



# St Mary MacKillop School

## NEWSLETTER

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**Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> August 2020 (Term 3, Week 3)**

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

One of the greatest privileges of being a Principal is meeting families who are enrolling or thinking about enrolling their child at St Mary MacKillop School. The privilege comes from the trust and hope that parents place in the partnership that we will have in the education of their child. Over the remaining weeks of this term, I will be involved in enrolment meetings with parents and carers whose children will commence in Reception at the beginning of 2021. I look forward to meeting these families and showing them around our beautiful school that you all help to build.

#### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN WEEK

Next week will be SA Catholic Schools Open Week. We will celebrate all that is excellent about Catholic Education, the education of the whole child.

Monday	Launch Open Week at our Monday morning Assembly
Tuesday	Mini Macs Playgroup (please register your interest via Mini Macs facebook page)
Wednesday	Open Morning for our existing families 9-11am pop in and visit your child in their classroom Tours for new and prospective families available at 9am and 5pm (please register your interest by phoning 8823 2549, on our website or facebook page)
Friday	9.00am Year 5/6 Assembly – the first class Assembly to be held since Term 1. Parents of 5/6 class welcome.

#### NEW BISHOP FOR THE PORT PIRIE DIOCESE

On Saturday evening the much awaited announcement of a new Bishop for the Diocese of Port Pire was made. Pope Francis has appointed Bishop-Elect Karol Kulczycki SDS. Bishop-Elect (named as such until his formal installation) has written a lovely letter of introduction, which accompanies this Newsletter. We look forward to

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### AUGUST

- 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> Mini Macs Playgroup 9.00am
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Open Morning 9.00-11.00am  
School Tours 9am & 5pm
- 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 & sausage sizzle lunch
- 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

- Thu 3<sup>rd</sup> Father's Day breakfast 7.30-8.15am
- Mon 7<sup>th</sup> **PUPIL FREE DAY**  
6-7PM 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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meeting and welcoming Bishop-Elect Karol to our St Mary MacKillop community in the near future.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF BISHOP GREG O'KELLY**

Of course with this exciting announcement comes the acknowledgement and a note of sadness that our much-loved Bishop Greg will be finishing as our Bishop of the Port Pirie Diocese. In due course we will appropriately farewell and show our gratitude to Bishop Greg. This will make the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September with him even more special, as it will be his last Confirmation celebration with us.

### **SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS FOR FEAST OF ST MARY MACKILLOP**

11.30am	End recess: return to class; Move with class to MPLA to be seated with class
11.40am	Mass in MPLA; presentation of Vinnies Winter Appeal collection to Vinnies rep
12.30pm	Mass concludes: return to class ESO staff (Paul, Tania) and parents cook sausages and prepare to serve lunch
12.30-1.10pm	Sausage sizzle lunch delivered to Yr 3-7 on playground side R, R/1, 1 and 2/3 students over to oval side, eat lunch
1.10-1.40pm	Play areas as usual, yard duty as usual; Yr 7 helpers Michelle and Bernie getting equipment out for activities
1.40-1.50pm	End lunch: return to classes, drop off lunch boxes etc Move outside with class/NIT teacher Move into Groups and send to first activity
1.50-2.00pm	Activity
2.00-2.10pm	Activity
2.10-2.20pm	Activity
2.20-2.30pm	Activity
2.30-2.40pm	Activity
2.40pm	Students return to own class and teacher

If the weather is not suitable for our outdoor old-fashioned games, students will have the afternoon in their classes.

### **FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST**

At this stage with the current COVID restrictions that are in place, we would like to celebrate Father's Day. Please be aware that this may change if restrictions are reviewed. The P & F will be holding a Father's Day breakfast on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September from 7.30-8.15am. Bacon and eggs and toast will be on the menu. We are hoping that dads, grandpas, father-figures, can come along and enjoy breakfast with their children. This is our way of saying "thank you" and "we love you"!

RSVP is essential so that we know numbers to cater for. Please return the slip in this Newsletter.

### **FRIDAY LUNCHES**

Thank you so much to the amazing volunteers who make sure that Friday Lunches continue to be available for all students to enjoy. I'm sure it's a relief when Friday comes and you don't have to make the school lunches! What a treat at the end of the week.

Our Friday Lunches cannot happen though without volunteers. All helpers are much appreciated, even if you are able to help out on one Friday in the term, that would be much appreciated, every bit helps. You do not have to do it on your own, there will be 2-3 people working together, and it's fun and rewarding.

