



Week 7 Term 1 2023

Important Dates

Harmony Day
Assembly (including
SRC Induction
Ceremony) at
2:15pm (Led by
4/5F Class)
Thursday 16 March

Harmony Day
Celebration - Wear
something Orange
Thursday 16 March

Early Payment
Discount Final Day
Friday 17 March

Whole School
Reconciliation
Liturgy 9am
Wednesday 22 March

Year 3/4 Fundraiser
- Dress as a Sports
Star (Gold Coin
Donation)
Friday 24 March

Assembly at
2:15pm (Led by
3/4P Class)
Thursday 30 March

SACPSSA Swimming
Carnival
Friday 31 March

Easter Raffle Drawn
Wednesday 5 April

Pupil Free Day
Thursday 6 April

Good Friday Public
Holiday
Friday 7 April

Easter Monday
Public Holiday
Monday 10 April

Assembly at
2:15pm (Led by
5/6L Class)
Thursday 13 April

End of Term 1 -
12:30pm
Friday 14 April

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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

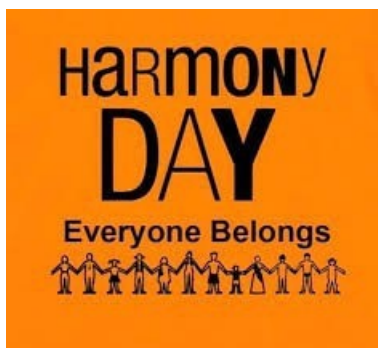




The evening was a great night of information, laughter, great wine and connection, where parents and staff discussed future directions and matters involved with high quality learning, wellbeing, and heart spirituality. Everyone at the evening contributed to a terrific atmosphere and it was great to hear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

If you were unable to attend and would like to see or add to the comments/ideas made on the night, please see Julie. These will then be incorporated into our future plans for IHM. "The best always strive to get better".

Harmony Day Celebration – Thursday 16th March

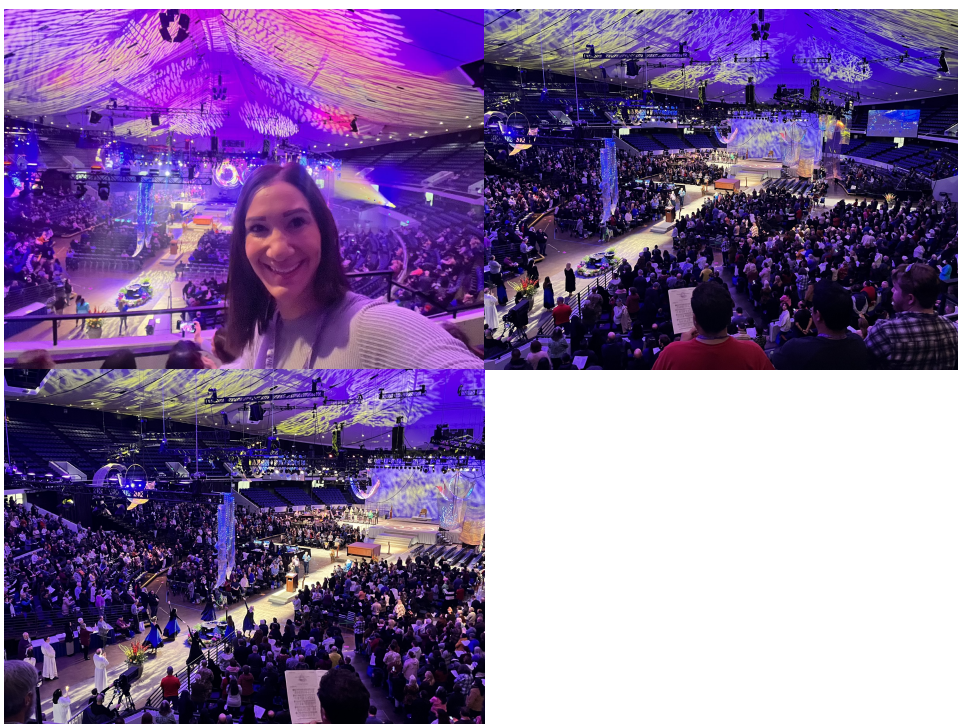


This Thursday we are celebrating Harmony Day. Harmony Day is a day for all Australians to embrace and celebrate our rich cultural and diversity and for every person to feel good about their heritage and identity.

