

# St Mary MacKillop School

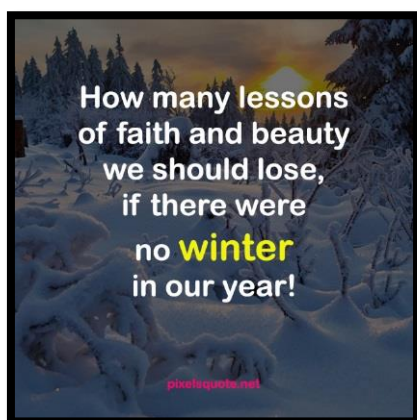
10 Bagot Street (PO Box 16), WALLAROO SA 5556

P: (08) 8823 2549 F: (08) 8823 2561

E: [info@stmm.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@stmm.catholic.edu.au) W: [www.stmm.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stmm.catholic.edu.au)

## Mini-Newsletter

**Term 2, Week 6, Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020**



### Genesis 8:22

*"While the earth remains,  
seedtime and harvest,  
cold and heat, summer and winter,  
day and night,  
shall not cease."*

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### HALF WAY THROUGH OUR TERM

We have reached the half way point of our term and it is going very quickly. Thank you everyone for your wonderful efforts so far.

Enjoy the long weekend coming up and remember that for our students it will be an extra-long weekend:

- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Public holiday
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June – SMMS pupil free day (professional learning for staff at school)

### SMMS RECEPTION - YEAR 9

As you will know by now we have the announcement that our school will be R-8 in 2022 and R-9 2023 and beyond. This is a very exciting and historic time for Catholic Education SA and more specifically on the Copper Coast.

A video announcement from Nichii Mardon, Director of Catholic Education, Port Pirie Diocese, can be found at this link <https://www.stmm.catholic.edu.au/news-events/news-?newsItem=12395>

This is alongside the announcement that a Catholic college for Year 8-12 will be established in the Riverland.

We have a very busy time ahead with community consultation and the commencement of building with a very short timeline. I look forward to working with you all to unfold this.

There was an article in the Sunday Mail last weekend and in the local YP Country Times yesterday. Thank you to students Emilie, Chelsea, Liam and Will who appeared in the great YP Country Times photo celebrating our announcement.

### TODAY WE COMMEMORATE MABO DAY

*Mabo Day* is commemorated on 3<sup>rd</sup> June every year and it's named after Eddie *Mabo*.

It is the anniversary of the High Court decision on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1992 that recognised for the first time that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have a special connection to the land of their ancestors. It took a decade for the High Court to make a decision. Eddie Mabo campaigned tirelessly during this time.

Eddie was posthumously awarded the Australian Human Rights Medal by the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission. He was also named the Australian of the Year for 1992.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Agatka, Scott, Rafter and Keaton Murphy and family on the arrival of Elliot Stanley, born on 28<sup>th</sup> May. We pray for your good health and happiness!

Congratulations to proud grandparents too – Lisa Murphy and family!

## THE WELCOME RETURN OF THE CELEBRATION OF MASS

Thank you to Fr Matthew for the most welcome return of Parish Masses last weekend and this week.

We now look forward to the return of school Masses, we may not be able to have whole school Masses just yet but certainly would be lovely to have individual class Masses. Jesus is always with us and with us in an even more special way in the Eucharist.

## TRINITY SUNDAY – SUNDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost in the Western Christian liturgical calendar.

Trinity Sunday celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, the mystery of three Persons of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

St Patrick taught his people about the mystery of the Holy Trinity by using the symbol of the shamrock: God is three in one.



## SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

**We will have a sub-committee meeting for Education Policy and Procedure – next Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm.**

Thank you to Leon, Karen, Nina, Fr Matthew and Jane who are your representative voice on this committee. We are currently reviewing the school policies for: Uniform, Sun Safety, Homework, Drug Education, Data Collection, Assessment and Reporting, Child Protection, Personal Responsibility and Behaviour, Allergy Awareness and Infectious Diseases. This is a very big task for this committee and I am grateful to them and staff for their input.

