



MEL MARIA
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Year Six Camp

Swimming Carnival

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6 April	Professional Development Day
7 April	Good Friday
24 April	Professional Development Day
25th April	ANZAC DAY
26 April	Term 2 Commences ANZAC Day Prayer Service
1 May	Yr 6 Confirmation Workshop for Parents & Students 3.30pm OR 5.00pm
2 May	EDU Dance Commences at SJP Campus
4 May	EDU Dance Commences at PN. Year 4 PN Eucharist Workshop 4.00pm OR 5.30pm
5 May	INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL
8 May	PN Year 4 Eucharist Retreat 9-3pm
12 May	Mother's Day Morning Tea Year 6 SJP Confirmation Retreat
26 May	SCHOOL TOURS: PN @ 9.30am SJP @11.00am
27 May	PN Yr 6 Confirmation Commitment Mass 6pm
28 May	PN Yr 6 Confirmation Commitment Mass 9.30am SJP Yr 6 Confirmation Sacrament at 11am
30 May	SAC Meeting 6pm & P&F Meeting 7pm at PN Campus
2 June	Pupil Free Day
5 June	WA Day Public Holiday
7 June	PN Year 3 Reconciliation 10am
8 June	Author Visit Years 3-6 PN @ 11.40am SJP@1.20pm
10 June	PN Year 4 First Holy Communion 3pm
15 June	Year 6 Winter Carnival
21 June	School Cross Country Carnival

The full term calendar can be located on page 11 or on the website
<http://www.melmaria.wa.edu.au/our-parents/calendar>

Parents are able to sync the online calendar to your devices.

2023 Pupil Free Days

6 April
 24 April
 2 June
 21 August
 21 August
 9 October

Whole School Events Save the date

5 May Inter-school Swimming
 12 May Mother's Day Morning Tea
 26 June EDU Dance Concert SJP Green
 28 June EDU Dance Concert SJP Red PN Green
 29 June EDU Dance Concert PN Red
 1 September Father's Day Breakfast
 25 October Grandparent's Morning tea

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Dear God,

Guide us through this Holy Week. Help us reflect on Your love and sacrifice. May we emerge with renewed faith and gratitude.

Amen.

As the school term comes to a close, our students will gather to celebrate Holy Week through a special end of term mass. This opportunity allows our school community to come together to reflect on the term that has passed and to deepen our spiritual growth by following in the footsteps of Jesus during this sacred time.

Through prayer and reflection, we can contemplate the ultimate sacrifice made by Jesus Christ and renew our commitment to living a life of love, kindness, and compassion to all.

The Holy Week/End of Term mass is a powerful reminder that with faith and dedication, we can find strength and resilience in the face of life's challenges. As we conclude another successful term, let us unite in prayer and thanksgiving, finding comfort and inspiration in the message of Christ's love and everlasting grace.

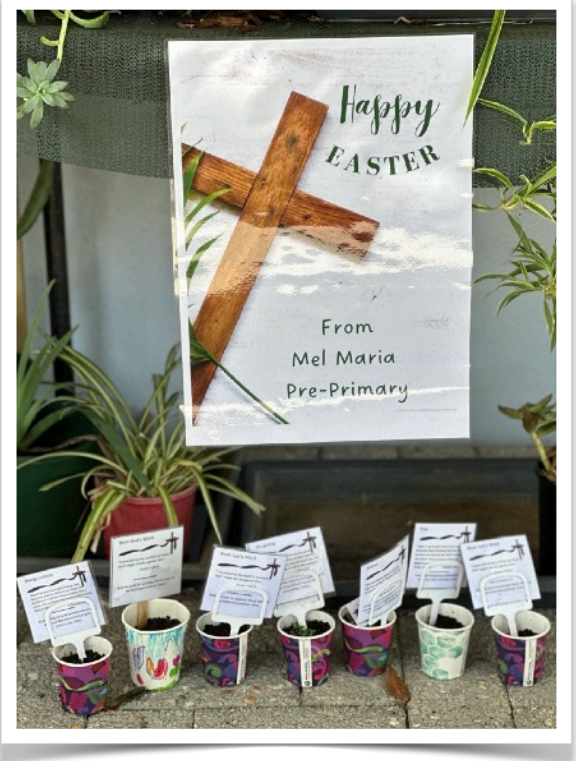
With the end of another incredible school term, we wanted to also take a moment to reflect on our achievements and share with you the successes of our students. Throughout the term, our students have demonstrated exceptional dedication, hard work, and perseverance in their studies, resulting in outstanding academic performance. All students will bring home Assessment Portfolios by Term Two, end of Week One, to showcase their learning and growth throughout Term One. Please take the time to go through your child's folder and set future goals with your child/ren and celebrate their success.

