

Important Dates

School Photos

Wednesday 16 September 2020

Show Your True Colours Day

Tuesday 22 September 2020

Mercy Day

Friday 25 September 2020

Term 3 concludes

Friday 25 September 2020

Term 4 commences

Monday 12 October 2020

From The Principal

Introducing Our New Parent Reps - Building Stronger Connections

At St Raphael's, we know that a strong school community is built not just in the classroom, but through the relationships we form along the way. That's why we're excited to introduce a brand-new initiative, developed in partnership with our School Board and Parents & Friends Committee, aimed at deepening those connections between families across the school.

This year, for the very first time, we are launching Parent Representatives for each year level. This initiative **comes directly from feedback shared by parents** who expressed the value of having more regular points of connection throughout the school year—especially within class groups. These touchpoints are not only great fun, but a **powerful way to strengthen our community spirit**.

We'd like to offer our heartfelt thanks to the wonderful parents who have already stepped forward:

Nadine and Matt - Parent Reps for Years 5/6

Bec Henry - Parent Rep for Year 3

Justin Shadic - Parent Rep for Reception

These parents will help coordinate class gatherings, assist with communication around school events, and create opportunities for families to connect informally throughout the year.

We are still looking for parent **reps for Year 1**, **Year 2**, **and Year 4**/**5**. If you're interested in being part of this initiative—or simply want to know more—we'd love to hear from you!

Please keep an eye out for upcoming events organised by your class rep. Whether it's a casual catch-up at a local park or a coffee morning after drop-off, these simple moments can make a big difference in **helping families feel seen**, **supported**, **and connected throughout their child's schooling**.

Together, let's continue to build a welcoming and inclusive community where every family feels they belong.

Emma Fowler

Principal

Welcoming Our New Staff to St Raphael's School

As we continue our journey together at St Raphael's School, it is with great joy and anticipation that we welcome several new faces to our dedicated team. Each of these individuals brings a wealth of knowledge and experince. We are truly blessed to be part of a growing, vibrant school community-one that continues to evolve while remaining firmly grounded in our shared values of faith, care, and connection.

As part of this growth, we are delighted to welcome several new staff members who have recently joined our team. Lane Shuet, Yamini Weling, Erin Focroul, and Sarkia Gilani have taken on full-time Education Support Officer (ESO) roles. Each of them brings warmth,

dedication, and a wonderful energy to their work with our students.

We also welcome Raphael Schmidt and Jade Pace, who have joined us in part-time ESO positions while continuing their university studies in teaching. It's a joy to support their professional development and to benefit from their fresh ideas and enthusiasm in our learning spaces.

As our school community continues to grow, we look forward to welcoming more new staff and students throughout the year. Each new addition strengthens the spirit of St Raphael's and reminds us of the rich diversity and potential within our school family.

Campus Upgrades and Ongoing Improvements

Alongside welcoming new faces, we're excited to share some of the improvements happening around the school grounds. The recent paving works have begun to refresh key outdoor areas, with further upgrades still in progress to enhance safety and accessibility.

Our school hall has also been beautifully refurbished with a fresh coat of paint, just in time for the many performances and community events scheduled for this term and next. We're also thrilled to announce the arrival of new library furniture, creating a more inviting and flexible learning space for students to explore and enjoy.

In addition, the boys' toilets are currently undergoing a much-needed upgrade and are expected to be completed in the coming weeks, further supporting our goal of providing well-maintained and respectful facilities for all students.

These renovations are part of our continued commitment to creating a welcoming, inspiring, and functional environment where every student can flourish.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to build an even stronger St Raphael's. It's an exciting time to be part of this community!

Emma Fowler

Principal

St Raphael's Ambassadors Honour the Fallen at ANZAC Day Dawn Service

On ANZAC Day, while most of us were just beginning to stir from sleep, our Year 6 Ambassadors, Mila and Leo, stood quietly and proudly at the Unley Soldiers Memorial Gardens, representing the heart and spirit of St Raphael's School.

