



St Mary MacKillop School

NEWSLETTER

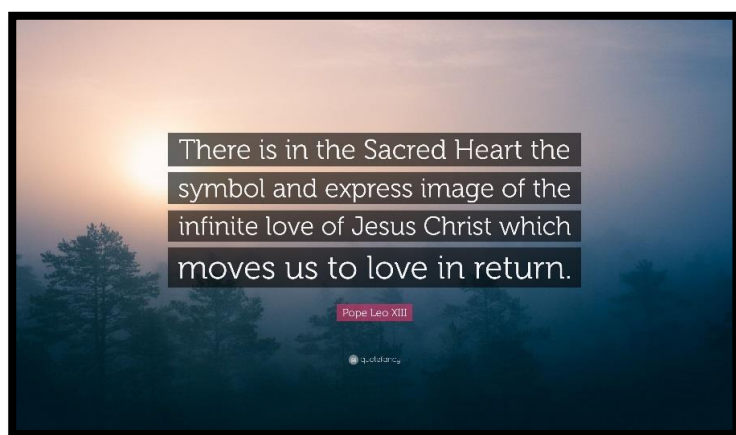
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Wednesday, 24th June 2020 (Term 2, Week 9)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Last Friday, 19th June, we celebrated the liturgical Solemnity of The Sacred Heart of Jesus. At this time, we commemorate the immense, unconditional love that Jesus has for us all. Jesus is the human expression of God's mercy and compassion for the world.

We can discover the riches hidden in the Heart of Jesus through discovering the love that is possible in our own hearts and sharing this love with each other.

As our motto, which we see around us every day, simply and deeply says:

"In All Things Love"

Let us all strive to think, see and act – with love.

THANK YOU

Thank you to our Year 6/7 students, staff: Bernie Thomson, Lisa Caffyn and Mathew Carey and Fr Matthew and Bishop Greg for the lovely Mass celebrated last Wednesday. This was a very welcome and special return of Mass for our school community.

To our Year 3/4 students, staff: Bernie Thomson, Ali Ryan and Amie Price and Fr Matthew for the Mass celebrated this morning.

IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE

Thu 25th Transition visit for Term 3 Reception students full day

Tue 30th 9-10.30am Mini Macs Playgroup recommences

JULY

Thu 2nd Community information session for 7-9 development project 2-3pm & 6.30-7.30pm

Fri 3rd Last day of Term 2
Casual Day

TERM 3

Mon 20th PUPIL FREE DAY

Tue 21st Term 3 commences for students

AUGUST

Sat 8th Feast of St Mary MacKillop

Week 4 Catholic Schools Open Week

Sat 15th The Assumption

Week 5 Book Week

Thu 27th School Photos

SEPTEMBER

Mon 7th PUPIL FREE DAY

7.30-9PM Parent Session with Bill Hansberry
Raising Kids With Grit

PARISH MASSES HAVE RESUMED WITH RESTRICTIONS

Please contact Fr Matthew for more information about Mass times and attendance on 8821 3943

RAISING HEARTS AND MINDS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Year 3/4 class were involved in a Religious Education unit of work on *Celebrating The Mass* earlier this term so this is a very appropriate celebration of their learning and faith. The students will get to see their posters hanging in the Sacred Heart Church in Kadina.



Hunter, Bishop Greg, Sascha, Ella, Fr Matthew Year 6/7 students, Fr Matthew, Lisa Caffyn, Bishop Greg, Mathew Carey

STAFFING TERM 3

Amie Price has notified that she will be concluding in her curriculum ESO role with us as of the end of this term. Amie has balanced family, work and her teaching studies and as we know finished her teaching studies this term. It is time for Amie to take the next step in her professional career and take on teaching. Thank you Amie for all you have contributed to SMMS in your ESO role. We have appreciated your professionalism, energy, positive spirit, enthusiasm, integrity, and all of your gifts shared so generously.

All the very best for your future teaching career.

COVID-19 UPDATE

It is fantastic news that restrictions are lifting even further for us in SA, however, we will keep the majority of our current safe practices in place until the end of this term.

MINI MACS PLAYGROUP IS BACK

Something that will be back this term though will be our Mini Macs Playgroup which is very exciting news. Thanks to Felicity Shulz who has been busily planning and preparing for the first session back next Tuesday.

Mini Macs is back!

Come along to playgroup for 0-5 year olds

When? Tuesday, 30th June, 9.00-10.30am

Where? St Mary MacKillop School Hall

Share the exciting news - all welcome!

Check the Mini Macs facebook page for information

UNIFORM POLICY

Last week our school Uniform Policy was sent home as a reminder. The policy circulated last week was not new, there were no changes in it.

