



**God, our Father,
May the presence of Your Spirit be evident in our Christian School
Community.
Help us to be large of heart, broad in vision and generous in working for
the common good of this School Community entrusted to our temporary
care.
Amen**

Dear Parents and Members of our School Community

A couple of years ago, Melbourne played host to a Conference with a rather unusual title; it was the 7th Annual Conference of “Globalisation for the Common Good”. The Conference had an interfaith perspective and was directed towards a “shared commitment to non-violent conflict resolution and the building of cultures of peace around the world”. This interfaith group believes that “Education is the key that unlocks the door of globalisation for the Common Good”. The “Common Good” is generally understood to be the greatest possible good for the greatest number of individuals and education is the prime focus.

So, how does our school community resolve its conflicts, maintain a peaceful environment and work towards the common good? Only through mutual respect and honest communication. The ethos of a school is a major factor in establishing and maintaining high standards of performance and discipline. All participants in our school community need to be sensitive to the possibility that the values of the home and of the wider community may differ from the values that the school tries to promote.

The cooperation of parents is critical in maintaining the ethos of the school. Parents need to be acquainted with and embrace the school’s stated goals and objectives, share its core values and support its curriculum, its staff and its leadership. When joined by a common set of beliefs and purposes, parents and staff form a powerful team with far-reaching positive effects on students and the entire school community.

When working together, parents and school professionals exact a strong influence on students to become better educated; they also help students to mature by modelling positive adult working relationships based upon respect and honesty. It is true to say that the quality of teaching has a direct influence on student performance and behaviour. Likewise, parents who provide a supportive home environment, play a crucial role in shaping the attitudes which promote performance and good behaviour in school. Parents play an essential and positive role in the life of a school and all parents have positive strengths that contribute to their children’s learning and behaviour. It is said that trust lubricates cooperation and if parents and teachers trust each other with mutual respect, on the occasion when differing views and opinions arise, they can be considered and discussed with a view to finding solutions – for the common good.

When parents choose to enroll their child at the school, they agree to subscribe to its mission, follow its rules and abide by its decisions. Trust and mutual respect are the most essential underpinnings of effecting working relationships between parents and teachers. While parents may not agree with

every decision made by the school, usually, enough common ground can be found to continue a mutually respectful relationship, if people are of good will.

A positive school ethos is based on the quality of relationships between teachers and students, parents and teachers, parents and their children and the manner in which they trust each other. A positive ethos will flow through all the activities of the school and help to form a strong sense of social cohesion within the school. "Globalisation for the Common Good"; what a good idea.

Thanks for another good week at SMG. Well-done to our cricket teams who both came second at our regional carnival this week. Thank you to our year 5's who led a very respectful ANZAC Day service this morning. Good luck to our year 6 students who head off to school camp next week.

Until next Week

God Bless



Darren McDonald
Principal



Monday 29 April – Coding club beginner Y4-Y6 3:10pm
Tuesday 30 April – Y6 Camp – All week
Tuesday 30 April – Y3 Liturgy 9am
Thursday 2 May – Coding Club senior Y4 -Y6 3:10pm

Dates for the Calendar for this term – student free days and Public Holidays:

Friday May 24 - Pupil Free Day

Monday June 3 - WA Day

Monday June 4 - Pupil Free Day



Kindergarten 2025 Enrolments are now OPEN.

If your child was born between 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020 or 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021, they are eligible to commence our 4-year-old Kindergarten program in 2025.

If you have not submitted your Application for Enrolment yet – especially for our sibling families, please contact the office via email – admin@smg.wa.edu.au to ask for an Enrolment Pack to be sent to you. Places are filling rapidly.

News from our Assistant Principal

Mass

Our Year 6 students lead the whole school Mass this week. It was wonderful to come together as a school to celebrate the start of a new term!

The Year 3 classes will lead a liturgy in the chapel on Tuesday 30th April. As always, parents are welcome to attend.

ANZAC Day Memorial Service

Thank you to our Year 5 students for leading our ANZAC Day memorial service. We also extend our thanks to, President of the City of Belmont RSL sub-branch Alan Richardson OAM JP, for speaking to the students about his personal experiences.

Gift Recognition Assembly

Congratulations to students who received Gift Recognition Awards last week.

Our next Gift Recognition Assembly and 5M assembly item will take place on the 9TH May at 9:00am.

Cricket Carnival

Some of our Year 5 and 6 students competed in an interschool cricket carnival on Monday. Both the boys and girls team placed 2nd in the competition. Congratulations to those students and thank you to Mr Ryan and Miss Rizzi for their organisation and support of the students while at the carnival.



Year 6 Camp

Our very excited Year 6 students head to school camp from Tuesday the 30th April to Friday 3rd May next week. We are looking forward to hearing about their adventures upon their return.

Coding Club

Coding Club commenced this week and will continue throughout the term. This is run through an independent company, Bricks4Kids.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Stephanie Johnson

Assistant Principal

In Year 1G this week the students enjoyed the retell of the story of The Three Little Pigs. We discussed the beginning, middle and end and the students constructed their own Three Little Pigs houses.



During investigation the Science area was visited frequently. The students worked in pairs to investigate items that float and sink.



The students produced beautiful artwork and writing pieces in reflection of the meaning of Anzac Day and we shared the story Anzac Ted written by Belinda Landsberry.



This Term in 5G, we've been learning about the significance of Anzac Day and its importance in Australian and New Zealand history. Anzac Day is a time for reflection, remembrance, and honoring the brave men and women who served and sacrificed for our countries.

In preparation for this Friday's Anzac Day service at 11:30 am, the Year 5 students have been working diligently to create a meaningful presentation that honors the spirit of Anzac Day.



Furthermore, this term, our students will embark on a fascinating journey through time as they delve into two pivotal events in Australian history.

One of the highlights of this term, will be our focus on historical recounts, centered around the Australian Gold Rush. Students will immerse themselves in the sights, sounds, and stories of this transformative period in Australian history.

In addition to exploring the Gold Rush, students will also carefully plan, draft, edit, revise, and publish a compare and contrast text, focusing on the events of colonisation in Australia. By examining different perspectives and experiences, students will gain insight into the impact of colonisation on indigenous populations, settlers, and the land itself.

We look forward to the term ahead and the insightful knowledge, experiences, and memories we'll create over the 11 weeks!



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Special Electors' Meeting that will affect St Maria Goretti's PS

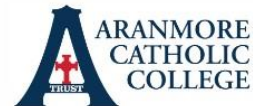
Date: MONDAY 29 APRIL 2024 Time: 6.30pm (sharp)

Venue: Function Room City of Belmont Civic Centre 215 Wright Street

<https://www.belmont.wa.gov.au/docs/ecm/public-notice-special-electors-meeting-29-april-2024>



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