



St Mary MacKillop School

NEWSLETTER

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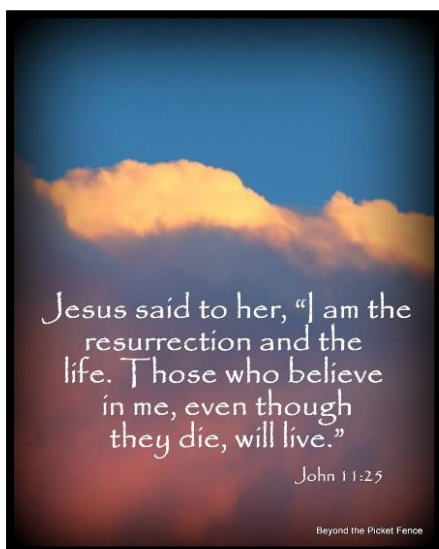
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Wednesday, 7th April, 2021 (Term 1, Week 11)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of SMMS,



THANK YOU

Class teachers and students for the Holy Week reflections that we have participated in from Palm Sunday up to The Resurrection. The Easter story, our journey with Jesus, is brought to reality and into our present day through these special reverent reflection times offered to us by our students.

Mia, Lilly and Scarlett participated in the Holy Thursday Mass, in the washing of the feet which commemorates Jesus doing this for his disciples after the last supper. This is a very moving part of the Holy Thursday Mass and it was particularly so last Thursday with the students and parishioners having their feet washed by Fr Matthew. This reminds us deeply of the servant leadership of Jesus.

YEAR 6 AND 7 STUDENTS VISIT LATITUDE

Thank you to Lisa, Maddy, Hannah and Fr Matthew for taking all of our Year 6 and 7 students to Adelaide for team building activities at Latitude last Wednesday.

IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL

Fri 9th Wear House Tops
Year 4/5 Assembly 9.00am
Subway lunch
Term 1 concludes 3.00pm
Mon 12th – Fri 16th Vacation Care
Mon 19th – Fri 23rd Vacation Care
Sun 25th ANZAC Day
Mon 26th **PUBLIC HOLIDAY**
Tue 27th Term 2 commences

MAY

Mon 3rd – Sun 9th Catholic Education Week
Thu 6th School Tours 11.30am & 6.00pm
Fri 7th Mothers' Day celebration 1.45-2.45pm
Sun 9th Mothers' Day
Tue 11th School Board meeting 7.30pm
Tue 11th – Fri 14th NAPLAN
Fri 14th Walk Safely to School Day
Tue 18th P & F meeting 7.00pm
May 17th-23rd Kernewek Lowender

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

PLAY AT WALLAROO OVAL

At the beginning of this year I spoke with our middle and upper primary students about offering the opportunity to go to the Wallaroo oval area for play, to give them the chance to spread out a bit and enjoy more space. This week on Thursday and Friday, Bernie and I will enable this to happen for lunch play for Year 3-7 students. The students who would like to go will be transported on our school bus. We are hoping to do this again next term.

STAFF

Jane Owen is taking leave this week (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday), have a wonderful break Jane.

Agatka Murphy is taking the Year 2 class for these three days as well as her usual Friday. Thank you for making yourself available Agatka.

Gary Whitford our IT technician will be taking Long Service Leave for Term 2. We wish Gary a very enjoyable break in this time.

Paul Northeast will be returning to us next term after taking Leave for Term 1. We look forward to welcoming Paul back. Thank you to Paul who is already helping out volunteering and mowing the oval for us.

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

You would be aware of the situation at Kadina Memorial School involving a staff member that came to light last week. Such situations will evoke a wide range of feeling and emotion for a wide range of reasons. In amongst all of this, we need to respect the dignity of every human being. We need to be sensitive to others around us and how they may be affected by this situation. We have a Christian imperative to not be judgemental and to only show compassion in our thoughts, actions and conversations. We have many students who have siblings attending KMS, we have staff whose children attend KMS currently and/or in the past, we have staff who are friends of KMS staff, we have staff who attended KMS themselves.