Please fill in the return slip if you are able to help out.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to our sport teams who competed in Basketball last Friday and Football on Monday. We were very excited to have the return of interschool sporting opportunities.

Thank you to Lisa Caffyn, Paul Northeast, Fr Matthew for coordinating, training, coaching and attending the competitions with the students.

Overwhelmingly, the feedback was positive about the excellent sporting behaviour and attitude displayed by our students.

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### **DANCE CONCERT – FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

Our Dance Concert is going ahead this year; performance will be on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> October (Term 4 Week 3). We had to start planning for the concert when there was quite a bit of uncertainty around COVID-19 restrictions and of course, there still is. Therefore, the concert will be during the day (no matinee or evening performances). Classes will view each other's items and the only family members invited to attend the concert will be those of the Year 7 families, as this will be their last Dance Concert with us.

We understand that this will be somewhat disappointing that all families will not be able to attend a sit-down performance in the Hall this year. We know that the Dance Concert is a highlight of the year! However, we want to make sure that the plans we have in place will be able to go ahead despite what at this stage is an uncertain future. We just want to make sure that there is a concert, and it will be fantastic!

The performance of the class dance items will be filmed and DVDs will be available at a low cost for all families.

We want our concert to go ahead and are planning for this to happen, with flexibility to accommodate whatever restrictions might be in place at the time.

This term, students are learning their dance routines with Karen in dance lessons. The backdrop and costumes will be worked on with the goal of having them ready at the end of this term.

The theme of the concert is 'Musical Theatre'; each class has a musical theme (eg. Aladdin, High School Musical), their dance, the music, songs and their costumes will be related to the musical theme. There is no 'storyline' as such, however the items will be linked with a script. The Year 7 students will have starring roles, we want to make this as special as possible for them.

As soon as possible, we will send a note home to families letting you know the musical theatre theme of your child/children's class and what sort of costume they will need. We will source some costume items and will ask families for some support with supplying some items.

Thanks to the Dance Committee for their work so far and commitment to making sure this goes ahead this year: Bernie Thomson, Jane Owen, Francesca Tully, Abbey Whitehead, Ali Ryan, Lisa Caffyn, Heather Griffiths and Karen McCulloch.

### **SMMS 7-9 PROJECT UPDATE**

Our 7-9 Project is progressing each week. There are weekly meetings with architects, project managers and consultants from the Catholic Education Office. The meetings are attended by myself, Julia Agnew, Fr Matthew and Karen Miers. Progress is fed back to parents, staff and students at School Board, P & F and staff meetings and Assemblies. The plans are being updated and there will soon be the most up-to-date version on display in our office and in the MPLA. The updated plans will also be shared on our facebook page and website towards the end of this week.

Recent meetings have been about fine-tuning the plans for the building: taking on feedback, suggestions, questions and incorporating this into the plans to ensure that we have the best facility possible for our secondary students and staff. With any project such as this, there is a significant change for the community and we are planning for this to make sure this experience is as positive as possible for everyone and we do not leave anything out.

Yesterday evening, Dave Edwards who is our Business Lead consultant (based at the Catholic Education Office), came and met with our School Board. Dave talked us through the project, shared the plans and where we are currently up to. We were very thankful to Dave for offering this opportunity to our School Board members.

### **PUPIL FREE DAY – MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Please note that our school will have a student free day on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> September to facilitate a training day for all staff in Restorative Practices.

As all curriculum ESO staff and our OSHC staff will be involved, unfortunately we will NOT be able to offer OSHC on the day. Families will need to please make their own arrangements for the day.

I apologise for any inconvenience, however Restorative Practices are core practices for our school staff and students and it is important that all staff are consistent in their practice of this. The presenter for the day will be Bill Hansberry.

### **PIZZA TEA AND PARENT INFORMATION SESSION**

On the evening of Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> September, Bill will be offering a parent information session 6.00-7.00pm on 'Raising Kids With Grit'. Come along for pizza tea (provided for you!) and listen to Bill share great ideas for developing resilience in children. Parenting is not easy and the more ideas you can have and share the better.

Bill is an excellent presenter with the right mix of humour and great, practical advice, visit Bill Hansberry's website and find out a bit more about him: <https://www.hansberryec.com.au/>

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A crèche will be offered on the evening to enable parents to attend as well.

