



Week 7 Term 1 2021

Important Dates

9am Assembly
(Hosted by 5/6)
SRC and House
Leader Badges will
be presented
Friday 12 March

9am Assembly
(Hosted by 2H)
Friday 19 March

SACPSSA Swimming
Carnival
(Yrs 3-6)
Friday 19 March

Sports Day
Friday 26 March

Easter Monday
Monday 5 April

9am Assembly
(Hosted by 4/5 SW)
Friday 9 April

Good Friday
Friday 2 April

End of Term -
12:30pm
Friday 9 April

Term 2 Commences
Tuesday 27 April

Upcoming Events

Coin Challenge

Date: Monday 15 March
Venue: Immaculate Heart of Mary School - Brompton

Parent Information Session 2 - Reading in the Early Years

Date: Wednesday 17 March
Time: 9:00am
Venue: Immaculate Heart of Mary School - Brompton

Swimming Carnival

Yrs 3-6

Date: Friday 19 March
Time: 8:45am
Venue: SA Aquatic Centre - Oaklands Park

Sports Day

Date: Friday 26 March
Time: 3:45pm
Venue: Fitzroy Community Club - Renown Park

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From the Principal



Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to Week 7! We are well and truly into the routines of school now and as usual there is a lot happening which makes for fun and full days.

Wine and Cheese Parent Forum/AGM

The evening was a great night of information, laughter, great wine and connection, where parents and staff discussed future directions and matters involved with high quality learning, wellbeing and heart spirituality. Everyone at the evening contributed to a terrific atmosphere and it was great to hear so many positive comments about our school, as well as some new ideas.

Building Project

We have great news that we have finally received council approval for our building project! All going well, the program should begin in the April school holidays and will continue through Terms 2 and 3. Our office area and the upstairs classrooms will be relocated within other spaces in the school. Entrances to the school will be different, as will the drop off and pick up zone, so that the building works can go ahead. The office area will be located in the cottages and the Years 3-6 will move to the resource centre, STEM room and the previous computer room (above Year 2 classroom). More Information will be distributed to families, once I have more details from the architects and builders.

Special events coming up in the next fortnight:

Harmony Day and National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Our school is proud of its 22 cultural backgrounds represented and we welcome and honour all cultures at IHM. Children's understandings of their own families cultural background is an important part of shaping their positive identity. Next Friday is also the **National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence** - highlighting that bullying and violence is never okay. So, as a school community we will celebrate these two events, at assembly as they both contribute to inclusivity, safety and harmony.

On Friday 19th March students are encouraged to dress in national costume or wear orange clothes or an orange ribbon, representing Harmony Day. Please bring a **Gold coin donation**, as all funds will go to Project Compassion.

Twilight Sports Evening Friday 26th March

At IHM we promote a healthy lifestyle and attitude towards physical exercise, participation and competition and our Twilight Sports day reinforces this.

The event is an opportunity for the children to participate in a variety of athletic activities and try their best. It is also great chance for families to gather as community, to watch their children participate and cheer on their favourite team!

A program of the afternoon will be distributed later this week.

COVID Safe

Safety protocols will need to be adhered to in accordance with SA Health Covid-19 safe regulations and advice. We will have COVID Marshalls in attendance, and we remind everyone to keep 1.5m distance. I look forward to seeing you at the Sports Day.

Until then, stay safe and go in peace.

Warm regards,

Pauline Kinsman

PRINCIPAL

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From the Assistant Principal



Lent

"Aspire not to have more but to Be More" Oscar Romero.

We are well and truly into the season of lent. During this season of Lent students have been learning about the three traditional pillars of Lent which are prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

This year we are encouraging students to follow the 2021 Project Compassion theme 'Be More' by letting their light shine throughout Lent. Your child would have received a small Project Compassion box to fill at home; it's tricky, because we do not have many coins anymore but we can all Be More: kind, patient, prayerful, generous, helpful. Often we do this by reaching out to others, but have you considered what **you** might need this Lent? Perhaps you need to be more understanding of yourself – slow down, take time to have a coffee, don't sweat the small stuff. Give yourself 5 minutes a day, go on, do it, and see what happens. Do one small thing that brings you joy.

SRC IHM Fringe Show

The SRC's are running an IHM Fringe show at lunch time on Wednesday and Thursday the 17th-18th of March. Lots of students are excited to participate and have asked to bring in props and items from home. We are happy for this to occur, but please encourage your child to look after their items as we can't take responsibility for any damaged or broken items. Thanks in advance.

Have a happy and blessed fortnight.