The policy was recently reviewed and ratified by Board so that it could be shared with our school community. When families enrol their children here at St Mary MacKillop School they know that we have a uniform policy and it is implicit that families and their children then do everything they can to comply with the policy.

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Two particular reminders as per our Uniform Policy are:

1. The regular uniform pants – *every day school wear* - are gabardine trousers (cooler weather) or shorts (warmer weather).
Navy track pants are to be worn on class sport uniform days only, NOT as every day school wear.
2. Regular uniform – *every day wear* – shoes are to be plain black leather or leather-look, lace up, buckle or Velcro fasten NOT black sports shoes.

Please ensure that this is followed, unless accompanied by a note in your child's diary. Incorrect uniform will be followed up from school.

We have a policy so that it is fair and consistent for everyone, thank you for your support in ensuring this.

ST MARY MACKILLOP SCHOOL 7-9 MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

The initial plans for the Middle School building have been shared with our community now and your feedback and questions are welcome.

Last week Julia Agnew, Fr Matthew, Karen Miers and I had an initial meeting with Dave Edwards. Dave is a consultant with Catholic Education SA with a long and excellent reputation as a Principal of Catholic schools. Dave has been involved in this development from the start, preparing our Business Case which was approved and he will be our Project Manager. Dave has offered to come for an information session for community members to keep you informed about the project.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS

7-9 MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

The sessions will be offered on:

Thursday, 2nd July, 2-3pm – in the Hall and a repeat session 6.30-7.30pm – in the MPLA.

All Welcome.

R-9 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Following the information session with Dave I will compile information and answers to questions you may have and put this out to our wider school community. Some questions people have asked so far are about the physical building and design, others have been about uniform, special jumpers for senior students, graduation, recognition of moving from primary schooling to secondary schooling, play areas, play times and so on. Lots of great questions and we look forward to being able to answer them as the project evolves.

FUN IN FUNASTICS!

Students love Funastics with Paula Northeast on a Monday and Friday morning. The different activities each session develop the student's social skills, fitness, cooperation, gross-motor skills, persistence, stamina, leadership and confidence. Last week I had the pleasure of presenting participating students with certificates, recognising their participation with positive attitude, and leadership.

Thank you to Paula for running the enjoyable and beneficial sessions.



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SUBWAY LUNCHES

Thank you to our P & F group who organised the Subway lunches for us to enjoy today. Thank you to Miranda and Karen (front office) for collecting and collating orders, Megan Liddy for dropping orders to Subway and to the great staff at Subway!

BUS PARKING

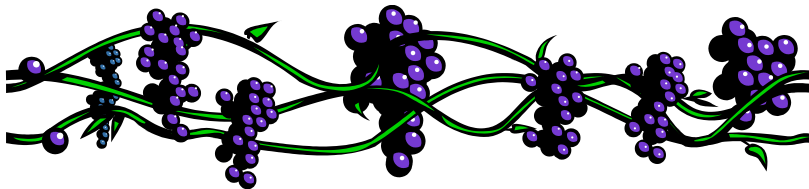
We have three buses transporting students to school every morning. The parallel parking bay directly outside the office and across the road from the office need to be reserved for bus parking. People are very good at not parking in the bay outside the office. I ask that you please do not park in the opposite parking bay as well, leaving this for the bus. Almost every morning the cones are put out but if for some reason we do not quite get them out there on time, please still leave the bay free for the bus.

Blessings for the week ahead.

Michelle Miller

Principal

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VINNIES WINTER APPEAL



Brrrrr! It's freezing at night!

For many families in our local community, this cold weather is another layer of challenge for enabling their family to have the chance to live a quality and just life, as the majority of us are able to do. So many events and issues have occurred this year that may have affected the way families are able to cope with general quality, healthy living. Every year, our school community supports the efforts of our local Vinnies organisation to give a hand up to people in need, locally, especially through the Vinnies Winter Appeal.

We are gathering donations of **clean, warm blankets or quilts and clean, warm clothing such as jackets or beanies**. We are hoping that there might be some in our community who might be able to give a little help to those in need in our local community. Any donated items can be placed in the Sacred Space in the MPLA. These will be collected by Vinnies, in about Week 3 next term and distributed as soon as possible to bring some warmth to our freezing weather! This is a practical way of trying to relieve some of the cold discomfort at this time of year for those who find themselves with not enough warm blankets, quilts or clothing to ward off this deep cold!

