



# St Mary MacKillop School

## NEWSLETTER

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**Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 (Term 4, Week 3)**

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

## BROADWAY

### **BROADWAY - 2020 DANCE CONCERT**

This Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> October, will be our whole school Dance Concert. Three terms of preparation have gone into this exciting event.

Every day this week, the students and staff will be at the Town Hall for rehearsals. Yesterday and over the next two days we are at the point of having whole school run throughs with our very competent Year 7 students commentating the concert.

Today was the first day that we were able to have a whole school run through and this has helped us to plan even further.

We are offering three performances on Friday to offer the opportunity for as many to attend as possible.

Friday will be a very busy and demanding day with three performances, however we know that our amazing students are up to it. They have incredible talent, stamina and commitment. We also acknowledge and thank families for the role they play in this as you support your children in the coming days.

Wednesday and Thursday will be whole school run-through at least two times, taking us up to approximately lunch time.

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

- We will be at the Town Hall all day
- Students come to school in sport uniform and dress in costume at school
- Students transported from school to the Hall in buses
- Students bring packed fruit, recess, water bottle
- Friday lunch orders will be delivered to the Hall
- Following the final performance, students will be transported back to school in school buses, collect bags and be dismissed by the class teacher

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### OCTOBER

Thu 29<sup>th</sup> T1 2021 Reception students Transition  
Visit 8.30-10.30am

Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Dance Concert @ Wallaroo Town Hall  
9.30am, 11.45am & 2.00pm sessions

#### NOVEMBER

Sun 1<sup>st</sup> All Saints Day

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> All Souls Day

Knockout Boys Cricket @ Wallaroo

Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> Mini Macs Playgroup 9.00am

Thu 5<sup>th</sup> Athletics Carnival @ Santos Stadium  
T1 2021 Reception students Transition  
Visit 8.30-1.00pm

Thu 12<sup>th</sup> T1 2021 Reception students Transition  
Visit 8.30-3.00pm

Thu 19<sup>th</sup> T1 2021 Reception students Transition  
Visit 8.30-3.00pm

#### PARISH WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Sacred Heart, Kadina  
Saturday 6.00pm

St. Francis of Assisi, Moonta  
Sunday 8.30am

Sacred Heart, Kadina  
Sunday 10.00am

## RAISING HEARTS AND MINDS

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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**PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE THREE DAY TIME PERFORMANCES**

**9.30AM      11.45AM      2.00PM**

**SCHOOL FAMILIES MUST BOOK SEATS THROUGH OUR FRONT OFFICE AND**

**TICKETS WILL BE SENT HOME**

**THERE WILL BE NO ADMISSION ON THE DAY WITHOUT A TICKET**

**SEATS MUST BE LIMITED TO 2 PER FAMILY TO ALLOW EVERY SCHOOL FAMILY  
THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND WHILST STILL OBSERVE THE TOWN HALL COVID  
REQUIREMENTS.**

**WE WILL LET YOU KNOW IF TICKETS ARE NOT TAKEN UP BY SOME FAMILIES AND  
MORE TICKETS BECOME AVAILABLE.**

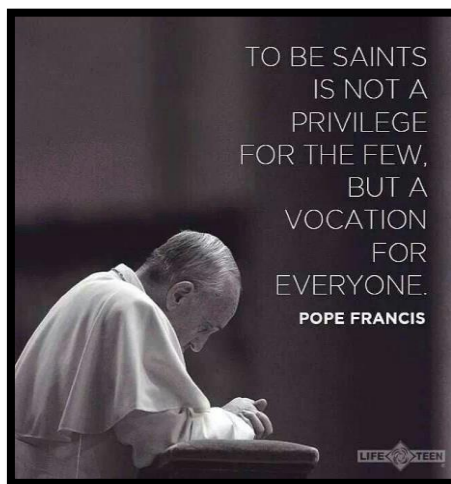
**EVERYONE IS COUNTED AS 1 PERSON, NO MATTER AGE, EG. A BABY SITTING ON  
A PARENT'S LAP STILL COUNT AS 1 PERSON.**

**(While this does not apply within our school, it does apply in a public venue such  
as the Town Hall).**

**THERE IS NO FRIDAY EVENING PERFORMANCE**

**A DVD will be available of the concert for \$5.00. Please see the return slip enclosed with the  
Newsletter to order a copy.**

**We are looking forward to an awesome Dance Concert this Friday – see you there!**



The beginning of November is a significant time in our Church calendar.