I ask that you keep the leadership staff and all members of the Kadina Memorial School community in your thoughts and prayers at what is a very difficult time.

WELCOME VISITORS

Today we welcomed special visitors Bishop Karol and Nichii Mardon to our school. Bishop Karol and Nichii visited students and staff in learning areas, and joined us for morning tea.

YEAR 4/5 CLASS ASSEMBLY

Parents of the Year 4/5 students are invited to attend Assembly this Friday at 9am and stay on for a light morning tea following Assembly.

LAST DAY OF TERM

This Friday, 9th April, last day of term we will have usual 3.00pm dismissal.

PUPIL-FREE DAYS

The following pupil-free days have been approved by School Board, please make sure you have them in your Diary:

Tuesday 15th June - OSHC available

Friday 10th September – No OSHC on this day

UNIFORM

All students are invited to wear their House tops with sport shorts this Friday.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MOTHERS' DAY CELEBRATION INVITATION

We want to say thank you to our Mums for all they do for us. We will be holding a special celebration for our Mums on the afternoon of Friday 7th May. Please join us between 1.45-2.45pm. More details will come in Week 1 next term.



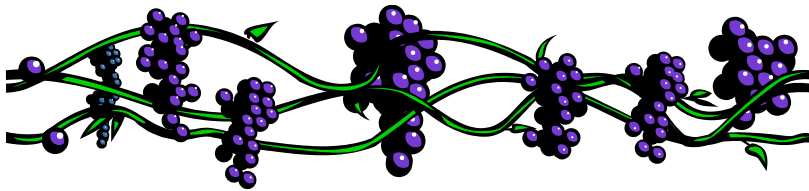
*Blessings for our final week of Term 1 and for a wonderful holiday break.
Thank you for the many ways that you have contributed to our school
throughout this term.*

Michelle Miller
Principal

Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the students who were recipients of the School Value Awards at our assembly on Friday, 26th March. The awards includes RESPECT, TEAM WORK, TRUST, COURAGE and COMMITMENT.





The Vine

Project Compassion -



THANK YOU to all who have returned the home Project Compassion boxes! Your generosity is appreciated, especially by those living in disadvantaged circumstances but whose communities are supported by Caritas Australia. There is still time to return boxes!



HOLY WEEK IN ST MARY MACKILLOP SCHOOL

Our community marked Holy Week, the most important week of the Christian calendar, last week. Holy Week always ends with the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday.

We spent the whole week with Jesus! Our classes followed the events of the last week of Jesus' life on earth. Over several days, each class presented to the student community, one aspect of that week.



Palm Sunday: R/1 Mrs Hanson, Miss Combe, Mrs McCann
Hosanna to Jesus, king of our hearts.

Holy Thursday - The Last Supper: Year 4/5
"Do this in memory of me"

That sacred action of Jesus has continued, in memory of Jesus, for the past 2000 years as the focal point of the celebration of Mass.

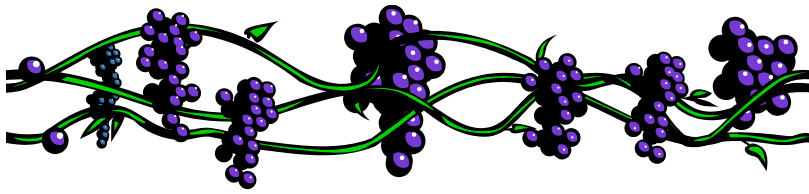


Holy Thursday night - Garden of Gethsemane: Year 5/6
"Stay with me! Pray with me!"



Good Friday: Year 6/7

The journey of Jesus to the cross, and his death, on Calvary. Jesus body is placed in a new cave tomb, belonging to one of his friends.



The Vine

Easter Sunday: Year 2 and Year 2/3

The resurrection of Jesus to new and eternal life with God.

Happy Easter to the St Mary MacKillop School community!