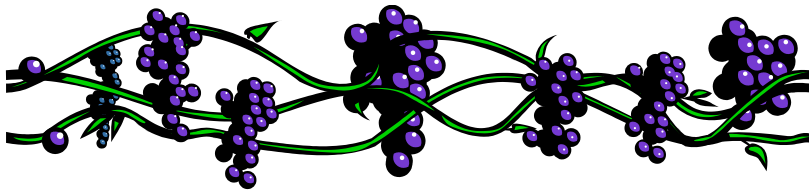
Very often, those in real need in our community are hidden from general sight. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity in sharing some of your own good fortune.

SCHOOL MASSES

With the gradual lifting of COVID-19 restrictions, it has been spiritually uplifting for our classes to begin to think about participating in the nurturing environment and message of the Mass. They have been growing in awareness that we have not gathered as a school community for the celebration of Mass for a very long time – the Opening of the Year Mass!

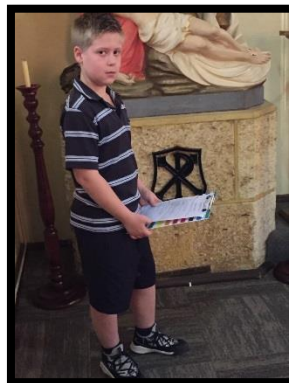
Fr. Matthew has been an energising spiritual and practical presence and influence for our students (and barbecue cook for our Year 6/7s). For the Year 6/7 class and the Year 3/4 class, the well-loved experience has become real again, personalised for the individual classes. The classes are involved in choosing the focus of the Mass, and the Scripture readings that give meaning to





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that focus, which has been Social Justice for both classes so far. Year 6/7 celebrated, with the special presence of Bishop Gregory O'Kelly SJ, their own Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Kadina last week. Year 3/4 celebrated their Mass today.



Year 3/4 Mass with Fr Matthew

Bernie Thomson

APRIM and Pastoral Care Support

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

SUBWAY LUNCH



Thank you to families for supporting our Subway lunch today. Students were very excited when their orders arrived in the class room. The P & F raised \$232.00 for the school.

Reminder: School Fee Payment Option 2 (due prior 30 June)

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A friendly reminder for those families on the 3 x Instalment Payment Plan (March, June and September), the second payment of school fees is due **prior to 30th June**. Payment details are located on the bottom of the Tax Invoice/Statement as distributed to families last week.

Fee remission is available to all families experiencing financial hardship as a direct, or indirect, result of COVID-19. Please speak with Julia Agnew to discuss and obtain an application form.

School Banking Update



School Banking is back in Term 3

School Banking at our school will recommence from **Term 3** and will be on **Tuesday**.

For every deposit made at school, students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their regular savings habits.

If your child has lost their book, please contact Julia Agnew for a replacement or visit any CommBank Branch.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2020 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Premier's Be Active Challenge



In Term 1, Week 10, students received a Premier's Be Active Challenge sheet. Please return completed sheets to the front office by this Friday, 26th June. Student information will be sent off on Monday to ensure participating students receive their medal.

Lisa Caffyn

Premier's Be Active Challenge Coordinator

OSHC News

The Childcare Relief Package will be ending on the 12th July 2020, with the childcare subsidy and gap fee payments being reinstated as of the 13th July 2020.

When collecting your child/ren from OSHC, please minimise your time at the service to a maximum of 5 minutes.

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. Staff are rostered to meet our child : adult ratio and it is essential we know of any cancellations as this can change the ratio. You can either call or send a text to 0437 659 137.

VACATION CARE

Some days are booked out! If you require any of the booked-out days please let me know and I can put students on the waiting list.

Please bring a packed lunch, recess and water bottle each day and wear sun smart clothing and comfortable footwear.

If you need to cancel any days, 24hours notice is required otherwise you will be charged for the day.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Vacation Care!

Lisa Cooper

OSHC Director - 0437 659 137

OSHC Pupil Free Day

The first day of Term 3, **Monday, 20th July**, is a Pupil Free Day. Outside School Hours Care will be available on the day from 8.00am to 6.00pm. Light snacks will be provided, children will need to bring packed recess and lunch. Child Care Benefits will be paid accordingly and the cost will be \$60.00 per child. Please return the reply slip below by **Friday, 26th June**, if your child/ren will be attending.