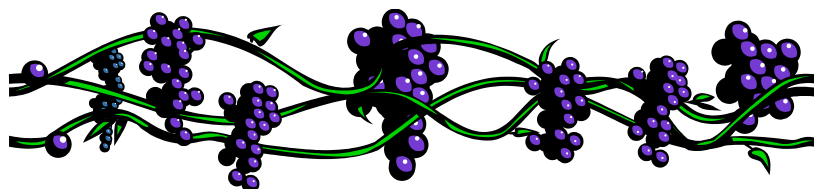
Please fill in the RSVP so we know how many to cater for pizza tea and for the crèche.

Blessings for the week ahead.

*Michelle Miller*

Principal

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## The Vine

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**St Mary MacKillop - Celebrating our saint this week with a student and staff only Mass, a free sausage sizzle lunch and an afternoon of old-fashioned games on Thursday!**

This week we celebrate our first Australian saint who has left an indelible legacy on the Copper Coast – mostly our school and school community!

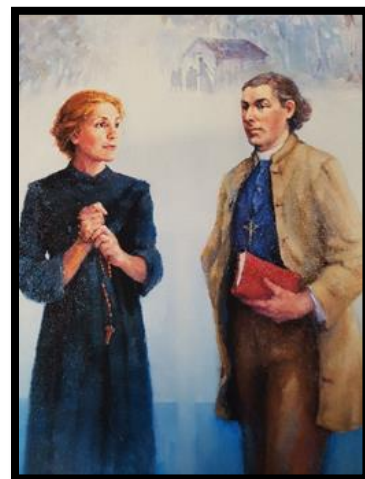
Mary MacKillop was born 15 January 1842 in Brunswick St, Fitzroy, Melbourne. With the support and spiritual guidance of Fr. Julian Tenison Woods, the Parish Priest of the South East, Mary MacKillop was able to open a Catholic school in Penola in an old, disused and falling down stable in 1866. Young women were drawn to join energetic and committed Mary MacKillop, and so the Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph was begun. From this



time, Mary MacKillop and Fr. Julian Tenison

Woods worked together to open many, many schools for the poor of Adelaide and country South Australia.

One of these South Australian Josephite schools was our very own, established in January 1869, together with Sacred Heart School in Kadina (presently the Vinnies premises).



Mary MacKillop's deep faith and commitment to social justice and bringing the love of God and education to those most disadvantaged resulted in the opening of a great number of Catholic schools across Australia, especially in far-flung places.

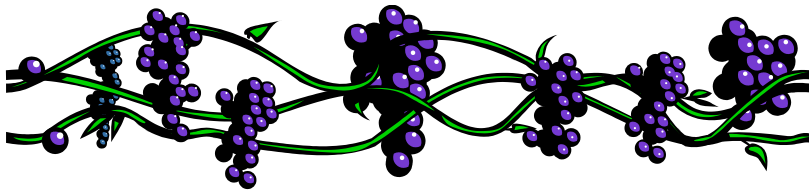
Our first school, in January 1869, took place in the old church, situated where our beautiful green space is, next to the courts. A little school run by the Sisters of St Joseph was begun in Ryan Street, Moonta in 1870, but struggled to survive in the mining culture and township of Moonta and Moonta Mines. It closed ten years later in 1880.

In 1975, Sacred Heart School closed to amalgamate with St Mary's School at Wallaroo, our school! This combined school became Kalori School, an Aboriginal word meaning message stick. Thirty years later, it became Kalori Catholic School.

Pope Benedict XVI canonised Mary MacKillop as a saint on 17 October 2010. To mark this momentous event, and to honour the faith and heritage instilled in our school from Mary MacKillop, our school named changed again to St Mary MacKillop.







## The Vine

Mary MacKillop did indeed visit the Copper Coast several times, travelling by ship and coach. She even stayed in the white cottage that still stands diagonally opposite our school in Young Street. Mary MacKillop had a great trust in God, believing that God would provide whatever she needed to continue the work that she was called to do...or the strength and courage she needed to face difficult situations and the struggle to help those in need.



Mary MacKillop was very brave. She dared to begin a new religious group – the Sisters of St Joseph – who were all dedicated to travelling through country areas with very low populations, but with children in need of education. Mary MacKillop's work changed many peoples' lives and she was able to do it without a mobile phone, social media, google maps or any electronics of any sort.