Each year, the ANZAC Day Dawn Service is a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by so many for the freedoms we now enjoy. This year, our school was once again privileged to be part of the ceremony by our student ambassadors—young leaders who have been chosen to represent our school in the wider community.

Mila showed great courage and reverence as she read the Lord's Prayer during the service, her voice echoing with dignity and calm across the still morning. Leo placed a wreath on behalf of our school—a symbol of remembrance and respect—demonstrating the quiet strength and solemn pride that this day calls for.

The ambassador role is a key element of our Year 6 leadership program. These students are entrusted with the responsibility of being the face and voice of St Raphael's beyond our school gates. They attend community events, welcome special guests, and take part in ceremonies such as this one. It's a role that requires maturity, kindness, and a deep sense of service—qualities we see so beautifully embodied in our ambassadors each year.

We are incredibly proud of Mila and Leo for the grace and respect they showed on such a significant occasion. Through their actions, they not only honoured the ANZACs, but also reminded us all of the deep connections between our faith, our school, and the wider community.

Lest we forget.



Educating for Change Event: The Inspiring Story of Annie Brice and Saint Mary MacKillop

Educating for Change



We are hosting a special event on Thursday, May 29, from 9:00am to 10:00am, **featuring Principal Emma Fowler**, a **proud Boandik woman**, in conversation with family members. The event will delve into the inspiring **legacy of Annie Brice**, **Emma's great-great-grandmother**, a Boandik woman **taught by Saint Mary MacKillop**, and explore connections to the Boandik people and the transformative impact of education.

This unique session will highlight themes of resilience, cultural heritage, and reconciliation, showcasing how one family's story continues to **inspire future generations**.

Taking place during the National Reconciliation Week, which runs from May 27 to June 3, this event aligns with the broader **national effort to learn about shared histories**, cultures, and achievements, and to contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

Open to students, families, and the wider community, this event promises a thought-provoking celebration of leadership and cultural connection.

Event Details:

Date: Thursday, May 29, 2025

Time: 9am to 10am

Location: St Raphael's School, Parkside, 114 Glen Osmond Rd, Parkside.

Free event, please RSVP here.

A Message from Our New Assistant Principal â€" Religious Identity and Mission

Dear Families,

It is with great joy and gratitude that I introduce myself as the new Assistant Principal – Religious Identity and Mission (APRIM) at St Raphael's! I feel truly blessed to join this vibrant and faith-filled school community, and I am excited to walk alongside you and your children on a journey of faith and learning.

My mission in this role is to nurture and deepen the Catholic identity of our school – through prayer, liturgy, service, and community. I believe that every child is uniquely created in the image of God, and I am committed to fostering a safe and inclusive environment where they can grow spiritually, academically, and personally.

It has been wonderful getting to know many of you in my first few days here. Over the coming weeks, I look forward to getting to know students, families, and staff more closely. Please don't hesitate to say hello, share your thoughts, or simply stop by for a chat. You will often find me on morning duties on Thursdays and Fridays.

Thank you for welcoming me so warmly. Let us continue to work together in partnership to nurture the hearts and minds of our young learners.

Kind regards,

Daniel Burns

Acting APRIM

Parish News



Knitting Club

Sue from the Parish would like to provide the opportunity for students to be involved in a knitting club at Recess times on Thursdays starting this week.

Family-friendly Masses

On the 3rd Sunday of every month, family-friendly Masses will take place at St Paul of the Cross at 5pm (Monastery grounds). As part of these Masses, there will be opportunities for children to be actively involved in various ministries! Families are warmly invited to attend and get involved! The next Family-friendly Mass will take place on 18th May. Please contact Sue from the Parish if you require more information.

Sacraments - Confirmation & First Communion

St Paul of the Cross Parish (Glen Osmond/Parkside) invites you to consider whether your child is ready to begin the formal preparation for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion.