While academic success is essential, we are equally as proud of the personal growth and development our students have undergone this term. With the support of our dedicated teaching staff, our students have honed their critical thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork skills, preparing them for success in future academic pursuits and beyond.

We gratefully recognise and commend the tremendous efforts of our dedicated teachers for their unwavering commitment to student learning and success. Their tireless efforts to create a supportive and engaging learning environment have been instrumental in enabling our students to thrive and achieve their full potential.

As we close out the term, we look forward to building upon our achievements and continuing to foster a community of lifelong learners committed to academic excellence and personal growth. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in our collective pursuit of educational excellence.

We would also like to wish all our families a very Holy and Happy Easter and a restful break. We look forward to seeing you all in Term Two. Term 2 begins on Wednesday 26 April 2023.



Swimming Carnival

We congratulate all competitors for their efforts at the annual Mel Maria Swimming Carnival. A BIG THANK YOU to Mr David John and Mr Damian Williams for organising the events. Congratulation to Green Faction on winning the carnival.



Staff Farewells

We also farewell Mrs Dawn Plester who is retiring as Librarian Technician and wish Mis Simone Dalton all the best as she takes maternity leave for the remainder of the year. We thank both these ladies for their dedication and contribution to the Mel Maria Community.



School Uniform

Our school uniform not only provides a sense of belonging and pride of association in students at Mel Maria Catholic Primary School but also promotes the safety and security of students by allowing for the ready identification of students as belonging to our school.

All students are required to be in full winter uniform by the commencement of Week 3. Please refer to the uniform policy on the school website for further information.

Please contact Mrs Sara Wearing (sara.wearing@cewa.edu.au) at the Uniform Shop for any of your uniform

Disco

We had an amazing disco last Friday night, thanks to our wonderful P&F team who worked tirelessly to make it a success. The dance floor was packed, the music was pumping, and everyone had a blast. We appreciate all the hard work and dedication that went into organising such a fantastic event and thank the DJs, Macca, David and Tyler.



Thank you!

Year 6 Camp at Rotto

The Rottneest Camp was a huge success!

Everyone had a ball exploring the beautiful scenery, swimming, and bike riding. The activities were engaging and enjoyed by all, with highlights including the adventurous bike ride around the island, delicious meals, beach games and camp disco. The campers were thrilled to spot the adorable quokkas and capture a memorable photo with them.

The camp also provided opportunities for personal growth, building new friendships, and embracing independence. The group returned feeling refreshed, energised, and with a renewed appreciation for nature.

Credit to our Year 6 teachers for making this an unforgettable experience for all involved and to the additional staff that supported our students.





Holy Week

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Over the course of the term, our students have made Lenten Promises and raised money and food donations for those less fortunate. Our Year 5 Young Vinnies students have lead by example and presented a powerpoint to classes about the role of Young Vinnies in the school. They are truly making a difference everyday.





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\$100+ raised from Year 5 PN Young Vinnies

This year (Stella Kurniawan) made coin pouches to fundraise for Caritas as part of the year 5 Young Vinnies Program. This took me a long time and I even started making these pouches during the holidays. Some of my friends Charlize Bothe and Georgia Matthews helped with the sales of the pouches together as a Young Vinnies project.