The courage and movement of Holy Spirit, through knowing Jesus, guided and energized Mary's actions. The humility and example of St Joseph gave her and her Sisters of St Joseph great courage to face problems in life. Even in times of intense hardship, disappointment, loss of friendship and even betrayal, Mary MacKillop always welcomed the movement and wisdom of the Holy Spirit within her.



At St Mary MacKillop School, we are still being shown, in today's world, the way to know and love God and to act justly by the life and vision and spirituality of Mary MacKillop.

Through the generosity of our families we have been able to help out those in great need, just as St Mary MacKillop did throughout her life. Thank you everyone!

**"When I could not see my way, God kept my heart full of trust to make all come right,"** (Mary MacKillop 1874)

Mary wrote copious letters to her great friend and spiritual mentor, Fr. Julian Tenison Woods, as well as to her ever-growing numbers of new Sisters of St Joseph. These messages of hope, support and love of God in these letters even today, help us to understand God's presence in our lives and real presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

**"Let God's Spirit guide you in your choice,"** (Mary MacKillop 1898)

There was a continuous inflow of young women joining Mary MacKillop and her group, whose lives were dedicated to God. However, many of these young women also didn't last any more than a year or two in these new group of Sisters of St Joseph. Many of the priests of South Australia and Victoria and Queensland were very keen to entice Mary and her sisters to set up Catholic schools in the far-flung areas of these states.

**"Seek first the poorest and most neglected parts of God's vineyard",** (Mary MacKillop in a circular to her Sisters on 6 March 1900)

**Mary MacKillop died 8 August 1909 in St Joseph's Convent, North Sydney.**

**St Mary MacKillop still shows us the way today.**

*Bernie Thomson*

APRIM and Pastoral Care Support



# Sport

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## SPORT IS BACK

After a long break due to Covid-19 sport for our students is finally back. We entered 3 teams into the local basketball carnival held last Friday and our knockout footy team played on Monday. All our students were very excited to be back playing sport and represented our school with pride, displaying excellent sportsmanship skills. A huge thank you to all our parent volunteers who helped make these days happen and all the parents who came out and supported our students at both events. A special mention to Paul Northeast for his ongoing commitment to sport at our school and to Father Matthew, newly appointed basketball coach and runner extraordinaire!

## PREMIER'S BE ACTIVE CHALLENGE

A reminder that this challenge is due to be completed by Week 8, Term 3. Your child received the form last term. To complete the challenge your child needs to complete **60 minutes** of activity **a day** for **5 days a week** for **4 weeks**. Please see the front office if you have misplaced your child's form.

We are hopeful that our students will be able to participate in many more sporting opportunities this term.

## KNOCKOUT FOOTBALL

On Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August, a group of boys and girls from year 5, 6 and 7 played Knock-out football against Harvest Christian College and Maitland Lutheran School at the Wallaroo football oval. In our first game we played against Harvest Christian College. The score was St Mary MacKillop 11 goals 5; 71 to Harvest 1 goal 0; 6. The winning margin was 65 points. The next game we had to vs was Maitland Lutheran School because we won the first game. The final score was St Mary MacKillop 9 goal 6; 60 to Maitland Lutheran 1 goal 1; 7. The final margin was 53 points. Overall, we had an amazing day winning both games and heading on to the next round. The players in the team was Harrison Northeast, Hunter Wellgreen, Luke Russel, Jayden Blokpoel, Aiden Hollands, Shann Hanson, Ella Phelan, Harry Rennie, Ryan Zimmermann, Farren Finn, Riley Miller, Mitch Miller, Jack Northeast, Mia Frost, Jasmine Dayman, Kolbi Weight, Will Rogers, Blake Walkley, Alfie Gunning, Riley Phelan, Hudson White and Brodie Steer.

A huge thank you to Father Matthew for being our runner and giving us lots of encouragement, Mr Northeast for coaching, Miss Caffyn for helping with the organisation, Megan Liddy for scoring, Dani Finn for umpiring, Aaron Hanson and Blake Miller for goal umpiring.

By Harry Rennie - Year 7



# Sport

## **BASKETBALL**

On Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> August, three teams from SMMS left school at 8:50am and we arrived at the Copper Coast Sport and Leisure Centre around 9:00am.

SMMS Girls: Firstly, we played against Wallaroo Primary School, we won by roughly 30 points. Next we versed Harvest, we lost. Then we versed KMS 1 and we lost by a lot. After that we versed KMS 2, we lost but it was a very close game. Then we versed Wallaroo Mines, we won. Lastly, we versed Moonta Area School, we lost but it was a good game.

