



St Raphael's School newsletter  
March 27

## Upcoming Events

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### Glee Club

Date: Friday 28 March

Time: 12:00am

Venue: St Raphael's School  
- Parkside

### Years 4/5 and Year 2 attend Mass.

Date: Friday 28 March

Time: 9:30am

Venue: St Raphael's Church  
- Parkside

### Join Us for Our AGM – A Night to Shape the Future of St Raphael’s

Date: Tuesday 1 April

Time: 6:00pm - 6:00pm

Venue: St Raphael's School  
- Parkside

### Swimming Carnival

Date: Wednesday 2 April

Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Venue: Venue is TBC -

### Book Club Playgroup for babies and toddlers.

Date: Wednesday 2 April

Time: 9:15am - 10:30am

Venue: The Loft St  
Raphael's School - Adelaide

### Twilight Sports Day

Date: Friday 4 April

Time: 12:00am - 5:00pm

Venue: Venue is TBC -

### Holy Week

Date: Wednesday 9 April

Time: 12:00am - 12:00am

Venue: Venue is N/A -

### Book Club Playgroup for babies and toddlers.

Date: Wednesday 9 April

Time: 9:15am - 10:30am

Venue: The Loft St  
Raphael's School - Adelaide

### Pupil Free Day

Date: Friday 11 April

Time: 12:00am

Venue: Not at school -

### Good Friday Public Holiday

Date: Friday 18 April

Time: 12:00am - 12:00am

Venue: Not at school -

### Easter Saturday

Date: Saturday 19 April

Time: 12:00am - 12:00am

Venue: Venue is N/A -

### Easter Monday Public Holiday

Date: Monday 21 April

Time: 12:00am - 12:00am

Venue: Venue is N/A -

### ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Date: Friday 25 April

Time: 12:00am - 12:00am

Venue: Venue is N/A -

### Term 2 Commences

Date: Monday 28 April

Time: 8:30am

Venue: St Raphael's School  
- Parkside

### Yr 3, Yr 4, Yr 5, Yr 6 School Camp

Date: Tuesday 29 April -  
Thursday 1 May

Time: 12:00am

Venue: Not at school -

### Year 5/6 and Reception attend Mass

Date: Thursday 8 May

Time: 9:30am

Venue: St Raphael's Church  
- Parkside





What to expect:

**Welcome to Country:** Aboriginal Elder will share a cultural story and perform a Welcome to Country ceremony.

**Father Tom's Visit:** Father Tom will retell the Easter story of hope.

**Colombian Culture:** Jennifer, Maria's mum, and Aidee, Antonella's mum, will showcase traditional Colombian dress and cook a delicious dish on-site, accompanied by non-alcoholic drinks to share

**Chinese Culture:** Tian, Evan's mum, will prepare a traditional Chinese dish and offer the unique opportunity to have your name written in Chinese on special red paper with ink and a brush.

**Brazilian Culture:** Tatiana will bring a famous Brazilian dessert to share.

**Italian Culture:** Anthony will fire up his wood-fired pizza oven, treating you to authentic Italian flavors.

**Sri Lankan Culture:** Nayomi, mum of Nathanael and Nilukshi, mum of Ethan will dazzle with music and dance performances, host a trivia round with prizes, and organise a coloring competition.

**Greek Culture:** Viki, the grandma of the Livaditis family, will lead a Greek biscuit-making demonstration, followed by baking them for everyone to enjoy.

**Australian Flavors:** Theresa, mum of Betty and Sam will manage the Australian sausage sizzle and slushie machine.

**Performances:** Enjoy a professional Chinese dance performance and a high-energy Brazilian drumming show.

**Sports and Games:** Engage in basketball, mini soccer, giant Connect Four, giant inflatable soccer, a crocodile rocker, activity gym, and frisbee toss.

**Kids' Delights:** Baby and toddler soft play area, temporary tattoos for all ages, along with stone love hearts, and twirly whirlies (all free).

