



St Mary MacKillop School

NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday, 11th November, 2020 (Term 4, Week 5)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,



The Gospel reading at mass last Sunday reminds us to reflect on our life, our behaviours, our choices, and consider would we be ready to meet Jesus.

We need to ask Jesus' help to open our eyes so that we may see our own defects (not our perceived defects of others, but our own) and remedy them while we can.

Now is the time for all of us to say "Lord, Lord, open to us"..... open to us the doors of your mercy and kindness.

T1, 2021 RECEPTION VISIT THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 8.48AM – 3.00PM

The fourth Reception transition visit will take place this Thursday. Thank you to our teachers Hayley Combe and Lisa Hanson and support staff Tania Nitschke and Karen McCulloch. The excited children are looking more and more comfortable each week.

This week and next week for full day transition visits, parents and carers will need to drop children at school and arrange pick up for them as well. We do not have room on our school buses at this stage for our Reception 2021 children to catch the bus to and from their transition visits.

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

- Thu 12th T1 2021 Reception students Transition Visit 8.48am-3.00pm
- Fri 13th Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival at Clare
- Tue 17th Mini Macs Playgroup 9.00am
- Wed 18th – Fri 20th Years 5-7 Camp
- Thu 19th T1 2021 Reception students Transition Visit 8.48am-3.00pm
- T1 2021 Reception parent information Session 9.00-10.00am
- Tue 24th P & F end of year dinner. All welcome
- Fri 27th R & R/a Assembly 9.00am

DECEMBER

- Wed 2nd Year 7 students full day transition visit to Kadina Memorial School
- Sun 6th Year 7 Graduation Dinner
- Tue 8th Year 7 Graduation Liturgy
- Thu 10th Whole school end of year Mass
- Term 4 concludes 3.00pm
- Fri 11th Pupil Free Day

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

Reception 2021 parents and carers are welcome to stay for a parent information session with me next Thursday 19th November from 9.00-10.00am followed by a morning tea (in the Hall).

BOY'S KNOCKOUT CRICKET ROUND 2

Twelve capable cricketers headed off to Tanunda on Monday to play Faith Lutheran in Round 2 of the Knockout Cricket which we have been lucky enough to squeeze in this year.

Our team unfortunately lost in score but were certainly winners in their effort, resilience and sportsmanship. Well done team! Thank you to Lisa Caffyn and Paul Northeast.

Congratulations to: Farren, Ayden G, Shann, Aiden H, Riley M, Jack M, Harrison, Jack N, Harry, Luke, Hunter and Ryan.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Thank you to Lisa Caffyn and Paul Northeast for training and taking our Athletics team to Adelaide last Thursday.

Congratulations to: Harrison, Jasmine and Will who won their Age Championships.

Congratulations to the whole team on winning the Pennant Shield!

A fantastic result all can be proud of! Most importantly, the student's behaviour was great!



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Good luck to our swimming team who will travel to Clare this Friday for the Catholic Schools Swimming Carnival which was postponed from the beginning of this year.

Thank you to Lisa Hanson and Paul Northeast who have trained the team and will take them to Clare.

Good luck to: Shann, Emmett, Ella, Johanna, Jack M, Stella, Scarlett, Jasmine, Harrison, Mia D, Lilly D, Brodie and Blake W.

STUDENT PULSE SURVEY

Students will take place in a Student Pulse survey in Week 5 of every term. This is an initiative of Catholic Education SA. The students take part in a brief survey about their wellbeing. The results of the survey are fed back to the Principal of the school and may be used in combination with other information we have about our students to monitor their wellbeing. Such information is not used in isolation but in combination with all information we gather about our students. If there are ever any concerns raised through student's responses I will be in contact with parents and carers.

SCHOOL-BASED TESTING

Teachers are constantly engaged in assessing students and using this information to monitor student progress and use this information to individualise learning and inform their teaching practice.

Over the next three weeks, students in Years 2-7 will undergo PAT (Progressive Achievement) Testing in Maths, Reading, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar. This is a school-based process.

YEAR 5-7 AQUATICS CAMP

Yet another activity we are excited to have will be the Year 5-7 Aquatics Camp to Port Vincent next week 18th, 19th and 20th November. The students will take part in several aquatics and team building activities and have fun in celebration of their year of learning. Staff accompanying the campers will be Hannah Cotter, Lisa Caffyn, Paul Northeast, Mat Carey and Fr Matthew will be visiting, helping out and celebrating Mass with the group.

We wish you a fantastic camp!

MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER – SMMS USUAL SCHOOL DAY

Next Monday will be a pupil free day for local department schools, however it is school as usual for us here at SMMS.

Michael Dennis will do a SMMS bus run for our Kadina students in the morning and the usual afternoon run.

Blessings for the week ahead.

