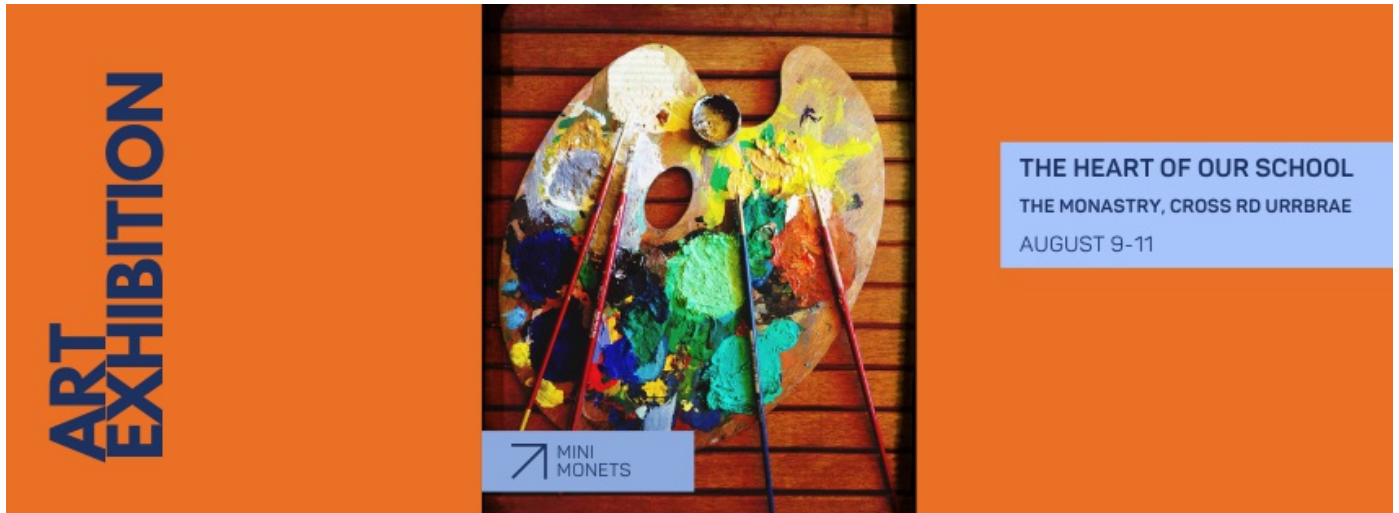
I will leave you with some wisdom from St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop, as it is her Feast Day on August 8th...

*"Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you all your life."*³³

Blessings to you all,

Tanya, APRIM

Mini Monets - The Heart Of Our School



We are delighted to announce our annual Mini Monets Art Exhibition at The Monastery!

Join us for an evening of creativity and celebration this Friday, August 9, starting at 4 PM.

The grand opening night will feature:

- A stunning display of our young artists' masterpieces
- Refreshing drinks and delectable canapés
- An opportunity to mingle with fellow art enthusiasts and proud parents

The exhibition will remain open throughout the weekend, allowing ample time for friends, family, and community members to admire the artworks created by our students.

This event is a wonderful occasion to:

- Celebrate the artistic talents within our school community
- Support and encourage our budding artists
- Witness the growth and development of our students' creative skills

Opening of event - Friday August 9 from 4pm till 7pm. There will be drinks and nibbles

Saturday - 10am till 12pm

Sunday - 10.30am till 12pm

Venue - The Monastery - in the Dollard and Crowe Rooms

Join us at The Monastery. We look forward to seeing you there!

Celebrating 100 Days Brighter: A Step Towards a Bright Future

On Friday, July 26th, our Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 classes joyfully celebrated 100 days of school with the vibrant theme of "100 Days Brighter." This special occasion not only highlighted the progress our students have made but also reinforced our school's commitment to providing a bright and inspired future for every child.

Dressed in bright clothes, students participated in a variety of engaging activities centered around the 100-day theme. A highlight of the day was a lively movement break led by Mr. Sharrock, our Physical Education Teacher, where students and teachers alike enjoyed

getting their bodies moving.

At our school, we believe in a child-centered approach that fosters creativity, enthusiasm, and a love for learning. Celebrating milestones like these helps us inspire our students to embrace their educational journey, ensuring they are well-equipped for a bright future ahead.





Getting ready for the magic of Children's Book Week 2024!

This year's theme, 'Reading is Magic', resonates deeply with our commitment to fostering a love for literacy and learning among our students.