This coming Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> November, we celebrate All Saints Day in the Church. We think of those people who lived their lives in ways that put the needs of others first. These people can be our known saints such as St Joseph, St Mary MacKillop, St Teresa of Calcutta. They can also be the people we meet every day.

Next Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, is known as All Souls Day. November is known as the month that we give thanks and pray for the people we love who have passed away. We give thanks for the ways they have touched our lives.

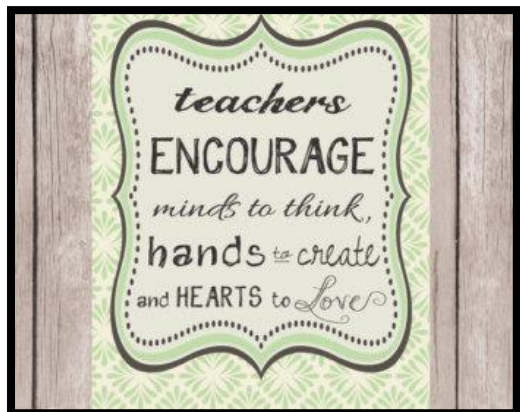
***“From spark to flame, fire the Spirit within.”***

Our school theme for this year continues to be relevant to all of us, every day, if we choose. We can constantly reflect on what it is that fires the Spirit within us to keep us going; to achieve what we do.

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At this time of the year when we are welcoming 2021 Reception children and families, preparing for our Dance Concert, teachers writing reports, and Year 7 students have Graduation on their mind, this spark within all of us is continuing to fire the Spirit within. This same spark of the Spirit is that which fired the Spirit within the people that we now know as Saints.



### THANK YOU TO OUR TEACHERS THIS FRIDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, IS NATIONAL TEACHERS DAY

A day to recognise and thank our teachers for the wonderful job they do.

Actually, it is more than a job....it is a vocation.

Our teachers go above and beyond in their care for the learning and wellbeing needs of your children

### SCHOOL NEWS

We attempt to keep in contact and communicate with parents using a variety of ways. Everyone can be busy, however I ask that parents and caregivers do read the Newsletters. They take quite a while to prepare and send out. I have had some parents say they did not know the Dance Concert was on this Friday, which is a reminder to everyone to please read our Newsletters. We do not want you to miss important information.

### STAFFING 2021

We currently have a Reception/Year 1 teaching position (Replacement for 12 months) advertised for 2021.

### CLASS STRUCTURES FOR 2021

This position has become available as our school will be increasing by another class, in 2021 we will move from seven classes to eight.

Next year our class structures will be:

Reception/Year1 – 3 classes

Year 2

Year 2/3

Year 4/5

Year 5/6

Year 6/7

Within the following weeks teachers will commence working out class placements for next year, taking into account the needs of the whole child. Class placement will take into account the social, emotional, spiritual, physical and academic needs of the child. Requests for particular teachers will not be taken.

### BISHOP KAROL INSTALLATION

Today the new Bishop of the Port Pirie Diocese will be welcomed and installed at a special Mass at St Mark's Cathedral in Port Pirie. Attending and representing our school will be Michelle, Bernie and Year 6 students Carlos Cabrera and Jack Northeast. Carlos and Jack will have a special role in the Gospel Procession in the Mass.

Welcome Bishop Karol, we pray for you as you come to our Diocese.



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### **KAREN McCULLOCH - DANCE TEACHER**

#### **How lucky are we to have Karen as our Dance teacher!**

Karen McCulloch, our amazingly talented Dance teacher will be taking Long Service Leave from her Dance lesson role as of next week for the remainder of this term. Fortunately, we will still have Karen working with us in the role of classroom student support. We wish Karen a very well deserved break and gift of a bit more time. As well as our own Dance concert, Karen has been preparing her own Dance concerts at this busy time. We thank you and wish you all the best for your leave Karen.

### **SIGNIFICANT EVENTS TERM 4**

Our Year 5-7 students will be going on an aquatics camp in Week 6, information has been sent home with these students. Camps and sleepovers for other year levels will not be possible for this year. However, classes will have the great experiences of a range of excursions and class activities.

