



St Mary MacKillop School

NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2020 -
RAISING HEARTS AND MINDS



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This is Catholic Education Week SA 2020! Catholic Education Week celebrates who we really are, our mission given to us by Jesus, bringing the presence of God to everyone who experiences our school.

We had a launch of CEW on Monday in classrooms with prayer and reflecting on what is special about our Catholic school.

Each day we will be finding ways to show **Acts of Kindness** towards others. We will be recording these Acts of Kindness and sharing a selection of them along with other Catholic schools on the CESA

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

Mon 4th-Fri 9th Catholic Education Week

Fri 9th Casual Day

Friday Lunches

Mother's Day raffle drawn

Sun 10th Mother's Day

Tue 12th Finance meeting 7.00pm

School Board meeting 7.30pm

Fri 15th Walk Safely to School Day

Sun 24th Feast of the Ascension

Tue 26th Sorry Day

Wed 27th – Tue 3rd June National Reconciliation Week

**PARISH WEEKEND MASSES POSTPONED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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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website. Jesus always showed kindness towards others and Scripture is filled with recounts of this. We look towards Jesus as our role model of kindness towards others.

*“Clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility,
gentleness and patience”*

Colossians 3:12

On Friday we will have the return of **Friday Lunches** and students are invited to wear **casual clothes** – a fun day to conclude our celebrations of Catholic Education Week.

Catholic Education Week 2020 is also the first time we see the launch of CESA’s new statement which will be used to spread the good news of Catholic Education SA. You might remember the statement used over the last four years, ‘Where Every Child Matters’, this will now be transitioned to ‘Raising Hearts And Minds’.

This statement communicates ‘why’ we are here.....

- It’s what we do every day.
- We work in partnership with families to educate and nurture the whole person.
- We help young people to thrive, to become capable learners, and extraordinary human-beings.

Following is the accompanying ‘Raising Hearts and Minds’ prayer which is very appropriate for this week:

Raising Hearts and Minds Prayer

Loving God, Guide us to know life in its fullness, to raise our hearts and minds to know God’s love.

Raise our hearts and minds to be inspired by Jesus, the Catholic faith and tradition.

Raise our hearts to be loving, compassionate and respectful.

Raise our minds to be inquisitive, capable and seek truth.

May we be aware of listening to the stirring of our hearts to prompt action.

Guide us to respond to the needs of others and all of God’s creation.

In all our thoughts, words and actions, help us raise our hearts and minds in creating the world you desire.

Loving God hear our prayer. Amen.

WELCOME

We welcome Cody Duif to our school, Cody has joined Hayley Combe’s Reception class.

Welcome Cody, Jody and Lauchlin and little brother Nate. We hope you love your time here at SMMS.



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WELLBEING, TEACHING AND LEARNING

This week with the return of the majority of students, our school has transitioned back to face-to-face teaching in classrooms. For students learning at home, teachers have continued to provide a combination of online and hardcopy learning formats. Staff continue to provide support for parents and carers regardless of the mode of learning undertaken.

We cannot underestimate the effect of what has been happening in our world, we are experiencing one of the most dramatic events of our lifetime. This will have an effect on our children and it will be different for each and every child. This may be played out in changes in behaviour and once again, this will be different for each child. We are seeing this at school as some children experience anxiety or may be less tolerant towards others.

Please continue to keep in communication with us about your own child/children's wellbeing and learning needs.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

This week, parent volunteers are being welcomed back into our school, helping out with Friday Lunches, cooking and craft, organising our Mother's Day raffle.

Other volunteers who help out at our school will be notified when they are able to come in and help out.

DANCE, FUNASTICS, SPEECH/OT SERVICES, MUSIC TUITION

As of Week 3 these support services and extra-curricular offerings will be phased back in.

ALL ADULTS WHO WORK IN OR VISIT OUR SCHOOL FOR THE ABOVE PURPOSES ARE ASKED TO PLEASE:

- Not come in if you are unwell
- Observe physical distancing with other adults at all times
- Model good hygiene practice: wash hands, use hand sanitizer, cover coughs and sneezes
- Sign in and out at the office

Please note that we are still observing keeping minimal numbers of adults in the school at any one time and not having large gatherings.

It is very much appreciated that parents are saying 'good-bye' and picking up at the MPLA gates or from cars, to assist with this.

While the community aspect and connecting with each other in the MPLA area has changed for now, a positive side note to this is that we have noticed a growing independence in students as they have been coming in on their own, unpacking their own bags and getting themselves organised.

We have also noticed that students have been working right up until 2.55pm, sometimes this has meant an extra 20-25 minutes learning at the end of the day.

This has been great to see, there are always positives to find!

AMIE PRICE – PRESERVICE PLACEMENT

Amie is a valued staff member of our school working as an ESO in supporting students in the classroom. Amie has also been studying for her teaching degree. A requirement is to gain practical experience in the classroom and Amie is currently undertaking a four-week placement with Ali Ryan as her supervising teacher, teaching in the Year 3/4 class. I know that the students will benefit from her professional skills and having two teachers in the classroom and I also know that Amie is loving her teaching experience. Amie was of great assistance last week during the intensive online learning and this has continued as we have transitioned into face-to-face teaching. We wish Amie all the best for the remainder of her placement.

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God of love,
We give you thanks and praise for mothers, young and old.
We pray for our mothers who care for us.
May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle way.
We remember mothers who are separated from their children for any reason.
May they feel the love of God.
We pray for those who are not mothers but still love us with care and compassion.
We pray for mothers who care for the children of others;
may their love be deep and tender.
We remember mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers who are no longer with us. They live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.
Amen.

