



St Mary MacKillop School

NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 7 Wednesday, 11th March 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

ASSEMBLIES

Teachers and students put a lot of work into preparing class assemblies and this was certainly the case for Ali Ryan's Year 3/4 class assembly last Friday. We enjoyed their poems about Australian animals, presented with excellent artwork; they sang and led us in prayer.

Presenting at assembly builds public speaking confidence and pride in effort and learning.

I have the pleasure of presenting awards to students who have strived towards living out our values.

The next class assembly will be hosted by the 5/6 class in Week 9 on Friday, 3rd April. We hope to see you there.

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Lent continues to be a major focus for us in classrooms and the school in general. Lent is a most important season in the Church Liturgical year. Lent gives us the opportunity every year to start again.

We are all challenged to think about the way we live our lives and how we can be the best possible people we are called to be. Project Compassion is also a big focus during Lent with classes and students asked to donate money to support Caritas Australia. Each week a different story about how Project Compassion supports those in need around the world is shared with the students. Classes and families are getting under way with small projects that will raise funds for Project Compassion. The 2/3 and 3/4 classes will sell muffins, Margie and Jasmine are cooking pasties for staff lunch. All great initiatives and for the purpose of helping others.

The 2/3 and 3/4 class have combined today for a very special Lenten Immersion day. Immersing themselves in the practice of self-reflection and ways we can follow Jesus more closely.

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

- Thu 12 Year 2/3 & 3/4 Muffin Fundraiser
- Fri 13 Directors visit our school
Ride to School day
Afternoon Hang 3.00pm
- Tue 17 Feast of St Patrick
P & F AGM 7.00pm
- Thu 19 Feast of St Joseph
School Mass 9.30am – Star of the Sea Church
- Fri 20 Harmony Day
SACPPSA Swimming Carnival at Clare
- Wed 25 The Annunciation
Sports Day
- Thu 26 Yr 7 students attending Leadership day
- Fri 27 No lunch orders
- Mon 30-Tue 31 Parent Teacher Interviews

APRIL

- Wed 1-Thu 2 Parent Teacher Interviews
- Fri 3 Year 5/6 Assembly 9.00am
- Tue 7 School Board Meeting 7.30pm
- Thu 9 Subway lunch

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

INTERVIEWS

An important part of our school is strong home-school relationships. During Week 10 of this term we will be holding Parent-Teacher meetings. This is an important opportunity to discuss your child's wellbeing and learning and to establish learning goals in partnership with your child's teacher. For older students it may be beneficial for them to join in the first part of the meeting. When students are involved in discussion and goal setting they are more likely to take this on and work towards achieving the goal.

We have allocated 15 minute time slots so the time needs to be utilised well with equal input from parents/guardians and teachers. If you feel that you will need longer, please make another time to meet with the teacher when you will not be under time pressure.

Please return the booking sheet by next Monday, 16th March, time slots will be allocated as we receive your return: "first in, first served" as they say.

SCHOOL BOARD AGM

Thank you to the supportive group of parents, caregivers and staff who attended the School Board AGM last night or sent apologies if not able to attend.

Reporting on the 2019 school year is a big and important job. Thank you to everyone who compiled and presented reports:

Chairperson – Karen Miers

Principal – Michelle Miller, with thanks to James Quigley for preparing the report

Finance – Julia Agnew and Katie Crawford

Catholic Identity – Bernadette Thomson

OSHC & Vacation Care – Lisa Cooper

WHS – Karen Westlake

P & F - Sam Iveson

Completing their time on the School Board, we say thank you to: Katie Crawford who has served on the Board for two years and as Treasurer; Agatka Murphy who has been the Staff rep; Paula Northeast who was Secretary in 2019.

Filling the four vacancies on the School Board, congratulations and thank you to: Karen Miers, John Iveson, Damian McCarthy and Lisa Hawson. Following the AGM we had a brief Board meeting at which we appointed Chairperson, thank you to Karen Miers who has accepted to continue in this role for another two years. Our Treasurer will be appointed at our next Board meeting which will be held on Tuesday, 7th April.

WELCOME DIRECTORS

This Friday we will welcome special visitors to our school: Mrs Nichii Mardon, Director of Catholic Education for the Port Pirie Diocese and Mr John Mula, newly appointed Deputy Director of Catholic Education SA (based in Adelaide). John is visiting schools around the Diocese for the first time, and Nichii has been here several times; it will be a pleasure to have them here and for them to be able to meet as many students, families and staff as possible while looking around our school.

RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY – FRIDAY, 13TH MARCH

Students are encouraged to ride to school this coming Friday to join in with National Ride To School Day. By participating, students will join with more than 350,000 others across the nation who will ride, scoot, skate and walk to school. We encourage students to be active on the journey to and from school and families to leave the car at home. Where distance or time is a barrier families are encouraged to park further away from school and actively travel in from there.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

Next week on Tuesday, 17th March at 7pm we will have our P & F AGM, we will meet in the MPLA space. We will catch up about plans for sports day and our other plans for the year. Everyone is welcome to attend. I look forward to seeing you there.

CORONAVIRUS

We have been hearing much about Coronavirus disease and as a school I am receiving regular updates from the Catholic Education Office about any measures that need to be put into place. To date this has been low level risk for our school. Families who are travelling or have travelled overseas or who have contact with other families who have travelled overseas need to monitor their health very closely. All guidelines that we follow come from the Australian Government Department of Health. There is a leaflet with this Newsletter with information regarding Coronavirus disease.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

CARING FOR OUR CHILDREN - ROAD SAFETY

PARKING ALONG FENCELINE

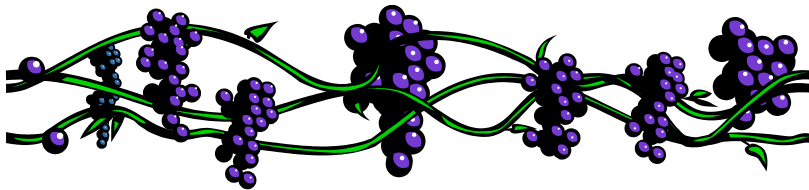
At drop-off and pick-up times, if you need to park along the fenceline between the staff car park and the school, please do not park right up to the fence, leave a footpath or walkway width between the front of your car and the fenceline. People are having to walk on the road behind the parked cars creating a potential road safety risk.

U-turns are not permitted in the school zone during school hours, this creates a safety risk for pedestrians and for other vehicles.

Blessings for the week ahead.

Michelle Miller – Principal

(michelle.miller@stmm.catholic.edu.au)



The Vine

Lent

Let's live Lent with the intention to be joyful and positive in our endeavours to prepare for Easter by becoming a better person – perhaps more generous or less judgmental, more patient or to have more smiles at the ready! Perhaps each family could have a conversation with their own members to plan a way to acknowledge Lent with a positive attitude to share with others the goodness that is part of our own life!



Perhaps as a family we could do little things for each other without expecting anything in return; we could begin a meal together with a simple grace giving thanks to God for the wonderful food which we enjoy together; we could go

without a treat, putting saved money in the **Project Compassion** box so that we can help others to have a better life.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

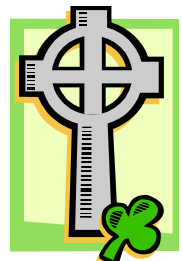
- * Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- * Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- * Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- * Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- * Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- * Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- * Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- * Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- * Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- * Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- * Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

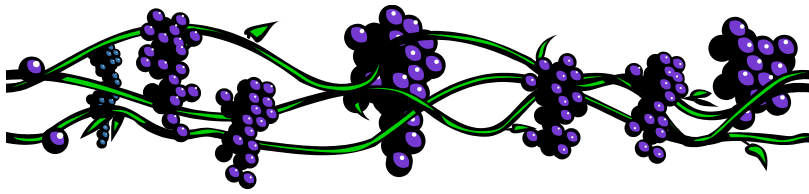


Special Days of Celebration

* **St Patrick's Day, Tuesday, 17th March**, is marked and celebrated in many countries. It is most strongly celebrated in countries with an Irish Christian legacy like Australia and the United States of America. This feast day has always held a significant cultural and religious presence in Australia because of the legacy of Irish history, faith culture and religious practices of the Catholics of early Australia. The majority of Catholic priests of early Australian times came from the culture of the Irish Church.

One of St Patrick's greatest legacies of faith was using the three leaf clover to help explain the fundamental Christian belief of the Trinity – God is one -God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.





The Vine

***The Feast of St Joseph, Patron Saint of St Mary MacKillop School** is celebrated **Thursday, 19th March**. Our school community will gather at **Our Lady Star of the Sea Church for Mass at 9:30am** on that day. Everyone is invited to join us.

We honour Joseph, the foster father of Jesus who, with his spirit of simplicity and humility so inspired St Mary MacKillop in her faith and her everyday works. Dedicating her life to God, as a young woman Mary named her new group of similarly inspired young women the **Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart**. Our Catholic school is conducted in the Josephite tradition and spirituality.

The special qualities of Joseph are human qualities to which we, too, can aspire in our own lives. Joseph was an ordinary, honest and humble man. He was a man of deep faith, trusting God even when he did not understand God's ways. Jesus would have learned so much from Joseph, especially how to be humble, just, gentle and honest. Jesus lived life in harmonious, caring and giving relationship with God and with those around him.