We decided to do this for lent to help the people who are less fortunate than we are. With this amount of money we can get one rehabilitation devices for people with disabilities in Vietnam and 14 chickens for people in Zimbabwe.



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TERM TWO CALENDAR

TERM 2 2023 - Mel Maria



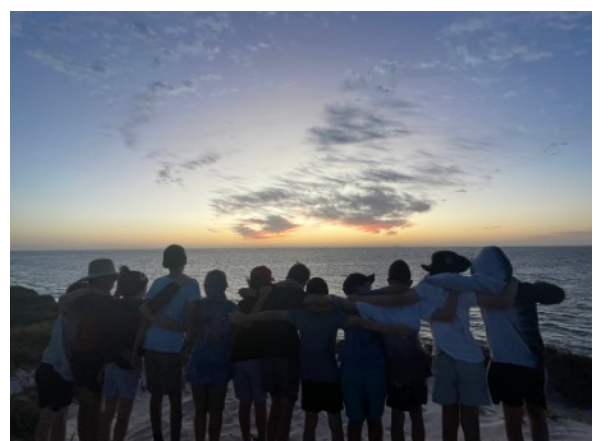
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1	24 APR Professional Development	25 APR ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	26 APR ANZAC Day Prayer Service	27 APR	28 APR SJP Housekeeping Assembly Merit Awards	29 APR	30 APR
2	1 MAY PN Housekeeping Assembly Merit Awards SJP Confirmation Parent/Child Workshop 3.30pm & 5.00pm	2 MAY	3 MAY	4 MAY PrePrimary St John Ambulance Incursion PN & SJP PN Eucharist Parent/Child Workshop 4pm & 5:30pm	5 MAY Interschool Swimming Carnival	6 MAY	7 MAY
3	8 MAY Eucharist Retreat PN (James Mullins Hall) 9am-3pm	9 MAY PN Years 5&6 Japanese Incursion	10 MAY SJP Years 5&6 Japanese Incursion	11 MAY	12 MAY MOTHER'S DAY MORNING TEA SJP Confirmation Retreat	13 MAY	14 MAY MOTHER'S DAY
4	15 MAY	16 MAY	17 MAY PN Yr 6 Assembly 9am	18 MAY	19 MAY SJP Yr 6 Assembly 9am	20 MAY	21 MAY
5	22 MAY	23 MAY SJP Dental Screening PP, Y3 & Y6 9.00am PN Dental Screening PP, Y3 & Y6 10.00am	24 MAY	25 MAY	26 MAY SJP Year 2 Assembly 9am School Tours PN 9:30am SJP 11am	27 MAY PN Confirmation Commitment Mass 8pm	28 MAY PENTECOST SUNDAY PN Confirmation Commitment Mass 9:30am SJP Confirmation 11am
6	29 MAY	30 MAY SAC Meeting 6pm P&F 7pm PN	31 MAY PN Yr 2 Assembly 9am	1 JUN	2 JUN Professional Development	3 JUN	4 JUN
7	5 JUN WA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	6 JUN	7 JUN PN Yr 4 Mass at 9am PN Reconciliation 10am LifeLink Launch	8 JUN Year 6 Reports Due Author Visit – Years 3-6 PN – 11:40am SJP – 1:20pm PN Pre-Primary Excursion	9 JUN Year 5 Reports Due PN Eucharist Rehearsal 1:30pm SJP Pre-Primary Excursion	10 JUN First Holy Communion PN 3pm	11 JUN
8	12 JUN Year 3 Reports Due	13 JUN Year 2 Reports Due	14 JUN Year 1 Reports Due PN Yr 4 Assembly 9am	15 JUN Year PP Reports Due Y6 Winter Carnival	16 JUN	17 JUN	18 JUN
9	19 JUN Year 4 Reports Due	20 JUN SJP Japanese Incursion	21 JUN School Cross Country Carnival	22 JUN SJP Japanese Incursion	23 JUN PN Edudance Red Concert	24 JUN	25 JUN
10	26 JUN PN Japanese Incursion SJP Green Edudance Concert PN Green Edudance Concert	27 JUN	28 JUN PN Japanese Incursion SJP Red Edudance Concert	29 JUN	30 JUN LAST DAY OF TERM	1 JUL	2 JUL
HOL	3 JUL	4 JUL	5 JUL	6 JUL	7 JUL	8 JUL	9 JUL
HOL	10 JUL	11 JUL	12 JUL	13 JUL	14 JUL	15 JUL	16 JUL

