

St Mary MacKillop School

NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL: Ms Michelle Miller

10 Bagot Street, Wallaroo
South Australia 5556

PO Box 16, Wallaroo
South Australia 5556

Telephone: (08) 88232549

Facsimile: (08) 88232561

Outside School Hours Care:

Telephone: 0437 659 137

info@stmm.catholic.edu.au

www.stmm.catholic.edu.au

Term 1 Week 3 Wednesday, 12th February 2020

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends,

In the last week we have experienced our school settling into a regular routine for the term.

At the end of last week classes had "opportunities to celebrate success" (from our school Vision statement) with various Connection Day activities. This followed on from the two weeks of focus on social and emotional learning.

Week 3 at SMM School started in such a special way with our Commissioning Mass at Moonta. Beautifully celebrated for us by Fr Matthew and taking time to join us Nichii Mardon Director of Catholic Education Pt Pirie Diocese, emphasised the importance of this 'commissioning' of our staff to serve our school community. We were blessed with the Holy Spirit and fired with the Spirit within, to carry this out with grace this year.

Following days have seen us settling into our more regular routines:

- Language and Numeracy groups
- Student Support with teachers Annette and Francesca
- Piano with Michele
- Dance with Karen
- Mentoring with Michael, Fr Matthew, Paul
- Classroom lessons
- Choir and Breakfast Bites with Bernie
- Excellent teaching and learning in classrooms

These are just some of the many examples of offering opportunities to students to
"encounter life in all its richness."

Staff and I have appreciated parents and caregivers making times with us to discuss the social, emotional, spiritual and learning needs of your children. The students are at the centre of what we do and we are always happy to make a time to meet with you.

IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY

- Wed 12 Meet and Greet Evening from 5.15pm
Thu 13 Anniversary of the National Apology
Opening School Mass at Star of the Sea Church
Wallaroo 9.30am. All welcome
Feast of St Valentine
Fri 14 Year 6/7 Assembly 9.00am
Tue 18 Parents & Friends meeting 7.00pm
Tue 25 Shrove Tuesday
Wed 26 Ash Wednesday Liturgy in MPLA 11.30am
Fri 28 Year 5/6 Assembly 9.00am

MARCH

- Mon 9 Public Holiday
Tue 17 Feast of St Patrick
Fri 13 Afternoon Hang 3.00pm
Thu 19 Feast of St Joseph
Fri 20 Harmony Day
SACPPSA Swimming Carnival at Clare
Wed 25 The Annunciation
Thu 26 Sports Day

Parish Weekend Mass Times

Star of the Sea, Wallaroo
Saturday 7.00pm

St. Francis of Assisi, Moonta
Sunday 8.30am

Sacred Heart, Kadina
Sunday 10.30am

St Margaret's, Port Broughton
Sunday 12.00 noon

Mission Statement

*Inspired by our Catholic faith and in partnership with families and our wider community,
St Mary MacKillop School creates opportunities for encountering life in all its richness.*

From the Principal

In the coming weeks, staff will have release time from their classrooms to be able to attend to planning and writing programs for classes and students. Teachers are often released for meetings, testing, observations and to attend Professional Learning. Teachers will communicate this to families when necessary and such times are always for the benefit the children. We are a community of learners along with the students, our staff and families – we are all learning, all the time if we are open to it.

*“Commit yourself to lifelong learning.
The most valuable asset you’ll ever have is your mind and what you put in it.”
(Brian Tracy)*

Port Power fans revelled in the visit of players and staff to our school yesterday, not wanting to create any tension, I decided to leave my Hawthorn scarf at home! We thank the Port Adelaide Football Club for their community visit and hope they enjoyed their visit to the Yorke Peninsula.

This is the time of ‘firsts’ for the year, and this Thursday we will have our first school-parish Mass. Students under the guidance of our staff are busily preparing for the Mass, practising singing and readings, visiting the Church to become familiar with our sacred space, making posters and artworks, decorating candles that will be blessed and then grace our prayer and meeting tables throughout the school. The theme will be ‘From Spark to Flame –Fire the Spirit Within’. Seeing all of these marvellous preparations is certainly firing the spirit within us all. I hope you can join us in Church for Mass this Thursday morning.

Another ‘first’ will be Assembly on Friday morning, hosted capably by the Year 6/7 class. I had a lovely group of students visit me in my office yesterday afternoon to interview me in preparation for the Assembly, I do believe they will be showing a video of our interview (if we didn’t run out of battery) – don’t miss it!! I’m sure you all want to know what my favourite colour is and if I like avocado!

I am excitedly looking forward to these significant events to experience them for the first of many here with you all.

OUR MEET AND GREET EVENING

A friendly reminder and warm invitation to attend our ‘Meet and Greet’ evening. Sessions will be held as follows:

| | |
|-------------|---|
| 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 |

We look forward to catching up with you this evening.