Michelle Miller

Principal

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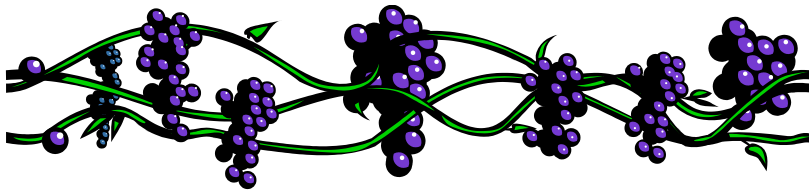
2019 School Magazine



We have some copies of the 2019 school magazine available for purchase. Cost is \$20 per magazine.

Please drop by the front office or call 8823 2549 to secure your copy.

All pre-purchase orders have been filled.



The Vine

Today the St Mary MacKillop School community marked Remembrance Day with a Commemoration Prayer Gathering and Ceremony on our large green space fronting Bagot St. Students contributed to the many traditional and prayerful aspects of the Commemoration. While remembering those who bravely have selflessly left the comfort and safety of Australia for dangerous war zones, we also prayed for world – wide peace.

Photos please Karen!

ADVENT IS COMING!

The Season of Advent, the time of personal preparation in readiness to celebrate the Feast of the Nativity, the Birth of Jesus – Christmas – extends for four weeks right up to Christmas day. There are four Sundays of Advent and the liturgical colour for this season is violet (different to the deep purple of Lent which is a season of repentance). However, both Advent and Lent are seasons of preparation and waiting – for the birth of Jesus, the Son of God and the resurrection and New Life of Jesus Christ.

We are unable to fully participate in Advent at the same time as the Church community as we finish our school year near the beginning of the third week of Advent. To enable our students to experience four weeks of preparation (the time span of Advent) we will begin to mark Advent at Monday Morning Notices and in our class Prayer time from next week, Monday 16 November – Week 6.



SOCIAL JUSTICE AT CHRISTMAS

Advent is a season of hope for a better future for all. Every time we help a person in need, we live the season of Advent. Care for those in need, bringing the love of God to other people through our actions and relationships are all part of the 'Spirit of Christmas.' Generosity is about opening our hearts and minds to being sensitive to the needs of others whom we may not even know!

It has been a tradition at our school to support the Vinnies Christmas Appeal through the Social Justice activity "**Vinnies' Christmas Hampers**". To help with these hampers, from now until Week 9, families are invited to donate food from the list which follows. Vinnies ensures that all hampers contain the same types of food, so that all in need are treated with care and equality, especially at the special Christian feast of Christmas. Contribution boxes will be located in the school entrance as part of the focal point for Advent and Christmas. These food hampers will be distributed locally by Vinnies to families in need.



VINNIES CHRISTMAS FOOD HAMPER LIST

If parents and children want to donate food items, then this would be very welcome. Any donations will enhance the standard food hamper provided to the needy.

Items could include:

Packets of Jellies

Packets of Lollies (Snakes etc.)

Christmas Pudding

Sweet Biscuits

Chocolates

Pasta

1.25L Soft Drinks

Tinned Fruit

Fruit Mince Pies

Christmas Cake

Potato Crisps

Chocolate Bars

Pasta Sauce



Bernie Thomson

APRIM and Pastoral Care Support

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

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Parents & Friends are holding a Christmas raffle this year. We are looking for donations for our prizes and would appreciate it if all families could donate an item to be put towards a prize. We have deliberately not put many events or activities on during this year because we are aware that families are feeling the financial effects of covid. So, we ask that you support our raffle as best as possible, as our final fundraiser activity for the year.

Donations can be put in the tub located in the MPLA.

Tickets are included with today's newsletter. Please sell the tickets to family and friends over the coming weeks. All raffle books are to be returned by Wednesday 2nd December and the raffle will be drawn at our Monday Morning Assembly on Monday 7th December.

SUBWAY LUNCH

The P & F are organising a Subway lunch for the last day of this term: Thursday, 10th December. Envelopes will be coming home next week.

P & F END OF YEAR DINNER RSVP

All welcome – Tuesday, 24th November
6.30pm Cornucopia Hotel

YES I will be attending

Name:

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For Sale

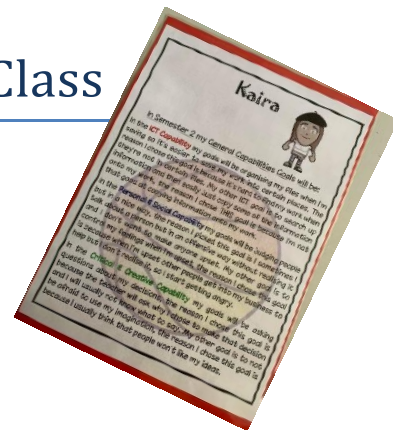
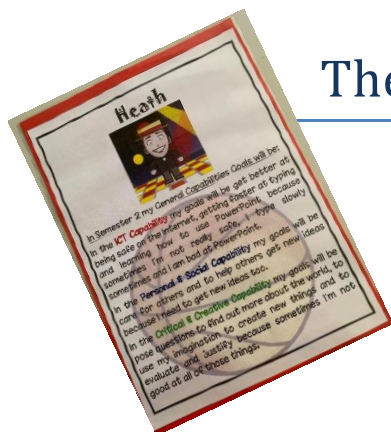
Our chickens are continuing to do an eggs-cellent job laying eggs daily. Eggs are \$3.00 per dozen.