As part of our Harmony Day celebrations on the day, **students can wear orange clothes, or an orange ribbon, hat or accessory.**

The Year 4/5F class will be running our Harmony Day assembly at **2.15pm on Thursday 16th March.** Everyone is welcome to attend.

RE Congress Anaheim



Last newsletter I mentioned a little about my trip to Anaheim for the RE Congress. I wanted to share a little more about my trip.

There were approximately 10,000 people that attend the RE Congress at the Anaheim Convention Centre from all over the world. Over the four days I heard many speakers and took in a lot but the words that spoke the loudest to me were from Archbishop Joseph Espailatt of New York who at the age 46, is the youngest bishop in the USA. He began his opening statement with “My intention is to light a fire — a fire in us,” and he did exactly that.

Throughout the 55-minute speech he reminded me the power of the Holy Spirit, who lives in each one of us. His presentation referenced Scripture, quotes from several religious figures, statistical charts, and pop-culture references. He also extracted data that warned about the dangers of some social media becoming too much of a negative influence. I have never been to a mass where a Bishop has rapped, switched between English and Spanish so naturally, had an entire concert hall hanging off every word. The Archbishop had such a strong message of imploring how the love of God, the mercy of Jesus, and the catapulting effect of the Holy Spirit can help us “stop maintaining the status quo.”

I was so fortunate to be able to attend the RE Congress and hope to bring the many things I learnt into our IHM community.

Have a safe and happy fortnight.

Annette Diassinias

ACTING PRINCIPAL

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From the Assistant Principal

Project Compassion Third Week of Lent - Week beginning Monday 13th March

We are now in the third week of Lent with the Project Compassion story of Priscilla, who lives in the Hwange district in Zimbabwe with her husband, Charles, and two of their grandchildren. Climate change continues to bring unprecedented challenges for people living in the most vulnerable and remote communities in Zimbabwe.

During times of intense drought and food shortages, Priscilla had to commute to the town centre and wait in long queues to collect food.

With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis. Priscilla was able to produce a bumper harvest in her first year of practising in conservation farming. Priscilla also used the funds from her harvest to start poultry farming, which enabled her to sell eggs to pay for her grandchildren’s school fees, books and stationery. The poultry farming provides a safety net for Priscilla and her family during times of hardship, like the current drought.





While the situation in Zimbabwe and across eastern Africa remains dire, the work of Caritas Hwange means that Priscilla can learn the techniques, tools and resources she needs to build resilience and support her family during this current food crisis.

Watch a short film about Priscilla and please support Project Compassion: www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Presentation of SRC Representatives for Semester 1 at Harmony Day Assembly

Our SRC Representatives are extremely excited that they will be presented with their badges at assembly this **Thursday at 2.15pm** and be inducted as leaders this Semester. We look forward to celebrating with all families.

Reconciliation Liturgy

On **Wednesday 22nd March at 9.00am** we will hold a whole school liturgy to support **Daniella T** as she prepares to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation following this Liturgy. We keep Daniella and her family in our prayers as she prepares to take the next step in her faith journey. We look forward to seeing families at this liturgy to support the Year 3/4 class who are leading this liturgy.

Southern Cross

The current edition of the Catholic newspaper put out by the Archdiocese called, 'The Southern Cross,' is available at; www.thesoutherncross.org.au

Thought for the Week:

'You cannot lose what you have given away.'

Paula Clark

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND MISSION

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School Finance - Reminders

Early Payment Final Reminder

Families are reminded that the final day to receive **5% discount on school fees paid in full** is this **FRIDAY 17th MARCH 2023**.

School Card Applications

School Card provides support to families that hold a Health Care Card or a Pension Card. Applications must be made annually, whether or not you have been approved in previous years. Forms are available at the Office or online; for further information, income thresholds and to apply online, please visit: <http://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-skills-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>

A 40% discount on Tuition fees applies to all eligible School Card holders.

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Premier's Reading Challenge



Premier's Reading Challenge Turns 20 in 2023!



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. Class teachers manage student participation and reading activity and we encourage families to continue their support and involvement through the school and our magnificent community libraries. Additional Student Reading Records are accessible via IHM or the PRC website.

Key Information about the Premier's Reading Challenge

What is the Challenge?