BUS UPDATE

For these past 2 ½ weeks we have been without our big Kadina bus while it was having maintenance, repairs and inspections in Adelaide. My sincere thanks to Julia, Michael, Paul, Paula, Bernie and all of the families and students on our Moonta bus run. The staff have helped with working out alternate bus runs, supervising students, communicating with Adelaide and trips to pick up the bus. The students and families have been extremely patient and understanding during this time. The bus is being picked up today and we very much look forward to getting it back and back into routine.

SMM SCHOOL 7-9 REGIONAL STRATEGY UPDATE

As you would know, we are in consultation to determine if SMM school will go to Year 9 (R-6 primary and 7-9 secondary). In the first week of school I met with architects and three consultants from the Catholic Education Office. We discussed the possibilities for the capital (buildings and infrastructure) works that would be required. Tomorrow I will have a meeting with two consultants from the CEO to discuss educational planning, vision for the learning/curriculum offerings that would be required to offer an excellent secondary education here.

We are very much in the consultation stages and I will keep you informed as we progress.

From the Principal

CHILD PROTECTION - CARING FOR OUR CHILDREN

"It takes a village to raise a child"

This often quoted line is so true for our school community and so we all take care to do everything we possibly can for the safety, health and wellbeing of our children. We ask for your continuing support with the following:

NUT FREE

We have a number of students at our school and OSHC who have various serious allergies. One of the allergens is nuts, meaning if the child comes into contact with nut or nut based products, this can result in very serious and life threatening reaction (anaphylaxis). As such, our policy states that NO NUTS and NO NUT based products are to be brought to school. This includes nut bars, Nutella / peanut paste in sandwiches and mixed nuts for fruit snacks.

SMOKE FREE

An adult's decision to smoke is respected, however I reiterate that our school is a Smoke-Free zone and respectfully ask that there is no smoking in or around our school buildings and school buses.

In South Australia, it is illegal to smoke in cars while children (under 16) are passengers.

MODELLING

We all get frustrated at times and we all express this differently. How we cope with anger, frustration, disappointment will be what our children see, our body language, our words, our actions. It is important to model self-control and resilience as much as possible at these times. Children will follow our example and to this end we need to be very mindful of our language and actions. Please keep language polite and respectful around our school environment, buses and children.

ROAD SAFETY

Please ensure that your child always gets out of the car on the footpath side of the road. We can become a bit relaxed in our smaller community and think that nothing will happen here, streets are quiet, teacher on yard duty, however we all, always need to remember this road safety rule.

Your support with these areas is asked for the benefit of all of our children, and will be very much appreciated.

SCHOOL BOARD

Last night we held our first School Board meeting for the year. We are very blessed with a Board of skilled and committed parents who represent you. We think it is important that you know who are our Board members are and that you will feel comfortable to ask questions and discuss ideas that you have with them.

Our current School Board consists of:

Michelle Miller (Principal), Fr Matthew Newman (Parish Priest), Agatka Murphy (Staff Representative), Karen Miers (Chairperson), Katie Crawford (Treasurer), Leon Schulz, John Iveson, Nina Farr, Lauren Donnellan.

Prior to our Board meetings, the Finance committee meets: Michelle Miller, Fr Matthew Newman, Katie Crawford and Julia Agnew (School Bursar).

We sincerely thank Paula Northeast who attended Board meetings last year to take the minutes of the meetings and Julia Agnew who will be taking the minutes this year.



Back: Fr Matthew Newman, John Iveson, Karen Miers, Lauren Donnellan, Agatka Murphy, Katie Crawford

Front: Leon Schulz, Nina Farr, Michelle Miller

From the Principal

SCHOOL BOARD AGM

Our School Board AGM will be held on Tuesday, 10th March at 7.30pm. All welcome to come along and celebrate the achievements of the past 12 months. Reports will be presented and this is a really great way of finding out more about your children's school.

Membership of the School Board was reviewed at our meeting last night and three of our Board members come to the end of their term of service. Terms are for two years and can be for up to three terms (six years). Three positions have been declared vacant:

| | |
|----------------|---|
| Katie Crawford | Served 2 years and eligible for re-nomination |
| John Iveson | Served 4 years and eligible for re-nomination |
| Karen Miers | Served 4 years and eligible for re-nomination |

Nominations are invited for these three candidates or any other willing parents. Please use the nomination form accompanying this Newsletter.

INVITATION FROM OUR SCHOOL BOARD AND P & F

All families: children, parents, carers, grandparents, friends – one and all – are invited to our Afternoon Hang. Friday 13th March, from dismissal time onwards, stay on and have a relaxed drink and some nibbles, followed by a sausage sizzle tea (for gold coin donation). Bus students can stay on at school and be supervised here until parents can arrive or it may suit your family to pick up children, go home and change and come back.

We would love an indication of your attendance so that we can cater well.

AFTERNOON HANG – FRIDAY, 13th MARCH

YES Our family will attend the Afternoon Hang

NO Our family are unable to attend the Afternoon Hang

Family Name:.....Number of sausages required:.....

