



# St Mary MacKillop School

## NEWSLETTER

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**Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020 (Term 3, Week 1)**

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,



Welcome to the beginning of Term 3.

I hope that everyone has enjoyed the holiday break and that you feel refreshed ready for the new term, a new beginning.

With the start of our new term we have the opportunity to let go of the past and embrace the new term. Just like God does for us all the time. Our God is a God of 'new beginnings'.

*"See, I will create new heavens and a new earth.  
The former things will not be remembered, nor will  
they come to mind"  
(Isaiah 65:17).*

Thank you to our wonderful OSHC staff: Lisa, Leah, Rachael, Tania, Mel and Cloe, who worked throughout the school holidays. Bookings were at capacity with 30 children some days, so it was very busy with lots of interesting and different activities every day for the children. We offer an extremely important and valued service for families.

Thanks to everyone who came in and worked and helped out in some way during the holidays, a lot of staff were in for meetings, planning, preparations, finance, pruning roses, planting trees, checking on grounds, letting trades people in for jobs, IT work. We are very fortunate to have such committed staff caring for our school in every aspect.

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### JULY

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Friday Lunches  
Tue 28<sup>th</sup> Mini Macs Playgroup 9.00am  
P & F meeting 7.00pm  
Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Basketball Carnival

#### AUGUST

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Knockout Football Carnival  
Thu 6<sup>th</sup> The Transfiguration of The Lord  
School Celebrations for St Mary MacKillop  
Feast Day: Mass, Lunch, Games  
Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Feast of St Mary MacKillop  
Week 4 Catholic Schools Open Week  
Tue 11<sup>th</sup> School Board meeting 7.30pm  
Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Open Morning 9.00-11.00am  
Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Year 5/6 Assembly 9.00am  
Sat 15<sup>th</sup> The Assumption  
Mon 17<sup>th</sup> – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Book Week  
Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Dress Up Day – Curious Creatures, Wild  
Minds theme  
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Photo envelopes due  
Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – Wed 26<sup>th</sup> SAPSASA Hockey & Soccer  
Thu 27<sup>th</sup> School Photos  
Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Year 2/3 Assembly 9.00am

#### SEPTEMBER

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> **PUPIL FREE DAY**  
7.30-9PM Parent Session with Bill Hansberry  
*Raising Kids With Grit*  
Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Year 1 Assembly 9.00am  
Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Sports Day  
Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> CSMF Choir - Adelaide

## RAISING HEARTS AND MINDS

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Thank you to Fr Matthew who offered weekend Masses in our Parish for the blessing of teachers, support staff and students for the start of our new term. In his Homily Fr Matthew spoke about the joy of having a Catholic school in our Parish and the opportunity this provides for the education of the child spiritually. Fr Matthew spoke most positively of the work of all staff in our Catholic school to provide an education for children in literacy, numeracy and most especially in developing a loving relationship with Jesus.

Thank you to parents who spent this morning, first morning back at school, busily preparing food to go in the freezer for Tuck meals this term. Thank you: Tarnya, Emily and Jen.

### **WELCOME NEW STUDENTS AND FAMILIES**

At the beginning of this term we welcomed the following students and their families to our school community. As well as our mid-year Reception intake students we welcome the Finn family who have moved to Wallaroo.

RECEPTION	Maggie Tully (Francesca and Michael Tully) Colt Groome (Kally and Brendan Groome) Izack Karpany (Chevie Holman-Mullins and Trevor Karpany) Scarlett Appleton (Courtney and Andrew Appleton) Addison Finn (Aimee and Dani Finn)
YEAR 2	Lucas Finn (Aimee and Dani)
YEAR 6	Farren Finn (Aimee and Dani)

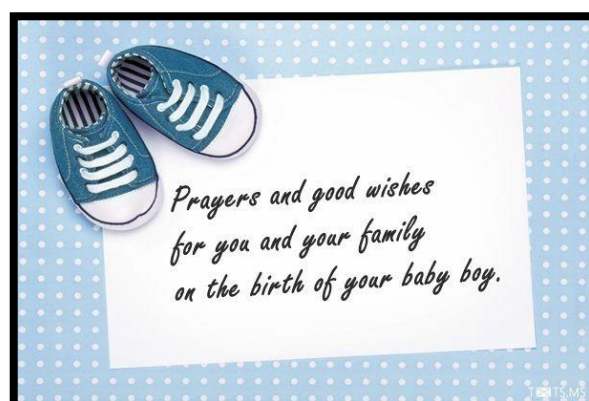


L-R; Izack, Addison, Lucas, Farren, Scarlett, Maggie, Colt

### **BABY CONGRATULATIONS**

*Congratulations:  
To Bonnie and John Turrell on the birth of a baby  
boy, Parker.*

*A baby brother for Cohen, Harlow and Zeke.*



# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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## SEMESTER ONE REPORTS / INTERVIEWS

Semester One reports will be sent home this afternoon with students. We highlight to students that the envelopes are addressed to parents and carers, and that it is the parent or carers job to open the envelope. We are trusting that students will follow this request.