Currently in its 20th year, it is an annual Reading Challenge open to all students in South Australia. 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 need 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 of a similar standard to those on the list). There are three categories for book selections dependent on the year level of the student: R-2, 3-5, 6-9. The Challenge list books are available in our school library and colour coded to match each category (sticker on the spine of the book). This year students can choose to complete the **20-book** challenge to commemorate the challenge's 20th birthday.

Each student receives a **Student Reading Record 2023** to complete in class and the classroom teacher signs it.

When does the Challenge end? - 8th September 2023

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

Students are rewarded for every year of participation and in the primary years of school, the awards are:

Certificate – 1st year

Bronze medal – 2nd year

Silver medal – 3rd year

Gold medal – 4th year

Champion medal – 5th year

Legend medal – 6th year

Hall of Fame medal – 7th year

PLUS a 20th Anniversary certificate if the 20 book challenge is completed this year for the 20th birthday.

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. Public libraries also actively support the Challenge. Information is also accessible on the PRC website: <http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/PRC/>

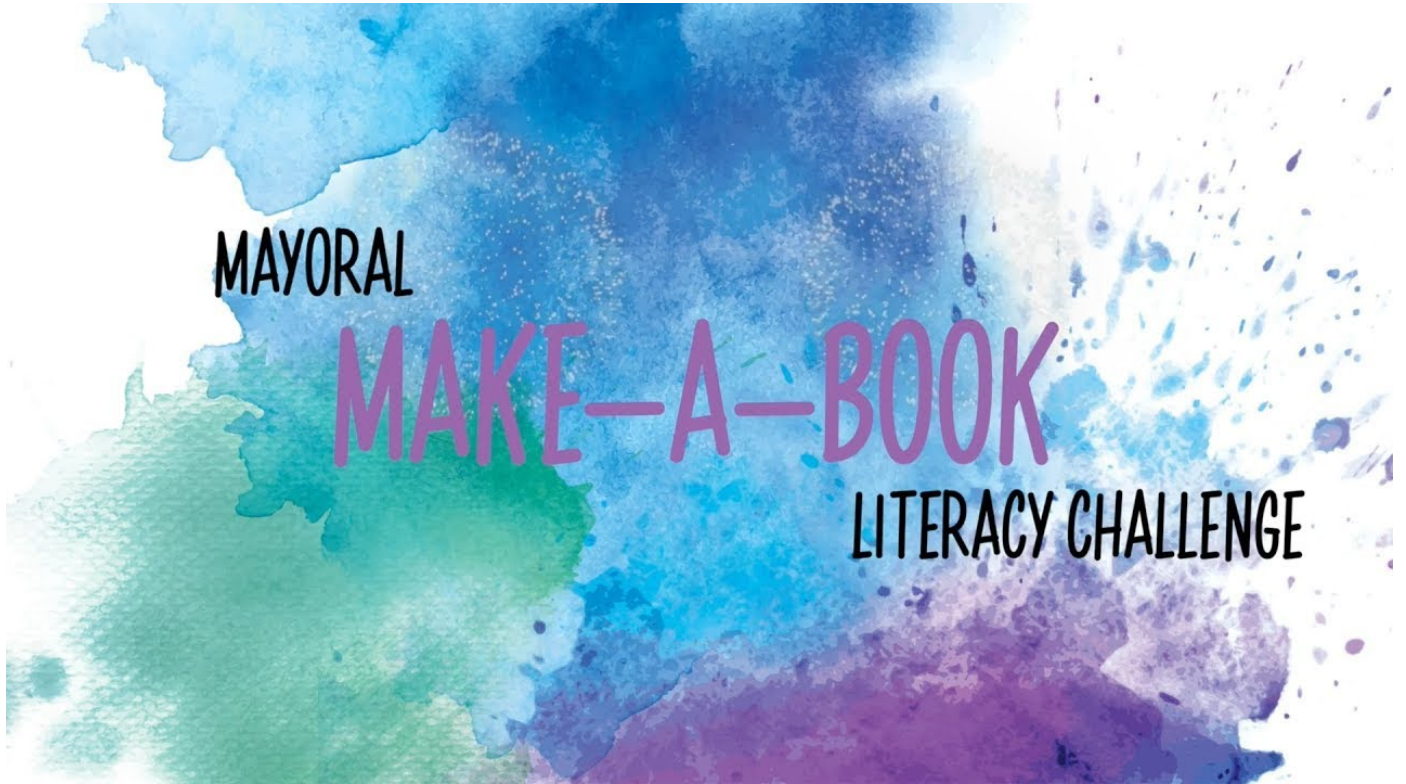
Enjoy the Challenge!