The parish offers a comprehensive process to assist you in your child's preparation - this includes a workshop program over 6 weeks prior to Confirmation and First Communion. Official pre-requisites are that the child has been baptised in the Catholic Church, are over the age of 8 and have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

A valuable opportunity for parents to develop a deeper understanding of the theology and reasoning behind these sacraments is also provided on the Parent Information Night which will be held on the 4th of June. Further information regarding the dates and times of the sessions and ceremonies will be discussed at this meeting. At least one parent of the child or children must attend this session.

The date for our Confirmation Liturgy is the 19th of August at 7pm at St Raphael's Church, Parkside. Communion will be the following weekend

Our Sacramental preparation process begins with enrolment. If you wish to enrol your child or children, please complete the enrolment form here, read the information letter here and with the \$50 enrolment fee on this document, return it to St Paul of the Cross Parish Office or to me, Sue Schulz at sue.schulz@themonastery.net.au by the Monday the 2nd of June.

Should you have any queries concerning any of this information, please contact me, on 8338 1277 or email me (as above).

Kind regards,

Sue Schulz

Pastoral Associate

Catholic Education Week

This week is Catholic Education Week (May 12–18), and here at St Raphael's School, we're celebrating all the wonderful ways our students and school community shine!

Last week, we asked our students what they love most about school, and their answers inspired an impromptu lunchtime art session. The photos show just how excited and happy they were to join in. This joy and eagerness perfectly reflect what our school is all about and how our students shine every day.

How do you shine? Let's celebrate the kindness, learning, and hope that make St Raphael's such a special place!



Year 5/6 update

Welcome to Term 2! I hope you all had a relaxing break and a joyful Easter spent with your loved ones. It's hard to believe we are already at the end of Week 3-this year is flying by! The term so far has been filled with engaging learning opportunities and special events, and there's still plenty more to look forward to. My teaching approach continues to be interactive, hands-on, and visual to ensure each student remains actively involved in their learning journey. One of the highlights this term has been the integration of VR headsets into our STEM project-a truly immersive experience that students are thoroughly enjoying.

Year 5/6 Camp:

In Week 1, students attended the Outdoor Education Camp at Fleurieu Peninsula, departing on Tuesday, 29th April and returning on Thursday, 1st May. It was a memorable experience filled with learning, teamwork, and adventure. For those who did not attend, alternative work was provided at school.

Student Leadership:

We are incredibly proud of our Year 5 and 6 students who have taken on leadership roles this year. Congratulations again to our:

Ambassadors: Leo and Mila

IT & STEM Leaders: Peter and Kyle

Reporters: Henry and Josh

Admin Support: Reggie and Sun

Educators: Maria and Mila

Social Justice Leaders: Rafael, Nick, and Jason **House Captains:** Leo P, Josh, Peter, and Henry

Vice Captains (Year 5): Leo T, Riley, Daniel, Ethan, and Alex Student Voice Representatives (Year 5): Daniel and Alex

Year 5/6 Choir:

Some of our Year 5/6 students are part of the School Choir. This has been a wonderful opportunity for them to develop their musical talents, build confidence, and take part in school performances.

Year 5/6 Musical - The Addams Family:

Last term, students auditioned for roles in our upcoming musical production of The Addams Family. All roles have now been assigned-well done to everyone who participated! Rehearsals are underway, and we're excited to see all their hard work come to life on stage later this term.

STEM Project - "Mission to Mars":

This term, and possibly continuing into Term 3, students are participating in an exciting STEM project titled "Mission to Mars." Using VR technology, students are exploring how humans might one day live on Mars. They are collaborating, problem-solving, and using CoSpaces to digitally design sustainable life on the red planet-and then experiencing their creations in virtual reality.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions as we continue through Term 2.

Cassundra Pulizzi

Year 5/6 class teacher

Unley Library Featuring Eco-Buddies



Our Reception and Year 1 students had a delightful incursion with Unley Library, diving into the world of **Eco-Buddies** through stories and interactive fun!

