

# St Mary MacKillop School

## NEWSLETTER

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### From the Principal

#### Prayer

*Living God,*

*Bless us with eyes that see goodness*

*Mouths that speak love*

*Ears that are discerning*

*Hearts that are accommodating*

*Hands that touch in kindness*

*Feet that go the extra mile*

*And smiles that show acceptance.*

*Amen.*

Dear Parents and Friends,

Week 5 has been full of highlights!

**Shrove Tuesday** – Thank you to Bernie and all of the wonderful parents and caregivers who gave so much time in their day to cook and serve pancakes for us all as a way of observing Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Tuesday.

**Ash Wednesday** – Ash Wednesday begins one of the most significant times in our Church year. Today we gathered as a whole community for our Ash Wednesday Liturgy.

In ancient times, many people used ashes for religious, magical and medical purposes. In the Old Testament, ashes were sprinkled on the head or over the whole body as a sign of mourning (sadness) and penance (saying sorry). Receiving ashes on the first day of Lent is a practice that dates back to the fifth century, and by the 11<sup>th</sup> century was a universal Christian practice. These days Catholics receive a sign of the cross in ashes on their forehead as a reminder to follow Jesus. Ash Wednesday begins the time of Lent, a time of fasting (going without), prayer (reflecting, time speaking to and listening to God), and giving (we share what we have with others).

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### FEBRUARY

Fri 28    Swimming training

#### MARCH

Mon 9    Public Holiday

Tue 10    School Board AGM 7.30pm

Fri 13    Afternoon Hang 3.00pm

Tue 17    Feast of St Patrick

P & F AGM 7.00pm

Thu 19    Feast of St Joseph

Fri 20    Harmony Day

SACPPSA Swimming Carnival at Clare

Wed 25    The Annunciation

Sports Day

#### Parish Weekend Mass Times

Star of the Sea, Wallaroo

Saturday 6.00pm

St. Francis of Assisi, Moonta

Sunday 8.30am

Sacred Heart, Kadina

Sunday 10.00am

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

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*SA Government Ministers Visit* – Yesterday we were visited by The Honorable John Gardner, SA Minister for Education, Fraser Ellis MP Member for Narungga and staff. I had the pleasure of showing them around our school and introducing them to many of our staff, parents and our Year 7 students. Mr Gardner mentioned a couple of times how much he enjoyed meeting the students. They asked very good questions about levels of leadership in our Parliament and the work of the Minister. Time did not permit for us to visit all of the students, staff and catch up with more parents. Mr Ellis was here for the 150 celebrations of the school last year and he commented on the excellent musical production about St Mary MacKillop that was put on by students, families and staff. He still remembers it!

## RESTORATIVE PRACTICES

As you know, Restorative Practices underpin our life and relationships here at St Mary MacKillop School. We are all human and things will go wrong in our relationships from time to time and it is how we reflect on this, listen to each other and fix it that is most important. We are all doing this constantly. We are all constantly learning ways to do this better. This is what we are teaching our students and this is what we need to model as the adults in their lives.

From time to time we might need a little space to reflect, ground ourselves and then we need to follow this with a conversation and reconciliation. We do not have detention or time out and this is not seen as a negative time, it is a reflective, learning time. This is the approach our students are learning and this is how we as adults need to be in relationship with each other, modelling this for our students.

## RESPECTING CONFIDENTIALITY

I ask that parents and caregivers respect the confidentiality of other families and leave what happens at school for teachers or staff to follow up. From time to time parents and caregivers will hear or observe something involving another child and pass on their observations without necessarily knowing the full situation. Passing on such observations without context can cause angst and upset that can be avoided. Please let our staff pass on to parents and caregivers information concerning their child. We ask that parents do not pass on to other parents information that is the teacher's job to pass on.

## USING SOCIAL MEDIA WISELY

Social media is an amazing tool and we often see the benefits of being able to connect and spread information quickly. Social media can be used to great effect to rally assistance for those affected by natural disasters or to raise funds for some great cause or to spread some fantastic news or celebrate events or achievements.

