



# St Mary MacKillop School

## NEWSLETTER

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**Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 (Term 4, Week 7)**

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

There is a quite well-known saying that a week "is a long time in politics", I think the same could be said for the times that we find ourselves in. It is hard to believe that a week ago we were suddenly preparing for school closure and learning from home. Fortunately, this was quickly reversed and we have been able to come back to school this week. A lot has happened in a week. Often after such a time, it takes us a while to process what has happened. At this time it is important to be understanding, patient and gentle with each other and most importantly, ourselves.

We have all had an amazing week and I cannot thank you all, parents, carers, friends of SMMS community, for your patience and understanding as we have worked through events and changes together. Of course, this is ongoing.

Thank you to Lisa Caffyn, Hannah Cotter, Mat Carey, Paul Northeast, Paula Northeast, Michael Dennis and Gary Ferrett who handled the sudden changes while away at Port Vincent with our Year 5-7 students. Your commitment to making sure that the children still enjoyed a day of aquatics activities, that they were well fed, packed up well and travelled safely back home again, is much appreciated. To see everyone piling off the buses with smiles and laughter and a positive mindset even in the face of disappointment, says so much about our staff, volunteers and students.

Staff here at school managed within less than an hour to prepare and prioritise, answer a multitude of phone calls and inquiries, pack up children, bundle up books, resources etc for children to take home, all while speaking calmly and positively with the children about the major change that was about to take place. Once again, much appreciated.

This is an absolute credit to you all. No-one would believe we are in the midst of the pandemic with the way you all have calmly, positively,

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### NOVEMBER

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> R & R/1 Assembly 9.00am

#### DECEMBER

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Year 7 students full day transition visit to Kadina Memorial School

Return all raffle books

Thu 3<sup>rd</sup> Rec & Rec/1 excursion to Kadina

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> R/1 & 5/6 excursion to Office Beach  
Notification of 2021 classes

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Year 7 Graduation Dinner at Bellagio

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Year 7 students transition visit to Moonta Area School  
Christmas raffle drawn

Tue 8<sup>th</sup> 10.00-11.00am visits to 2021 classes  
Year 7 Graduation Liturgy

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> 3/4 class excursion to Adelaide  
End of Year Reports sent home

Thu 10<sup>th</sup> Whole school end of year Mass  
Subway Lunch  
Term 4 concludes 3.00pm

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> 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

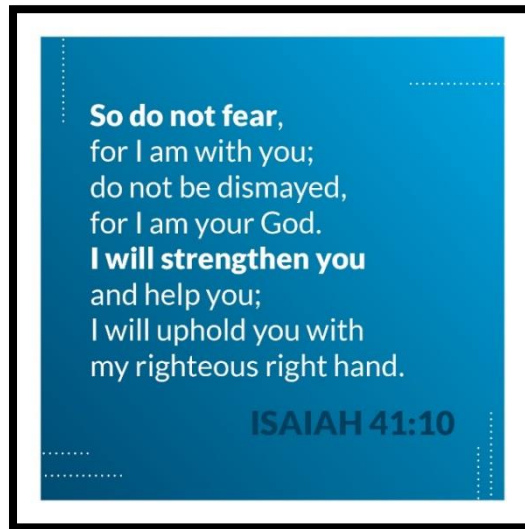
## RAISING HEARTS AND MINDS

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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with a sense of humour and great flexibility taken all of this within your stride.

At such times we draw on our inner strength, supported by each other and by our spirituality and faith.



We would love to have all of our usual end of year events and be open to new events and activities, however due to covid restrictions, there will need to be some changes for this year:

- Class day excursions and activities will go ahead – individual class teachers will communicate this with parents and carers
- Advent Prayer / Monday Morning Notices will continue (staff and students only)
- Friday Lunches and Subway Lunch will continue
- Speech Pathologist, Physio, OT visits will continue
- Year 7 to 8 transition visits for High School will continue

### **RECEPTION AND YEAR 1 COMBINED ASSEMBLY – FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

This Friday we will enjoy our last class Assembly for the year, presented by the R and R/1 classes. We look forward to celebrating their learning. Two family members per student may attend. For example this may be one parent and one sibling or two parents or one parent and one grandparent, one parent and one aunty etc. Adults are asked to please wear face masks as per SA Health Department recommendations to us.