Annette Diassinias

APRIM

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Clean Up Australia Day



Clean Up Australia Day

On Friday 5th March the whole school took part in Clean Up Australia Day. It was a wonderful day with the students getting out into the community and collecting rubbish. For many of the students it was an eye opening experience to realise just how much rubbish can be found even though an area was looking clean on the surface. Lots of places had small pieces of rubbish such as cigarette butts, bottle tops and small bits of plastic. The teachers and volunteers used this opportunity to talk to students about where this rubbish will eventually end up if it wasn't collected and the importance of ensuring we are trying to care for our common home and be stewards of the earth.

During Clean up Australia Day in 2021, 15.5 thousand tonnes of rubbish was removed from parks, beaches, bushland, suburban streets and waterways across Australia. That is an amazing effort. Thanks to all our students, staff and volunteers on the day for supporting such a great cause.

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Premier's Reading Challenge

Discover the World of Reading

Our school has had a longstanding commitment to the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC). As in previous years at IHM, we integrate the PRC into the class literature and literacy focus. The class teachers manage students' participation and reading activity. We encourage families to continue their support and involvement through the school and our magnificent community libraries. Additional Student Reading Records can be accessed via IHM or the PRC website.

Key Information about the Premier's Reading Challenge

What is the Challenge?

It is an annual Reading Challenge open to all students in South Australia. The Challenge is currently in its 18th year. Its primary focus is to promote **reading for enjoyment** as well as develop general literacy skills through the world of books. At IHM, we strongly promote and support participation in the Challenge at all year levels.

How does it operate?

Students are required to read **12 books**. Eight of these books need to be from their appropriate year level book list (issued by the Challenge) and the remaining (4) can be of their own choosing (and should be of a similar standard to those on the list). There are three categories for book selections. These are dependent upon the year level of the student: R-2, 3-5, 6-9. The Challenge list books are available in our school library, Chevalier Centre, and colour coded to match each category (by a sticker on the spine of the book).

Students will each be receiving a **Student Reading Record 2021**. These will need to be completed by the students and signed by an adult (class teacher).

When does the Challenge end?

Specific reading for the Challenge ends on **3rd September**.

Are the students acknowledged for their participation and completion of the challenge?

Students are rewarded for every year of participation. For students in the primary years of school the awards are:

- Certificate - first year
- Bronze medal - second year
- Silver medal - third year
- Gold medal - fourth year
- Champion medal - fifth year
- Legend medal - sixth year
- Hall of Fame medal - seventh year

Who can I ask for help should I need it?

If you have any questions about the Reading Challenge please ask your child's teacher or myself, Mary Sapio. Public libraries also actively support the Challenge. Additional information for both adults and students can be located on the Premier's Reading Challenge website:

<http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/PRC/>

Enjoy the Challenge!

Mary Sapio

LITERACY SUPPORT COORDINATOR

School Finance

EARLY PAYMENT DISCOUNT REMINDER

Families are reminded that a 5% discount will apply to school fees paid in full by next **FRIDAY 19th MARCH**.

SCHOOL CARD

If you think you may be eligible for School Card, please see Julie or Kristina for a form or apply online at:

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>

School Card is a South Australian Government initiative to assist low to middle income earners with education costs and must be applied for each year.

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Library News

BOOK FAIR THANK YOU

During last week's Scholastic Book Fair we sold \$2,400 worth of books. In turn, we were able to purchase 55 new books for our Library! A big thank you to everyone that supported our book fair. We hope to have another one later this year in Term 4.

Thank you also to all the families that have donated their pre-loved books to the Library; they are very much appreciated.

Carmel Johnston

LIBRARY CO-ORDINATOR

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Sports Day

TWILIGHT SCHOOL SPORTS DAY COMING SOON!

- **When:** Friday 26th March 2021 (Week 9)
- **Time:** 3:45 pm to 6:30 pm
- **Where:** Fitzroy Community Club, Sam Johnson Reserve, Swan Court, Renown Park (off McQuillan Avenue)
- **Sausage Sizzle:** The P & F will be having a sausage sizzle during the afternoon - a note will be sent home shortly asking for volunteers.

PLEASE NOTE – EARLY DISMISSAL

- On **Friday 26th March** all students will be dismissed at **1:00pm** - Camp Australia OSHC is available for bookings.
- More information and program will be available closer to the day.