Sonia Bianco

LEADER OF LEARNING & DATA COORDINATOR

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City of Charles Sturt Mayoral Make-a-Book Challenge



Entries for the 2023 Mayoral Make-a-Book Literacy Challenge are open!

All students are encouraged to write an original book and enter the challenge.

What is the Mayoral Make-a-Book Literacy Challenge?

This challenge is an extremely popular book making community program for budding young authors and illustrators. It runs each year from February to May and is open to any pre-school or primary school aged kid who lives or studies in the City of Charles Sturt council area.

Your entry can be:

- a story, graphic novel, informational, poetry, and on any topic
- English or multilingual
- a physical book, e-book or audio book
- created by yourself, with friends or even your whole class
- up to 1000 words in length.

Judges look for:

- original ideas and themes, creative use of language, sound spelling and grammar
- a balance between beginning, middle and end
- appealing design, payout and format; illustrations that complement the text
- presentation and neatness.

How to Enter:

Physical Books: It is a requirement of entry to complete and sign the Mayoral Make-a-Book entry form which you can ask your teacher for or click here: https://www.charlessturt.sa.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0025/161935/MAB-Entry-Form-2023.pdf to view and download. The completed form must then be attached to the back of the book.

E-Books & Audio Books: Submit your completed piece via this online form: <https://www.charlessturt.sa.gov.au/forms/mayoral-make-a-book-literacy-challenge-online-submissions>

All entries need to given to class teachers by **Friday 19th May 2023**.

SACPSSA Swimming Carnival - Friday 31st March

If your child is taking part in the Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival, a reminder to please return consent forms and \$20.00 carnival fee as soon as possible.

Soccer Season 2023

If your child is interested in playing soccer this year (during Terms 2 & 3) please return the **Soccer Registration Form** that was distributed to students yesterday by **this Friday 17th March**. Once teams (including coaches, managers etc.) have been organised families will be notified in relation to payment and uniforms.

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Year 3 and 4 Camp Fundraiser

YEAR 3/4 CAMP FUNDRAISER

DRESS LIKE A SPORTS STAR

WEEK 8 FRIDAY - 24 MARCH

We invite you to come to school dressed as your sporting hero or wear your favourite sport team colours for a **gold coin donation**



All money raised will go towards the Year 3/4 camp for 2023

When: Friday Week 8 (24/3/2023)

What: Students come to school dressed as their sporting hero or wear their favourite sport team colours for a **GOLD COIN DONATION**. e.g. wear an AFL guernsey, team colours, scarf, socks, hat etc.

Why: To raise money to put towards the Year 3 and 4 camp this year.

P & F Easter Raffle



Last week every family would have received a book with 10 raffle tickets for our Easter Raffle. There are 5 Easter Baskets to win and tickets are \$2.00 each. The raffle will be drawn on **Wednesday 5th April** just in time for Easter. More raffle books are available from the Office.

Please return raffle books (sold or unsold) by **Friday 31st March**.

Happy Easter and good luck from the P & F Committee.

OLSH College Open Day



OLSH

OUR LADY OF THE
SACRED HEART
COLLEGE

OLSH OPEN

SUNDAY
19 MARCH

1:00-3:00pm

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- Starts Thursday 4th May 2023 at 4:30pm
- Contact Tim on 0415 915 380 or email auskick@fitzroy.org.au

NAB AFL Auskick is FREE with the use of the ORSR Sports Voucher or \$100 without.

1. Enter your 11-digit voucher code (Medicare number + child's ref number) in the comment box at the payment screen.
2. Select apply and the price of your order will reset to \$0

<http://www.play.afl/auskick>

Nazareth Catholic College Open Day



Your story is our story

Flinders Park Campus (7-12)

OPEN DAY

Wednesday 15 March

3:00pm - 7:00pm

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MOUNT CARMEL COLLEGE *R-12*

OPEN DAY: Secondary Campus
Thursday 23 March
4pm - 7pm

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