Our Year 7 Graduation Liturgy will take place on the evening of Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December at the Wallaroo Sailing Club. Due to Covid restrictions to be observed at the Club, graduating students and their families, staff and invited guests will attend. This is a wonderful opportunity to bid farewell and extend thanks to students who will graduate from our school. It will be a great night full of all the emotions possible!

On Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, we will celebrate our End of Year Thanksgiving Mass here at school. Once again, an opportunity to say thanks – to God for the great growth, learning, enjoyment and everything else the year has given us. Parents and carers are welcome to attend this special celebration.

### **TERM 4 PUPIL-FREE DAY**

We will have a pupil-free day on the last day of this term, Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> December. OSHC will be available on this day. The day will be used by staff to plan and prepare for 2021 and to meet with the next year's teacher to do handover, setting up students for successful transition.

### **CONGRATULATIONS HARRY**

Harry Rennie has been trialling with West Torrens cricket team and fantastic news is that he has been selected to join the team.

Harry will be travelling to Adelaide every weekend to play.

Congratulations and have a great season Harry!

### **SAFETY**

Please use the school crossing when crossing Bagot Street at drop off and pick up times with your children. On some occasions parents and carers cross the road in other places which is not always the safest thing to do. In particular, please do not cross between and near our school buses.

Blessings for the week ahead.

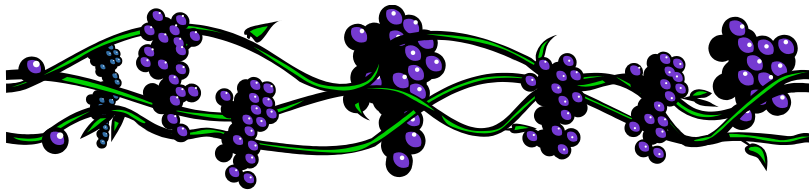
*Michelle Miller*

Principal

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# The Vine

## CATHOLIC MISSION – CAMBODIA

### *Act for Justice: Have Less; Plain Bread Roll Day*



*Reach out. Give life.*



Thank you to all families and students who participated in our whole school social justice activity last week- **Act for Justice: Have Less Day**. A whole school Prayer Gathering in the MPLA directly led into the plain bread roll lunch.

Our school community was invited into an understanding of the need for social justice towards the many,



many children left disfigured and disabled by the uncontrolled explosions of dangerous, hidden landmines. Many landmines are still left in the Cambodian countryside after the devastating civil war of the Khmer Rouge back in the 1970s.

The whole school Prayer Gathering was crafted in such a way as to invite the students to engage in a deeper spiritual understanding of authentic social justice action. Engaging with the gospel message and visually understanding some of the current challenges affecting the quality of life for many young Cambodian people living with disability and in poverty, were all presented in a deeply prayerful and reflective way. The songs chosen complemented this message - our school community takes social justice action.

We deliberately had less recess snacks and then went without normal yummy lunch. Instead we had only a bread roll.

Thank you to all families who have donated a gold coin towards the work of Catholic Mission in Cambodia. **\$278.15** has so far been raised, including a donation from a parishioner and donations from Dean's "Monster Party" last term. This is a marvellous result for which Catholic Mission are so grateful.

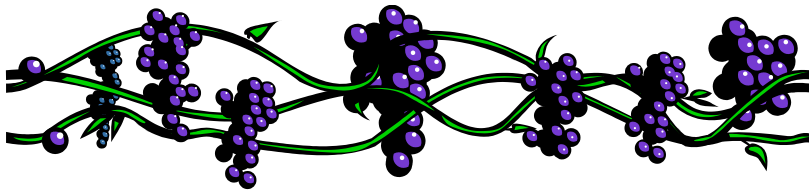


## **FEAST OF ALL SAINTS**

**Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> November, marks the Feast of All Saints**, The Feast of All Saints allows us time to remember with gratitude all those people whose goodness has inspired us in our faith beliefs and has given us the courage to act on what we believe. Saints are not perfect people, yet are people of integrity. Their love of God and the desire to actively live the message of Jesus has inspired them to live their life with a Christian foundation. We give thanks for those people, in past history and in our lives today, who have given us the example of a way to choose to live their lives in the love of God, a way which brings dignity and life-enhancing relationship to others. On All Saints Day we remember and honour all those other people who have lived life following the message of Jesus, but who don't have a special feast day.

Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, is **the Feast of All Souls**. November is the month traditionally set aside by the Catholic Church to remember and pray for those who have passed away, especially family members and friends.

**Hallowe'en** means "All Hallows' Eve", an old-fashioned way of saying "The Eve of All Saints Day". For many centuries, these few days have been a very important time in the Church year. This day is the entry into November, the month of the Holy Souls whom we remember and for whom we pray. The dates and celebrations of 31 October and 1 November are a combination of pagan and Christian cultural ceremonies. The end of October and the beginning of November was the time when ancient Celtic



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tribes who lived in Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Brittany marked the end of summer with a Harvest Festival on 31 October. There was also a custom of celebrating the dead, Samhain (pronounced "Sah-win"). Celebrations continued on 1<sup>st</sup> November as the beginning of a new year and the coming of winter. The Church then brought a Christian meaning to this time, remembering those who lived before us by marking it as All Saints Day.

There is no one explanation of the origins of current "Halloween" activities. They are considered to have originated probably not only from Celtic Ireland and Scotland, but also from ancient European customs



dedicated to praying for the dead. The carved Jack-o-Lantern customs, which were originally carved turnips, and only later pumpkins, probably come from Irish folklore. From the English Catholics came the custom of children going about begging their neighbours for a "Soul Cake" for which they would say a prayer for those neighbours' families and friends who had died. This has evolved into today's practice of 'Trick or Treat'. For Christians, this special time of year definitely has a religious focus on those people who, in their own lives already lived, have shown us the way to live as a friend of Jesus, in our times.



The custom of celebrating Halloween as a party time was brought to America in the 1840s by Irish immigrants for whom it was a strong part of their cultural context. They were fleeing their country's potato famine and the social and financial constraints of their British overlords.

*Among all things that are lovable, there is one that is more lovable than the rest, and that most lovable of all things is - life.* St Anthony of Padua

**Bernie Thomson**

**APRIM and Pastoral Care Support**

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

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### **SUBWAY LUNCH**

The P & F will be organising a Subway lunch for the last day of this term: Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> December. Envelopes will be coming home soon.

### **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

Our Parents and Friends will be holding a Christmas raffle this year. We are looking for donations for our prizes and would love for families to donate items that can be grouped together for prizes.

Thank you to Harry's Service Station who have kicked things off with a fuel voucher. Donations can be dropped off in the tubs in the Front Office and at the front of the MPLA.

Tickets books will go home for each family to sell with next week's Newsletter and we encourage you to sell the tickets to family and friends over the coming weeks. We will draw the raffle at Monday Morning Notices, last week of the term.

### **FRIDAY LUNCH VOLUNTEER ROSTER**

We are so thankful for all of the generous volunteers who have helped out with Friday lunches this year. With more volunteers this has lessened the load for everyone.

In preparation for next year, we are inviting volunteers to put their name down to help out with lunches. Please see the return slip in the Newsletter. You will be well supported in what to do, so please come along, have fun and help out all of our children.

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# Library News

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## **BOOK FAIR**

The Book Fair will commence Week 4, Monday, 2nd November to Friday, 7th November and is held in the Library/MPLA.

Traditionally the first day of the fair is for "viewing" only. On Monday, 2nd November, children will get the chance to "view" the Book Fair and complete a "wish-list" that they take home for discussion.

The Fair will be closed on Tuesday but will then open each morning and afternoon for the remainder of the week for purchases. Parents/caregivers are invited to come along and browse the Book Fair. Purchases can be made from Wednesday onwards and EFTPOS will be available. Alternatively, money can be sent with their child and their "wish-list" to do their own.

The theme for the Book Fair this year is "Arctic Adventure - Snow Much to Read"



## **COLOURING COMPETITION**

We will be holding a Colouring Competition for each class. Each child will receive a colouring in sheet on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> November which needs to be returned to the Library by Monday, 2nd November, (please ensure all entries are named) to be judged!

**All entries from each class will enter a draw and the winners will receive a \$10 voucher to spend at the Fair!**

All purchases benefit the school so join in the fun and we hope to see you there!

