



St Mary MacKillop School

NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday, 19th August 2020 (Term 3, Week 5)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week we are celebrating Book Week. This is a time to think about all that books can provide for us such as: learning to read, adventure, knowledge, history, fantasy, creativity, facts, escape, ideas, recipes, enjoyment, humour.....there is so much. Even in this day of amazing technology, there is nothing quite like holding and looking at or reading a book, nothing will quite replace it.

Thank you to Sharon Steer who has decorated the Library, sourced a great range of the Book Week shortlisted books and planned all of our activities for the week.

Yesterday, classes visited George the giant squid at the Wallaroo Museum. Classes have made great monster book marks. Today we have had our dress up parade and enjoyed a free sausage sizzle lunch. At various times classes will also visit the helicopter playground and "go wild"! Curious Creature and Wild Minds has been a great theme for us this week.

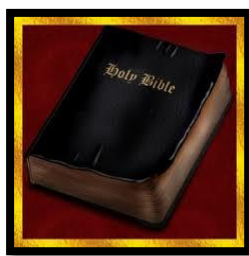
In Book Week, I have asked staff to reflect, themselves and with students, on the most important 'book' to our Christian religion, The Bible.

The Bible is the sacred text of Christians.

The Bible consists of The Old Testament and The new Testament.

The Old Testament is the record of the sacred covenant (a covenant is a binding promise) between God and the people through Abraham and Moses.

The New Testament is the record of the new Christian covenant through Jesus.



IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST

Mon 17th – Fri 21st Book Week

Fri 21st Photo envelopes due

Knockout Soccer

Mon 24th – Wed 26th SAPSASA Hockey & Soccer

Tue 25th Mini Macs Playgroup

Thu 27th School Photos

SEPTEMBER

Tue 1st Sacrament of Confirmation @ Sacred Heart Church, Kadina 7.00pm

Thu 3rd Father's Day breakfast 7.30-8.15am

Fri 4th Year 2/3 Assembly 9.00am

Mon 7th **PUPIL FREE DAY**

6-7PM Parent Session with Bill Hansberry
Raising Kids With Grit

Fri 11th Year 1 Assembly 9.00am

Wed 16th Sports Day

Tue 22nd CSMF Choir – Adelaide

Fri 25th Track-a-thon

Subway lunches

Term 3 concludes 3.00pm

*The grass withers and the
flowers fall,
but the word of our God
endures forever.*

[Isaiah 40:8](#)

RAISING HEARTS AND MINDS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A big thank you to everyone for attending our Open Morning last Wednesday. A special thanks to our teachers, ESOs and students who continued with their normal programs for the morning so that you could glimpse the activities the students are involved in during a morning. This is evidence of our Mission Statement in action; that we work in partnership with families.

Thank you Hannah Cotter and the 5/6 class for the welcome return of our class Assemblies last Friday. Thanks to the 5/6 parents who attended and supported the students. It was fantastic to see the learning the children were sharing on the Federation of Australia, 3D shape robots and their personal mottos, to mention a few items. They were well prepared and presented so well.

The UP Choir also performed at the Assembly, this is an important element in their preparation, to perform for an audience. Thank you to the Choir, Bernie Thomson and Michele Giesecke. They are sounding great!

BAPTISM OF TRAE AND HUNTER

I know that Bernie has a note of congratulations to Trae and Hunter, however, I could not bypass saying congratulations to them as well, and thank you to Fr Matthew for the beautiful Mass on Sunday morning incorporating Hunter and Trae's Baptism and Hunter's First Communion. This was truly a special moment for Trae, Hunter, Megan and family and indeed for our school and Parish. What a powerful symbol of faith, hope and love, to see these wonderful young people baptised, surrounded by their own family and our Parish family who will support them.

FAREWELL MALAKAI AND KAIESHA

We farewell Malakai and Kaiesha Vainui-Yeates and John and Jean from our school community. We wish Malakai and Kaiesha all the very best at their new school.

EXEMPTION FROM SCHOOL

When students are absent from school for a period of time of four days or more, whether that be for medical, family or holiday reasons, it is a requirement that the parents or carers complete an 'Exemption From School' form. The form is available on our website or from Karen in the front office. We have a legal requirement to report on and account for student absence and most importantly it is an important part of our pastoral care for students and families.