Easter Sunday is the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. As Christians, we believe that the New Life of Easter which Jesus Christ brings to us is being with Jesus in heaven for eternity. We believe that after death we pass from this earthly life to that completely New life that came to Jesus after God's action raised him from the dead after three days in the tomb. Jesus truly died. Jesus truly rose from the dead as the scriptures tell us. It is a matter of belief for us. Faith, rather than hard scientific fact, can be a challenging stance in today's world. It takes courage to be able to have faith, and to even practice that faith in a personal way.



Christian faith is not primarily faith in a doctrine but in a person. Through knowing and living the message of love of this person, Jesus Christ - Son of God, we enter the mystery of God.

For many of our children the cultural activity of the bunny and its eggs is the most important aspect of Easter. Over history, Christianity has had a gift for making use of local traditions and festivals, to help bring deeper understanding of Christian beliefs to the people.

The name Easter comes from the Anglo-Saxon spring festival in honour of the goddess Eostre. Her symbol was the rabbit. Rabbits are known for their fertility. The giving of eggs were signs of new life bursting forth as winter became spring. These associations only make sense in the northern hemisphere, but we can see why the early Christians would find this local festival so useful in promoting the deep, true meaning of Jesus Christ's resurrection to New Life – the celebration of Easter.



Just as new life bursts forth from eggs, butterflies also signify new life. That is why they have become an everyday symbol of the New Life of Christ at the resurrection.

I wish all of our families a wonderful, restful holiday break after an exciting term filled with learning, fun and positive connections!

The Easter Season continues for fifty days until Pentecost Sunday. How can we each help ourselves, and help others, live a full and beautiful life?

Bernie Thomson

APRIM and Pastoral Care Support



ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day occurs on Sunday, 25th April, **during the Term 1 holidays**. Once again, our school has been invited by the Wallaroo RSL to participate in the March Service at 7.00am, at the Memorial Arch at the Town Hall. Senior Student Leaders will place a wreath on behalf of the school community and our St Mary MacKillop Singers will sing “And They March” after the march. The Singers will meet at **6:45am** on the lawn, near the arch, wearing the formal school uniform. The school jumper might be needed if there is a chill in the dawn!

Our school families are invited to bring their children along to this community commemoration which has so much significance in our Australian culture. Thank you to all the parents who are enabling their children to participate in this special community event.



UP Choir

UP Choir members have already had a couple of practices in preparation for the Catholic Schools Music Festival in Week 10 of Term 3. One was with the Catholic Schools Festival trainer, Denise Rothall. She was very pleased with the members’ effort and quality of singing so early in the year. At the moment, the final decision on location has yet to be made. The Festival Theatre Plaza is suddenly undergoing change and won’t be available until the end of the year.

After last year’s changes, we are quite able to deal with this hiccup! Choir members, please listen to carefully, and practise your songs during the holidays!

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

DO YOUR CHILDREN ENJOY OUR FRIDAY LUNCHES?

We need volunteers to help out with Friday Lunches to make sure that it can continue to run.

Anyone able to help out on a Friday between 9.30am-1.30pm – we would love to have your help. Even if it is only once a term. Please contact Karen at our Front Office and we will add you to our roster.

If you are unable to help for the full time between 9.30am and 1.30pm you might be able to help out even just for an hour first thing in the morning to do the shopping for Lunches.

Thank you to parents already helping out.

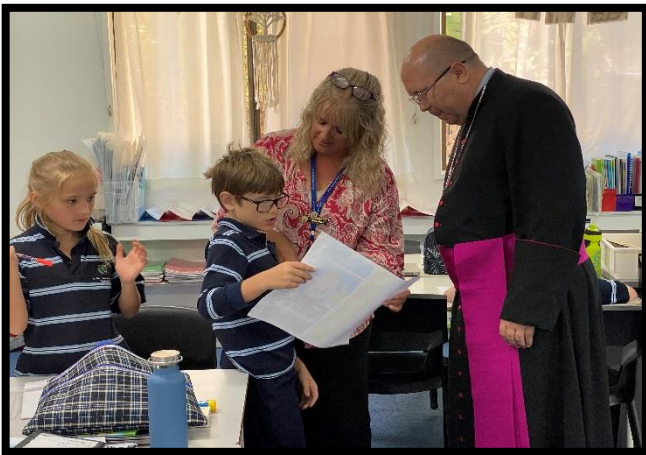
Thank you to Taya Dennis and Krystle Lutze for taking on the very important role of Friday Lunches coordinators.