I ask that social media is used for these positive reasons and not to communicate a concern with something that might have happened or be happening here at school. There are other avenues that have been clearly outlined to follow up school-related matters. With sensitive or emotional matters, please make a time to speak with the class teacher, do not do this without notice first thing in the morning when many students and parents are around and staff are preparing the day ahead for the students.

**Your support with all of these matters will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.**

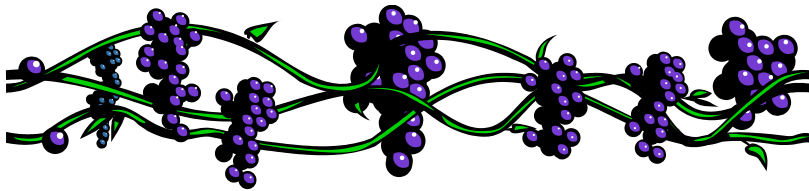
I am aware that this term we will have several events coming up for our school that we ask families to support: Project Compassion, Subway lunches, Mother's Day raffle, Sports Day lunches and trading table. We are very aware of this and I assure families that we only ask of you what is possible for your own family. Please do not hesitate to have a chat with me about this if needed.

Blessings for the week ahead,

**Michelle Miller – Principal**

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## The Vine



### SHROVE TUESDAY

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our very successful and yummy Shrove Tuesday / Pancake Day. Our tireless cooks, Margie, Taya, Kristy and Karen produced a continuous supply of pancakes, finishing them off with delicious and sticky toppings, all of which were contributed by our community. We are all most grateful!

### LENT BEGINS TODAY - ASH WEDNESDAY

Thank you to all families and parishioners who joined us today at our Ash Wednesday Liturgy.

The Liturgical colour for Lent now changes to purple / violet, a colour which signifies charity towards others, preparation and bringing about a change of heart through a focus on the message of Jesus.



During Lent we focus on the “doing”, the personal action of living the message of Jesus. We choose to be fired within by the message of Jesus to reach out to those in need, to become more aware of acting in a compassionate and just way, to help to bring a better life to others. During Lent we take time to focus on being sorry for times we have hurt others, or, not helped to make their lives better.

Lent is a time of opening ourselves to God in prayer, opening ourselves to others in compassion and justice, and opening ourselves to our deeper self in ways in which we are less indulgent with ourselves, focus on actually what we need in our life rather than just “wants”. Lent prepares our deeper self to grow in relationship with Jesus in readiness for celebrating Easter.

Making a commitment (or promises) to renewal and change of heart is part of our focus on **firing the Spirit within**. Supporting the international Catholic charity, Caritas Australia and Project Compassion, is one of the ways that our community does this.

**Project Compassion** is Caritas Australia’s annual fundraising and awareness-raising appeal that links thousands of Australians in solidarity with the world’s poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity in the most vulnerable communities. Global communities supported this year include the Philippines, Cambodia, Australia, Papua New Guinea, India and Malawi.

Families are invited to be part of this focus on improving the lives of others by first of all, awareness of needs and secondly contributing any small amounts of money not spent when the family perhaps doesn’t indulge in a usual treat. Small family donation support boxes, with the focus **“Go Further Together”**, will come home today Ash Wednesday, to pop these amounts of money into.

The boxes can be returned in the week before Easter – Holy Week.

Thank you for your support of people in need, but whom we will never meet.



**Bernie Thomson APRIM and Pastoral Care Support**



## Minister for Education Visit

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The Honorable John Gardner, SA Minister for Education, Fraser Ellis MP Member for Narungga with Principal Michelle Miller.