### **YEAR 7 GRADUATION LITURGY - TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER:**

Will be held at school (moved from Wallaroo Sailing Club), weather permitting will be held outside. If we are able to hold this outside at school, as planned, allowing physical distancing for adults: we will still be able to host five family members per Year 7 student, as previously planned.

If we have to move to inside due to inclement weather (MPLA) these numbers will still be within guidelines. If we have to hold our Graduation Liturgy inside, adults will be asked to wear face masks.

Supper will be outside. If the weather is not suitable, supper will need to be held inside with maximum distancing.

### **YEAR 7 DINNER AT BELLAGIO**

The restaurant provides the guidelines that we will abide by. This totally determines numbers per family.

### **END OF YEAR MASS - THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER:**

Our Mass will be in the MPLA with all staff, students, invited guests, and up to five family members per Year 7 student.

At this stage parents of students in other year levels will be unable to attend.

All adults will be asked to please wear face masks.

Updates and changes will be notified as required.

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## CLASSES 2021

Following are our class structures and teaching staff we know of for 2021:

R/1 – 3 classes:	Lisa Hanson, Hayley Combe, teacher to be appointed
Year 2:	Jane Owen (4 days) / Agatka Murphy (1 day)
Year 2/3:	Abbey Whitehead
Year 4/5 :	Ali Ryan
Year 5/6:	Hannah Cotter
Year 6/7:	Lisa Caffyn
Italian:	Francesca Tully
PE:	Lisa Caffyn
Student Support:	Annette Morphet, and Francesca Tully

I congratulate Hannah, Abbey and Hayley on their re-appointment for 12 months and welcome Agatka back teaching 2 days per week.

Most of the classes will remain in the same rooms as they are now. The major change will be for Jane Owen's and Agatka Murphy's 2021, Year 2 class who will be located in the transportable building (eg Italian/Science). The new R/1 class will be located in the room where Jane and Year 1s currently are. Specialist subjects (eg Italian) will be taught to classes in their own classrooms.

Further staffing for specialist subjects and positions of responsibility for 2021 are to be worked out.

Sincere thanks to all staff for their positive support and flexibility with these changes.

## CLASS ALLOCATIONS FOR 2021

Teachers are currently devoting considerable care, thought and time to the process of allocating children to classes for next year. There are multiple factors taken into account to determine the best possible placements.

There are still further details to finalise.

## TRANSITION

Transition, moving on, preparing, is an important experience at this time of the year. Unfortunately our final Reception transition visit was unable to go ahead last Thursday. If parents feel that another visit for their child would be helpful, please contact me and we will be able to arrange this.

Our Year 7 students will commence their transition visits to Kadina Memorial School and Moonta Area School. We wish them all the best for these visits and preparing for High School.

## CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Celebrating success is one of our core school values.

Congratulations to all students who received Participation certificates for their efforts in the recent optional ICAS testing earlier this term:

Scarlett	Maths, Digital Technology, Science, English
Griffin	Maths, Science
Emmett	Digital Technology, Science, Maths
Tyrell	Maths
Mia D	Maths
Harvie	Digital Technology

The tests are very challenging and the students are to be congratulated for giving the experience a go.

## END OF TERM 4, 2020

A reminder that Term 4 concludes for students on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> December.

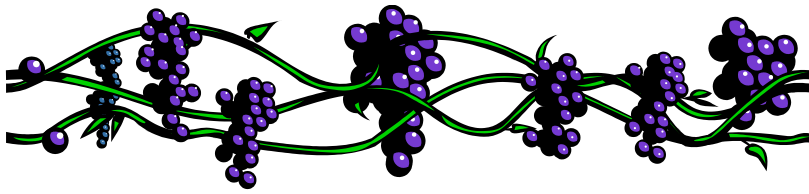
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December will be a Pupil Free day for staff preparation and planning for 2021. OSHC will be open on this day (see booking slip in this Newsletter).