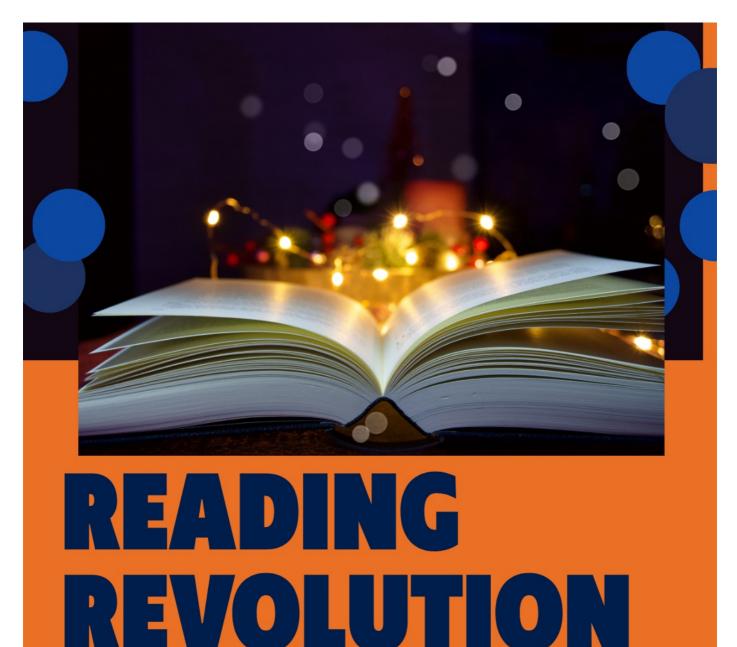
They explored **A Good Place** by **Lucy Cousins**, discovering how animals find perfect habitats; and **The Garden on Red Gum Road** by **Phil Cummings** and **Danny Snell**, revealing the bustling ecosystems in gardens.

Using animal and insect puppets, the children guessed creatures' features—like slimy skin or wings—and discussed where they live, such as ponds for frogs or trees for birds, connecting features to habitats.

This engaging day sparked their understanding of how animals thrive in specific environments and inspired them to care for nature!

RSVP Now: Literacy Panel & Workshops â€" The Highlight of Reading

Revolution Week!



WORKSHOPS AND PANEL FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

June 19 RSVP TODAY

What: Reading Revolution Panel & Workshops

When: Thursday, June 19, 6:00-7:30 pm

Who: Parents/carers (children welcome)

• How: Register below!

Join us on Thursday, 19 June, from 6pm to 7:30pm for the highlight event of our award-winning Reading Revolution. This inspiring evening features a Literacy Panel with renowned experts Tania Ingram, Mandy Foot, Andrew Joyner, and Bec Hughes, sharing practical strategies to foster a love of reading and boost your child's mental wellbeing.

Workshop Schedule - Tailored Breakout Sessions:

- Pre-School Parents: Led by Bec Hughes (Raising Literacy Australia)
- Reception to Year 2 Parents: Led by Mandy Foot (Children's Book Author & Illustrator)
- Year 3 to Year 4 Parents: Led by Andrew Joyner (Children's Book Author & Illustrator)
- Year 5 to Year 6 Parents: Led by Tania Ingram (Children's Book Author)

Bring your children along! They can enjoy supervised playtime or quiet storytime in our library while you participate.

This event is part of St Raphael's Reading Revolution, winner of the 2024 Australia Day – Community Event of the Year Award and nominated for Innovative Event of the Year with Catholic Education S.A. Join this transformative movement to break free from screens and ignite a lifelong love of reading.

Spaces are limited – RSVP now to secure your place and be part of shaping brighter futures!

Italian Day special lunch orders now open







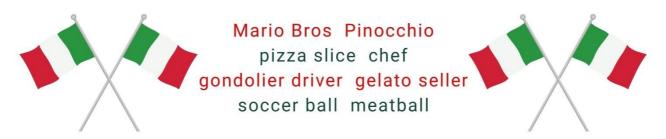
ITALIAN DAY

Celebrate All Things Italian in the Piazza July 3 from 8:30am

Join us in the quadrangle for a vibrant celebration of Italian culture. Enjoy a delicious caffè [coffee] from 8:30am.