COVID SAFETY

Families are reminded that Sports Day will be a COVID safe event with all the usual conditions in place:

- QR Code check-in at the Fitzroy Club grounds
- Social distancing to be observed
- Use hand sanitiser provided
- COVID Marshalls will be present

P & F News

FRIDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

Join us every Friday morning for a cuppa and a chat between **8:30 – 9:00am** in the canteen. Don't forget to bring along your own cup. All welcome, someone will serve the coffee/tea due to COVID restrictions.

BREAKFAST CLUB - WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

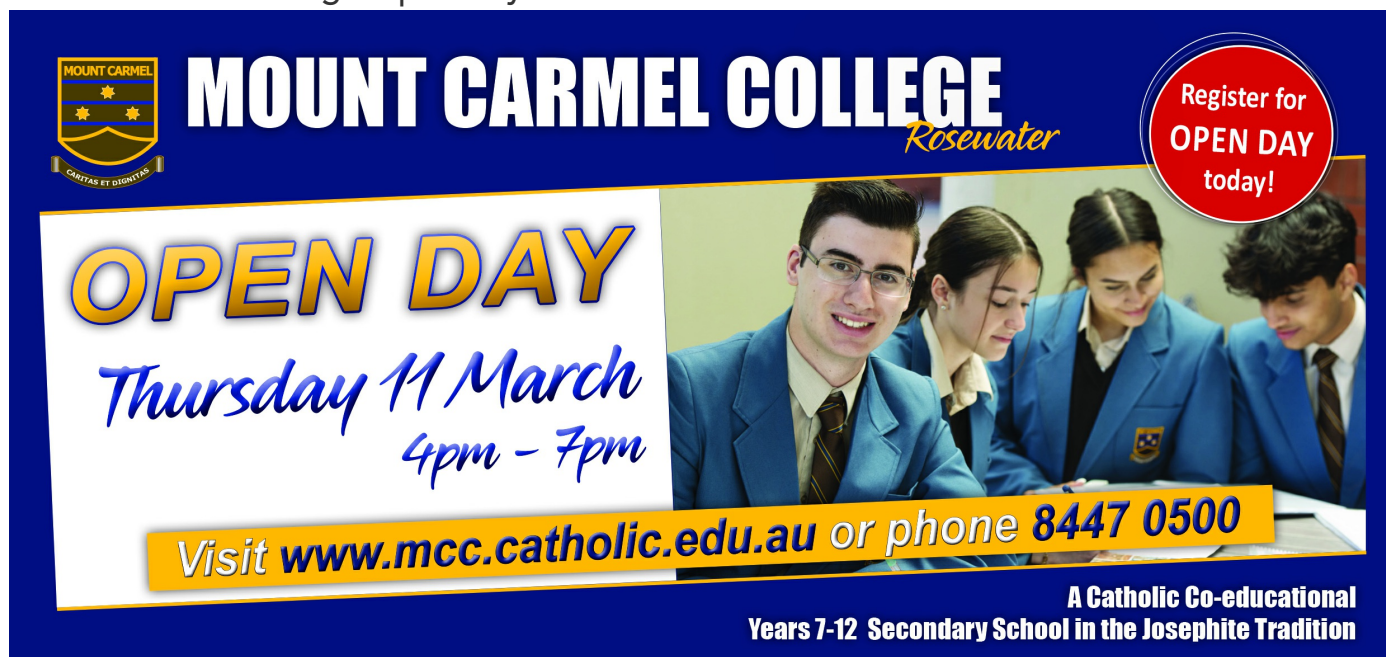
Our Breakfast Club is held every Wednesday morning between **8:30 - 8:45am**. All students are welcome to enjoy breakfast and we would love some more Volunteers to assist as well. (8am - 9am)

If you are able to help could you please contact Cindy Lovegrove at clovegrove111@gmail.com

Nadia Rowe & Kate Henderson

P & F COMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS

Mount Carmel College Open Day



The banner features the Mount Carmel College logo on the left, which includes a shield with three stars and the motto 'VERITAS ET DIGNITAS'. To the right of the logo, the text 'MOUNT CARMEL COLLEGE' is written in large white letters, with 'Rosewater' in a smaller, italicized font below it. A red circular badge in the top right corner says 'Register for OPEN DAY today!'. The central part of the banner shows a photograph of four students in blue school uniforms looking at a document. Overlaid on the left side of the photo is the text 'OPEN DAY' in large yellow letters, followed by 'Thursday 11 March' and '4pm - 7pm' in a blue script font. A yellow banner at the bottom of the photo area contains the text 'Visit www.mcc.catholic.edu.au or phone 8447 0500'. At the bottom right of the banner, it says 'A Catholic Co-educational Years 7-12 Secondary School in the Josephite Tradition'.

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