THANK YOU – WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU HERE!

SPORTS DAY

Our Sports Day will be held this term on Thursday, 26th March (Week 9, Term 1). There were many reasons for making this change to Term 1, one of the reasons being the large number of school activities being held at the end of Term 3 and into Term 4.

Students have previously been able to purchase a House shirt for Sports Day, however we are no longer able to source these particular tops. Given that Sports Day is not far away and we would like students to have a shirt that reflects their House colours, we ask that students who have a House shirt from previous years wear it and students who do not currently have a House shirt (purchased from school), have a shirt in their team colour (preferably a sunsmart polo top with collar). Shirts are to be worn with school sport shorts on the day. Polo shirts can be purchased at a very reasonable price from stores particularly at this time of the year. If any families have difficulty sourcing a polo top or plain shirt for any reason, please let Karen know as soon as possible so that we can support students to all have a House colour shirt for this year. In the meantime, we will be researching options for House shirts for the future.

Colour guide for House shirts:

Tappeiner (bright red)

Woods (forest green)

MacKillop (royal blue)

From the Principal

*"True happiness here, depends on ourselves, not on those around us."
(St Mary MacKillop 1907)*



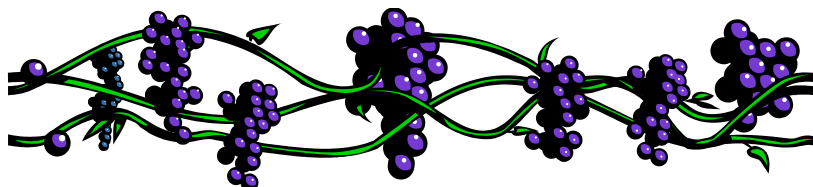
Moments of Grace:

I met a grandparent last weekend who showed me photos her grandson had taken on his first day at school, in order they were: his school hat, his school bag, child dressed in his uniform with his family.

Grandma told me he loves school and he has been teaching her the song "Hearts on Fire", along with actions!

Blessings for the week ahead,

Michelle Miller - Principal



The Vine

The whole school gathered Thursday, Week 1, for the **Welcome Back Prayer Gathering** where we prayerfully introduced the graces of our 2020 spiritual focus, **From Spark to Flame, Fire the Spirit Within!**



Each group in the school community received a plain, "turn on" candle, representing the light and love of Christ. These candles have now been decorated by each group and are ready to be blessed and re-presented at this week's **Opening School Mass** with the parish, tomorrow at Star of the Sea Church. The Our Lady Star of the Sea Church is located on the same block as St Mary MacKillop School, but with frontage on Irwin St. All families and friends are welcome to join us at this special Mass, this special Liturgy of the Eucharist, which is the most important Tradition of Catholic

worship.

Last Sunday our staff members gathered at St Francis of Assisi Church Moonta for 8:30am Mass. Fr. Matthew commissioned the staff with a prayer and special blessing to live, and bring to our community the message of Jesus who shows us the way to experience and know God.

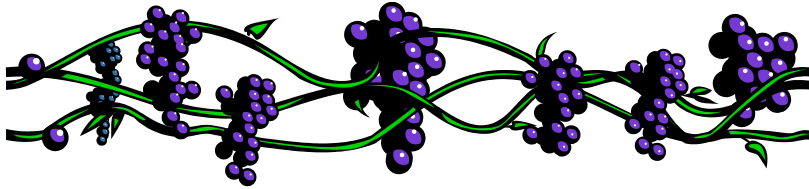


Sacraments

The sacraments of the Church are rituals and actions of strengthening our personal connection with God. The celebration of Sacraments uses everyday symbols which point to deeper meaning and sharing in the grace and action of God, through personal relationship with God.

The invitation for those who are baptised in Christian Baptism to engage with the sacraments of the Church is always on offer in our parish, either through the school or through the parish itself. Our school offers an invitation to celebrating the sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, as well as Confirmation every second year (2020) for Year 6/7 students who have celebrated the sacraments mentioned above.





The Vine

Baptised students from Year 3 are invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation; students from Year 4 and 5 are invited to celebrate First Eucharist; students from Year 6 and 7 are invited to celebrate Confirmation. Any enquiries about receiving the Sacrament of Baptism can be directed towards Bernie Thomson.



If applicable, please fill out and return the Sacraments form in this Newsletter, indicating that you would like your child/ren to be involved in the Sacraments preparation programme.



National Apology to Australia's Indigenous People



We acknowledge the National Apology to Australia's Indigenous People which took place on 13th February 2008. It was delivered by the then Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd on behalf of the Australian Government in recognition of policies of past governments. To achieve reconciliation, the Australian community and our major institutions must understand and acknowledge the wrongs of the past and understand their effects. The term 'Stolen Generations' refers to those children who were removed on the basis of their race (proof of neglect was often not required). The predominant aim of the forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families was to absorb or assimilate children with mixed ancestry into the non-Indigenous community.

