



# St Mary MacKillop School

## NEWSLETTER

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**Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 (Term 1, Week 5)**

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of SMMS,

As we move through Week 5 of our term it is hard to believe that we are almost half-way through our term. The events of last week, Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday are fresh in our minds. Let us keep our Lenten promises foremost in our minds. We resolved to pray, fast and give. This is not always easy to stick to as time moves on and so we ask for Jesus' help with this.

#### **PUPIL FREE DAY**

To enable staff First Aid training our school will be closed for a Pupil Free day, Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> March. OSHC will be available on the day with priority given to working parents and carers.

#### **NAPLAN TESTING 2021**

NAPLAN testing will take place for students in Years 3, 5 and 7 in Term 2 between 11<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May.

In the lead up to this we are required to take part in a national coordinated NAPLAN practice test which will take place on the morning of Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March. This practice test is quite different for students, it gives them experience in the format of the test, the

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### **FEBRUARY**

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Year 6/7 Assembly 9.00am  
Sun 28<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

#### **MARCH**

Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> Mini Macs Playgroup 9.00am  
Sun 7<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent  
Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Public Holiday  
Tue 9<sup>th</sup> P & F meeting 7.00pm  
Sun 14<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
Wed 17<sup>th</sup> St Patrick's Day  
Sports Day  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> St Joseph's Day  
Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
Harmony Day  
Week 9 Parent/Teacher Interviews  
Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday  
Mon 29<sup>th</sup> PUPIL FREE DAY  
Tue 30<sup>th</sup> School Board AGM  
Week 10 Holy Week

#### **Parish Weekend Mass Times**

Stations of the Cross - Moonta Church 5.00pm  
Fridays during Lent

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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various ways that questions might be presented and the online tools they need to be familiar with. The results are not shared with us it is more the experience for the students and testing IT capability, locally and nationally. All Year 3, 5 and 7 students will take part in the practice test.

### INTERVIEWS – WEEK 9

As mentioned at our Meet and Greet evening, communication with families is essential for building good relationships and helping students with their learning and wellbeing. With the Newsletter today you will receive the interview booking sheet. Times are allocated on the basis of the order that returns are received. Some teachers are offering times in the weeks before and the weeks after as well to accommodate the needs of the 118 families we would like to meet with. If you are unable to attend at the times offered, please indicate this on the return slip and we will work out a convenient alternative.

### RESTORATIVE PRACTICES

As you know, Restorative Practices underpin our life and relationships here at St Mary Mackillop School. We are all human and things will go wrong in our relationships from time to time and it is how we reflect on this, listen to each other, fix it and grow, that is most important. We are all doing this constantly. We are all constantly learning ways to do this better. This is what we are teaching our students and this is what we need to model as the adults in their lives.

From time to time we might need a little space to reflect, ground ourselves and then we need to follow this with a conversation and reconciliation. This is the approach our students are learning and this is how we as adults need to be in relationship with each other, modelling this for our students.

### SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERSHIP

This year there will be three School Board positions that will become available. Thank you to Nina Farr, Leon Schulz and Lauren Donnellan who will complete a two-year term. With today's Newsletter there is a nomination slip. If you wish to nominate someone for School Board you must have had a conversation with them, they must be willing and available to commit and they must sign the nomination form as well. I am happy to chat with anyone considering School Board, as I am sure our current Board members would be willing to do so too.

Blessings for the week ahead,

*Michelle Miller*

Principal

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

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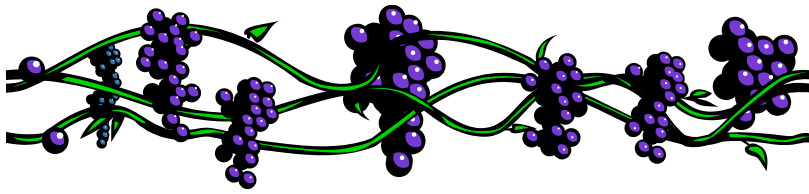
### EASTER RAFFLE

We are asking for donations of Easter eggs for our Easter raffle. Raffle books are included in today's Newsletter. All raffle books are to be returned and donations to be received by Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March. The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> March.



### SUBWAY LUNCHES – FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL (last day of Term 1)

Subway envelopes are included with today's Newsletter. Orders to be placed no later than Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April.