Blessings for the week ahead.

*Michelle Miller*

Principal

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# The Vine

## ADVENT

We are into the second week of our school Advent four week preparation for the meaning of Christmas. The word '**Advent**' is taken from the Latin word, *adventus*, meaning 'the coming or arrival of a very important person'. In the sense of the Advent season it means "The Lord is coming".

**The Advent wreath** is one of the more recognisable Advent symbols and consists of a circle of evergreen leaves, or representation of evergreen, with four or five candles. The wreath candles represent the increasing light of Christ. Advent wreaths can be found throughout our school in classrooms and Sacred Spaces!

**The Advent wreath circle symbolises God's never-ending love.** The evergreens are a symbol of endless life. There are three violet or purple candles (representing the weeks of living in hope, love, peace and a rose or pink candle (representing joy of knowing and celebrating the coming of Jesus into our world). They are lit, in turn and cumulatively, on each of the four Sundays of Advent. The fifth candle, a white candle represents Christmas and the birth of Jesus. It can be lit on Christmas Day.



The Sacred Space at the front entrance of our school reflects different community spiritual foci for 2020. the flames remind us of our whole school focus – Fire the Spirit Within; our ongoing reconciliation journey with the First Peoples of Australia is depicted; now the colour of the Space has changed to violet and pink to reflect the Advent the Season of preparing our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas. The Nativity scene has been placed at the foot of the Sacred Space as a focus to help us reflect upon the Season of Advent and the meaning of Christmas.

This Sunday marks the Liturgical First Sunday of Advent according to the Church calendar, the new Church Year. It is like New Year's Day for the Church, the beginning of cycle of Sunday Scripture readings for Year B



Within our school community, we began our preparation for Christmas last week, so that our students may experience the Advent "waiting and preparation" time for Christmas -preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

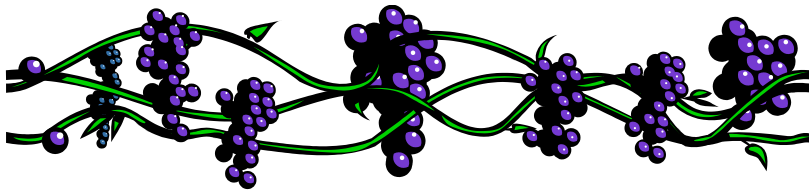


But it is not just preparing in the physical sense of home and food preparation and an enormous number of Christmas social gatherings (which are great fun)! The traditional character of Advent, a time of personal preparation and anticipation, and kindness and fairness towards others. This is our gift to Jesus on his birthday! Advent is similar to the preparation time of Lent, but Advent has a greater emphasis on joy and the coming of God through the person of Jesus. The use of the lighter colour violet during Advent is a connection with the themes and the purple colour characterising the time of Lent, both preparation and waiting times.

## 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**". Vinnies ensures that all hampers contain the same types of food, so that all in need are treated with care



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and equality, especially at the special Christian feast of Christmas. These food hampers will be distributed locally by Vinnies to families in need.

Families are invited to donate goods from the list below. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, our students will need to carry any donations to the contribution space which is located in the Sacred Space in the MPLA as part of the focal point for Advent and Christmas. This is shown in the photo of the MPLA Sacred Space. Our grateful thanks is extended to those families who have already generously donated and to those who intend to contribute this year.



### 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  
Vegemite  
Two Minute Noodles  
Long Life Milk  
Canned soup  
Soap

Tinned Fruit  
Fruit Mince Pies  
Christmas Cake  
Potato Crisps  
Chocolate Bars  
Pasta Sauce  
Savoury biscuits  
Tea  
Canned Spaghetti / Baked Beans  
Canned vegetables  
Toilet paper



**Bernie Thomson**

**APRIM and Pastoral Care Support**

## UP Choir Updates

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The digital recording of our Catholic Schools Music Festival remains available for viewing online on the Catholic Schools Music Festival website for only a short amount of time before disappearing on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> December.