The festivities begin with an Assembly at 9:10am, followed by a Costume Parade for our families, after which students will participate in a full day of Italian activities and experiences.

Families are warmly invited to participate. We encourage everyone to dress in the colors of the Italian flag—green, white or red—or get creative and dress up with the students! Ideas include:



To add to the Italian flair, special lunch orders of Pizza and Gelato will be available for pre-purchase on QKR before the day.

Come and join the divertimento [fun]!

Families, friends, and extended family are warmly invited to celebrate St Raphael's Italian Day on Thursday, 3rd July, starting at 8:30 am in the school piazza! Enjoy a delicious coffee and a vibrant day filled with Italian culture, including an assembly at 9:10 am, a

Costume Parade, and a full day of Italian-themed activities for students and families.

Dress up in the colours of the Italian flag or get creative with costumes such as Mario Bros, Pinocchio, pizza slice, chef, gondolier, gelato seller, football, or meatball.

Special lunch orders of Italian Pizza and Gelato will be available for pre-purchase on QKR, with orders to be completed by Tuesday, 17th June.

Lunch details:

- **Gelato** (150ml tub, \$3.00): Please choose one flavour Chocolate, Vanilla, or Coconut with Raspberry Swirl (dairy-free/vegan; all gluten-free)
- Pizza (\$3.00 per slice): Children will share class pizzas with two flavours Margherita and Salami with cheese
- Total cost: \$6.00

Please complete your child's order on QKR before the deadline. the order form below:

Bring your loved ones and come join the divertimento [fun]! Let's make this a memorable celebration of Italian culture together.

P.E. Update

Dear Families

We are gearing up for another busy term full of sport. Here is a brief snapshot, of what you can expect.

Carnivals

- Lacrosse All Year 3 -6 students will be participating in the Lacrosse Carnival Wednesday May 21 (week 4), the carnivals will be
 open to Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 age groups and will take place at Woodville Lacrosse Club, Drummond Ave, Findon.
- **Netball** All Year 3- 6 students will be participating in the Netball Carnival in week 10 Monday June 30. The carnival will be held at Netball SA Stadium, where students can enjoy SA's best outdoor netball facilities. SACPSSA Netball Carnivals traditionally encourage participation rather than competition.
- Basketball- First time we will be putting a year 4-6 boys basketball team to participate in a round robin carnival. This will be
 Thursday June 12 week 7. (invite only) The carnivals will be low-key competitive. At Wayville stadium.
- Cross Country Cross country takes place in early Term 3, closer to the end of Term 2 we will start cross country training before school. This is for those interested in years 3-6, the course is 2km.

Knock out Soccer

First time ever St Raphael's will be participating in the state wide School knockout Soccer carnival. Try outs for our boy's team will be taking place at lunch time in weeks 3 & 4. If you child is selected for the team, they will represent the school in Round 1 Wednesday June 11.

Sporting Schools Funding

In PE Lessons we have started our Lacrosse unit for students in Year 3-6 in preparation for the upcoming Lacrosse Carnival. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn a new sport and develop their skills.

We are fortunate enough to have Marilyn from Lacrosse SA working with us for the next 3 weeks. Marilyn brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm and we are confident that the students will greatly benefit from her experience.

ACHPER Leadership Day

On Wednesday May 7, our captains and vice captains attended a sports leadership workshop at St Patricks Mansfield Park. The sessions were designed to inspire students with ideas on how to become great leaders. They also provided practical activities to help them to support their peers in physical education.

The workshop was a great success, with students coming away motivated and equipped with new strategies to enhance their leadership skills. We look forward to seeing them put these ideas into practice and positively impact our school community.

School Soccer

School Soccer is back! This year we have four St Raphael Teams that will be competing in the Eastern Zones Primary School Soccer

association on Saturday mornings during term 2 & 3.