OSHC BOOKING FORM – PUPIL FREE DAY – MONDAY, 20th JULY

Family Name: _____

Signed: _____

Children requiring OSHC

_____ Year _____

_____ Year _____

_____ Year _____

Lost Property

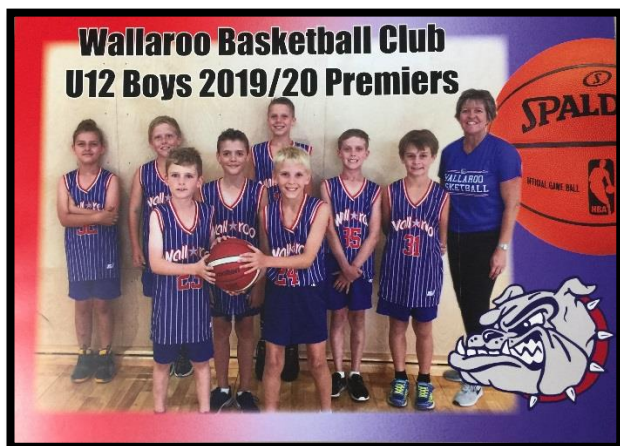


The Lost Property box located at the front of the MPLA is overflowing with jumpers, hats and containers.

If you recognise any item that belongs to your family, please collect it by the end of the term.

Next Friday containers will be disposed of and uniforms will be washed and placed in the Uniform Shop.

Under 12 Basketball Premiers



Congratulations to Wallaroo Under 12s Basketball team and Mrs Steer for being premiers for the 2019/20 season.

The boys finished top of the table after the minor round. Due to COVID-19 they were unable to play finals and deservedly were premiers.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Lucy – Reception/1	25 th June
Trae – Year 1	26 th June
Cody – Reception	29 th June
Mia – Year 5/6	1 st July
Lilly – Year 6/7	5 th July
Riley – Year 6/7	6 th July
Olive – Reception/1	6 th July
Cruz – Year 1	8 th July
Ajay – Reception	8 th July
Lincoln – Year 2/3	16 th July
Jack – Year 1	19 th July
Jordan – Year 3/4	20 th July



NEWSLETTER INSERTS

1. Year 3/4 Curriculum letter

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

Foster Care

Foster care gives vulnerable children & young people, who cannot live with their birth families, a safe & nurturing home to live.

Can you help?

If you would like to know more about how you can make a difference to a child, please contact us.



Ph 86339022
www.ucsa.org.au/foster-care





Preventing and Responding to Child and Youth Anxiety and Depressive Symptoms

The Foundational Strategies for Parents and Caregivers

1 Hour Zoom Webinar

Tuesday the 30th of June, 6.30pm

Designed for Parents and Caregivers

Content

This practical and engaging webinar will focus on:

- How does anxiety and depression manifest and express itself in children and young people (from 5 years to 18 years).
- What are the current and emergent (post COVID) at-risk groups, within a context of greater world uncertainty.
- What are the key parent and caregiver actions and strategies to prevent anxiety/depression and promote child and youth wellbeing and resilience.
- Two key areas of focus to promote wellbeing and resilience: (1) responding to child and youth growth and developmental needs and (2) building child and youth capacity through side-by-side support.
- How parents and caregivers can work side-by-side with schools and children/youth in both preventative and secondary responses to anxiety/depression.

Facilitators

The session will be delivered by two LBI Foundation presenters with significant experience in providing preventative and targeted support (clinical and non-clinical) to children and young people (and their families and schools) within educational contexts.

Dr Ivan Raymond
(Clinical Psychologist, PhD)

Ms Kylie Agnew
(Registered Psychologist/Teacher)

Registration and Resilience Skills Modules in Term 3.

The Zoom Webinar is being delivered in partnership between the Life Buoyancy Institute Foundation and Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities SA. Registration and further information click here: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/sa-catholic-caregiver-prevention-and-response-to-child-anxietydepression-tickets-107059078586>

In Term 3, parents, teachers and secondary school students can learn about 4 key resilience skills (click links):

[Mindfulness and Navigating Difficult Feelings \(5/8\)](#)

[Actioning Values \(7/9\)](#)

[Growth Mindset \(19/8\)](#)

[Gratitude and Helpful Thinking \(16/9\)](#)



JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

SANFL School holiday clinics are returning, providing a fun, safe and inclusive environment for children at any ability aged 5 – 12.

In small groups (less than 20), kids will participate in non-contact activities designed for fun, whilst developing skills and fitness appropriate to their age.

SANFL's priority is the safety of our participants and wider community, therefore all facilitators have been trained to follow COVID-19 safe protocols

\$50
2.5hr Clinic

VENUES AND DATES

Time: Ages 5-8 - 9am - 11:30am | Ages 9-12 - 1pm - 3:30pm

- 6th July - Kadina
- 7th July - Loxton, Modbury, PHOS Camden
- 8th July - Clare
- 9th July - Murray Bridge, Noarlunga, Para Hills
- 14th July - Mt Barker, Payneham, West Lakes
- 16th July - Prospect, Richmond, Victor Harbor

REGISTER NOW | PLACES ARE LIMITED