**Sustainable Crafts:** Explore the OSCH's sustainable cultural craft station.

**Special Surprise:** Keep an eye out for a thrilling surprise involving dragons at 3pm to close us out!

**Come Together as One!**

**Bring your friends and family**, we look forward to seeing you there! midday to 3pm.

## From the Principal

Dear St Raphael's School Community,

As we approach our Cultural Connections Fair Day on March 30, I am excited to share with you a deeply personal and inspiring story from my family's history—a tale of resilience, education, and cultural pride rooted in the life of my great-grandmother, Annie Brice.

Annie Brice, born around 1849 near Penola, South Australia, was a Boandik woman whose life exemplified strength and determination. Despite the challenges of her time, Annie's journey was shaped by education and advocacy. She was taught to read and write by Saint Mary MacKillop herself, an extraordinary opportunity for an Aboriginal child in the 19th century. This education empowered Annie to stand up for her rights, including representing herself in court during legal disputes—a bold act for an Aboriginal woman in that era.

Annie's life was not without hardship. She worked as a domestic servant and teacher while raising her children as a single mother. Her ability to persevere through adversity left an enduring legacy that continues to inspire her descendants today. One of those descendants is Aunty Michelle Jacquelin-Furr, who has worked tirelessly to preserve Annie's story through books and cultural initiatives. These efforts ensure that Annie's contributions to education, Indigenous rights, and cultural preservation are remembered.

In honour of Annie's legacy, educational institutions have recognised her impact by naming buildings after her and sharing her story with future generations. Her life serves as a reminder of the importance of education and cultural heritage as tools for empowerment and renewal.

As we gather for Cultural Connections Fair Day, I invite everyone to reflect on the stories within their own families—stories that speak to resilience, hope, renewal, and the richness of our shared humanity. My tribute to Annie Brice is just one example of how storytelling can connect us across generations and cultures. I hope this inspires others in our school community to share their own family stories during this special day of celebration.

At St Raphael's, we believe that our strength lies in our diversity and our commitment to fostering a community where everyone feels valued and included. The Cultural Connections Fair Day is a testament to our school's dedication to celebrating the rich tapestry of cultures that make up our vibrant community.

Together, let us honour the power of storytelling as we celebrate diversity and build connections that strengthen our community. I look forward to seeing you all on March 30 for a very special afternoon filled with food, art, storytelling, and connection.

Warm regards,

Emma Fowler

Principal, St Raphael's School



Dear Families and friends,

### **How is your Lent going?**

We are just over the halfway mark in our preparation for Easter and I am amazed at the fast pace of the passage of time. I asked myself the question "How is my preparation for Easter going?" In reflection, I think I need to put more effort into action. I need to give myself more time for prayer, giving God the space to speak to me and reach out and offer assistance to others a little more.

In Lent we are also reminded to think of others through Project Compassion which is an Australian Catholic outreach programme, supervised by Caritas Australia, many families may have the Project Compassion boxes to collect coins or be aware of the QR code to donate money.

**PROJECT COMPASSION** - Toefuata'iga (Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education. You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes or envelopes. Online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) Or by calling: 1800 024 413

The actions of preferential care for the vulnerable and marginalised people, whose needs and rights are given special attention in God's eyes was an element of the early Christian communities and we continue today. Supporting Project Compassion is one way to fulfil almsgiving which is one of the tasks we offer up to God during Lent.

### **Year 6 Leaders Retreat at the Monastery**

Last week, Wednesday, March 12 our students from Year 6 gathered at the Monastery for their beginning of the year Retreat. Students reflected on their current skills for leadership and what they needed to develop to improve their ability to be better leaders. Fr Tony joined us and shared about the skills of Jesus as a leader, and we saw Jesus actions as a model for us even today.

## **Parish Sacramental Programme – First Reconciliation 2025**

Student enrolment for the First Reconciliation Programme has closed and the first Parent Meeting was held on Wednesday, 19th March in the Sebastian Centre at the Monastery. If you require any information regarding sacraments in the parish please ring Sue Schulz on 83381277 during business hours.

### **Farewell & Thank You**

It is with a heavy heart that I say farewell to St Raphael's school community. I have only been here for a little less than two terms but in that time, I have enjoyed and will cherish my time at St Raphael's.

The community and parish have been such a pleasure to work with and I know that Emma, Anthony and each staff member take individual student's needs very seriously, striving to enrich and cater for learning and social emotional support.