SMMS Boys 2: Our first game was KMS 1 and we got smashed by about 25 points. Next we versed Harvest, unfortunately we lost. Next we played Wallaroo Mines, we won by a lot. After that we versed Moonta Area School, sadly we lost. Then we played SMMS 1 and we lost. After that we played SMMS 1, we lost but it was a fun game, finally we versed Wallaroo Primary School and we won!

SMMS Boys 1: Our first game against WPS we won easily. Next game against Harvest we lost by 2 points. Then we played WMPS and we won again. Next we played SMMS 2 and won and we also beat KMS 1 by 1 point. Then we versed KMS 2 and won and finally we played MAS and won that game as well. We were very close at making it to the next round as we finished 2<sup>nd</sup> on the ladder and only the first team goes through.

We all had a fun, tiring and exciting day and by the end we were all tired.

We thank Mr Northeast, Miss Caffyn and Father Matthew for organising everything, watching us play and being great coaches. Thank you, Megan Liddy, Bec Miller, Harrison and Jack M, for scoring.

**Written by Ayden Giles, Charli Lamshed, Mathilda Turrell and Stella Russack.**



Back: Aiden H, Brodie, Ayden G, Fr Matthew  
Front: Hudson, Jack, Will



L-R: Charli, Lilly, Ella, Mia, Jasmine, Stella, Mathilda,  
Miss Caffyn



L-R: Shann, Mitchell, Luke, Hunter, Kolbi, Harry,  
Mr Northeast



The boys in action



# Year 3/4 Class Vinnies Winter Appeal Fundraiser

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On Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> July, our electives cooking group made chocolate cupcakes. With the help of Mrs Cabrera we added eggs, milk, sugar and melted butter to the flour mix. We each had a turn at using the electric mixer. When it was mixed we spooned the batter into cupcake pans. When they were cooled Mrs Cabrera decorated them.

On Friday we brought in money to buy the cupcakes; \$2 for 1 and \$3 for 2. Can you guess how much money we made? Our class ended up making \$74.40. Mrs Ryan used the money to buy warm clothing and a blanket for the Vinnies Winter Appeal.

By Alley Joy, Archie Winter & Anthony Marchetto (cooking group leaders)



## School Photographs – Thursday, 27th August

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Our annual school photo day is scheduled on Thursday, 27th August. Included with the Week 1 Newsletter were 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.**





# Reception/1 Class Emoji Day

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The R/1 class enjoyed recapping on emotions, through fun activities centred around emojis. Thank you to Lauren Donnellan for helping us decorate emoji biscuits and having a dance with us.



## Book Week 2020

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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. We will have a free sausage sizzle lunch. If you are available to help cook/serve the BBQ please return the reply slip attached.**

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 The Gruffalo and complete an activity sheet
- Reading and listening to the shortlisted books for the Book Week 2020 awards
- Visit our own fantastic school library

*Sharon Steer*  
Library Technician

# Mini Macs Playgroup

We are so excited to announce that playgroup will return next Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> August, 9-10.30am!

Due to the restrictions that are in place, there will be a few changes to the way we do things. One of these will be that everyone who wishes to attend our playgroup sessions will need to register. This enables us to make sure that we do not exceed the number of adults allowed in the hall and that everyone will get an equal opportunity to attend (restrictions are constantly changing so this may be subject to change).

Obviously if you or your children feel unwell, please do not attend playgroup. If you have registered for a session and are then unable to attend, please let me know as soon as possible.

Regular hand washing, social distancing for adults (not children), and cleaning will be taking place during all sessions.

To register, please text or phone Felicity (if you have any further questions) on 0435048654 by EOB each Friday, advising the adults and children who will be attending playgroup and your contact phone number.

Cost will be a gold coin donation as usual.

*Felicity Schulz*

Mini Macs Playgroup Coordinator



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Mrs Agnew	5 <sup>th</sup> August
Aiden – Year 6/7	8 <sup>th</sup> August
Calais – Year 2/3	10 <sup>th</sup> August
Jhett – Reception/1	18 <sup>th</sup> August



## NEWSLETTER INSERTS

1. Sports Day note
2. Book Club catalogue
3. Greetings from Bishop-Elect Karol Kulczycki SDS
4. Year 1 Curriculum letter
5. Year 5/6 Curriculum letter
6. Return Slips page

*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.*

## Mary MacKillop Quotes