You are invited to make a time to meet with the class teacher/s if there are any aspects of the report that you would like to discuss.

We will also be offering whole school Optional Parent/Carer and Teacher interviews in Week 9 of this term. This is as part of our usual reporting process to families. Information and booking sheets will come home with the Week 5 Newsletter. As you might remember this was altered to phone interviews in Term 1 due to COVID-19. Thank you to all staff and families who are making a mutual effort to keep in touch in other ways that are available to us.

## STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY REVIEW

The SA Commission for Catholic Schools (SACCS) has established the Students with Disability Review, the purpose is to identify how Catholic Schools in both regional and metropolitan SA, in partnership with families and the catholic Education Office, can strengthen our longstanding commitment to the inclusion, learning and wellbeing of students with disability.

It is time to reflect in an open and authentic way on what we are doing well, what we should do less of, and what we must do better in our service to students with disability. Our commitment to improving the quality of Catholic education is at the heart of the Living, Learning, Leading Framework that guides us in what we do.

You are invited to contribute to the review via the survey details below.



Catholic Education is reviewing its Students with Disability program to learn:

- What it is doing well
- What it should do less of
- What it should do better

The Review's Purpose and Process and Discussion Paper are available at [cesa.catholic.edu.au/SWDRReview](https://cesa.catholic.edu.au/SWDRReview)

**You are invited to contribute to the Students with Disability Review by taking part in our survey.**

The survey is open until **August 3 2020** and is open to parents, carers, guardians, community members, principals and school staff.



Have your say by going to  
[cesa.catholic.edu.au/SWDRReview](https://cesa.catholic.edu.au/SWDRReview)

## UNIFORM - SHOES

As parents have been buying new uniform requirements for their children, several parents have asked about the correct shoes to be worn. I much appreciate these inquiries and that parents are supporting our uniform policy. From our Uniform Policy regarding shoes:

**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 or black canvas or black and white.**

Always ask if you are unsure. Thank you.

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### **BUS UPDATE**

During the holidays our bus signage was updated to reflect our new CESA statement “Raising Hearts and Minds”. Looking good!



### **BOOK WEEK 2020**

We will celebrate Book Week this term from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August (Week 5). The theme for Book Week is ‘Curious Creatures, Wild Minds’.

Thank you to Sharon Steer who has come up with many creative ideas for us to be involved in during the week to celebrate books and the enjoyment and learning we can get from them.

**Our whole school dress up day will be Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> August, we will commence the day with a parade, enjoying the costumes that have been put together.**

Start thinking about costumes related to the theme of Curious Creatures, Wild Minds. We invite all students to participate positively in the day and that everyone dresses in some way according to the theme:

Just A Few Ideas: unicorn, dinosaur, combination of animals/creatures, Wild Thing (from Where The Wild Things Are), giant squid, The very Hungry Caterpillar, Green Sheep, dragon, The Gruffalo, Grug.



Other activities that we will be involved in will be:

- Visit to Wallaroo Museum to see the curious creature – giant squid
- Visit Wallaroo Playground – and go wild!
- Make creature bookmarks with buddies
- Read Where The Wild Things Are
- Reading and listening to the shortlisted books for the Book Week 2020 awards
- Visit our own fantastic school library

### **MINI MACS**

Mini-Macs Playgroup has returned with many families attending and supporting our playgroup. Thank you to Felicity who coordinates the playgroup, putting a lot of thought and care into ensuring that the environment is safe, attractive and engaging. We had 14 families with young children attend yesterday morning and there was a lovely, warm and friendly atmosphere to be invited into.



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## P & F MEETING

Our next P & F meeting will be held Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm. We will meet in the Meeting Room. All welcome, we hope to see you there.

## IMPORTANT DATE CLAIMERS

**OPEN MORNING** Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> August 9-11am

**ST MARY MACKILLOP FEAST SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS** Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> August 11.40am Mass, Sausage Sizzle Lunch,  
Afternoon Games

**BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY** Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August

**SCHOOL PHOTOS** Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> August

**STUDENT-FREE DAY** Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> September

**SPORTS DAY** Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> September

## POSITION VACANT



### **St Mary MacKillop Catholic School Wallaroo**

is seeking an

**OSHC/Vacation Care Assistant  
(Casual Position)**

to assist with the OSHC program  
(school terms) and Vacation Care program  
(school holiday periods).

The successful applicant must hold a  
Diploma in Early Childhood Education  
and Care Qualification (or equivalent  
as per ACECQA guidelines).