Harmony Day Saturday, 21st March

The continuing message of Harmony Day is "Everyone Belongs". Managed by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship, Harmony Day is celebrated annually around Australia. It is a day where all Australians celebrate our cultural diversity.



Also clustered with **Harmony Day** is **National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence, 20th March**, which both seamlessly intersect with our school community commitment to living life in right relationship with each other and with our Christian faith. Reconciliation with God and each other is a strong belief and action for our school community.

We engage in daily Restorative Practice, healing and restoring broken relationships with fairness and justice. This daily focus

in our school contributes to this responsible and responsive mindset.

Take a glance at our school Mission Vision and Values which are hanging over the MPLA entrance. The philosophy of world harmony is very strongly reflected in this Catholic ethos of our school. This is God's dream for the world! This is what we do!



National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence



*God of Love and Courage,
in this time of Lent
may our heart be fired within with great courage.
May we be moved...
to be a better person,
to be a more helpful person,
to be a more loving person.
We ask this through Christ our Lord
Amen*



Bernie Thomson APRIM and Pastoral Care Support

Samaritan College Visit

As part of their Reflection and Retreat experience, the Year 12 students from Samaritan College in Whyalla will be visiting us on Tuesday, 24th March for a day of wonderful connection, fun and relational play and experiences with our St Mary MacKillop School students. It will be a day in which our students will experience connection and conversation with school students who are also part of the wider Port Pirie Diocese just as we are part of it.



Samaritan College Visit

****Our two student communities will share a free sausage sizzle at an earlier than usual lunch time. We would be very grateful for parent help with cooking the BBQ, on the oval, from about 11:45am! Please let Bernie Thomson or Karen Westlake know if you can help, and if you have the relevant Working With Children Checks. ****

SAMARITAN COLLEGE VISIT REPLY SLIP

_____ is able to help cook the community BBQ during the visit of Samaritan College, Tuesday, 24th March 2020 from 11:45am.

Signed: _____

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

AGM - Our P & F AGM is next week on Tuesday, 17th March at 7.00pm. Positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer are open and nominations for these positions will be much appreciated. Please see Karen in the front office if you require another nomination form.

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 running a Mother’s Day raffle as a fundraiser for our school. All donations towards the raffle will be greatly appreciated. Donations can be placed in the tub at the front of the MPLA. Don’t forget to sell your raffle tickets and return to school.

SUBWAY LUNCH ORDERS



The Parents and Friends are running a Subway lunch fundraiser on **Thursday, 9th April**. Students and staff can enjoy a healthy, delicious Subway lunch whilst supporting the Parents and Friends to raise money for our school.

Envelopes for each student are included in this week’s newsletter envelope. Please fill in envelope and return with correct money. **RETURN ENVELOPES NO LATER than Friday, 3rd April, 9.00am**

School Value Awards Winners

Congratulations to the students who were recipients of the School Value Award. The award includes RESPECT, TEAM WORK, TRUST, COURAGE and COMMITMENT.



Back: Carlos, Hudson, Caitlin, Ella, Lilly, Airlie, Brodie, Charlie.

Front: Lachlan, Kye, Jessica, Mason, Lucy, Madison, Jade

Afternoon Hang – Friday, 13th March

INVITATION FROM OUR SCHOOL BOARD AND P & F

All families: children, parents, carers, grandparents, friends – one and all – are invited to our Afternoon Hang. This 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. Thank you to the families who have already returned their attendance slip.

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!

Clean Up Australia Day

On Friday, 28th February, the school took part in Clean Up Australia Day. The 5/6 and 6/7 classes combined and walked to the beach with the aim of cleaning up our local beaches. We found so much rubbish on our way down there that we didn't quite make it to the beach but cleaned up some storm water runoffs and other areas, preventing that rubbish washing into our water. The students did a great job cleaning up and there was no rubbish too big or too small for them!



Sports Day Preparations

Sports Day preparation is in full swing with classes practicing events in PE lessons. House captains have been running these lessons, helping each class practice their events. The house captains have enjoyed seeing how happy the students are participating in the events.

A reminder that students are able to wear their house tops (or coloured polo for Sports Day) on the days they have PE in the lead up to Sports Day.



Year 2/3 & 3/4 Muffin Sale

Date: **Thursday 12th March**

What: **Chocolate Chip Muffin Sale**
for Project Compassion

Cost: **\$2.00** per muffin (pay on the day)
Give the money to your teacher












When: **At Recess on Thursday**

Who: **Year 2/3 & Year 3/4**

Please help us
support this
worthy cause by
buying a
delicious muffin,
made with love
by the 2/3 and
3/4 classes.



