

SMCM PRINCIPAL REPORT TO PARISH SAC – TERM 3 2024

LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT

- 2025 Planning is underway.
 - Staffing budgets are being prepared and have been reduced in 2025 as large MACS schools support smaller schools. It is expected that we will employ at least 4 new staff members for 2025 due to parental leave replacements and a small number of staff movements.
 - Curriculum and Capital budgets are being prepared. School fee payment is essential for maintaining our learning and teaching programs and facilities.
 - Enrolment meetings for Prep siblings have been completed and we are now meeting with families for other year levels in 2025. We hope to have a small increase in enrolment numbers for 2025.
- Capital works update:
 - We are thrilled to announce that we were recipients of a \$3.6 million dollar Government grant for Stage 4. This work is anticipated to commence at the end of 2025 once additional funding is secured.
 - Internal glass partitions and sliding doors have been installed in the Boulevard building. The project came in under budget and discussions are now underway to complete the other two open plan spaces.
 - An additional basketball hard court has been installed. The painted surface will be completed in the September school holidays weather permitting.
- I will be attending the North Central Principal Conference from the 7th - 21st September in Rome and Assisi. This Pilgrimage is a culmination of the faith formation the principal's have engaged in over the past two years.

EDUCATION IN FAITH

- This term we have celebrated our Mary MacKillop Feast Day with a whole school liturgy, disco and student learning activities. This day is always a highlight of our school calendar.
- Our Mini Vinnies Winter Appeal was a huge success and I extend my thanks to the school community for their support. This is an important opportunity for our students to put the Catholic Social Teaching principles into action.
- Parish mass is being celebrated at 12pm each Friday led by a Year level.

LEARNING & TEACHING

- This term staff have continued the focus on embedding Cognitive Science Research and Explicit Direct Instruction into their daily teaching practice.
- Congratulations to our Prep students who celebrated 100 days of School!
- Extra curricular experiences this term include: Year 6 Camp to Rumbug; Year 4 camp experience at Lady Northcote; excursions to Shrine of Remembrance, MCG and Sky Deck; incursions on the Human Body, Electricity and a Book Week Performance; Sporting events including Divisional Soccer and Netball and District/Divisional Athletics; and Book Week celebrations.
- We look forward to our Celebration of Learning open afternoon and Sports Colours Day in Week 10

STUDENT WELL BEING

- The Paris Olympics provided an opportunity for students to explore the qualities of our Australian athletes and how they can apply those in their daily lives.
- The NCCD August census was completed with 24% of our student population receiving support through this funding program.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY

- This term's community events have included Grandparents Morning, Book Week Parade, this week Father's Day Stall and morning and our Celebration of Learning in Week 10.
- The 2025 Fair Committee has begun meeting regularly and planning is underway for this event in March next year.