7-9 Building Update



Last week and continuing this week we are watching the framework being erected for the new 7-9 building.

Bishop Karol & Nichii Mardon Photos



Year 5 Leadership Day

Some of our Year 5 students were selected to be part of a Leadership Program run by SACPSSA and ACHPER which aims to create opportunities for the students to lead and enhance physical education. On the 26th March, Miss Caffyn and Father Matthew took 7 students to St Augustine's in Salisbury for the Leadership Day. Our students learnt about effective leadership and got the opportunity to mix with lots of students from other schools. They also learned lots of new games which they will share with students here at school, leading these activities in P.E. lessons later this year.

Here's what the students thought about the day:

Emmett: I really liked experiencing leadership games and learning about the qualities of leadership. I also really liked playing the games.

Ari: I thought it was a good experience to get better at team building exercises and it was fun.

Charlotte B: It was really fun and I liked to experience being together and learning new games.

Kaira: I really enjoyed the day as it was fun to experience new games and I really liked playing 'Hula Hut'.

Brady: I think it was a good experience to work with other people and learn new games that we'll have to teach others.

Johanna: It was a great, fun day doing all the activities with kids from other schools. The trip to and from Adelaide was good fun. I look forward to teaching the games to the other kids.



Easter Colouring Competition



Congratulations to Anastasia for winning one of the prizes for the Easter colouring in competition held recently. Anastasia won a big grey fluffy rabbit, pencil case with crayons and a certificate.

Latitude

On Wednesday, 31st March, the Year 6/7 class went to Latitude in Adelaide.

When we arrived there, we all followed the instructors on to the rock walls. We all put our harness on and put our hand up at the wall we wanted to go on. Straight after that we split into two groups. Group 2 went on an obstacle course and Group 1 went off on the sky walk. Group 2 were having so much fun going on flying foxes, monkey bars, running up walls, and jumping on trampolines to get up a wall. Group 1 on the sky walk had to wear another harness and walked around an obstacle where there were planks that moved up and down and tiny ropes you had to walk on and more, it was so much fun. Straight after we finished we changed activities and after this we had free time, there was dodgeball.

Father Mathew bought us slushies, the choices were coca cola or raspberry. After we finished our slushies we had more time on the equipment. On the way home on the 32 seater bus we were having so much fun, having a disco party in the bus

By Tyrell

Year 7



SAPSASA

SWIMMING



Blake competed in SAPSASA Swimming at the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre in Marion on the 26th March. This is Blake's second time competing in this carnival. He was supposed to compete last year but after many months of training the swimming carnival was postponed, rescheduled and eventually cancelled due to Covid-19.

Blake swam in under 13 boys, 50m freestyle, 50m breaststroke and also filled in with a 50m freestyle relay team from Lower Eyre Peninsula who successfully bought home the gold medal.

SOFTBALL



In Week ten, three students from our school William, Scarlett and Brodie all participated in the SAPSASA Softball Carnival. We went to Adelaide for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Here are our favourite parts of the three day carnival:

William: My favourite part was playing all the games with my team mates.

Brodie: My favourite part was spending time with my friends and getting to play a total of eight games in three days.

Scarlett: My favourite part was getting coached by a great softball player and winning a couple of games. Overall, we all enjoyed playing and the boys had a great outcome of second place.