Vacation Care – April School Holidays

Monday 13 th	Tuesday 14 th	Wednesday 15 th	Thursday 16 th	Friday 17 th
<p><u>Easter Monday</u></p> <p><u>Public Holiday</u></p>	<p>MUSIC IS FUN AT OSHC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make your own instruments - Sing along with karaoke - Create an OSHC music performance 	<p>PICNIC AT WALLAROO PLAYGROUND</p>  <p>Afternoon Activities-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group Games - Sensory activities - Movie 	<p>Disney Pixar ONWARD</p> <p>at Moonta Cinema</p> <p>Depart: 9:30am</p>   <p>Afternoon Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cooking - Group Games 	 <p>Depart: 8:15am</p> <p>Please bring a packed lunch</p> 
Monday 20 th	Tuesday 21 st	Wednesday 22 nd	Thursday 23 rd	Friday 24 th
<p>Explore our Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Visit the Library - Play at the playground - Lunch at the Bakery - Visit op shops - Visit Foodland 	<p>St Kilda Adventure Playground</p> <p>Depart 8:30am</p> <p>Approx. Arrival: 4:30pm</p> <p>Please wear enclosed shoes and bring a packed lunch</p> 	<p>SCAVENGER HUNT</p> <p>at Moonta, Maitland & Port Victoria</p> <p>Depart: 8:30am</p>  <p>Approx. arrival: 4pm</p>	<p>Arts and Crafts Day</p>  <p>Painting Box making Beading and much more</p>	<p>Anzac Day</p> <p>Make poppies Bake Anzac Biscuits Play Two Up</p>  <p>Lest we Forget</p>

----- **VACATION**

CARE BOOKING SHEET – RETURN by MONDAY 30TH MARCH

DATE	NAME/S OF CHILDREN ATTENDING
Monday, 13 th April	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday, 14 th April.....	
Wednesday, 15 th April.....	
Thursday, 16 th April	BOOKED OUT
Friday, 17 th April	BOOKED OUT
Monday, 20 th April.....	
Tuesday, 21 st April.....	
Wednesday, 22 nd April	BOOKED OUT
Thursday, 23 rd April.....	
Friday, 24 th April.....	

Family Name: _____
Signed: _____



Vacation Care days are booking up fast with limited space available on some of the days. Please ensure you book your child/ren in on the days you require and return your booking slip before Monday, 30th March.

We are looking for donations of empty tissue boxes and paper towel rolls for craft in the holidays. If you have any of these please leave them in the kitchen or pass onto OSHC staff.

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Sofia – Year 5/6	11 th March
Charlie – Year 3/4	11 th March
Mitchell – Year 2/3	12 th March
Madeline – Year 2/3	14 th March
Macy – Reception/1	17 th March
Jade – Year 1	17 th March
Austin – Year 3/4	18 th March
Lilly – Year 1	18 th March
Miranda – Reception	18 th March
Adelaide – Year 3/4	19 th March
Brady – Year 3/4	24 th March



NEWSLETTER INSERTS

1. Parent-Teacher Interview booking sheet
2. Sports Day Insert
3. Subway lunch envelopes
4. Coronavirus leaflet
5. Year 7 Tops order form

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 or phone Julia Agnew (RFL Committee Member) on 0438 090 595.

Community News



The Kadina Hockey Club wants YOU!

Want to play a fun, inclusive, team sport that will help you get fit? Want to give a new sport a try but don't know where to start? The Kadina Hockey Club welcomes new players of any age, ability and fitness level. We have helpful coaches who will make you feel at home in our supportive and positive club.

Come and Try Hockey:

Come out to the hockey fields (cnr Drain & Port Rd, Kadina) and meet some of our club members, ask any questions and have a try at hockey. Beginners welcome. Bring a friend!

Saturday 14th March 10:00am.

Mini Colts (Girls & Boys aged 5 to under 9)

Junior Colts (Girls & Boys under 13 yrs)

Senior Colts (Girls & Boys under 16 yrs)

Men & Women (16+ years) – registration from 11:00am.

Note:

First Training Wednesday 11th March

Under 13's & U16's 5:00pm

Men and Women 6:00pm

U9's first training Wednesday 18th March 5:00pm

Any queries please contact John Duka 0427794124 or Leighton Giles 0448308357

Piano teacher, Jill Miller who lives in Kadina, and who has been teaching for many years, is offering piano tuition for students.

You may leave your name and contact number on 88212991.



To request an appointment online, go to:

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/dentalappointment

For clinic locations, go to: www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/findyourclinic