RECONCILIATION
AUSTRALIA

* Lent – Easter

We are approaching a very important part of the Church Liturgical Year. The celebration of Easter takes place on the first weekend of the school holidays. But before we reach Easter, we have a period of six weeks during which the major religious focus is our own personal and community preparation for Easter. This span of time is known as Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday.



* Shrove Tuesday – Help Please!

Shrove / Pancake Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday takes place Week 5, **Tuesday, 25th February**. In popular culture, this particular Tuesday before Ash Wednesday took on a number of traditions from medieval cultures which persist today. The celebration of "Mardi Gras" (French meaning 'fat Tuesday') was the last opportunity for feasting and celebration before the Lenten personal sacrifice and self-denial practices of prayer, fasting and giving to others. According to British tradition, people would prepare for the hardships of Lent by using up all of their meat, eggs and butter and milk in the cooking and eating of pancakes. Meat, eggs and butter and milk would not be consumed again until Easter.

Shrove / Pancake Tuesday is highly anticipated by the students – we cook them pancakes between 10:00am - 11:00am!

Pancake mix and toppings needed!

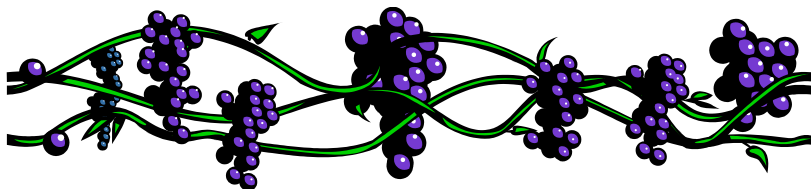
Families are invited to donate some 'Pancake Shake Mix bottles' or some toppings such as jam, maple syrup, lemon juice or sugar.

We are also calling for generous volunteers to help cook and flip pancakes on the school barbecue on 25th February. If you have a DCSI check, which Karen Westlake has seen, and would like to help us out we would be most grateful to welcome you! It is always lots of fun!



If you receive this Newsletter electronically, please phone Karen in the Front Office with your offer of help. If you would like to do this please come along at 9:15am, sign in. Then go over to the verandah outside the hall where the barbecue and serving area will be located. Please fill out and return the slip below if you are able to give us a little time.

We gratefully accept any help offered!



The Vine

*Lent - Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday will be marked on **26th February**, with a **Prayer Liturgy** here at school in the MPLA at 11:30am, led by Fr. Matthew. Being the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday occurs 46 days before Easter. Lent is the special time of preparation for the celebration of Easter, which is the most important feast in the Church Liturgical Year. Everyone is invited to join us and the parish for this important day.



Chaplaincy - Pastoral Support and Care

The beginning of a new year always brings its own challenges for students and families, some of which arise from the sustained focus on knowing yourself, being your best which arises from the two weeks of Social and Emotional Learning and Wellbeing activities. Settling in, fears, changes in structure and daily routines all can contribute to a variety of personal challenges which may arise. Support is always available to students and families, but especially at the beginning of the year! Chats are always welcome, especially if I am not in a class!

Bernie Thomson APRIM and Pastoral Care Support

COOKING PANCAKES RETURN SLIP

Thank you for your help. It is most appreciated!



----- is able to help with the cooking and serving of pancakes from 9:15am on Tuesday 25th February.

Signed _____

Sacraments Form

*I would like to consider(name of child) celebrating the Sacrament of **Baptism** in 2020. I wish to receive more information.

Signed _____ Date _____

*I would like(name of child) to celebrate the Sacrament of **Reconciliation** (Year 3) in Term 1 2020

Signed _____ Date _____

*I would like(name of child) to celebrate the Sacrament of **First Eucharist** (Year 4) in 2020

Signed _____ Date _____

*I would like(name of child) to celebrate the Sacrament of **Confirmation** (Year 6 or 7) in 2020

Signed _____ Date _____

*I would like more information on the Sacraments please!

Signed _____ Date _____

School News

PORT POWER VISIT

Yesterday we were excited to have a visit from the Port Adelaide Football Club as part their Power Community Youth Program. Old scholar and Youth Programs Officer Will Northeast introduced players Connor Rozee, Cam Sutcliffe, Boyd Woodcock and Trent Burgoyne who spoke about Healthy Lifestyles including the five food groups, being active, hydration and sleep. Students were lucky enough to also have a kick and catch with the players.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Our senior students have such an important role in our school, setting an example, being role models for our younger students and growing in their leadership. Many wonderful examples of this are already being shown this year, the Year 7 students in particular are taking this very seriously.