Year 7 students Hunter, Shann, Ryan, Jayden, Harry Jack, Aiden, Luke, Lilly, Madi, Callum with Mr Ellis and Mr Gardner

## Congratulations

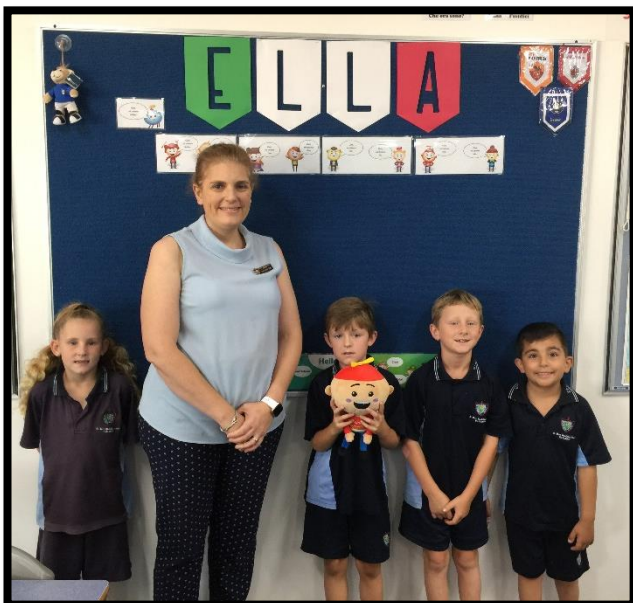
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### SAPSASA CRICKET

Following recent trials, the final 13 player team has been selected for the State SAPSASA Cricket Carnival in Week 8 of this term.

*Congratulations to:  
Harry, Hunter and Ryan*

who have been selected. Well done and all the best for your trainings over the coming weeks.



### CONGRATULATIONS FRANCESCA

Francesca Tully spoke with parents and caregivers at our Meet and Greet Evening about the ELLA project that our school is involved, encouraging the learning of languages in the early years. Francesca was asked to speak at an ELLA conference last week about our school's participation in languages.

# School Board News

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Our School Board AGM is coming up on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you for the nominations we have received so far for positions on the School Board. Nominations will need to be received at the office by Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

If you are nominating someone, you must get that person to sign the form as well.

**Nomination forms for School Board and P & F were in last week's Newsletter, please ask at the office if you require another form.**

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

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Our P & F AGM is also coming up soon on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm. Positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer are open and nominations for these positions will be much appreciated.

**SPORTS DAY** – Our P & F heavily support our Sports Day with organising lunches and drinks for the day and this year will also offer a Trading Table. Please see the Sports Day insert for more details.

**MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE** – This year we will be organising a Mother's Day raffle as a fundraiser for our school. All donations towards the raffle will be greatly appreciated. Families will be asked to help sell a book of tickets which are enclosed with the newsletter.

### THE FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COMMUNITIES

The Federation is a support for all families in our Catholic schools, a visit to their website is worthwhile. You can find out a bit more about the work of the Federation and there are many great resources available on the website:

<https://www.parentfederation.catholic.edu.au/>

One of the resources included with today's newsletter is the 'Charter for Parents'. We have a similar 'Charter for Teachers' which guides the relationships and work of our staff.

### SCHOOLS CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY – FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

This Sunday will be Clean Up Australia Day and this Friday will be the Schools contribution to cleaning up Australia. Our classes will participate with walks around our school and local neighbourhood to pick up rubbish and leave our environment cleaner and greener. We have an imperative to look after creation in every way that we can.

**All students may wear sport uniform to be able to participate comfortably in the walk for clean up.**

### FRIDAY LUNCHES

Thank you to the ladies who are assisting with Friday Lunches. Below is the roster for the remainder of term. Please note there will be no lunches available on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March, due to Sports Day being on the Wednesday.

**Tarnya Wilson Lunch Co-ordinator**

### PARENT AND FRIENDS - FRIDAY LUNCH VOLUNTEERS – TERM 1

Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Time 12pm – 1pm	Margie Ferrett & Megan Grillett
Friday, 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Time 12pm – 1pm	Krystle Lutze & Kristy Lamshed
Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Time 12pm – 1pm	Jayne Winter & Krystle Lutze
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Time 12pm – 1pm	Kristy McBride & Krystle Lutze
Friday, 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Time 12pm – 1pm	NO LUNCHES
Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Time 12pm – 1pm	Kristy McBride & Megan Grillett

# Library News

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## PREMIER'S READING Challenge

The Premiers Reading Challenge is now underway! By now each student should have received their own PRC Record Sheet to record their reading. The challenge is to read 12 books in total, including 4 books of your own choice and 8 books included on the Premiers Reading Challenge list which can be found on the website [www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au).