7-9 DEVELOPMENT CONTRACTORS

Our building plans for the 7-9 Development are currently with council. In a few weeks time tenders will be invited for the construction and works. We have specifically requested that local tradespeople have the opportunity to tender for the various contracts. We want to make sure that no-one interested misses out on this opportunity. We are providing a list of contractors to the Architects so that they can specifically be notified about the tender process. If you or someone you know of would like to be added to the list, please pass on name and contact details to Julia Agnew by the end of this week. The tender process will also be advertised in the local paper.

SMMS OSHC / VACATION CARE VACANCY

Applications are invited for casual staff for our OSHC and Vacation Care service. Please refer to the school website for further details on this position.

Applications should include:

- a cover letter,
- resume and the
- names, addresses and phone number of three referees
- Applicant Declaration Form (provided on the school website)

Please send applications to: jagnew@stmm.catholic.edu.au (emailed) OR deliver to our front office envelope marked Attention: Julia Agnew. Any further inquiries please contact Michelle Miller at school on 8823 2549 or by email at michelle.miller@stmm.catholic.edu.au

Applications close on Friday, 4th September at 3.00pm.

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SAFE PARKING

When parking along the fenceline between the staff car park and the admin building, please leave enough space for pedestrians to walk along the footpath.

Families with young children and sometimes children on their own, are having to walk along the road behind the cars and this is a hazard with cars reversing particularly during the busy drop off times.

KNOCKOUT SOCCER

Best of luck to our soccer players who head to Ingle Farm this Friday:

Girls Team: Lilly C, Mia F, Mathilda, Charli, Jasmine, Stella, Ella, Sofia C, Charlotte S, Chelsea, Mia D, Scarlett M, Alexis and Emilie.

Boys Team: Harry, Riley M, Tyrell, Callum, Mitchell, Farren, Jack M, Shann, Ryan, Harrison, Jack N and Kolbi.

SAPSASA HOCKEY AND SOCCER

Next week Lisa Caffyn will be coaching our region Girls Hockey Team at SAPSASA in Adelaide on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

At the same time, Ayden Giles will be away playing SAPSASA hockey. Playing SAPSASA Soccer are Callum Sanders, Tyrell Costello, Riley Miller, Shann Hanson, Ella Phelan, Lilly Cockshell and Charli Lamshed.

We wish them all good luck and a really enjoyable three days.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our annual school photo day is next 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 this Friday, 21st August.**

ON PHOTO DAY 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.

PUPIL FREE DAY – MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

A reminder that our school will have a student free day on Monday, 7th 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, 7th 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/>

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.

OPTIONAL INTERVIEWS

In Week 9 of this term, optional interviews will be offered. With this week's Newsletter there is a letter about the interviews and a reply slip.

ENROLMENT 2021

At this time of the year, planning for 2021 is well underway. Class structures and staffing are being worked out and next term we will begin to look at student placement in classes. It is extremely helpful to know our enrolments for 2021. I ask that if you are intending for your child or children to not return to SMMS in 2021, please fill out the return slip in this Newsletter or let me know as soon as possible. The information can be kept confidential until the end of the year upon your request. However, it is very much appreciated if I can know this to be able to plan successfully for next year.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

COVID-19 TESTING

As we know, when a member of a household has been tested for COVID-19 and is awaiting results, that person must isolate at home. They need to, within the home, isolate from other family members and the household needs to have strict hygiene practices in place— please refer to the SA Health website.

In the case where this is occurring, students in the household who have no reason to be tested and are not awaiting results may still attend school, provided that the isolation is being practised in the home.

Some families choose to keep family members home as a precaution, even if they are not the ones awaiting the test results and this family choice is respected. If a student who attends our school is being tested for COVID-19, awaiting results and isolating at home, then please inform the school. In other cases, where it is another member of the family being tested and awaiting results, it is not necessary to notify us but it is appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

P & F NEWS

The P & F have offered to assist with running a Track-a-thon on the last day of this term, Friday 25th September.

The Track-a-thon in the past has been a P & F fundraiser with the students getting sponsors for the event, however this year due to times being a bit tougher financially for so many people in our community, we have decided to have it for fun – no sponsors required.