Refer to the school website  
for further information

[www.stmm.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stmm.catholic.edu.au)

#### **APPLICATION EXTENSION**

**Applications close Friday, 31 July at 3pm**

**Email inquiries to**

**Ms Michelle Miller, Principal**

**[michelle.miller@stmm.catholic.edu.au](mailto:michelle.miller@stmm.catholic.edu.au)**

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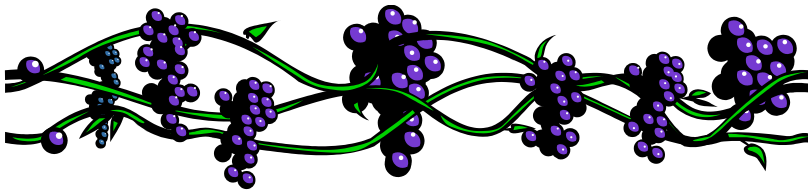
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Blessings for the week ahead.

*Michelle Miller*

Principal

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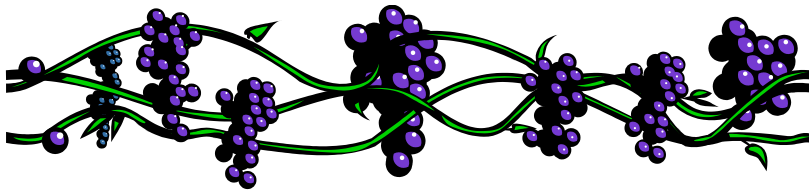
## The Vine

Welcome back to Term 3! We hope that you all enjoyed a restful and revitalising break from school routine. It appeared as if our students really enjoyed their holiday break. They were very happy to get out in our outside spaces and have as much play together as possible. There were three or four footy games going at once on the oval as well as a very competitive soccer game!

Thank you to our kind and generous parents who are already giving their time to us – preparing yummy fresh homemade food for our lunches on Friday. And welcome back to the vibrant Mini Macs who just enjoy the awe and wonder in life for what it is! It's so good to see you all!







# The Vine

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We have had to take into account all types of changes and adjustments to our normal course of experiences for our students this year. As yet, we have been unable to put in place any of our usual sacrament celebrations, including the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. However, we are now beginning preparation of the next part of the personal sacramental faith journey for our senior students – Confirmation. Through the learning and social justice action involved in preparing to celebrate Confirmation, these young people will experience the development of a different perspective of the Gospel message and personal action as well as the maturing understanding and growth of faith for young people in the real world of today.



We hope to be able to confirm a date for the celebration of our parish Confirmation in the not too distant future. Baptism and Confirmation, sacraments of initiation into the Church, are celebrated just once for the individual in their lifetime. This is quite different to the Sacrament of First Eucharist, also a sacrament of initiation as well as the sacrament which continually nourishes the faith life of the individual each time Holy Communion is received.

There is a letter, to parents of students who are candidates for Confirmation this year, enclosed in today's Newsletter.

## SCHOOL MASS – FEAST DAY OF ST MARY MACKILLOP

The Catholic Church is once again gathering together as a community both on weekdays, and every Sunday, for the public celebration of Mass, but with COVID-19 hygiene protocols and practices firmly in place.

Our senior classes began to gather together by class, late last term, for Mass in Sacred Heart Church Kadina. As a school community, we are also slowly moving forward for communal gathering for Mass while ensuring all the practice of hygiene protocols. Just our student and staff community will be gathering, with physical distancing, for Mass in the MPLA to celebrate the special **Feast Day of St Mary MacKillop on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> August**. Mass will be followed by a sausage sizzle and some fun activities after lunch. The actual feast day is Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> August.

## VINNIES



Placed in the sacred Space in the MPLA, there is a wonderful collection of warm blankets, quilts, coats and beanies for distribution, by Vinnies, to those in great need of support this very cold winter. We are most

grateful to all families who, mindful of the needs of those who are facing challenges this winter, have generously contributed to this collection. Vinnies aspires to be recognised as a caring Catholic charity which offers a compassionate “hand up” to those in need. Our Confirmation candidates, some of who are pictured, will undertake the social justice action of service to others, making sure that this collection is presented, on behalf of our school community, to the local Vinnies group of volunteers.



## CONDOLENCES

The St Mary MacKillop community extends sincere condolences and prayers to Lisa Caffyn and family on the recent passing of their loved brother in law and uncle, John Roberts. May God's grace and beautiful memories bring solace to your family.



*Bernie Thomson*

APRIM and Pastoral Care Support

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

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## FRIDAY LUNCHES

Please note, the following items have been removed from the QKR app – sandwiches, puffy pups, fried rice, yoghurts and meal deals. There are still plenty of options for your children to select.

Thank you to the ladies who have offered their assistance in preparing lunches this term.