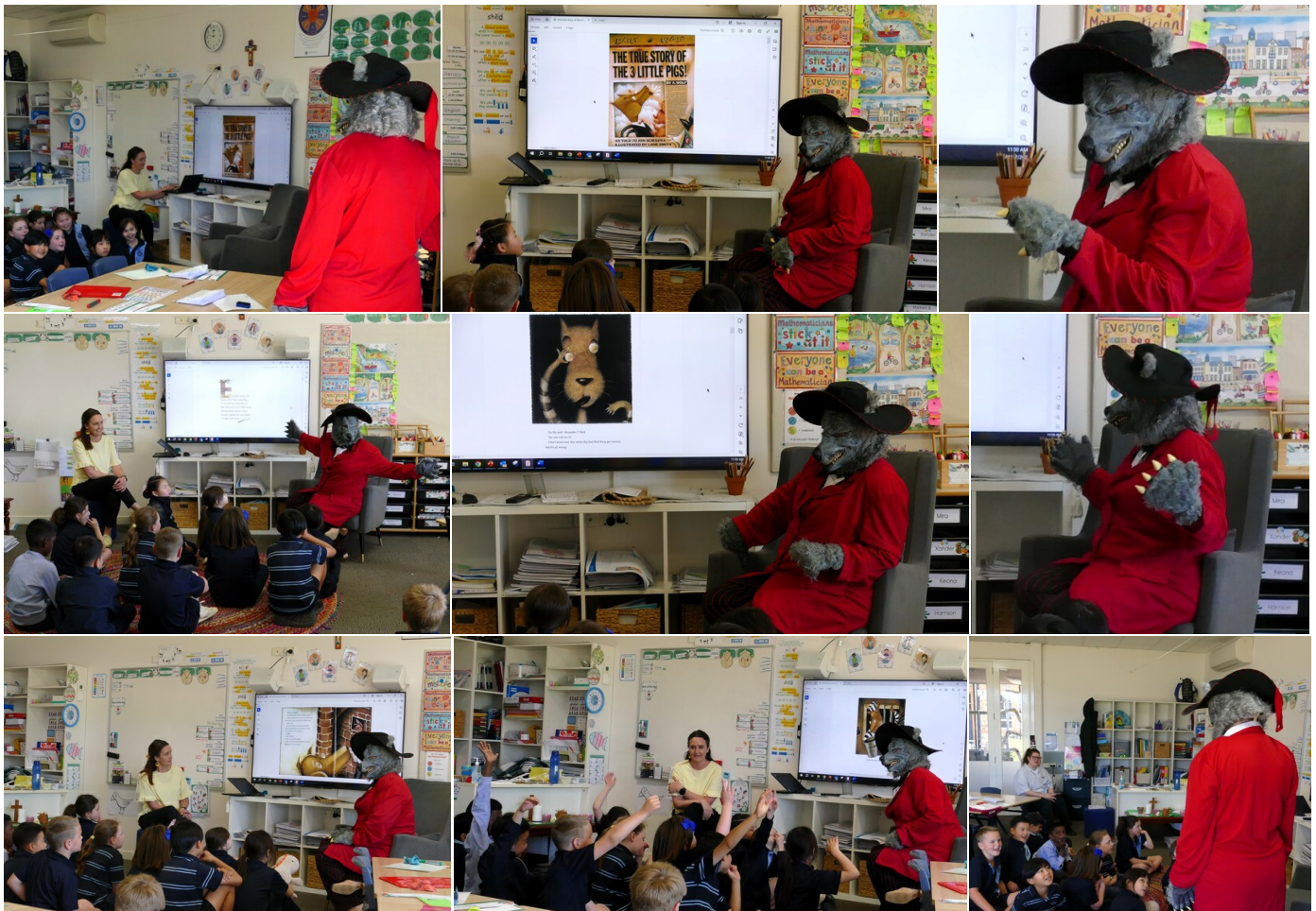
Our Principal recently brought this theme to life by dressing up as the Big Bad Wolf from 'The Three Little Pigs'. Mrs Fowler engaged our Year 2 class with a captivating presentation that turned the traditional story on its head, reading the true story of the Big Bad Wolf and the three little pigs. This inspiring approach encouraged our students to think critically about characters and narratives, highlighting the importance of perspective in storytelling.

Our school prioritises literacy and reading as fundamental components of our educational ethos. Our child-centered approach ensures that every student has the opportunity to explore the magical world of books, nurturing their curiosity and creativity. We believe that instilling a love for reading is essential for our students' academic and personal growth.

As we celebrate Children's Book Week from August 17-23, we invite you to join us in recognising the joy of reading by:

- Attending our Book Week Parade from 9am on Friday August 23 - dress up if you dare!
- Reading your favourite children's book to your children.
- Allowing your family to unwind and de-stress with some silent family reading time together.

Join us in making reading magical every day!



**At our school,
everyone
belongs.**

**Bullying No Way
National week of action**

On Wednesday, August 14, we invite all students to dress up as their favourite superhero. This fun activity serves as a powerful reminder that we all have the strength to stand up against bullying and support each other.

Celebrating Peace and Harmony at Our School

At St Raphael's School, we are deeply committed to fostering an environment of peace, harmony, kindness, and respect. We believe in the power of being gentle and kind to one another, and we strive to create a community where everyone feels safe and valued.