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.



The General Capabilities in the 3/4 Class



We began the year revisiting the following 3 General Capabilities:

Personal & Social



Critical & Creative Thinking



ICT Capability



The next step was to set some personal General Capabilities' goals and work towards them. We then shared what we had learnt in the first half of the year in the mid- year progress report. This semester we looked at what we had achieved and set new goals to take us to the end of the year. This is us working on our General Capabilities' goals:



General Capabilities Achievements in 2020

In the <u>ICT</u> Capability I have learnt:	In the <u>Personal and Social</u> Capability I have:	In <u>Critical & Creative Thinking</u> I am now:
Brady: how to insert a video into my PowerPoints Hunter: how to save my work and use PowerPoint Kaira: how to organise my work and make files Archie: how to find information on the Internet quickly which helps me get my work done Harvie: how to use Word, PowerPoint, IXL, search on the Internet and use Minecraft Jordan: how to type faster and get my work done Austin: how to search for information	Ari: been more persistent and confident Hudson: become a better leader because people are counting on me Kaysha: become better at controlling my feelings Charlotte: worked well with others Brody: helped people and been kind Luke: become braver and made more friends Anthony: become a better leader because I can be trusted Emmett: improved in my neatness because I used to be very messy Caitlin: cared for others and kept on trying	Adelaide: thinking critically and saving money Jeddah: making my imagination come to life Alley: speaking up and getting more confident Charley: asking questions to find out about the world Heath: using my imagination more and improving in my drawings Johanna: writing better stories, becoming more imaginative and using my common sense. Lucas: focusing more and getting work done quicker Shakira: being more creative

SAPSASA Softball

Congratulations to Shann and Ella who were selected to represent NYP in SAPSASA Softball last week.



Library News



Thank you to everyone for their support of our Artic - Adventure Book Fair last week! It must be said that the students loved the fair and their enthusiasm to read is infectious!!

As a result, the Library was rewarded with approx \$800 to put towards new books and other resources.

Included in this week's newsletter is Issue 8, the Final Scholastic Book Club Catalogue for this year.

If you would like to purchase anything from the catalogue please return your order with payment to the front desk by Monday, 17th November.

Dance Concert DVD

Thank you to Natalie and Mat Whitbread and Robert Russack who recorded our Broadway Dance Concert performance last week.

If you would like to purchase a copy for \$5, please complete the order form below or on an envelope and return to the front office with the money enclosed.

The DVD will be sent home with your child when they are ready.

'BROADWAY DANCE CONCERT' DVD ORDER FORM

Family Name: _____

Year: _____

We require _____ DVDs @ \$5.00 each

Money enclosed: \$ _____

OSHC & Vacation Care News

The Vacation Care programme has been sent home with today's Newsletter. I encourage you to fill out and return the tear off slip ASAP to avoid disappointment and missing out on days you require.

Please return reply slips by Thursday 3rd December at the latest. Staff arrangements and food shopping is all done prior to the holidays, taking into consideration the number of children booked in.

OSHC/Vacation Care will be closed for three weeks over the December/January school holidays from Monday, 21st December, to Friday, 8th January. Vacation Care will recommence on Monday, 11th 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 is
Looking for
Donations
of glass**

OSHC Pupil Free Day

Friday, 11th 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, 27th 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

OSHC BOOKING FORM – PUPIL FREE DAY – FRIDAY, 11th DECEMBER

Return by **Friday, 27th November**

Family Name: _____

Signed: _____

Children requiring OSHC _____ Year _____
_____ Year _____
_____ Year _____



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Griffin - Year 2/3	11 th November
Mrs Whitehead	18 th November
Callen – Reception	22 nd November
Ms Caffyn	22 nd November



NEWSLETTER INSERTS

1. P & F Raffle books
2. Vacation Care programme
3. Scholastic Book Club brochures
4. School Development update

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.



Family, Fun and Fitness

Little Athletics is a modified athletics program for children of all abilities **aged 3 - 17 years** to develop and learn the fundamental skills used in many other sports: **running, jumping, throwing, and walking.**

If you're new and you've got a child who you think would love Little Aths, but you're not completely convinced that it's the sport for them, please feel free to Come & Try first!

2021 season commencing soon

Register your child's interest online at: <https://shorturl.at/oCQRZ>

Or phone for more details:

Steve Larsson 0418 810 315 | Kerrin Williams 0408 852 635