



# St Mary MacKillop School

## NEWSLETTER

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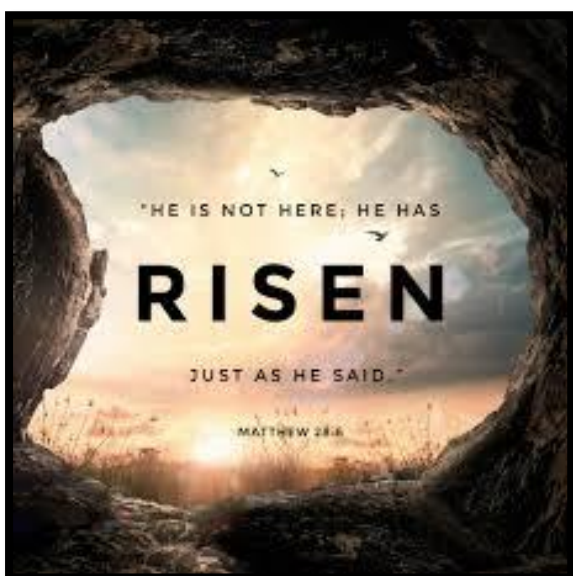
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**Term 2 Week 11 Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,



*We are in the Easter season which lasts seven weeks, ending on the evening of Pentecost Sunday.*

*It is a season full of life and hope.*

*The Church says to us, "this is the perfect time of the year to celebrate life – a life that lasts forever. Let there be a 50-day festival. Catch the spirit in the air and let it remind you of the Holy Spirit within you."*

*During this 50-day Easter season, keep the memory alive, enjoy the good news, and let the meaning sink in.*

Welcome back for Term 2 everyone! I hope that you all enjoyed the Easter and school holiday break. It is lovely to have so many students back at school and to have had children at home joining us in online learning.

This week classes will have their own special prayer times to pray for our term ahead, reflect on the Resurrection of Jesus and commemorate ANZAC Day.

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### APRIL

Thu 30<sup>th</sup> Welcome Back Prayer Gathering in class rooms

#### MAY

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Feast of St Joseph The Worker  
Mother's Day raffle books to be returned  
Mon 4<sup>th</sup>-Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Catholic Education Week  
Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day raffle drawn  
Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Mother's 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.*

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Next week is Catholic Education Week SA. This is an opportunity to celebrate everything that our Catholic schools across Australia offer to our students and their families. I believe this also extends to our staff who work here and all volunteers and visitors who engage with our school community.

### WELCOME MATHEW CAREY

This week, we welcome Mathew Carey to our school community. Mathew has written a letter of introduction for you all which is enclosed with this Newsletter.

### WELCOME NEW STUDENTS

At the start of Term 2 we welcomed the following students and their families to SMMS community:

Anthony (Yr 4) and Sophia (Yr 2) Marchetto – transferring from Trinity College. Parents: Kayla and Colin Marchetto and younger pre-school sisters Aubree and Ava.

Amaya Robinson (Yr 1 Hanson) – transferring from Clare Primary School. Parents: Melissa and Matthew Robinson and younger pre-school brother Archer.

We wish Mathew, the Marchetto and Robinson families all the best for their time with us.



Anthony, Amaya and Sophia



Mathew with Year 1 students

### COVID-19 SCHOOL UPDATE

Approximately 75% of our students are attending school.

Teachers and ESO staff are doing a fantastic job of delivering online learning to students both at school and at home. Unfortunately, we have faced technical difficulties due to the high demand on IT infrastructure and everyone has had to be flexible with this. This is not at all a reflection on our school and what we had in place, this is due to the high IT demand overall.

Given the high number of students who have returned, doubling up of classes has not been feasible, students have been in their own classrooms or with specialist teachers for Science (Mathew Carey Wednesday), Italian (Francesca Tully – various days for classes), PE (Lisa Caffyn – Thursday and Friday).

At this stage, essential staff and visitors only are coming to school. The following have not resumed as yet: Dance, piano and guitar tuition, visiting specialists such as speech pathologist and OT.

I ask that parents continue to say goodbye to children in the morning either from your car or from the MPLA gates and also pick up children at these points as well. This is to limit the number of adults coming into the school at this stage.

We are still reminding students to:

- Wash hands frequently
- Use hand sanitizer frequently
- Cough and sneeze into elbow

Physical distancing and number of children per square metre requirements are not in place for children at school, however are still for adults in all situations.

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## UNIFORM REMINDERS

Class teachers will notify parents/carers of the days for sport uniform to be worn, this may have changed for some classes for this term. PE lessons will be running as usual this term, from Week 1.