YEAR 6 CAMP



Year Six Rottnest Camp

The Year 6 Camp at Rottnest Island took place in Week 8, from 21-24 March, 2023. The students enjoyed the company of their peers and teachers, as they participated in many different activities. The students challenged themselves with lots of bike riding and walking around the island. Beach Olympics, West End Ride, Mini-Golf and Movies were some of the highlights. The students had a fantastic time and have made plenty of memories surrounded by their friends.



YEAR 6 CAMP



Physical Education

FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all students who were involved in the Faction Swimming Carnival last Wednesday 29th March. There was a great atmosphere, thanks to some very vocal spectators and interviews of our finishers by Mrs Scouler and Mr Murphy. The level of competition all day was fantastic, as our students competed in freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke and even butterfly events for their faction. Reigning champions Green faction and Blue faction swapped in second and first all day, with Green surging ahead at the back end of the Backstroke events. This was despite an incredible Grand Relay, in which Blue surged home to beat the eventual winners. Amongst many highlights in the day, that was the loudest and my personal favourite.

FINAL STANDINGS

GREEN: 764 points

BLUE: 737 points

RED: 636 points

GOLD: 547 points

Thank you to all the people who helped make the day a success:

- The parents and grandparents who came down to assist with handing out ribbons and timing. I really appreciate you giving up your time so the students can jump in the pool and challenge themselves, especially those of you who did double shifts or had both parents volunteer.
- Mr Popadynech and Mr Williams for their help in the lead up to the day and in the morning. We have built a good carnival day plan over the years and it makes the carnival so much easier when I know you know how I want things to be run.
- Mrs Massimi (Finish Marshal), Mr Connolly (Starter), Mr Carr (Chief Marshal), Mrs Horsley, Mrs Scouler and Mrs Ciccarelli (Toilet Marshals) and all the staff in the bays who did their bit to help

the students have an enjoyable carnival experience.

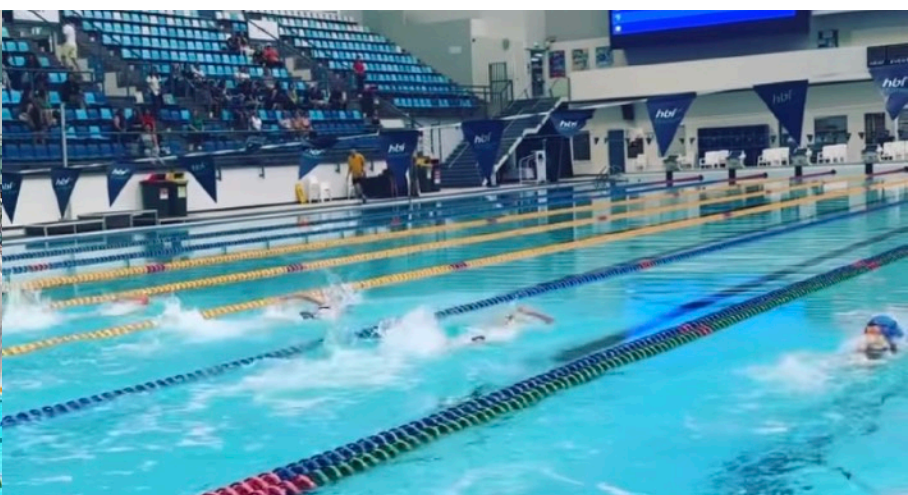
- The Year Six Sports Ministry who did a fantastic job of bringing students to the marshalling area without a practice run. Great leadership, team!
- The parents, siblings and grandparents who came to watch and cheer on their swimmers as they competed throughout the day.
- Mrs Murphy and Mrs Scouler for providing the 'Roaming Brian' interviews after the races. There were some great comments from our students, and only one fake name provided!