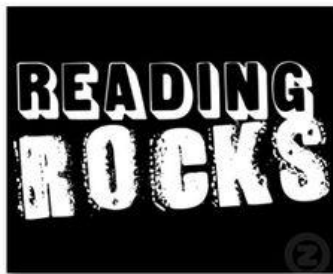
If students, parents or caregivers have any queries or are having trouble selecting eligible books from the library I am happy to help or you can see your class teacher. PRC books are easily identified in our library with a bright coloured sticker, colour coded for each reading level.

Orange Stickers – Reception to Year 2

Green Stickers – Year 3 to Year 5

Yellow Sticker – Year 6 to Year 9

St Mary MacKillop School has a fantastic record of 100% completion in the past 4 years and we are aiming to achieve this again in 2020. The Premiers Reading Challenge finishes on the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020 so there is plenty of time for students to achieve this goal.



As an extra incentive, students will get the opportunity to make their own Premier's Reading Rock once they have completed the challenge! The Rocks will be displayed in the library as a visual incentive for students to strive for and achieve the challenge!



Happy reading!!

**Sharon Steer**  
**Library Technician**



# Afternoon Hang

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## 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## AFTERNOON HANG – FRIDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> 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!**



## Mini Macs Playgroup

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It was beautiful weather yesterday for Playgroup. We bathed some babies, hung out our washing, played with playdough and ate all the yummy pancakes.

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***



# Internet Agreement Forms

Included in the newsletter today is an Information and Communications Technology Acceptable Computer Use Policy form for students in Years 2/3 and 5/6. Please complete the form and return to school as soon as possible. This has been sent home for other classes earlier in the term.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Brodie – Year 5/6	1 <sup>st</sup> March
Eamon – Reception	2 <sup>nd</sup> March
Emmett – Year 3/4	5 <sup>th</sup> March
Hunter – Year 6/7	6 <sup>th</sup> March
Riley – Year 5/6	6 <sup>th</sup> March
Brody – Year 3/4	6 <sup>th</sup> March
Eloise – Year 1	6 <sup>th</sup> March
Ruby – Year 2/3	7 <sup>th</sup> March
Mrs Thomson	7 <sup>th</sup> March
Luke – Year 3/4	8 <sup>th</sup> March
Jayden – Year 2/3	8 <sup>th</sup> March
Clair – Reception	8 <sup>th</sup> March



## NEWSLETTER INSERTS

1. Sports Day Insert
2. 2020 Student Residential Address and Other Information collection notice
3. Vacation Care programme
4. ICT Agreement form (Year 2/3 & 5/6 students)
5. Project Compassion collection boxes
6. The Witness Magazine
7. P & F raffle books for Mother's Day
8. Charter for Parents in Catholic Schools

*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

The **2020 YORKE PENINSULA RELAY FOR LIFE** is being held from 24-25 October at the Wallaroo Football Oval.

Relay For Life brings communities together to celebrate cancer survivorship, remember loved ones lost during the Candlelight Ceremony and empower teams of families, friends and colleagues to raise money to fight back against cancer through vital research, prevention and support programs. The event is organised by passionate volunteers, and it is an experience that will stay with you forever.

Everyone is invited to join the **Yorke Peninsula Relay for Life** and help create a cancer free future by joining forces and teaming up to raise funds in the lead up to their local event. The local committee is currently in the team recruiting stage and are keen to have participants/teams represented from all over the Peninsula. The Relay is a fun and humbling experience for all participants. Consider registering a team today – ask your work colleagues, school friends, sporting mates, family and friends. The event is hosted over 19 hours and teams are required to ensure one member is walking on the track at all times to signify that cancer never rests, so neither will we!

To register a team or find out more information please go to [www.relayforlife.org.au](http://www.relayforlife.org.au) or phone Julia Agnew (RFL Committee Member) on 0438 090 595.