Mini Macs Playgroup

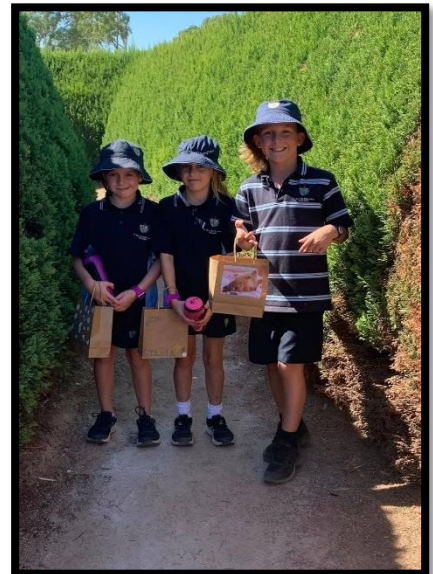
We had perfect weather for the final Mini Macs of the term. Our activities included Easter themed sensory play, bubbles, a visit from the Easter Bunny and a party to end the fun morning.

All children under 5 are welcome to Mini Macs Playgroup held each Tuesday morning during the school term in the hall from 9.00am-10.30am.



Year 4/5 Excursion

On Tuesday, 6th April, the 4/5 class had an excursion to the Mintaro Maze. The class had a wonderful time going on an Easter egg hunt with their handmade bags, played games and hide and seek in the maze. Thank you to Mr Winter for coming along and Mr Dennis for driving the bus.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Marley – Rec/1 Hanson	7 th April
Jaeger – Rec/1 Combe	14 th April
Jack – Year 6/7	15 th April
Isabella – Rec/1 McCann	15 th April
Aubree – Rec/1 Hanson	15 th April
Ava – Rec/1 Hanson	15 th April
Chelsea – Year 5/6	19 th April
Daniel – Year 6/7	20 th April
Bethany – Year 5/6	25 th April
Ari – Year 5/6	25 th April
Karen McCulloch	25 th April
Mrs Owen	26 th April



NEWSLETTER INSERTS/ ATTACHMENTS

1. Nil

Community News

KADINA MOTOCROSS CLUB will be holding a Come'n Try on Saturday 8th May from 11 – 3pm. This is for new riders who have never ridden our track before. 50cc 2 stroke upwards to 110 4 strokes only. Please wear appropriate riding gear. It will be FREE to ride, but will need to have a parent/guardian to sign a Rider Agreement plus be present the entire day. Sausage Sizzle and Drinks will be available.
If you would like further information, please call Scott Elix on 0438 821 325 or Rachel Larwood on 0408 812 859.



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TIMETABLE

MONDAY 12/4	TUESDAY 13/4	WEDNESDAY 14/4	THURSDAY 15/4	FRIDAY 16/4
KINDERFUN SUPER HERO DAY! 10-11AM Ages 0-5 WEAR YOUR BEST SUPER HERO CLOTHES! 12pm-1pm INDOOR NERF GUN WAR- Bring your own Nerf gun and foam bullets. We will have the stadium set up with obstacles. Ages 6-10 Parents must stay on premises or participate with children.	10.30-11.30 Swim and Play UNDER 5'S 11.30-12.30 Swim and Play OVER 5'S	12.00-1.00 Swim and Play ALL AGES	KINDERFUN 10-11AM Ages 0-5	2.15-3.00 Swim and Play ALL AGES
MONDAY 19/4	TUESDAY 20/4	WEDNESDAY 21/4	THURSDAY 22/4	FRIDAY 23/4
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BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL FOR ALL PROGRAMS PLEASE CALL 88213106 TO BOOK- PLACES ARE LIMITED!

\$6.50 cost for all sessions.

*SWIM AND PLAY - UNDER 5'S MUST HAVE A PARENT IN THE WATER WITHIN ARM'S REACH AT ALL TIMES. OVER 5'S MUST HAVE A PARENT IN THE WATER AT ALL TIMES UNLESS THE CHILD CAN SWIM INDEPENDENTLY WITHOUT A FLOTATION AID