This year, we are proud to mark August 14th as National Anti-Bullying Day with our superhero dress up. This day is a significant part of Bullying No Way Week, held from August 12th to 16th, 2024. The theme for this year is "Everyone Belongs," emphasising the importance of inclusivity and standing up against unkindness. When we all feel like we belong, bullying struggles to find a place .

We are also inspired by the efforts of organisations like Bully Zero, who are hosting National Bullying Prevention Week from August 12th to 18th, 2024. Their dedication to preventing bullying and promoting safe environments aligns perfectly with our school's values.

We have a zero-tolerance policy towards bullying. We are committed to taking action and empowering our students, staff, and community to be part of the solution.

Our initiatives include:

- Promoting awareness and understanding of bullying and its impacts.
- Implementing practical and lasting solutions to prevent bullying.
- Encouraging students to speak up and support each other.
- Providing resources and support for those affected by bullying.

Join us in this important cause as we work together to create a safe and inclusive environment for everyone. Let's stand up against bullying and make our school a place where kindness and respect thrive.

For more information on how you can get involved, visit the [Bullying No Way Week website](#) and learn about Hiro's story and the impact of National Bullying Prevention Week [here](#).

Community Fair Day - can you volunteer?



**St Raphael's
School's**

COMMUNITY FAIR

Sunday September 8

FREE ENTRY
11AM - 3PM

**ENTERTAINMENT, FOOD, GAMES, ART,
LICENSED BAR**

114 GLEN OSMOND RD, PARKSIDE


The poster features a cartoon character of a boy with spiky brown hair, wearing a yellow shirt, blue shorts, and a red cape. The background is blue with colorful balloons (red, blue, yellow, pink, green, orange) and a banner of colorful triangles at the top.

To help ensure our Community Fair Day runs smoothly we need your help.

Please take a look at the volunteer roster for the day and if you can volunteer your valuable time it would be appreciated!

Volunteer Roster can be found [here](#).

Parent Educative Session with Madhavi Parker of Positive Minds Australia



**Behaviour at home with
Madhavi Parker of Positive
Minds Australia**

it was me

**16 September
from 6:15pm at
school
Please RSVP**

The poster has a light grey background with the text 'Behaviour at home with Madhavi Parker of Positive Minds Australia' in blue. Below this, the words 'it was me' are written in a large, orange, cursive font. To the right, the date and time '16 September from 6:15pm at school' and the instruction 'Please RSVP' are written in blue.

Parent educative session around the topic of behaviour at home.

Led by Madhavi Nawana Parker - Managing Director • Author • Coach • Speaker of: Positive Minds Australia.

16 September from 6:15pm at school.

Please RSVP

To facilitate attendance for all adults in the family, we are pleased to offer free child supervision during the event. If you would like to take advantage of this offer, please indicate this on the form when you RSVP.

Annual School Photos Day

School Photo Day September 20



Dear School Families,

We are excited to announce that our Annual School Photos Day will take place on Friday, September 20. We want all our students to look bright and smart for their photos, and we kindly ask for your support in helping them achieve this.

Dress Code Expectations

To ensure that our students present themselves in the best possible light, we ask that they adhere to the following guidelines:

Neat and Tidy Appearance:

Please ensure that students are well-groomed and presentable.

Students are to wear their full PE uniform or their New school uniform.

Year 6 are to wear their Year 6 jumpers please.

This includes avoiding non-uniform items such as:

- Crazy hair clips
- Casual weekend jumpers.
- Socks in colors other than those specified in our uniform policy

Upholding Our Standards Every Day

We believe that maintaining a neat and uniform appearance fosters a sense of pride in our school community. We encourage our students to uphold these standards not just on Photo Day, but every day. By wearing their school uniform with pride, students contribute to a positive school environment and a sense of belonging.

Support for Families

We understand that there may be circumstances where families need assistance in meeting these expectations. If you are facing challenges in ensuring your child adheres to the uniform policy, please do not hesitate to reach out to us for support. We are here to help!

Thank you for your cooperation and support in making our school a place of pride and excellence. We look forward to seeing all our students looking their best on Photo Day!



Winter Warmers

On the 3rd Sunday of the month

After the 5pm family friendly Mass

Everyone is welcome

To Have a mug/cup of soup, bread and
fellowship in the Sebastian Centre.

BYO mug/cup and other drinks
(be friendly to the environment)

Gold coin donation at the door .



Children's mass

St Paul of the Cross Parish

Glen Osmond/Parkside

Invites children and their families to our

Children's Mass

held on the 3rd Sunday of every month

at St Paul of the Cross Church, Urrbrae

at 5pm.

Everyone is welcome to come along!

If your child would like to participate in the Mass

please contact Sue Schulz on 83381277 M-F or

sue.schulz@themonastery.net.au



STRONGER FAMILIES: A POSITIVE PARENTING CONFERENCE

PRESENTED BY



**Catholic
School
Parents**
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

OUR SPEAKERS



MAGGIE DENT

HELP ME
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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