## FUNDRAISING FOR OUR SCHOOL

Every year the P & F transfer funds raised to the School Board to put towards earmarked projects that benefit our students. Last night the P & F agreed to transfer \$5,100 (raised through fundraising) to the School Board to be put towards increasing access and quality of IT devices for our junior classes.

You might remember that at the end of 2019, the School Board committed to updating technology access for Year 2-7 students and we saw this happen with the purchase of Lenovo laptops and Macbooks. For some time now a high need has been identified in the junior primary classes to also have sufficient updated, reliable devices. They have been doing a very good job with what we do have, however the technology is aging quickly.

It is a requirement to embed the use of IT into all curriculum areas, the CESA Living Learning Leading Framework specifies that students in our schools be “confident and careful creators and users of ICTs” and this will only be able to take place with excellent access, resources and teaching and learning opportunities.

Thank you to Julia who has researched the best option for us, we will be purchasing 24 iPads specifically for the three junior classes to use. This will be very much appreciated by the staff and students. Parent contributions to our fundraising efforts has contributed toward making this a reality.

## SUBWAY LUNCH – WEDNESDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Subway lunch will be offered by the P & F this term, a lovely treat for students, one less day to get school lunches organised and also a great fundraiser.

Orders that were put in last term have been kept and we will use these. We have had new students join us and some students would have been away at the end of last term when we were collecting orders, new orders are welcome.

Thank you to Miranda who has offered to collate the orders that we do have. Don't worry if you can't remember if you put in an order or not, Karen will contact you by text if there is no order from last term and give your family the option to place an order.

## BLUE LIGHT COLOURING-IN COMPETITION



Earlier in the term, SAPOL in Kadina held a Blue Light Colouring-In Competition with prizes awarded for lower primary, upper primary and a lucky draw winner. On Friday we had a visit from Senior Constable Abby Oliver, as we had two winners from our school.

Congratulations to Hudson and Johanna who were presented with their prize from Abby. They were thrilled with all the goodies in their bags.

## FRIDAY LUNCHES

Our famous Friday Lunches are loved and appreciated. They offer a wide range of delicious and healthy items, are something for everyone to look forward to at the end of the week and are a major fundraiser for our P & F.

Last night at our P & F meeting, Deb shared with us that so far this year, Friday Lunches have raised \$4,154.24. This is only possible through the support of families in ordering and the generosity of time, skills and resources of our volunteers.

**Tarnya has been our loyal Lunch Coordinator for 18 months. This has involved cooking items for lunches and doing the shopping on a Friday morning. At the end of this term, Tarnya will be finishing in this volunteer role. Previous to Tarnya, Miranda did this for five years. A huge thank you to Tarnya and Miranda.**

**Therefore, if we would like Friday lunches to continue we need to have volunteers to take on the weekly preparation of the lunches and 1 or 2 people willing to take on the overall coordination of Friday Lunches. Tarnya would be happy to chat with anyone interested in taking this on.**

Thank you to the ladies who have offered their assistance this term. Below are the dates we require volunteers, it is good to have up to four people helping out. As you can imagine, preparing over 160 lunches in a short time is a big job! If you can spare 1.5 hours on a Friday between 11.30am-1.00pm (please note change of time), 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 Working With Children Check.

---

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

Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Time 11.30am – 1pm	Krystle Lutze & Lauren Atkinson
Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Time 11.30am – 1pm	Krystle Lutze & Kristy Smith
Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Time 11.30am – 1pm	Krystle Lutze & .....
Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Time 11.30am – 1pm	Krystle Lutze & Amy Graham
Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Time 11.30am – 1pm	Krystle Lutze & Kristy Smith

I am able to assist as Lunch Coordinator ..... YES

Please return the reply slip by Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you for your support.

*Blessings for the week ahead,*

*Michelle Miller*  
Principal