SUNDAY 10TH MAY – CELEBRATING OUR MUMS! WISHING ALL OF OUR MUMS A VERY HAPPY AND SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY!

Unfortunately, this week we cannot invite our mums into a class or school Prayer Gathering celebrating the gift of our mums. However, it has still been a great opportunity to have extra-special individual class prayer times for the gift of our mums, mother-figures in our lives and Mary the mother of Jesus.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Our School Board will meet next Tuesday evening, 12th May: 7pm for Finance committee and 7.30pm for School Board.

Michelle Miller

Principal

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School Fee Assistance (COVID-19)

Whilst we see the majority of students returning to school this term for their learning, we are still very conscious of the ongoing financial pressure families are facing due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Amongst all the worries at this time, worrying about the payment of school fees should not be one of those things. Please be assured of our support for your family.

If you are experiencing financial hardship as a **direct or indirect result of COVID-19** you are eligible to apply for fee remission for a period of 3 months (1 term). Financial impact may encompass, but not be limited to, instant loss of income; significant income decline; loss of income to care for children during home learning; loss of income due to illness relating to COVID-19; potential loss of income for business owners. We encourage families to speak with Julia Agnew to apply. Phone (08) 8823 2549 or email julia.agnew@stmm.catholic.edu.au to obtain an application form.

This offer of remission is consistent with our Catholic school mission and values to support all families to ensure they can continue to send their children to their school of choice. This also supports our commitment to every child's learning and wellbeing.

Every child and every family matters.

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

FRIDAY LUNCHES ARE BACK!

Friday Lunches will commence in this week via the QKR App.

Thank you to the ladies who have offered their assistance this term. Attached below are the dates we require volunteers. 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 th May	Time 12pm – 1pm	Krystle Lutze & Lauren Russack
Friday, 15 th May	Time 12pm – 1pm	Krystle Lutze & Kristy Smith
Friday, 22 nd May	Time 12pm – 1pm	Krystle Lutze &
Friday, 29 th May	Time 12pm – 1pm	Krystle Lutze &
Friday, 5 th June	Time 12pm – 1pm	Krystle Lutze &
Friday, 12 th June	Time 12pm – 1pm	Krystle Lutze & Kristy Smith
Friday, 19 th June	Time 12pm – 1pm	Krystle Lutze &
Friday, 26 th June	Time 12pm – 1pm	Krystle Lutze &
Friday, 3 rd July	Time 12pm – 1pm	Krystle Lutze & Kristy Smith

MOTHER’S DAY RAFFLE

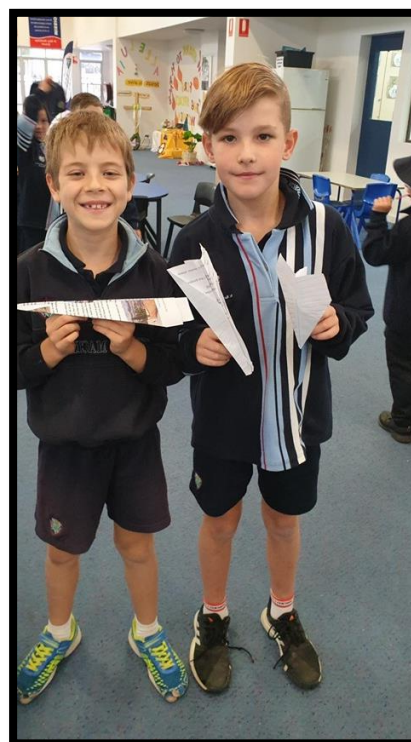
Thank you to the families who have sold and returned their raffle tickets. If you still have tickets to return, please have them to the front office by Friday morning, 9.00am

The raffle will be drawn this Friday, 8th May. We look forward to notifying you of the winners.

Thank you for your support.

Year 2-4 Electives

Year 2-4 electives began last Friday and will go for 4 weeks while Mrs Price is doing her teaching practicum. There was a cooking group who made Anzac biscuits, Make-it-a-Winner design challenge group who made paper planes and a yoga group. A big thank you to Mrs Cabrera for helping out with cooking.





Working together, the Life Buoyancy Institute Foundation and Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities SA are offering a series of free live online workshops across Term 2.

Living through Uncertainty

How can we reassure our kids and support them to grow and thrive?

Practical advice for parents, caregivers and teachers to support primary and secondary students through times of change and uncertainty

We are offering these workshops to help families and schools support children to feel well, deal with stress and be successful while the coronavirus continues to affect their schooling, social activities and daily family life.

The first workshop will look at primary school students and will be held on:

Thursday 14 May from 7.00 – 8.00 pm (Week 3)

The second workshop will look at secondary school students and will be held on:

Tuesday 19 May from 7.00 – 8.00 pm (Week 4) (students can join in side by side)

Who are the presenters, and will I be able to ask questions?

The workshops will be presented by Dr Ivan Raymond (psychologist|researcher), Kylie Agnew (psychologist|teacher) and David Kelly (manager for school programs like the IMPACT program at Tenison Woods College, Mount Gambier). You can ask questions and we encourage you to.

How much will each workshop cost me?

Nothing. The Federation is sponsoring these foundation workshops and six others across Term 2.

What technology will I need?

You will need a device (e.g. computer, smartphone, tablet) and you will need to download the free version of ZOOM. More information about how to join in will be sent to you when you enrol.

How do I enrol?

Click on the link(s) below for the workshop(s) you would like to attend and give your email address. You will receive an email confirming your registration from the LBI Foundation.

If you experience any problems, call one of the Federation's Parent Engagement Officers for help. Nicole: 0407 394 732. Lisa: 0400 680 601.

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