The CPSSA 'A' Division Interschool Swimming Carnival is on Friday 5th March at the same venue. Qualifiers have been notified and the team list can be found below. Well done to those who earned a position in the team - I can't wait to see Team Mel Maria back in the pool after Inters was cancelled last year.

Dave John

Physical Education teacher

MMCPs INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING TEAM 2023			
	YEAR FOUR	YEAR FIVE	YEAR SIX
GIRLS	Aria Bowyer ®	Charlize Bothe	Charlotte Banks
	Kathryn Choo	Chelsea Dobson ®	Millie Clemesha
	Ebony Fong	Elsa Holroyd	Mabel Davidson ®
	Mia Giancola	Georgia Matthews	Caitlin Kennedy
	Emmerson Jones	Elloise McClure ®	Dara Ledden
	Joanne Kim	Ella Minchin	Chloe Loftus
	Lyla Pritchard ®	Lola Mura ®	Veronica Lombardi
	Ava Rizzacasa	Isabella Sarsero	Isobella Osbrough
	Amelie Smits ®		
BOYS	Christian Backhouse	Jake Dornford	Darcy Dobson ®
	Reggie Boston	Oscar Hancock ®	Micah Fong
	Felix Coad	Evan Kelly	Christian Faria
	Gabe Fitzpatrick	Marco Li ®	Blake Kerr
	Hamish Rigg	Angus Rigg	Charlie Pettenon
	Liam Salotti	George Shemeld	Matthew Peters
	Xavier Strauss	Preston Taylor	Eamon Wilkes ®
	Monty Worrall		Sam Yeo
	Joey Xu ®		



Our History

Mel Maria was established in 1973 by the rationalisation of:

St Joseph Pignatelli Catholic Primary School, Attadale, Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School, Myaree, Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Primary School, Willagee and the Primary School of Santa Maria.

All of these schools existed separately in their own right, however because of their size and their limited resources they struggled from an educational perspective to meet curriculum requirements.

Following a series of meetings in 1972 involving the community of each of the schools it was decided to amalgamate all the schools and Mel Maria came into being.

Mel Maria today is a tribute to the wisdom and the foresight of the then Principal of Corpus Christi, Myaree - Sr. Joan Smith. Though she never worked as such at Mel Maria she will always be remembered for her work in sowing the seeds from which Mel Maria has grown and blossoms today. The founding Principal of Mel Maria was Sr. Florence O'Sullivan.

Did you Know?

The name Mel Maria was chosen because all three campuses are in the City of Melville. "Mel" comes from the first three letters of Melville and also has Irish derivation meaning "place". "Maria" comes from the link with Santa Maria. The McAuley campus was originally the Primary School of Santa Maria. **So Mel Maria means basically "the place of Mary"**. The patroness of Mel Maria is Our Lady of Mercy and her feast is celebrated on September 24th.



Digital Technology

Applying Parental Controls on an iPad

iPads come with inbuilt Content & Privacy Restrictions. Using the 'Screen Time' option in 'Settings' parents can;

- Block their child from accessing specific websites, apps or functions (like using a device's camera, or the ability to buy things).
- Filter different kinds of content, such as 'adult' content, content that may promote self-harm, eating disorders, violence, drugs, gambling, racism and terrorism.
- Monitor their child's use of connected devices, with reports on the sites they visit and the apps they use, how often and for how long.
- Set time limits, blocking access after a set time.