## SUNSMART

Following is an excerpt from our school policy, which clarifies the expectation around wearing hats for Term 2.

### Practice:

This policy is for implementation during Terms One, Three and Four (or 1<sup>st</sup> August to 30<sup>th</sup> April) and when the UV radiation level is 3 and above at other times. Leadership, staff and/or students will check the daily SunSmart UV Alert via [www.bom.gov.au/sa/uv](http://www.bom.gov.au/sa/uv) to assist with the implementation of the policy. Whenever the UV is 3 and above, a combination of sun protection practices is encouraged as follows:

- Consistent with the Uniform Policy, students must wear their school hats (bucket hat) during all outdoor activities, including recess and lunch.
- Students without hats will not be able to participate in outdoor activities. Students not wearing a hat, appropriate clothing or sunscreen will be asked to remain in the shade.
- Students are required to wear the school uniform and sports uniform which includes tops with collars and longer style sleeves or longer style shorts.
- SPF30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen is available in each classroom and students are encouraged to apply it to exposed areas before playtimes and outdoor classes, and reapplied every 2 hours when outdoors.

## COLOURING-IN COMPETITION

Yorke Mid North Police have organised an 'iso' colouring-in competition for Primary school-aged kids to do while they are stuck at home.

Here is the link to the SA Police Website article where you or parents can print out their child's entry:

[sapol.yorkemidnorthcrimeprevent@police.sa.gov.au](mailto:sapol.yorkemidnorthcrimeprevent@police.sa.gov.au)

### CONDITIONS:

- Free entry
- One entry per person
- Three prizes to be won per region – lower primary, upper primary and a lucky draw winner
- 2 regions – PORT PIRIE and KADINA
- Prizes are a gift basket of assorted goodies
- Competition runs from Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020, until Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020
- We are encouraging people to email [yorkemidnorthcrimeprevent@police.sa.gov.au](mailto:yorkemidnorthcrimeprevent@police.sa.gov.au) with their entries by scanning and emailing to help maintain social distancing. If this cannot be done, we will receive them at the front counter of the Police station.
- We would like to encourage the parents/caregivers to read the T&C's on the back of the form

For students attending school, the colouring-in competition printout will be provided to them. Parents may return the entries as per instructions or to our school front office. Entries sent to our school front office must be received by Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

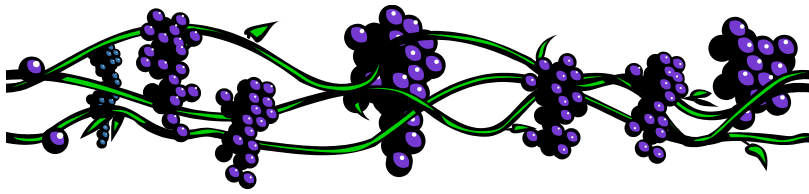
Have a great Term 2 everyone.

*Michelle Miller*

Principal

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## The Vine

Happy Easter everyone!

Welcome back to Term 2, whether you are learning at school or are learning at home! We hope that you have all found a way to cope as best you can in this time when we all expect the unexpected and the different! You may even find that refreshing as we continue to live in this beautiful area and community of the Copper Coast, taking on all mandated hygiene protocols to continue our communal safety and support of each other! Please let us know if you would like any particular help or support.



Even though we are in the midst of a pandemic which seems to be currently improving for our state, Easter has still happened for us and the Easter season is still progressing until the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord and the Feast of Pentecost at the end of May.

This means that we joyfully say that as Christians, we are **Easter People**! It is belief in the rising of Jesus to new life which designates us as Christians, as Christ-ians. This new life means that Jesus Christ is actually present with us, walking with us now as we go about our daily activities.

We are Easter people – we follow the way of Jesus which leads us to knowing God in our daily living.

Many symbols, reminding us of “new life” can be seen around the school community at the moment – butterflies, eggs symbolising the hope of new life emerging, flowers and the emerging of new life from bulbs.



Even though there are many media reports from all over the world which may make us feel unsettled and possibly fearful, we are filled with hope for a better future, seeing our way forward to a new life, a new normal. We understand that God is always with us, regardless of what is happening for us and what actions we are personally choosing.

*Bernie Thomson*

**APRIM and Pastoral Care Support**

## Community News

### DEEPEST SYMPATHY

The St Mary MacKillop School community extend sympathy, prayers and thoughts to:

Treacy family: Ellie, Jake, Kaysha and Haliah, on the passing of Ellie's mother.