## The Vine

### *Hospitality of the Heart – Come and Stay*

#### LENT

We gathered last Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, to prayerfully mark the beginning of the Church season of Lent, the time of preparation for celebrating the greatest Christian feast of Easter.

Lent is a time which gives us space to think about ourselves and consider how we might become better people through God's love. Lent is a special time of prayer and preparation. We will remember to talk with Jesus every day.

Lent is a time of going without things that we really want, but maybe don't actually need.

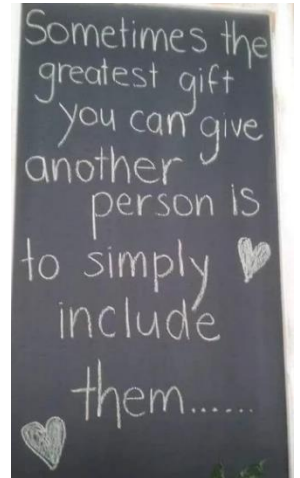
Lent is a time of giving to those who have less than us. It is a time for changing the way we think. It is a time for us to take action for the good of others, focusing on the "doing", the personal action of living the message of Jesus. Lent is a time to choose to open our hearts with care and hospitality, to reach out to those in need, to become more aware of acting in a compassionate and just way, to help to bring a better life to others.

Supporting Caritas Australia and **Project Compassion**, and acting with hospitality towards those in need, is one of the ways that our St Mary MacKillop School community does this. Our families are invited to open hearts in hospitality during Lent.



**Caritas**  
AUSTRALIA

**End poverty  
Promote justice  
Uphold dignity**



#### PROJECT COMPASSION

**Caritas Australia** is an international aid and development organisation of the Catholic Church which delivers long-term development programmes, helps people regardless of their ethnicity, religion, or political beliefs. It works with the poorest of the poor and helps people so that they can help themselves.

Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal is **Project Compassion**. It brings thousands of Australians together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold the dignity of every person regardless of where they live or how much money they have.

**Project Compassion** is a school and parish community social justice action for Lent. It runs for the six weeks of Lent, leading up to Easter.

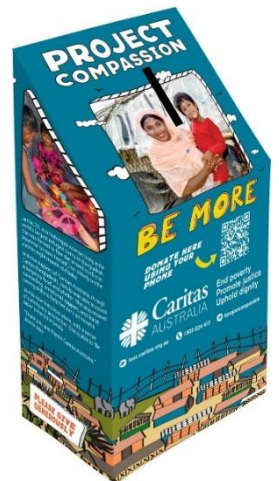
A small **Project Compassion collection box and information pamphlet** for each family is included in the Newsletter envelope today. The small family donation support boxes have the focus "**Be More**".

**Aspire not have more, but to be more. (St Oscar Romero)**



There are simple actions we could all take to be more for our world. This is a wonderful opportunity for our families to create some family-centred social justice activities in order to share our good fortune with those who have less and need some help.

Some family ideas may include having less take-away, giving up an ice-cream or a food treat and placing the money saved in the family Project Compassion collection box to enable those with less to have a fairer share of our world food resources.



*Bernie Thomson*

**APRIM and Pastoral Care Support**



# The Australian Curriculum General Capabilities

In the Australian Curriculum, General Capabilities refer to an integrated set of knowledge, skills and behaviours that are developed across the curriculum to help students become successful learners, confident and creative individuals and active and informed citizens.

The General Capabilities are essentially the skills that research tells us are essential for achieving success in our 21<sup>st</sup> century world. There are seven General Capabilities in the Australian Curriculum:

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Information and communication technology (ICT) capability
- Critical and creative thinking
- Personal and social capability
- Ethical understanding
- Intercultural understanding



What a great start to the year we have all had, so many exciting activities happening in classrooms during Social Emotional learning. Students were involved in a meriod of activities from Reception to Year 7 learning the skills of the 'Personal and Social Capability'.