In class with Ms Caffyn and Mrs Murphy, the Year 6/7 students have been reflecting on what it means to be a leader and the Year 7 students wrote leadership speeches. On Monday afternoon the students all met in their House teams; Tappeiner (red), Woods (green), MacKillop (blue) to vote for their House Captains for 2020. The Year 7 students presented their speeches which were well written and well delivered. It's not an easy thing to do, to get up and speak about yourself in front of a large group and the students are to be congratulated for the way they did this. All would be most worthy House Captains, however a decision was made by private vote with the following results:

TAPPEINER: Harrison Northeast and Hunter Wellgreen

WOODS: Luke Russel and Madison

MACKILLOP: Ella Phelan and Shann Hanson

Congratulations to these students on their roles! All of the Year 7 students were very gracious and congratulated the Captains when this was announced to them. Captains will be presented with their badges at the Assembly this Friday morning. I know the captains will be well supported by all of the Year 7 students as the leaders of our school.

Music Lessons

Music lessons at St Mary MacKillop School

Keyboard and piano lessons are available for 2020. Group lessons are one to one lessons; include recorder and ukulele and music theory.

Enquiries - Michele Giesecke - 04098 283 305

Guitar lessons are available for 2020

Enquiries - Paul Boakes - 0407 790 82

The P and F Provider – “The place for all your P and F news!”

FRIDAY LUNCHES

Each Friday we have Friday Lunches prepared by volunteers in our hall kitchen. Students are able to order their lunches via an app named QKR. The menu is available on the app.

In order for the QKR app to run smoothly this year we require you to update your child's profile to their current classroom. Actions needed to be completed:

1. Sign into you QKR account
2. Select St Mary MacKillop school
3. Select profiles
4. Select child's name
5. Change year level to current class
6. Press update profile.
7. Repeat for additional children

Now you're all set up!

A fortnight ago, new families were given a 'How To Guide' to set up QKR on your phone. If you have any problems downloading the app, please contact me on 0439830518.

Below are the dates we require volunteers for lunches this term. If you can spare just one hour on a Friday between 12.00pm-1.00pm, then **we need you!** You will be a support person in getting the lunches ready. Thank you to the girls who have already assisted with lunches this term.

A police check clearance is required to assist with lunches. Please see Julia or Karen in the front office if you would like to complete a police check.

Tarnya Wilson Lunch Co-ordinator

PARENT AND FRIENDS - FRIDAY LUNCH VOLUNTEERS – TERM 1

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Friday, 14 th February | Time 12pm – 1pm | Name: |
| Friday, 21 st February | Time 12pm – 1pm | Kristy McBride |
| Friday, 28 th February | Time 12pm – 1pm | Name: |
| Friday, 6 th March | Time 12pm – 1pm | Name: |
| Friday, 13 th March | Time 12pm – 1pm | Jayne Winter |
| Friday, 20 th March | Time 12pm – 1pm | Kristy McBride |
| Friday, 27 th March | Time 12pm – 1pm | Name: |
| Friday, 3 rd April | Time 12pm – 1pm | Kristy McBride |

Please return the reply slip by Friday, 14th February. Thank you for your support.

Reception & Reception/1 Classes

Reception and Reception/1 classes had a great first week joining classes for a variety of activities. The Reception/1 class was lucky to have an excursion to the beach on Friday, 31st January, where they played the game Spreading Peace.



The Australian Curriculum General Capabilities

In the Australian Curriculum, General Capabilities refer to an integrated set of knowledge, skills and behaviours that are developed across the curriculum to help students become successful learners, confident and creative individuals and active and informed citizens.

The General Capabilities are essentially the skills that research tells us are essential for achieving success in our 21st century world. There are seven General Capabilities in the Australian Curriculum:

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Information and communication technology (ICT) capability
- Critical and creative thinking
- Personal and social capability
- Ethical understanding
- Intercultural understanding



What a great start to the year we have all had, so many exciting activities happening in classrooms during Social Emotional learning. Students were involved in a myriad of activities from Reception to Year 7 learning the skills of the 'Personal and Social Capability'.

In the **Reception Class** the Personal & Social Capability learning included:

- Thinking about what sets our *hearts on fire*
- Learning about what it means to be a good friend
- Making 'A' choices at school
- Reflecting on feelings in our hearts



In the **Reception/1 Class** the Personal & Social Capability learning included:

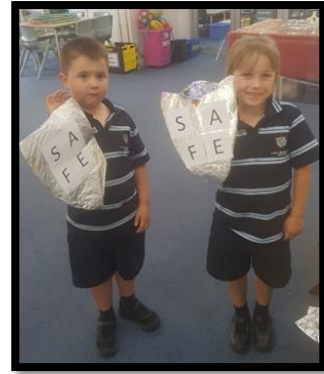
- Ishi; a solid friend connection morning at the beach
- Solving we-fit-together puzzles
- Developing a class statement about what our hearts are on fire with
- Joining with the Reception class for relationship building, General Capabilities & getting along activities



The Australian Curriculum General Capabilities

In the **Year 1 Class** the Personal & Social Capability learning included:

- Making S.A.F.E. shields and learning about personal responsibility
- Creating and performing role plays
- Y charts about what makes successful learners
- Playing lots of cooperative games
- Setting goals and celebrating differences



In the **Year 2/3 Class** the Personal & Social Capability learning included:

- Becoming 'bucket fillers' from the book 'Have you filled a bucket today?'
- Doing Kahoot quizzes
- Learning about manners
- Reminding ourselves about our school values



In the **3/4 Class** the Personal & Social Capability learning included:

- Learning about Trust Networks through the Child Protection Curriculum
- Exploring consequences and how they connect with using manners
- Deciding on a set of class values
- Setting our General Capabilities goals



The Australian Curriculum General Capabilities

In the **5/6 Class** the Personal & Social Capability learning included:

- Writing letters to our future self
- Setting goals
- Unpacking how we uphold our school values
- Recording what our spark/passions are



In the **6/7 Class** the Personal & Social Capability learning included:

- Unpacking the theme 'Fire the Spirit Within'
- Revisiting the school Mission, Vision & Values statements
- Setting smart goals relating to the General Capabilities
- Playing connecting games



In **Science** students have been connecting with Mother Nature, setting up behaviour and learning expectations and creating a worm farm as well as thinking about how to look after animals.

In **Italian** students have been negotiating learning expectations, these include; learning more Italian words, always completing work, using time effectively and helping others when they need it.

In student's written reports, we will report on 3 of the General Capabilities from ACARA:

- Personal & Social Capability
- Critical & Creative Thinking Capability
- Information & Communication Technology Capability

Reporting on the General Capabilities is a new initiative and as such will be a work in progress. Reception to Year 2 will have a tick box page with an overall comment from the teacher. Year 3-7 will have student and teacher comments as well as an overall comment and assessment. Last year we trialled this report structure and families provided resoundingly positive feedback about reporting on the General Capabilities.

Alison Ryan

Year 3/4 class teacher and POR (Position of Responsibility) in General Capabilities

Congratulations

PAUL NORTHEAST



Congratulations to Paul Northeast who was awarded the 2019 AFL Auskick Coordinator for the Woodville West Torrens Football Club. Paul was presented his award on Friday, 31st January, by Craig Oliphant, Game Development Coordinator for the Mid North. A well deserved award for Paul's passion and dedication to Auskick.

ANNETTE MORPHETT

Congratulations to Annette who is entering the final year of her PhD studies which focuses on 'Rural Mathematics'. At the end of 2019 Annette was accepted as a presenter at the SPERA (Society for Provision of Education in Rural Australia) conference in Brisbane. Annette presented part of her research at the conference and was awarded the '2019 Australian Rural Education Award'. The conference provided many opportunities for her to meet and learn from some of the best experts in the field of rural education.



OSHC



At OSHC this term we have created an OSHC Superstars Board where children have painted and used glitter to create their own star. Children have also been busy filling out 'All About Me' sheets which in the past they have loved looking back on them at the end of the year. The students love choosing what goes on the menu each week and having opportunities to cook and serve to others. Educators encourage independence at OSHC through craft activities, cleaning up and even washing their own dishes.

Just a reminder if your child is booked into OSHC and not attending or is absent from school, you need to inform OSHC staff before 1.00pm or you may be charged. You can either call or send a TXT to 0437 659 137.

Lisa Cooper
OSHC Director

Years 2-4 Connection Day

On Friday, 7th February, we started the day at Office Beach and then we said prayer and acknowledged the earth around us.

After that we went to do activities with the 2/3 class. The activities were sand castle competition, beach cricket, bouncy pillow and the flag baton game.

We had lots of fun doing the activities and prayer with Mrs. Thomson.

We came back to school and had a lunch of sausage rolls and party pies, it was yummy!

We had an AMAZING day at the beach and we are all very grateful, thank you to everybody who made our fun day possible!

Kaira & Johanna 3/4 Class



Library News

Student Borrowing

By now all students would have visited and borrowed from the library. Our school has a fabulous range of books and resources available to students and we encourage students borrow weekly. Please feel free to pop in and have a look around. I am always open to suggestions about books that interest the students and welcome any feedback or offers of assistance with book covering etc.

St Mary Mackillop School are strong supporters of the Premiers Reading Challenge and will be completing the challenge again this year. More news to follow in the coming weeks on this.

The school also has a collection of "Parent Help" Books from various authors which are available for parents / carers to borrow anytime. Parents / Carers may borrow the books under their child's name for a two week period. A small display is located at the front of the MPLA.

Scholastic Book Club

Please find included in this week's newsletter envelope, Issue 1 of the Scholastic Book Club Catalogue.

All orders are very much appreciated as they earn reward points for the school and enable us to purchase new books for the library. If you would like to make an order please return with payment to the front office of school by Friday, 28th February 2020, or you can order online by following the instructions on the order form.