### PARENT AND FRIENDS - FRIDAY LUNCH VOLUNTEERS – TERM 3

Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Krystle Lutze, Debbie Venning & Paula Perkins
Friday, 31 <sup>st</sup> July	Taya Dennis, Kristy Smith & Kristy Lamshed
Friday, 7 <sup>th</sup> August	Tarnya Wilson, Paula Perkins & Kally Groome
Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup> August	Lauren Atkinson, Kally Groome & Jenny Davey
Friday, 21 <sup>st</sup> August	Sarah Clifford, Tarnya Wilson & Kristy Smith
Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> August	Krystle Lutze, Lauren Atkinson & Kally Groome
Friday, 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Kristy Lamshed, Taya Dennis & Lauren Atkinson
Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Kristy Smith, Paula Perkins & Emily Donnell
Friday, 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Jenny Davey, Tarnya Wilson & Taya Dennis
Friday, 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Emily Donnell, Krystle Lutze & Sarah Clifford

*Tarnya Wilson*

Lunch Coordinator

## School Photographs – Thursday, 27th August

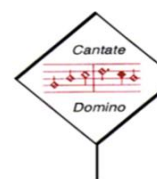
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Our annual school photo day is scheduled on Thursday, 27th August. Included with the newsletter are the named student envelopes. Each student is to return an envelope, even if the payment is enclosed in a sibling's envelope. If you would like your children to have a family photo, family envelopes are available. Please collect an envelope from the office or phone for an envelope to be sent home with your child. If your children are having a family photo, please be at school by 8.25am, as the family photos are scheduled for 8.30am. **Please return all envelopes to the office by Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> August.**

**CORRECT SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM IS TO BE WORN PLEASE: SHORT SLEEVE STRIPED POLO, NAVY GABARDINE SHORTS AND NAVY SOCKS WITH BLACK SCHOOL SHOES. NO PE UNIFORM OR SANDSHOES.**

## UP Choir

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Diary date for UP Choir! It has been confirmed that UP Choir will travel to **Adelaide on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September (Week 10)** for the filming of our Catholic Schools Music Festival Virtual Performance. More information will follow when details of the day are confirmed. There will be no parent audience at this day.

We require all of our UP Choir members to be ready for the high level performance well before filming day – singing, knowing the lyrics and tunes, and the choreography. That will be our major focus for our practices this term. Having this Virtual Performance makes our continued practice through these times of not knowing even if there would be a performance, absolutely worthwhile. The UP Choir has shown major resilience and continued commitment. Well done to all!





# Vacation Care & OSHC News

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What a great Vacation Care! We had lots of booked out days and the children had lots of fun! From jumping in muddy puddles to eating chocolate and making bath fizzies to calm down after the first busy week. In the second week, enjoying the footy clinic with Paul Northeast, having the CFS Visit then ending the week with a relaxing Pyjama Day.

Thank you to Erin Blott for coming in to hold a workshop with the kids, everyone enjoyed having you here.

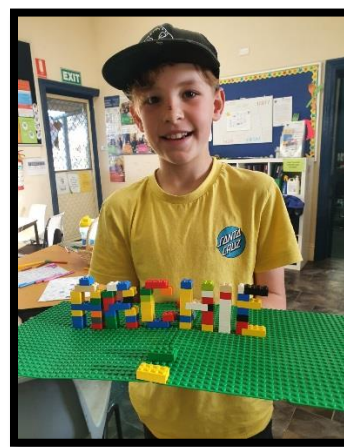
Thank you to Paul and Harrison Northeast for running the Football Clinic, the kids loved it!

Thank you to Kadina and Alford CFS for visiting with the trucks, the kids loved getting up close and into the trucks. They also loved spraying the hoses.

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 - 0437 659 137





## Vacation Care Photos



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Maggie – Reception	23 <sup>rd</sup> July
Scarlett – Reception	27 <sup>th</sup> July
Charlotte – Year 5/6	31 <sup>st</sup> July
Luke – Year 6/7	1 <sup>st</sup> August
Kye – Year 1	2 <sup>nd</sup> August
Mrs Northeast	3 <sup>rd</sup> August
Mr Dennis	3 <sup>rd</sup> August
Johanna – Year 3/4	4 <sup>th</sup> August



### NEWSLETTER INSERTS

1. School photo envelopes
2. Sports Day House Tops order form
3. Request for Fee Assistance (COVID-19)  
Term 3, 2020 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

**KADINA PONY AND EQUESTRAIN CLUB** is back operating as normal at the old racecourse between Kadina and Wallaroo but with Covid safety measures in place. We start at 9.30-11.30am every fortnight starting on the 4<sup>th</sup> July. We welcome riders of any age along with their horses. Pony Club is a great way to teach horsemanship while you're having fun with your pony and making friends. We offer 3 rallies for \$10 inclusive to cover insurance to try it out before joining our club. For enquiries phone Abbey Whitehead 0420539371 or Graham Sobey 0414907034