# The Australian Curriculum General Capabilities

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Some of the topics we explored during these 2 weeks were:

- Learning about this year's Diocesan theme "Hospitality of Heart Come and Stay", this included reading the book *Room on our Rock* by Kate Temple.
- Learning about how to stay safe at school and when using the Internet (covered in the Child Protection Curriculum).
- Revisiting whole school Restorative Practices and reinforcing the common language across the school using circle time, role play, group discussions etc.
- Setting goals using the General Capabilities.
- Unpacking our school mission and vision statements and developing a deeper understanding of our school values.
- Developing a code of conduct in each classroom that fosters student agency.
- Celebrating our learning with combined class connection days.





## Mini Macs Playgroup

Yesterday at Mini Macs, Mia loved cooking in our play kitchen with her Mum and Keaton worked really hard adding matching hearts to his puppy. Max had lots of adventures and even helped move all the heavy furniture back at the end. The group caters for children birth-5 years for a weekly play and a lovely catch-up for the families!



## OSHC & Vacation Care News

Vacation Care program for the April school holidays has been sent home today with the Newsletter. Please ensure you only book for the days that you require as we have to allocate staff and provide a healthy food menu to cater for those booked in before the holiday period.

**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

**Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> March, 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, 19<sup>th</sup> March**, if your child/ren will be attending.

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

### OSHC BOOKING FORM – PUPIL FREE DAY – MONDAY, 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH

Return by **Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> March**

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

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

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





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Asha – Year 2	25 <sup>th</sup> February
Harriet – Reception/1	25 <sup>th</sup> February
Jai – Reception/1	25 <sup>th</sup> February
Mr Sherriff	27 <sup>th</sup> February
Brodie – Year 6/7	1 <sup>st</sup> March
Eamon – Reception/1	2 <sup>nd</sup> March
Mr Northeast	2 <sup>nd</sup> March
Emmett – Year 5/6	5 <sup>th</sup> March
Riley N – Year 6/7	6 <sup>th</sup> March
Brody – Year 4/5	6 <sup>th</sup> March
Eloise – Year 2	6 <sup>th</sup> March
Mrs Thomson	7 <sup>th</sup> March
Luke – Year 4/5	8 <sup>th</sup> March
Jayden – Year 2/3	8 <sup>th</sup> March
Clair – Reception/1	8 <sup>th</sup> March



## NEWSLETTER INSERTS/ ATTACHMENTS

1. Parent Teacher Interview booking sheet
2. Vacation Care booking sheet
3. Parent letter Check In Term 1 2021
4. Project Compassion donation box
5. Board Nomination form
6. Subway envelopes
7. Easter raffle books

*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

**Warraroo Football Club Registration** Night -Senior Colts, Junior Colts and Under 11s - Thursday, 25th February from 5pm. Online registrations are open via our website [www.warraroofc.com](http://www.warraroofc.com)

First Training for Senior Colts and Junior Colts – Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 5.30pm

**Copper Coast Table Tennis Club** is seeking junior & senior players to play in their upcoming winter season which starts on Wednesday, 24th March. The junior competition is for players 10 + to 17 and is run in a relaxed, casual and non competitive basis with no commitment as you can play regularly or whenever you want to. If interested in either junior or senior competitions there are free come'n'try nights on Wednesday, 3rd, 10th and 17th March at the Showground Pavilion at 7 pm. Enquiries to Owen 0408 213 746.

### **Dyslexia Awareness - Equal Write to Read Virtual Run March 2021**

**Run, walk, swim or ride during the month of March 2021 to raise dyslexia awareness and support Code Read Dyslexia Network**

A virtual run is an event that can be run or walked from any location you choose. We also allow swimming and bike riding all in the name of inclusion! You can run, jog, ride or walk on the road, along bush trails, on the treadmill, at the gym, or on the track. You choose where, the pace and you record your time and distance.

Each registration includes a medal at the end of the event which will be posted out directly to you. Equal Write to Read runs for the month of March, 2021. If running, walking or swimming, you can choose from 10km, 21km or 42km, 100 km or 1000 km for this event and you can break up the total distance in any way that suits you. You need to complete your chosen distance during the month.

This year, by request, we have added bike riding – the distances are different. Bike riders can choose 21km, 42km, 100km or 1000km.

Terms and conditions and FAQ are listed below

Still have questions? Email us at [virtualrun@codereadnetwork.org](mailto:virtualrun@codereadnetwork.org) or send us a messenger message from the Equal Write to Read Virtual Run Facebook page