We are also gifted with the Monastery Parish, and the support and care of Fr Tom, Fr Tony, Sue Schulz and their co-workers. I thank them for their support of me in my position as APRIM and the ongoing support they continue to give the community of St Raphael.

***'Love one another and you will be happy.'***

***It's as simple and as difficult as that.***

***There is no other way.***

***Amen***

***(Pg 126 "When I Talk To You" Michael Leunig)***

Farewell and God bless

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# ST RAPHAEL'S SCHOOL - PARKSIDE

## UNIFORM COLLECTION 2025



*Polo Short Sleeve*  
\$ 40.00



*Polo Long Sleeve*  
\$ 45.50



*Boss Top*  
\$ 52.50



*Soft shell Jacket*  
\$ 82.00



*Skort*  
\$ 29.00



*Shorts*  
\$ 30.50



*Trackpants*  
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\$ 18.00



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\$ 58.00



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### TRADING HOURS

Monday 8.00am - 4.30pm, Wednesday 8.00am - 4.30pm,  
Thursday 1.00pm - 6.00pm, Friday 8.00am - 4.30am  
Saturday 8.30am - 11.30am





For your convenience, you can purchase uniforms online at [www.noone.com.au](http://www.noone.com.au) or visit the Cumberland Park Store at 4/378 Goodwood Rd, Cumberland Park SA 5041. See the attached uniform list for pricing and details.

Trading hours are:

Monday: 8.00am - 4.30pm

Wednesday: 8.00am - 4.30pm

Thursday: 1.00pm - 6.00pm

Friday: 8.00am - 4.30am

Saturday: 8.30am - 11.30am

## Retreat day - a report by Henry

The Retreat Day was a very interesting day filled with activities and fun. We played some games, like "Toxic Waste." In the Toxic Waste game, we used sports equipment such as skipping ropes and other items, and we had to figure out how to get a bucket and ball across to the other side and drop it into the bucket. We also played a leadership M&M game, which was one of my favorite games because we got to eat the M&Ms after we finished. Additionally, we did a "Get to Know" bingo activity. We enjoyed this time learning how to be good leaders by learning how to be good listeners and being respectful to all the students, allowing them to have their say.

By Henry - one of our Year 6 leaders and Reporters for 2025







## Dream and Lead

Dream and Lead is a one-day event designed to help primary school students discover their leadership potential and build a strong foundation for future success. The day is filled with activities that enhance problem-solving skills, boost confidence, and foster independence, all led by trained young leaders who inspire students to see the impact they can have as young people. The event emphasises that age should not limit leadership opportunities.

Our Year 6 students actively demonstrated their leadership skills by taking on various roles and participating in activities. They asked thoughtful questions, interacted with peers, and applied their existing knowledge of leadership principles. Their engagement showcased their growth as leaders and further developed the skills needed to excel in leadership roles.

# Reception learnings

## Hello Families!

**Literacy:** We have been having so much fun exploring our letter sounds in the alphabet! Using the Playberry program, we have been learning to identify different letter sounds and practising how to write those letters. So far, we have focused on **these letters:**

s, a, t, i, m, n, o, p, b, c, g, h, d, e, f, v.

To make learning even more exciting, we complete a **special letter craft!** This helps us connect the letter to a word that begins with that sound. For example, F is for Flamingo! These crafts help us remember our sounds in a creative and hands-on way.

We have also been learning some heart words—these are high-frequency words that we need to remember by heart! Our **heart words** this week are:

- I
- is
- a
- the
- my
- of
- give
- have

Along with our letter sounds, we have been using our new skills to practise reading simple sentences with our teacher Miss S. **Please watch our video!** via this [Youtube link](#) OR inside this newsletter down the bottom right of your screen, as you scroll.

We are **so proud of the progress** our little learners are making! Encourage your child to share the letter sound with you by asking your child to go on a letter hunt around the house and find objects that start with one of our letters!

**Geography:** We have been on an exciting journey exploring our connection to different places! We have been discussing places we know, what we can do there, and why they are special to us.

Through our conversations, we have discovered that some places make us feel happy, calm, excited, or safe. We have been working on **identifying our feelings** about these places and sharing why they are important to us.

To bring our learning to life, we have created special drawings and **stories about our favourite places.** We are so excited to share them with you! Look out for some wonderful examples of places that are close to our hearts.