At the moment, there are no officially distributed videos of our performance.

However, with fresh, new information shared today, parents and members of our school community are able to view or download to a USB.

Parents and community members are only allowed to use the recordings for their private and domestic use.

**There is no permission to upload to Facebook or Youtube, or anywhere on the internet where it would be available to the general public**



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## **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

Thank you everyone for the fantastic donations and ticket sales so far for our raffle. Make sure you buy your tickets and be in the running for great prizes:

Wheelbarrow, signed copies of novels by local author Trish Stringer, Harry's fuel voucher, Cornucopia Hotel voucher, treats and goodies.

Donations can be put in the tub located in the MPLA, or in the wheelbarrow in the front office.

All raffle books are to be returned by Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December and the raffle will be drawn at our Monday Morning Assembly on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

## **SUBWAY LUNCH**

The P & F have organised a Subway lunch for the last day of this term: Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> December. Envelopes were sent home with last week's newsletter. Please let us know if you have not received your child's envelope. Subway orders are due back by Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

## Dance Concert DVD

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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.

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### **'BROADWAY DANCE CONCERT' DVD ORDER FORM**

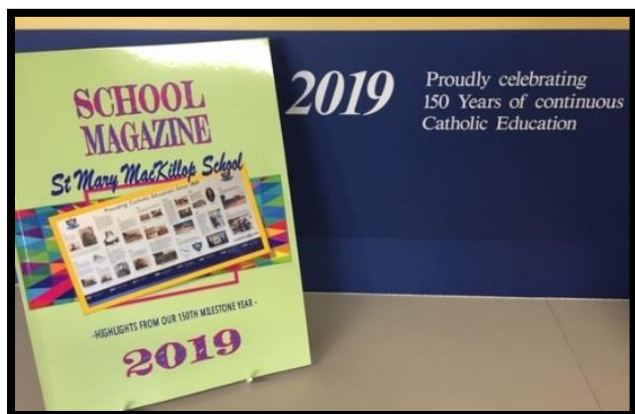
Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

We require \_\_\_\_\_ DVDs @ \$5.00 each

Money enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## 2019 School Magazine

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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.

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# Volleyball Carnival

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Last Monday the Year 2-7 students participated in the SMMS Volleyball Carnival at the Wallaroo Sailing Club beach. The day started at 11:00am with the Year 2-4 students competing in different teams against each other. The senior students umpired these games while others senior students helped with skills and positioning. The Year 2-4 students were back at school in time for lunch. Thank you to Mrs Whitehead and Mrs Ryan for helping out on the day. At 12:45pm the senior games kicked off and the Year 5-7 students spent the afternoon playing games against each other. All students enjoyed a Zooper Dooper after their games. Thank you to Father Matthew, Mr Northeast and Miss Cotter for umpiring, Mrs Thomson for driving the bus and to all the students who displayed excellent sportsmanship on the day.

*Lisa Caffyn*

PE Teacher



Thank you to Lisa Caffyn for her planning for our Beach Volleyball Carnival.

# Year 5, 6 & 7 Camp

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The Year 5, 6 & 7 camp started out as we hoped, Corona hadn't struck, well not just yet.

Students arrived at school between 8:00-8:30am. Thanks to Mr Ferrett and Mr Northeast and other helpers for packing all of the food, luggage, etc. Thanks to Miss Caffyn and Miss Cotter for organizing the camp schedule.

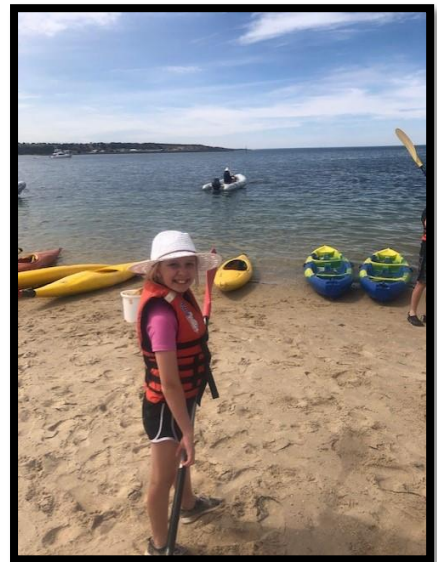
We left school at 9:20am to go to Port Vincent. We arrived at Port Vincent at around 1:00pm and we all unpacked the food, luggage, etc off the trailer. After students received their luggage we were told what dorm we had. We then got changed into our swimmers before we left to go to the beach. We left to go to the beach where we had to wait for 30 minutes because Covid struck. We kept getting informed about all the Covid rules.

