



Mini-Newsletter – Week 2

*"May our St Mary MacKillop School community be sparked by the Spirit."
(From our Beginning of Year prayer gathering)*

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 2!

SCHOOL NEWS

OUR MEET AND GREET EVENING – WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

A reminder that you are all warmly invited to our 'Meet and Greet' evening to further build on our partnership. Following is the format for the evening:

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| • 5.15-5.30pm | Michelle welcome R, R/1 & 1 parents/caregivers (MPLA) |
| • 5.30-5.55pm | R, R/1 and 1 class sessions with teachers in classrooms |
| • 5.45-6.00pm | Michelle welcome 2/3 and 3/4 parents/caregivers (MPLA) |
| • 6.00-6.25pm | 2/3 and 3/4 class sessions with teachers in classrooms |
| • 6.15-6.30pm | Michelle welcome 5/6 & 6/7 parents/caregivers |
| • 6.30-6.55pm | 5/6 and 6/7 class sessions with teachers in classrooms |

Developing and strengthening a relationship between our school staff and yourselves is essential for successful wellbeing and learning for your children. Next Wednesday evening will be an opportunity to do this, meeting with the class teacher in the classroom, seeing how the learning environment has been set up, hearing about class routines, practices and about the ways in which your children can best be supported at school.

We look forward to meeting and greeting as many of you as possible next Wednesday evening!

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Social and emotional learning is lifelong, we are all always developing and growing these essential skills for life. As you know classes have been having a focus on social and emotional learning in these first two weeks of school. This week the classes have been celebrating with Connection activities to continue to build on this. Classes have had games that encourage relationships, team building, cooperation and collaboration, resilience, confidence and enjoyment.

Classes will visit the beach (how fortunate we are to be so close!) and will use our facilities here at school for sport, games and cooking. Thanks to everyone – staff and students for the spirit with which you have planned and participated in this important learning.

COMMISSIONING MASS – SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

Also a reminder that you are all invited to attend our Commissioning Mass.

St Mary MacKillop School is an important part of the Kadina, Wallaroo and Moonta Parish. This Sunday, at 8:30am Mass at St Francis of Assisi Church, Moonta, **our staff will be commissioned** by Fr. Matthew Newman to fulfil their mission to bring the strong teaching of Jesus to all parts of our parish school community - for us all to live life to the full as thriving, capable learners and citizens.

PORT ADELAIDE FOOTBALL CLUB VISIT

The Port Adelaide Football Club players will be visiting our school on **Tuesday 11th February (Week 3, Term 1)** as part of their Power Community Youth Program. The visit would consist of a school assembly conducted by Port Adelaide Football Club players and staff who will deliver a session which would include an introduction of each player, their pathway into the AFL, living a healthy lifestyle and their current pre-season schedule.

After the players' presentation there will be an opportunity for the students to ask questions.

Students that have PAFC merchandise can get signatures from the players, so bring along jumpers, footies etc. This should be a fun and inspirational visit.

WELCOME

This week we welcome a new family to the St Mary MacKillop school community.

Welcome to Zain Alsaiedy who has joined Jane Owen's Year 1 class and welcome to his mother Rema Alsaiedy. We hope you love your time here with us.



SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

Our School Board will meet for the first time next week: Tuesday 11th February, 7pm Finance Committee and 7.30pm School Board.

Thank you to our School Board members: Fr Matthew Newman, Karen Miers, Lauren Donnellan, Nina Farr, Leon Schulz, John Iveson, Katie Crawford, Agatka Murphy and Julia Agnew (Finance and Minutes).

Remember that these people represent you for the best interests of our students and school community. I am looking forward to our first meeting.

Blessings for the week ahead.

Michelle Miller - Principal