**QUIZ NIGHT** – Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> March, Kadina Golf Club at 7.00pm. Featuring David Boots, quiz master extraordinaire. \$15 per person. Adults only. Buffet supper included. BYO drinks, glasses and nibbles. Tickets – phone 0418 848 270 or Anglican Church Café, Kadina. Anglican Parish of Copper Coast – supporting Anglicare Projects locally.

**COPPER COAST TABLE TENNIS CLUB** 2020 season is due to commence in March. The club is seeking junior players (male or female aged 10 +) regardless of their skill level to participate in their junior or senior programme. Junior coaching is provided to improve skills and standards of players. Table tennis is a fun sport suitable for all family members & is played in a casual relaxed atmosphere at our club. FREE COME 'N' TRY NIGHTS commence on Wed 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> March from 7 pm & junior & senior competitions commence on Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Mar. The club is located at the Kadina Showground Pavillion entry off Agery Road. Enquiries/Expression of interest to Lynton [0427 600 783](tel:0427600783).



# Community News



Why not get a team together and play basketball over the Winter Months?

Nominations are open and forms are available from the CCSLC reception.

You will be required to nominate an umpire along with your team nomination, the umpire will go on our emergency umpire list.

If no umpire is nominated we will not accept your nomination.

**Dates to Remember:**  
 Nominations Close: Wednesday 18th of March 2020.  
 Season Begins: Wednesday 1st of April 2020.  
 Divisions to be split in June  
 Grand Final: Wednesday 16th of September 2020.

## WINTER BASKETBALL AT CCSLC



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 coppercoastslc.com.au  
 f /coppercoastsportsandleisurecentre




Why not get a team together and play futsal over the Winter Months?

Nominations are open and forms are available from the CCSLC reception.

You will be required to nominate an umpire along with your team nomination, the umpire will go on our emergency umpire list.

If no umpire is nominated we will not accept your nomination.

**Dates to Remember:**  
 Nominations Close: Tuesday 17th of March 2020.  
 Season Begins: Monday 30th of March 2020.  
 No Games: 13th of April & 8th of June.  
 Divisions to be split in June.  
 Grand Final: Monday 14th of September 2020.

## WINTER NIGHT FUTSAL AT CCSLC



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## SA ATHLETICS ACADEMY

STARTING SUNDAY 3rd MAY 2020  
 SA Athletics Stadium, Mile End

### REGISTRATIONS OPEN!

ATHLETICS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AGED 9 TO 19 YEARS

[www.salaa.org.au/SAAthleticsAcademy](http://www.salaa.org.au/SAAthleticsAcademy)



## 2020 SANFL DIVERSITY TALENT ID PROGRAM KICKSTART & ALL NATIONS TRIALS

**Regional Trials for the 2020 Flying Boomerangs and All Nations World Teams**

- Meningie Area School | Tuesday 10th March | 4.00pm - 6pm
- Tenison Woods College | Mt Gambier | Wednesday 11th March | 4.00pm - 6.00pm
- Renmark High School | Thursday 12th March | 4.00pm - 6.00pm
- Central Yorke School | Maitland | Friday 13th March | 4.00pm - 6.00pm
- Ceduna Area School | Tuesday 24th March | 3.30pm - 5.30pm
- Port Lincoln High School | Wednesday 25th March | 4.00pm - 6.00pm
- ETSA Oval, Port Augusta | Thursday 26th March | 4.00pm - 6.00pm

Upon registration players will receive and email with more information.

**Player Selection Criteria:**  
 Indigenous and Multicultural participants aged 14/15 years (born 2005 & 2006)

**Indigenous:**  
 From Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background.

**Multicultural:**  
 To be considered for selection you or one parent must have been born overseas from a non-English speaking background, our target will be those from, ie African, Middle Eastern, Chinese, Indian and Pacific Islander communities.

[Click here to register](https://sanflprograms.wufoo.com/forms/lpbi2l6u4l5yul/)

Or go to: <https://sanflprograms.wufoo.com/forms/lpbi2l6u4l5yul/>