Reception Under 6's Year 1 Under 7's Year 2/3 Under 9's Year 4/5 Under 11's.

A big thankyou to our parent volunteers who have stepped up to coach and manage teams. Your support is invaluable and school sport would not be possible without your help.

Hannah Reid

Physical Education Coordinator & Teacher

Lacrosse Takes Centre Stage in PE for Years 3â€"6

We are pleased to announce that our PE lessons have launched a new Lacrosse unit for students in Years 3 to 6, building up to the highly anticipated SACPSSA Lacrosse Carnival in Week 4. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to discover a new sport, build teamwork, and develop a range of transferable skills that apply to many other games and activities.

We are especially fortunate to welcome Marilyn from Lacrosse SA, who will be working with our classes over the next three weeks. Marilyn brings a wealth of experience and infectious enthusiasm, ensuring our students learn from one of the best in the field. We look forward to seeing everyone's skills and confidence grow as we prepare for the carnival!



How did you vote in our Facebook poll here on whether to call it soccer or football?

POLL HERE



Year 3 to 6 Term 2 Camp Adventure

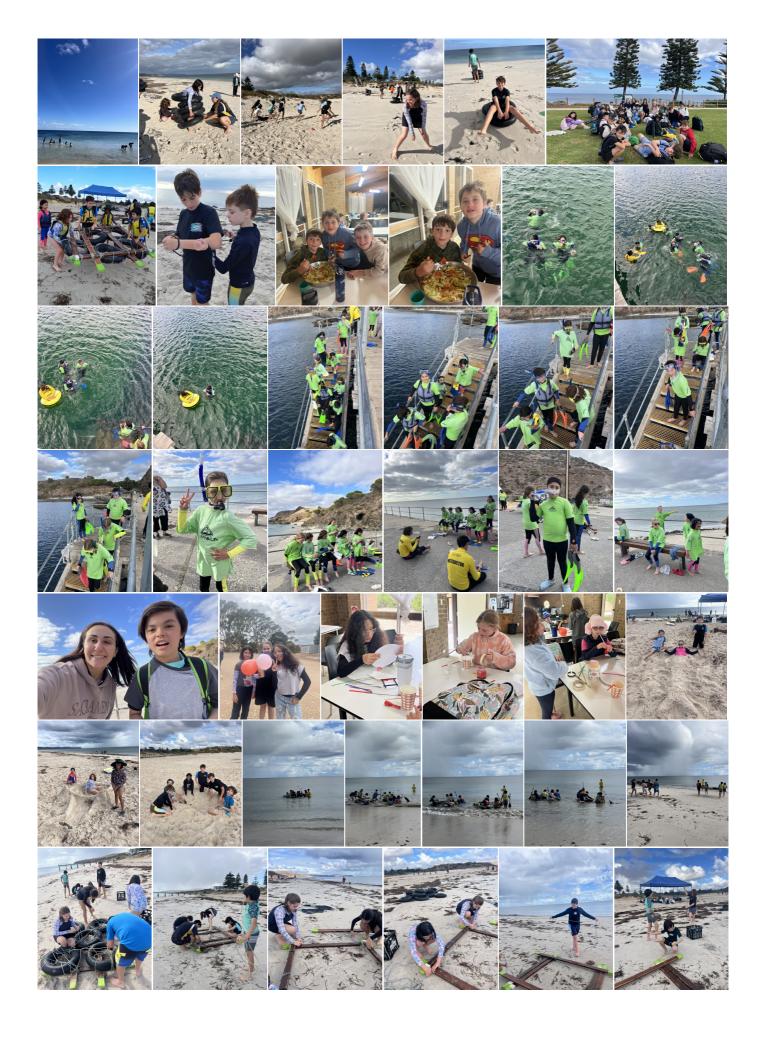
In Week 1 of Term 2, our adventurous Year 3 to 6 students from St Raphael's left the classroom behind and embarked on an unforgettable camp experience filled with a wide range of exciting activities. From raft making and beach games to fishing, marine exploration, and star gazing, the camp offered a perfect blend of fun, learning, and personal growth.