Sharon Steer

Library Technician



Mini Macs Playgroup

Yesterday at Mini Macs Playgroup, the children used watercolours in ice cubes to paint some hearts and cards for Valentine's Day, and we enjoyed reading about farm animals sharing with each other in *How Kind!* by Mary Murphy.

Mini Macs Playgroup meets every Tuesday at 9:00am in our hall. The group caters for children birth-5 years for a weekly play and a lovely catch-up for the families!

Felicity Schulz

Mini Macs Coordinator





HAPPY BIRTHDAY



| | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Mrs Murphy (Lisa) | 15 th February |
| Lachlan – Reception/1 | 16 th February |
| Armani – Reception/1 | 18 th February |
| Shann – Year 6/7 | 19 th February |
| Charley – Year 3/4 | 21 st February |
| Tyrell – Year 6/7 | 23 rd February |
| Asha – Year 1 | 25 th February |



NEWSLETTER INSERTS

1. Scholastic Book Club catalogue
2. Year 5/6 Curriculum letter
3. Italian Curriculum letter (all classes)

If you have not received any of the above hand-outs, please write a note in your child's diary for a copy to be sent home.

Community News

WALLAROO FOOTBALL CLUB – Registration night for Senior Colts, Junior Colts and Under 11s. Wednesday, 18th February from 5.00pm. Online registrations will be open on the 12th February via our website www.wallaroorfc.com
First training dates – Senior Colts, 19th February, 5.30pm; Junior Colts, 26th February, 5.00pm; Under 11s, 19th March, 5.00pm.



What's happening on the Northern Yorke Peninsula for 0-5 y.o.?

Includes activities in Kadina, Wallaroo, Moonta, Port Broughton, Bute & Kulpara

TERM 1 2020

[updated each term]

Please email simone.mercer130@schools.sa.edu.au to update or add your information.