Dunstan family: Karren, Shane, Lilly and Mia, on the passing of Karren's father.

White family: Carly, Brett, Hudson and Bentley on the passing of Carly's grandfather and uncle.

May your beautiful memories of your loved ones bring strength and God's blessings to your families.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Our St Mary MacKillop School community congratulates:

the Newbold family on the safe arrival, a few weeks ago, of your new son and brother, Leo. May his arrival bring great joy to your family.

the Karpany family on the safe arrival of your new son and brother, Zaylin. May his arrival bring great joy to your family.

Michele Giesecke and family on the arrival of her granddaughter Charlie Elizabeth. May her arrival bring great joy to your family.



# ANZAC Commemoration



A wreath was placed at the Wallaroo War Memorial Arch on behalf of our St Mary MacKillop School community on ANZAC Day. Sadly, this year there was no singing from the St Mary MacKillop Singers who always contribute so strongly with the song, "And They March". We continue this community acknowledgement as each class will also respectfully mark ANZAC Day. On Thursday, all students will take part in a **Welcome Back Prayer Gathering**, which will include prayer and songs for peace, the Last Post, one minute of silence, followed by the Rouse.



The photo, above right, acknowledges the special effort put in by Beth and her family to honour ANZAC Day and the service of family members to the good of Australia.

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

### FRIDAY LUNCHES ARE BACK!

Friday Lunches will commence in Week 2 via the QKR App.

Attached 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, we would love your help. You will be a support person in getting the lunches ready.

A police check clearance is required to assist with lunches. Please see Karen or Julia if you need to complete a police check form.

**Tarnya Wilson**

**Lunch Coordinator**

### PARENT AND FRIENDS - FRIDAY LUNCH VOLUNTEERS – TERM 2

Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Time 12pm – 1pm	Name: .....
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Time 12pm – 1pm	Name: .....
Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Time 12pm – 1pm	Name: .....
Friday, 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Time 12pm – 1pm	Name: .....
Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Time 12pm – 1pm	Name: .....
Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Time 12pm – 1pm	Name: .....
Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Time 12pm – 1pm	Name: .....
Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Time 12pm – 1pm	Name: .....
Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Time 12pm – 1pm	Name: .....

**Please return the reply slip by Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> May. Thank you for your support.**

### MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Last term we were collecting items for our P & F Mother's Day raffle. This is still going ahead!

Thank you to the families who have sold and returned their raffle tickets.

The raffle is being drawn on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May. Please make sure your books are returned to the front office by Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> May. We are still needing donations of any items which can be included in the raffle prizes. There is a labelled box near the front door of the MPLA where you can leave your donation or you can give it to Karen at the front desk if you prefer, by Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> May

Thank you for your support.

### P & F MEETING

We had our next P & F meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, however we will postpone this meeting for a few weeks and let you know when it will be held – hopefully in a few weeks' time.

# OSHC



Vacation Care was a little different these past holidays with no excursions, but we did not let that stop our fun. Children came with smiles every day and did not want to leave come home time.

Children seemed to enjoy having their own packed lunch box and all the various activities planned for each day.

OSHC remains open with great attendance numbers. If you require your child/ren to attend OSHC please ensure you book them in advance or make permanent bookings to ensure we have the correct number of staff rostered on so they can attend the afternoon you require.

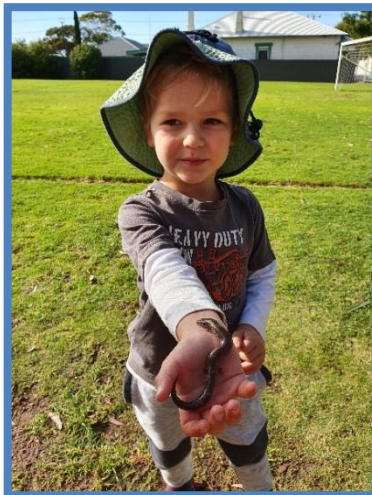
If your child is Booked into OSHC and not attending or is absent from school, please inform OSHC staff before 1pm or you may be charged. You can either call or send a text to 0437 659 137.

**Lisa Cooper**

**OSHC Director**







## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Emily – Year 1	3 <sup>rd</sup> May
Nicholas – Reception/1	6 <sup>th</sup> May
Archie – Year 3/4	8 <sup>th</sup> May
Jimmy – Year 1	11 <sup>th</sup> May
Trinity – Year 1	11 <sup>th</sup> May



## NEWSLETTER INSERTS

1. Letter from Mathew Carey

*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.*