Isaac “My special place is the **dumpling shop** because they are so yummy.”

Liana “My **special place is Brazil** because I am Brazil.” – her picture of the Brazilian flag.

## Here are some fun ways to continue this learning at home:

- Go on a little adventure to a familiar place and talk about what makes it special.
- Look through family photos and discuss places that hold special memories.



## Exciting Twilight Sports Day Coming Soon!



Get ready for an action-packed afternoon of fun and friendly competition at our upcoming Twilight Sports Day! Mark your calendars for Friday, April 4th, from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Mercedes College on the JS Oval<sup>12</sup>.

### Key Details:

- Drop-off time: 1:00 PM at Mercedes College (Delamere Ave entrance)
- Pick-up time: 5:00 PM (sign out required with classroom teacher)
- Parking: Available in nearby streets (not permitted on Mercedes College grounds)

### What to Bring:

- Team-colored t-shirt/polo or school sports top with colored ribbon
- Navy school sports shorts
- Named school hat
- Named water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Healthy snack and afternoon tea

Parents and carers are encouraged to join us for this exciting event! Don't forget to sign in at the score tent and collect your visitor badge upon arrival<sup>1</sup>.

The day will be filled with a variety of traditional and fun activities, including team events, baton relays, a parent relay, and even a tug of war competition<sup>1</sup>. Come cheer on our students and celebrate their teamwork and school spirit!

We look forward to seeing everyone there for an unforgettable afternoon of sports and community!



## Parish News



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS DURING LENT** Way of the Cross Reflections before the Blessed Sacrament after the 9:30am Mass at St Raphael's Church. The Passionist Companions will be walking and praying the Stations of the Cross in the Sacred Garden. All parishioners welcome, please meet at 5PM at the Garden gate.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION RENEWAL AND TRAINING SAVE THE DATE** - Come along on Saturday 29th of March to a renewal and training morning with Fr Tom. This is for both new and more experienced extraordinary ministers from 9.30am until 11.30am at St Paul of the Cross (exact location tbc). We ask that you please confirm your attendance with Sue Schulz 83381277 or [sue.schulz@themonastery.net.au](mailto:sue.schulz@themonastery.net.au) before the 24th of March.



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# SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP

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THE PERFECT TIME TO WORK ON YOUR GAME

WEEK 1 : 14th - 17th April (Monday to Thursday)

WEEK 2: 22nd - 25th April (Tuesday to Friday)

Location: Ellis Park - Adelaide, SA

Half day: 9am to 12pm

Full day: 9am to 3pm

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▣ *South Park Seniors Tennis Centre*  
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▣ *TUESDAYS 1pm - 2.30pm*  
*(Other sessions will be arranged subject to demand)*

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# FISH TANK



## Free Entrepreneurship workshop

Learn from business leaders and young entrepreneurs to help develop your own business idea at an age-appropriate **FREE** Entrepreneurship Workshop.

Open to all young people aged 8 – 25 who live, work, study or play in the City of Unley.

**For more information & to register, visit**  
[unley.sa.gov.au/fish-tank](https://unley.sa.gov.au/fish-tank) by 22 April 2025, 5pm.

► **ENTREPRENEURSHIP WORKSHOP  
FOR 8 – 17 YEARS**

**Thursday 24 April 2025, 2pm – 4pm**

Unley Civic Centre, 181 Unley Road, Unley  
(Enter via Oxford Tce)

*Parents & Guardians are welcome to  
accompany their children*

► **ENTREPRENEURSHIP WORKSHOP  
FOR 18 – 25 YEARS**

**Thursday 24 April 2025, 6pm – 8pm**

Unley Civic Centre, 181 Unley Road, Unley  
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*Light refreshments will be served*

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# FISH TANK

## We are fishing for future entrepreneurs

Applications are now open for the opportunity to pitch your business idea to the Fish Tank.

If you're 8 – 25 years of age and live, study, work or play in the City of Unley, you could win a prize package that will help grow your business!

Applications close Sunday 18 May 2025, midnight.

**For more information & to complete an application form visit [unley.sa.gov.au/fish-tank](https://unley.sa.gov.au/fish-tank)**



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