Last update 4/2/20

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | All Week |
|---|--|---|---|---|--|
| Port Broughton Kindergarten Playgroup 0-5yo 10-11.30am Ph 8635 2390 [\$] | Mini Macs Playgroup St Mary MacKillop School, Wallaroo 0-5yo 9-10.30am Ph 8823 2549 [\$] | Wallaroo Mines PS Playgroup Lipson Ave, Kadina 0-5yo 9-10am Ph 8821 1988 [\$] | Rhythm & Rhyme Time Kadina Library 0-5yo 10.30-11am Ph 8821 0444 FREE | Wallaroo Preschool Playgroup 0-5yo 9.30-11.30am Ph 8823 2389 [\$] | Kadina Child Care Centre Inc. 19 Doswell Tce, Kadina Long day care 7.30am-6pm Ph 8821 3709 [*\$] |
| Tingley Music Class Kadina 0-3yo 9.30am Kinder Beat 10.45am Ph 0419 962 968 [*\$] | Harvest Christian College Playgroup, George St, Kadina 0-5yo 9-10.30am Ph 8821 4945 [\$] | Bizzi Bees Playgroup 65 Owen Tce, Wallaroo 0-5yo 9.30-11.30am Ph 0467 060 139 [\$] | MyTime Peer Support Group Supporting Parents of children with disabilities Thur 9.30-11.30am (term time) 19 Goyder St, Kadina - Carers and Disability link—PH: 88212 444 (Merrilyn) | Moonta Playgroup Moonta Netball Club 0-5yo 9.15-10.30am (fortnightly) Ph 0433 001 542 [\$] | Community Kids Kadina Early Learning Centre 58 Port Rd, Kadina Long day care 6.30am-6.30pm Ph 8821 1125 [*\$] |
| Kinderfun [\$] Monday 10-11am (during school terms) CCLSC Ph:88213 103 | Swim & Play Session 10.30am Copper Coast SLC 1 Doswell Tce, Kadina 0-5yo 9-9.45am Ph 8821 3106 [\$] | Kulpara Playgroup Soldiers Memorial Hall 1 st Wed each month 0-5yo 9.30-11am Ph 0417 899 709 [\$] | Karen Lee Dance Academy Kadina/Moonta 2-4yo 3.45-4.15pm Ph 0407 608 446 [*\$] | Moonta Kindergarten Occasional Care 2yo+ 12noon-3pm Ph 8825 2403 [*\$] | Bute Rural Care 8am-6pm 48 weeks per year Ph 8826 2230 [*\$] |
| Swimming Lessons Copper Coast SLC 6mo+ 1/2hr lessons 9am-12noon Ph 8821 3106 [*\$] | Wriggle & Giggle Time Kadina Library Toddler/pre school 9.30am Ph 8821 0444 FREE | Karen Lee Dance Academy Wallaroo Anglican Church Hall Tap 4-7yo 4-4.45pm Ph 0407 608 446 [*\$] | MKA Kadina Martial Arts Copper Coast SLC 1 Doswell Tce, Kadina 5-12yo 6-7pm Ph 0418 212 877 [*\$] | Book Bugs Kadina Library 2-4yo 10.30am Ph 8821 0444 FREE | For Family Day Care Options Please call 1300 551 890 or 8343 6533 [*\$] |
| Copper Coast SLC Crèche (when parents attend gym ses- sions) 0-5yo 9am-12noon Ph 8821 3106 [*\$] | Karen Lee Dance Academy Kadina Uniting Church Hall Creative Dance 4-6yo 3.45-4.15pm Ph 0407 608 446 [*\$] | Books & Babies Port Broughton Library 0-5yo 9.30-11am 4/3/20 & 1/4/20 Ph 8635 2863 FREE [*\$] | Swimming Lessons Copper Coast SLC 6mo+ 1/2hr lessons 9am-12noon Ph 8821 3106 [*\$] | Port Broughton Kindergarten Occasional Care 8.45-11.45am Ph 8635 2390 [*\$] | Copper Coast Indoor Play Centre Copper Coast Tourism Centre Kadina Mon-Fri 10am-4pm Sat & Sun 10.30am-2pm Ph 8821 2333 [\$] |
| Gymnastics Kadina & District Youth Centre Hall, Doswell Tce, Kadina 4-5yo 4.45-5.45pm Ph 0437 389 680 [*\$] | Riding for the Disabled Kadina, 3yo+ Mornings Ph 0408 781 430 [*\$] | Swimming Lessons Copper Coast SLC 6mo+ 1/2hr lessons 9am-12noon Ph 8821 3106 [*\$] | Hot Shot Tennis Kadina Further info Brett 0430 162 120 [*\$] | Karen Lee Dance Academy Kadina/Moonta Classical Ballet 4-7yo 3.45-4.15pm Ph 0407 608 446 [*\$] | Splash Town Water Park 171 Bay Road Moonta Bay Time TBC (check Facebook page) |
| Bute Kindergarten Playgroup 0-5yo 9.30-11am (fortnightly) Ph 8826 2230 [\$] | Read & Rhyme Time Moonta Library 0-5yo 9.15-10am Ph 8825 1511 FREE | Parenting Program Uniting Country SA 9 Hay St, Kadina 10am-12noon Ph 0458 690 089 [*\$] | CaFHS Port Broughton Clinic Port Broughton Hospital Day Centre 4 th Thurs each month 9am-3pm Appointments 1300 733 606 [*\$] | Riding for the Disabled Kadina 3yo+ Mornings Ph 0408 781 430 [*\$] | OSHCH SERVICES [*\$] Wallaroo Primary School OSHCH Vicki 0428 280 425 Harvest Christian College OSHCH 0417 936 861 Moonta Area School OSHCH Lisa 0439 817 475 St Mary MacKillop School OSHCH Lisa 0437 659 137 |
| Karen Lee Dance Academy Moonta Scout Hall Creative Dance 2-4yo 9.30- 10am Ph 0407 608 446 [*\$] | Krank It Dance Contemporary Classes Harvest Christian College Stadium 5 y+ Ph 0419 182 514 [*\$] | Copper Coast SLC Crèche (when parents attend gym ses- sions) 0-5yo 9am-12noon Ph 8821 3106 [*\$] | Copper Coast Sports & Leisure Centre Crèche (when parents attend gym sessions) 0-5yo 9am-12noon Ph 8821 3106 [*\$] | Bounce Back Carers & Disability Link Kadina Support group for carers with children who have special needs Ph 8821 2444 [*\$] | |
| | CaFHS Kadina Clinic Cnr Doswell Tce & Eliza Tce, Kadina 9am-3.30pm [*\$] BY APPT ONLY 1300 733 606 | Krank It Dance Hip Hop Classes Harvest Christian College Stadium Dance Fundamentals 3.30-4.15pm Hip Hop 4.30-5.15pm Ph 0419 182 514 [*\$] | | Messy Church—Kadina Uniting Church 3rd Fri each month (16/8 & 20/9) 3-12yo 3.15-5.30pm Ph 0428 218 255 [\$] | |
| | | Copper Coast SLC Crèche (when parents attend gym sessions) 9am-12noon Ph 8821 3106 [*\$] | | Copper Coast SLC Crèche (when parents attend gym sessions) 9am-12noon Ph 8821 3106 [*\$] | |
| | | | | CaFHS Kadina Clinic Cnr Doswell Tce & Eliza Tce, Kadina alternate Fridays 9am-3.30noon BY APPT ONLY 1300 733 606 [*\$] | |
| | | | | | Sunday Kadina Miniature Train Rides 50 Mines Rd, Kadina 1 st & 3 rd Sun each month Ph 8823 3439 [\$] |

Key: * = booking required, \$ = cost involved. Some activities only run during school terms. Contact the phone numbers listed for more information or to book.

Many activities have Facebook pages/groups. Search activity names in Facebook for more information.

Child & Family Health Service (CaFHS) appointments: 1300 733 606 Parent Helpline: 1300 364 100 Aus Breastfeeding Assoc Helpline 1800 686 268