The P & F will work out a route for the Track-a-thon and help out as marshalls along the track. We will start at the school and have a set route to follow. Students and staff will see how far they can get along the track in a set time. We will have further detail closer to the day.

The Track-a-thon will be followed by our Subway lunch on the same day. Included with today's Newsletter are Subway envelopes for students to order their lunch. **Envelopes are due back to school by Friday, 18th September.** We will have a fun day to finish off our term.

Blessings for the week ahead.

Michelle Miller

Principal

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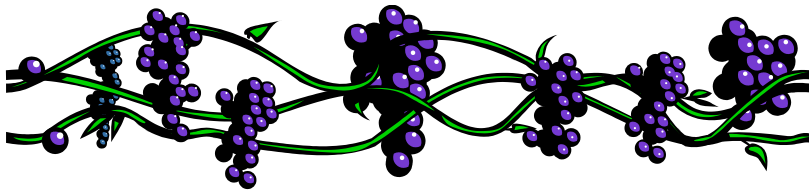
School Value Awards

Congratulations to the students who were the recipients of the School Value Award at our Assembly on Friday and Monday morning. The awards include Respect, Team Work, Trust, Courage and Commitment.



Back: Macy, Connor, Heath, Ari, Jayden, Scarlett, Charli, Mia, Isabelle
Centre: Eloise, Jack, Addison, Maggie,
Front: Colt, Macy Inset: Mia

L-R: Izack, Riley P, Sophia



The Vine

Last week, the Church celebrated a very special feast day - **The Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary** on Saturday, 15th August. This Saturday, 22nd August, the Church celebrates **The Queenship of Mary**. The Church Fathers proclaim the belief that Mary, the Mother of Jesus, is pure and at her death, Mary was “assumed” (taken up to heaven) by God to be with God for Eternity.

These special days acknowledges that Mary has an honoured place in the ethos and identity of the Catholic Church. We acknowledges that Mary said “Yes” to the Angel Gabriel when told that she was to be the Mother of a very special baby, the Son of God, Jesus. We acknowledge that gentle and wise Mary was a very loving mother to Jesus – taught him how to pray, cared for him deeply, and brought him up to be faithful to his Jewish faith. In the Scriptural account of the death of Jesus on the cross at Calvary, Mary is specially mentioned:



“Jesus saw his mother and the disciple he loved standing there (apostle John); so he said to his mother, ‘He is your son.’ Then he said to the disciple, ‘She is your mother.’ From that time the disciple took her to live in his home.” John 19:26,27

Mary is our spiritual mother too and we can ask her as Mother of Jesus to pray for us and care for us.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

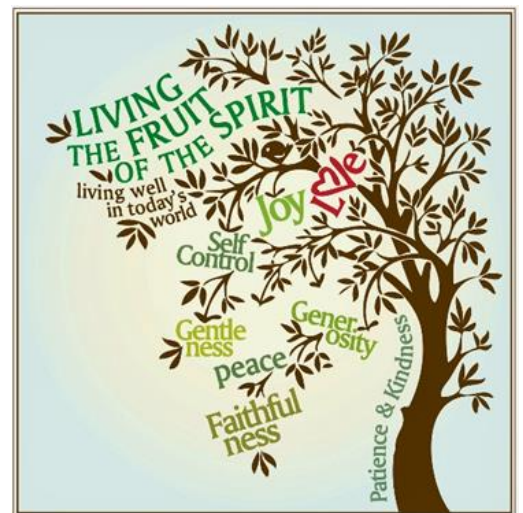


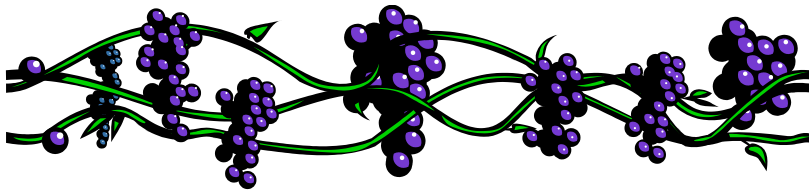
We congratulate Hunter and Trae on their welcome to the Catholic community through the Sacrament of Baptism. The Baptism Liturgy took place during the 10am Mass at Kadina last Sunday. We pray that the power of God’s Holy Spirit may strengthen their lives and the lives of their family. May they continue to grow in faith and love throughout their lives. Hunter also celebrated his First Communion at this Mass.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Sacrament of Confirmation, to be conferred by Bishop Gregory on Tuesday, 1st September, at Sacred Heart Church Kadina, at 7.00pm, is the celebration of an important milestone in the faith journey of our young people and their families – Harrison, Carlos, Harry, Shann, Hunter, Jack and Hayley from the parish. Jesus promised his disciples that the Spirit would come to them and would show them the way to live as followers of Jesus. They could then continue to carry out Jesus’ mission to the world.

Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would inspire each person to live a good life, to be generous and kind, to act with justice and respect for all people and all of creation. The sacrament of Confirmation is the last sacrament in the process of initiation into the Catholic community. Baptism and Eucharist are the other sacraments of initiation. Confirmation seals – or confirms - a person’s Baptism and celebrates the presence of the Holy Spirit in his or her life.





The Vine



When these gifts are strong in our lives, they bear fruit in our lives. The fruits that grow in our lives are signs that the Spirit of God is present in us and in our community:



God's Holy Spirit gives the gifts of... *Wisdom *Courage *Understanding
*Right Judgement *Knowledge *Reverence *Awe and Wonder -
welcoming the presence of God in our lives.
*Charity (Love) – the highest form of Christian love, directed towards God and our neighbour *Joy *Peace *Patience *Kindness *Goodness *Faithfulness
*Modesty *Gentleness *Generosity *Self-control

Bernie Thomson

APRIM and Pastoral Care Support

UP Choir

Usually UP Choir travels to Adelaide for a “rehearsal” with all the other schools and students who perform with us on our performance night in **the Catholic Schools Music Festival** at Festival Theatre, at the end of Term 3. However, because of COVID-19, that has not happened.

So last Friday, UP Choir performed for the whole school assembly. It will be their only proper performance before travelling to Adelaide on 22nd September. On that day they will be filmed, without an audience, with three hundred other students from Catholic schools. This filmed performance, at Sacred Heart College, will be one of four Virtual Performances, taking the place of the usual four performances at Adelaide Festival Theatre. They will be able to be viewed online later.

The UP Choir members now need to maintain our wonderful spirit and the seeking of success for our high-level performance group by being vigilant with our practice!

It is a well known fact that those who sing in groups with others gain a real sense of inner joy and peace from the experience. Music is an important part of our health and wellbeing!

Bernie Thomson

Choir Trainer

OSHC & Vacation Care News

Over the past couple of weeks, the OSHC Students have been enjoying playing outside in Nature. They have been using sticks and logs to create cubbies and having wild imaginations whilst playing in a safe manner.

We have enjoyed the nature play space on the school side also and exploring different trees around the school.

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.

The October Vacation Care programme is included in today's newsletter. Please fill out the slip for the days that you require. We need to receive your slip back signed to secure your child/children's bookings. Please return these by Monday, 14th September.

Lisa Cooper

OSHC Director - 0437 659 137

Mini Macs Playgroup

Book Week fun at Mini Macs yesterday. Many children dressed up as an animal.

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.

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.



Felicity Schulz

Mini Macs Playgroup Coordinator

Community News



Aussie Hoops provides boys and girls aged between 5-9, with a fun and safe Basketball experience that serves as an introduction to a lifetime of involvement in the game. A short 6-week term 3, will commence Tuesday, 18 Aug 2020 from 5pm-6pm at the CCSLC. For information and rego link, please contact Shaun Mercer 0428 214 900 or shaunmercer@internode.on.net



Year 6/7



Year 5/6



Year 3/4



Year 2/3



Year 1



Reception/1

Book Week Dress Up Parade Photos



Reception



Staff



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Izack – Reception	14 th August
Alexis – Year 5/6	22 nd August
Oliver – Reception/1	22 nd August
Lachlan – Year 5/6	26 th August
Lucas – Year 3/4	26 th August
Anthony – Year 3/4	27 th August
Colt – Reception	28 th August
Oliver – Reception	30 th August
Mrs Tully	30 th August
Kaira – Year 3/4	31 st August



NEWSLETTER INSERTS

1. Parent-Teacher Interview booking sheet
2. Vacation Care programme
3. Subway envelopes
4. Year 3/4 class note
5. Returns slip

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.