Our Year 4/5 students, in particular, embraced the camp's focus on curiosity, bravery, and resilience. Leo summed up the experience as "very wet, sandy fun times!" as students paddled through waves and faced new challenges like their first snorkel with enthusiasm and teamwork. Nathanael described the camp as "very positive," capturing the uplifting spirit felt by all, while Julian's imaginative description of it as "a kangaroo's dungeon" hints at the creative stories to come!

Beyond the thrill of activities, the camp fostered important values such as compassion, respect, and teamwork. Students enjoyed setting up their dormitories, bonding over shared experiences, and creating lasting memories that strengthen our St Raphael's community. The resilience and confidence gained during camp are already shining through back in the classroom as our students continue to grow, learn, and explore together.

These camps remain a treasured part of our school's commitment to offering diverse, enriching experiences that extend learning beyond the classroom walls. Enjoy the photos capturing these special moments!







Quiz Night Returns in Term 3 â€" Sponsorship Opportunities Now Open!

We're thrilled to announce that the much-loved St Raphael's Quiz Night will be returning in Term 3 on Friday night August 15 — and we're already counting down the days to what promises to be a fun-filled evening of laughter, friendly competition, and community spirit!

More than just a great night out, this event is also one of our major fundraisers for the year, with all **proceeds going towards an exciting new project: upgrading our school's playground facilities.** Our vision is to create a play space that inspires imagination, supports active play, and continues to grow with our students' needs.

To help bring this vision to life, we are **currently seeking sponsorships** from local businesses and community partners. <u>Sponsoring our Quiz Night</u> offers a fantastic opportunity to advertise your business to a loyal and engaged audience while showing your support for Catholic education and local families.

We have a <u>sponsorship proposal available here</u> outlining various levels of involvement—from prize donations to event sponsorship—and we would love the chance to share it with any business or contact you believe might be interested.

Whether you're a small local operator or a larger organisation, your support will help shape the future of our playground and create lasting benefits for the children of St Raphael's.

If you or someone you know might be interested in sponsoring this event, please get in touch with our front office, or <u>email us</u>. Together, we can make a meaningful difference—while having a fantastic time doing it!

Stay tuned for more details on Quiz Night tickets, tables, and themes. We can't wait to see you there!



It's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around.

And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- · Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes.

It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 16 MAY 2025!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au







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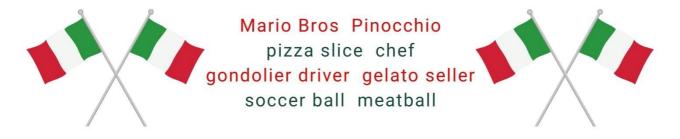
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Sponsorship opportunities and donations saught

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SAVE THE DATE

St Raphael's School



Date: Thursday, May 29, 2025

Time: 9am to 10am

Location: St Raphael's School, 114 Glen Osmond Rd, Parkside.





Thanks to everyone helping our kids!

I really feel I am in the right place!

Helping our kids thrive even with little steps is a joy for the whole family. Really grateful!

Love and appreciate every one of you!

Of course, a huge appreciation and gratitude to all ESO staff.

Brigjilda, parent.



Discover the Joy of Learning and Play at:

BOOK CLUB PLAYCROUP



FREE

Join us every Wednesday morning in our bright, air-conditioned library for a fun-filled session designed for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers, and their carers.

Each week, we explore a new picture book through:

- Storytime: Captivating tales to spark your child's imagination.
- Craft Activities & Creative Play: Hands-on fun inspired by the story.
- Singing & Discussion Time: Interactive engagement to deepen understanding.
- Free Play: Encouraging curiosity and social connections.

Play is essential for your child's development. With up to 85% of brain growth occurring in the first three years, our playgroup offers a nurturing environment to foster learning through exploration and creativity. Plus, it's a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers to connect with others in the community.