How to Set Content & Privacy Restrictions

1. Go to Settings and tap Screen Time.
2. Tap Turn on Screen Time, then tap it again. Choose "This is My [Device]" or "This is My Child's [Device]".
 - If you're the parent or guardian of your device and want to prevent another family member from changing your settings, tap Use Screen Time Passcode to create a passcode, then re-enter the passcode to confirm. After you've confirmed your passcode you'll be asked to enter your Apple ID and password. This can be used to reset your Screen Time passcode if you forget it.
 - If you're setting up Screen Time on your child's device, follow the prompts until you get to Screen Time Passcode and enter a passcode. Re-enter the passcode to confirm. After you've confirmed your passcode you'll be asked to enter your Apple ID and password. This can be used to reset your Screen Time passcode if you forget it.
3. Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions. If asked, enter your passcode, then turn on Content & Privacy Restrictions.

Make sure you choose a passcode that's different from the passcode you use to unlock your device. With iOS 16, while you're setting up Screen Time for a child's device, you can set age-related restrictions for content in apps, books, TV shows and films. Just follow the onscreen instructions during the setup process.

More information can be found here: <https://support.apple.com/en-au/HT201304>

Jamf Parent

iPads in the school's BYOD program (Years 3 -6) which have been wiped and setup from the start by the school, have access to Jamf Parent – an app which allows parents to monitor /restrict functions on their child's iPad.

Restrictions can be applied to individual apps or categories of apps. Rules can also be applied to locations set by parents. Parents control their child's iPad by using the Jamf Parent app which is available on the Apple apps store or the Google Play store.

Apple - <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/jamf-parent/id1458797105>

Google Play -https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.jamf.parent&hl=en_AU&gl=US

Controls set by parents do not impact the functionality of the iPad at school.

More information can be found here:

<https://www.jamf.com/resources/product-documentation/jamf-parent-guide-for-parents/>

Click on the video to watch a tutorial on Jamf Parent



Teaching Parents Jamf Parent



School Social Worker

School age friendships and how to support them



Your child's world gets bigger when they start school. Relationships with other people – like the children in your child's class at school – become more important.

Friendships are good for your school-age child's self esteem. When your child has close friends, your child feels like they belong. Your child's friends care about your child, and this helps your child feel good about themselves.

Friendships also help children develop important life skills like emotional self-regulation, getting along with other people and sorting out conflicts and problems. Children with these skills are less likely to have social and emotional difficulties later in life.

The link below provides strategies and suggestions for parents to help their children in this important area.

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/connecting-communicating/connecting/supporting-friendships>

Mrs Christine Pittman



P&F Page

You can't have a
P&F without
Parents & Friends



What is the P&F?

The P&F provides the opportunity for parents, caregivers and friends of the school to meet, share and become a community that supports and encourages our students and staff in realising the shared vision

Who is part of the P&F?

All parents of students at Mel Maria are members of the P&F. The P&F is led by a volunteer group of parents, each of whom are elected to office bearer positions. For 2023, the P&F Committee members are: Chairperson - Michael Ballem, Deputy Chairperson - Holly Tickner, Treasurer - Emma-Lee Oliver, Secretary - This position is still vacant, if you are interested in joining, please let us know



What does the P&F do?

We collaborate with the Principal to plan, organise and promote social, sporting, cultural, educational and faith formation activities.

We support the Principal in the facilitation of fundraising events for the benefit of the students.

What do the P&F have planned for 2023?

The P&F are looking forward to lots of wonderful events in 2023, particularly after the last few years of Covid restrictions. We would love your help and support and there's lots of great stuff planned.

We have the 50th Anniversary School Ball in October, Hot Cross Bun fundraising for Easter, a School Cookbook planned and many favourites from previous years including Colour Run, Wine Fundraising and BBQs.



How can I get involved?

Getting involved doesn't have to mean giving up all your free time. Some ways to get involved include:
Volunteering time or skills
Contributing supplies for an event (like sausages for a BBQ fundraiser)
Volunteering to be the Class P&F Rep

Don't forget to join the P&F Facebook group to stay up to date with whats happening in 2023

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'We strive to create happy and successful children who we are proud of... we are more than a school, we are a community, united by our motto, 'Unity is Strength.'

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