After a while the Port Vincent Aquatic Centre ended up letting us have two rotations of activities which were so much fun. After the first rotation we ended up getting delicious hot donuts from a lady next door. As soon as we had the hot donuts we had some pieces of fruit which we ended up devouring. The second rotation started, there was so much excitement on our faces. We had to leave to go back to camp, we were not happy.

When we got back we got changed and then approximately an hour later we had tea and then we had about two hours of play. It was then time to leave, we were all tired and exhausted and we drove back to school and arrived at school at 10:00pm.

**By Tyrell**

**Year 6**



Thank you to Lisa Caffyn for her amazing planning, booking, preparations and coordinating for the Year 5-7 camp.

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## Year 5, 6 & 7 Camp

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# Bibles Blessing

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On Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> of November, Fr Matthew came into the 6/7 class. He came in to the class to talk to the Confirmation students and gift them a bible. The students who were confirmed are Harrison Northeast, Shann Hanson, Jack Northeast, Hunter Wellgreen, Harry Rennie and Carlos Cabrera. After talking about a few things, Fr Matthew blessed the bibles with holy water and handed them to each student with a special message. Each student was very grateful that Fr Matthew had got the bibles for them and thanked him a lot.

**By Harrison, Shann & Hunter**

**Year 7**



# Mini Macs Playgroup

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A fun filled morning at Mini Macs Playgroup yesterday. Beautiful day to be sitting out under the trees. Mini Macs Playgroup meets every Tuesday at 9:00am in our hall. The group caters for children birth-5 years for a weekly play and a lovely catch-up for the families! Check our facebook page for updates.

*Felicity Schulz*

**Mini Macs Playgroup Coordinator**



# OSHC & Vacation Care News

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Please return Vacation Care booking reply slips by Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 21<sup>st</sup> December, to Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> January. Vacation Care will recommence on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

**Vacation Care will be closed on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> January and Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> January (due to the timing of the Australia Day Public Holiday).** OSHC will commence on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> January.

If your child is booked into OSHC and then does not need to attend for some reason, 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. Thank you.

*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

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### OSHC BOOKING FORM – PUPIL FREE DAY – FRIDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

Return by **Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> November**

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Children requiring OSHC \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_



#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



Isabelle - Year 1	25 <sup>th</sup> November
Ryda – Year 2/3	28 <sup>th</sup> November
Haliah – Year 1	1 <sup>st</sup> December
Ashton – Year 5/6	8 <sup>th</sup> December



#### **NEWSLETTER INSERTS**

1. 2021 Fee Schedule
2. Intention of Payment/Payment Plan Application Form (Appendix A)

*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.*

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## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY 13 January 2021

### KINDERFUN DISCO

Time: 10-11AM

Ages: 0-5

Dress up in your sparkling disco clothes and dance and listen to music while playing loads of fun games!

FRIDAY 15 January 2021

### INDOOR NERF GUN WAR

Time: 10.00-11.00AM & 1.00-2.00PM

Ages 6-13

The stadium will be step up with obstacles all you have to do is bring your Nerf gun and foam bullets.

WEDNESDAY 13 January 2021

### SWIM & PLAY

Time: 10.30-11.30AM UNDER 5'S

Guardians/parents MUST be in the water within arm's reach at all times for this session.

& 11.30-12.30PM OVER 5'S

THURSDAY 14 January 2021

### SWIM & PLAY

Time: 12.00-1.00PM UNDER 5'S

Guardians/parents MUST be in the water within arm's reach at all times for this session.

& 1.00-2.00PM OVER 5'S

Call to reserve your place!

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