*Sharon Steer*

Library Technician

## For Sale

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Our chickens are continuing to do an eggs-cellent job laying eggs daily. Eggs are \$3.00 per dozen.

We also have strawberry plants for sale for \$2.00 each.

Please contact the school on 8823 2549 if you would like to purchase either.





# OSHC & Vacation Care News

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## OSHC

At OSHC we have been focusing on different fine motor crafts which has required patience and great hand eye coordination from the students.

This week we were lucky enough to meet a baby Magpie on the oval, when we sat down it would come up to the students. The students on Monday sat very quietly and talked to the Magpie and then offered him some banana which he would take it from their hands. It was a great experience for the students.

OSHC/Vacation Care will be closed for three weeks over the December/January school holidays from Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> December, to Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> January. Vacation Care will recommence on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

**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



## OSHC Pupil Free Day

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**Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> December, will be a Pupil Free Day.** Outside School Hours Care will be available from 8.00am to 6.00pm. Light snacks are 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 by **Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> November**, if your child/ren will be attending.

Please see the booking form on the reply slip for bookings.

*Lisa Cooper*

OSHC Director - 0437 659 137





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Ruby – Reception	28 <sup>th</sup> October
Anastasia – Year 2/3	4 <sup>th</sup> November
William – Year 5/6	5 <sup>th</sup> November
Ava – Reception/1	6 <sup>th</sup> November
Shakira – Year 3/4	8 <sup>th</sup> November
Mr Whitford	10 <sup>th</sup> November



## NEWSLETTER INSERTS

1. Dance Concert tickets (if applicable)
2. Book Fair wish list
3. Italian 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

**Yorke Peninsula Field Archers**

81 South Terrace,  
KADINA SA 5554

**YORKE PENINSULA FIELD ARCHERS INC.**

**Australian Bowhunters Association**

**ABA**

We shoot fortnightly on Sundays

### Come and Try

If you wish to come and try, please phone and make a time with our President.  
We will have someone available to help you get started and have equipment to try.

### Membership & Fees

Our members include all ages from all genders. All potential members are able to have a come and try period and after this has expired, membership fees will need to be paid.

Yorke Peninsula Field Archers membership, along with ABA membership, is required for insurance purposes. The club has the right to refuse or cancel membership as appropriate.

### Shooting Styles

Longbow  
Recurve – Sighted or Barebow  
Compound – Sighted, Pin Sights or Barebow  
Crossbows not permitted

### For more information

Club Facebook page –  
Yorke Peninsula Field Archers



Australian Bowhunters Association  
[www.bowhunters.org.au](http://www.bowhunters.org.au)



Club members have a WhatsApp group, which is used for communication.

### Contact Details

President –  
Brett Raymond  
0418 810 598

Membership –  
Nina Penna  
0429 485 337



# Community News

## Holiday Swim 14-18 December 2020



Visit <http://e.mybookingmanager.com/Holiday-Swim-2020> to enrol and learn more information about each program.  
Enrolments close Wednesday 2nd December

**Wonder and Courage**  
**Ages 6 months to 5 years**  
**5x 30min lessons**  
**Costs: \$41.50**

Wonder (6-36m) - water familiarisation program for children & parents, uses songs, games & activities to teach children a variety of skills.

(Note: parent/carer participation in class is essential.)

Courage (3-5yr) - water confidence program for children, seeks to build water confidence and develop water skills. Small class sizes.

**Swim & Survive**  
**Levels D1 to 7**  
**Ages 5 - 14 years**  
**5x 60min lessons**  
**Costs \$51.50**

Participants undertaking Levels 1, 2 or 3 for the first time should enrol in the Development Level of that award (ie: first experience in Level 1 = enrol in D1).

**Higher Awards**  
**Ages 12 to 18 years**  
**The Rescue Strand & Bronze Star are 5x 60 Minutes Lessons**  
**Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross, Award of Merit & Distinction are 5x 90 Minutes lessons**  
**Prices vary depending on desired level (\$90-\$120)**



VACSWIM is South Australia's longest running holiday program giving your kids confidence in & around water!

**December 2020  
& January 2021**

Programs held at  
120 pool & beach locations.

Enrol online at  
[vacswimsa.com.au](http://vacswimsa.com.au)

Dec closing: 2nd Dec  
Jan closing: 20th Dec

