



St Mary MacKillop School

NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday, 28th April, 2021 (Term 2, Week 1)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of SMMS,



Welcome back!

With thanks for our holiday break, we begin our new term.

Best wishes everyone for the term ahead.



Billie and Payton with the beautiful sunflowers the Year 2 class have grown.

IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL

Fri 30th SAPSASA Cross Country
Friday Lunches

MAY

Mon 3rd – Sun 9th Catholic Education Week
Mon 3rd Year 6 & 7 Leadership Day in Adelaide
Assembly 9.00am
Wed 5th Simultaneous Prayer/Mothers' Day
celebrations
Auskick 3.45pm
Thu 6th Principal Tours 11.30am & 6.00pm
Fri 7th District Athletics
Sun 9th Mothers' Day
Mon 10th 7-9 Information Sessions 2-2.45pm
Repeat 6-6.45pm
Tue 11th Finance meeting 7.00pm
School Board meeting 7.30pm
Tue 11th – Fri 14th NAPLAN
Fri 14th Walk Safely to School Day
Maypole Dance for Star of the Sea Home
17th-23rd Kernewek Lowender
Tue 18th Dressing of the Graves
P & F meeting 7.00pm
Fri 21st Year 2 Assembly 9.00am
Maypole and Furry Dance
Mon 24th School Pentecost Mass 10.00am
Week 6 SAPSASA Football and Netball

JUNE

Mon 14th PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tue 15th PUPIL FREE DAY (OSHC available)
Sat 26th P & F Quiz Night

RAISING HEARTS AND MINDS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



On Sunday, 25th April, we commemorated ANZAC Day. We pray for and give thanks for all who have given and continue to give their lives in service for our country so that we may know peace. Yesterday morning our Assembly prayer was devoted to our own school ANZAC commemoration.



ANZAC artwork by the Year 5/6 students.

BABY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Kristy and Michael Malone-Hosking on the arrival of a baby girl Gracie, a sister for Emilie, Brody, Jayden and Oliver. Gracie was born just before the holidays commenced. We wish you all the best for a healthy, happy future.



STAFF NEWS FOR TERM 2

- We welcome Paul Northeast back this term. Paul will work with numeracy groups, grounds and maintenance, mentoring, bus driving and assisting with a multitude of sports and school activities.
 - We wish Gary Whitford a very enjoyable Term 2 as he takes Long Service Leave.
 - We welcome Marcus Kerin to the Year 5/6 class on Thursdays. Marcus commenced relief teaching with us last term and will pick up Thursdays when Hannah Cotter will be away.
 - We welcome and congratulate two new Curriculum ESO staff members: Ama Prabhasha and Alex Wehr. Ama and Alex will be working with students in reading and numeracy groups. Ama has commenced with us this week and Alex will be joining us as of the start of Week 4.
 - We welcome and congratulate Emily Donnell who will be joining our Administration team. Emily will be working in ESO Administration/Finance/ Work Health and Safety, supporting Julia Agnew and Karen Westlake in their roles. Emily will be based in the front office with Karen, commencing with us on Wednesday, Week 2. Emily's set days will be Wednesdays and Fridays.
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VOLUNTEERS AND PROFESSIONAL PLACEMENTS

Our school provides excellent opportunities and support for many volunteers and professional placements.

This term we will have the following placements offered:

- Clare Owen is undertaking volunteer hours for her ESO studies. Clare will be placed with the 4/5 class on Tuesdays and Thursdays and with the Year 2 class on Wednesdays for Weeks 1-6.
- Georgina Boucher will commence a three-week teaching placement with Ali Ryan and the 4/5 class for Week 2, 3 and 4.
- Nora Michelanney will commence a four-week teaching placement with Lisa Hanson's R/1 class for Week 2, 3, 4 and 5.
- Lynne Nelson will commence volunteer hours for her ESO studies. Lynne will work with the Year 6/7 class on Mondays and Tuesdays for Term 2.
- Rieley Chilton continues his volunteer placement helping out in all classes on Tuesdays.

A big thank you to the teachers and classes who will be hosting these placements and welcoming these people into our community.

PLAY AT WALLAROO OVAL

We will continue to offer our middle and upper primary students the opportunity to go to the Wallaroo oval area for lunch times, to give them the chance to spread out a bit and enjoy more space. We will offer this as often as possible, usually on Thursdays and Fridays. The students are transported on our school buses and supervised well by our staff at the oval. The students certainly enjoyed the wide open space last term.

OUR PARENT GROUPS

The support of our School Board and Parents & Friends helps to create the best learning environment possible and their commitment, effort and achievements are greatly appreciated. Positive support for all in our community ensures a continually evolving strong school family.

At the end of last term, we held AGMs for both School Board and P & F. I have pleasure in sharing the membership and structure with you:

School Board Membership and Structure 2021

Ex Officio	Principal	Michelle Miller
	President	Fr Matthew Newman
	APRIM	Bernadette Thomson
Chairperson		Karen Miers
Secretary		Julia Agnew
Treasurer		Julia Agnew
Parent Representatives		John Iveson, Lauren Donnellan, Lisa Hawson, Katie Crawford, Mandie Malone, Karen Miers and Tristan Graham
Staff Representative		Jane Owen
P & F Representative		Debbie Venning

Sincere thanks to Nina Farr and Leon Schulz who have concluded their terms with the School Board, for their years of commitment and service in this role.

We welcome Tristan Graham who has accepted nomination and joins the School Board as an elected parent representative.

The School Board members contribute to the following sub-committees:

School Board Sub-committees 2021

Uniform & Marketing	Lauren, Katie, Bernadette, Michelle
Policies & Procedures	Karen, Jane, Mandie, Fr Matthew,
Finance	Karen, Katie, Fr Matthew, Michelle
Buildings & Grounds	Fr Matthew, John, Karen, Bernadette, Michelle

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Thank you to all members of the Board under the guidance of our Chair Karen Miers for their commitment to the running of our school: attending meetings, and giving careful consideration to the many matters that arise across the year.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS 2021

The work of the Parents and Friends group continues to be an impressive highlight of our school. The number of parents involved, the fundraising achieved and the community building is testament to the commitment of parents to this school community. Thank you to our P & F Executive and Committee under the guidance of Miranda Giles. We look forward to a great year.

President	Miranda Giles
Secretary	Erin Blott (re-nominated – thank you Erin)
Treasurer	Debbie Venning
Friday Lunches Coordinators	Taya Dennis and Krystle Lutze
School Board Rep	Debbie Venning



P & F Quiz Night - Saturday, 26th June

More details to come

BUILDING SITE VISIT

Macy, Harvie, Trae, Alexis and I were fortunate to have a guided tour of the building site today! They met with Michael Feeney (building site supervisor), David Angus and Denis Kalivaci (ICM Building Company) and Tim Hastwell (Architect).

We were shown around and told about the progress on the site so far, construction is well on track and the builders and architect are very pleased. The students learnt about the different workers and their roles and asked some great questions. They were even invited to the next building project in Perth!

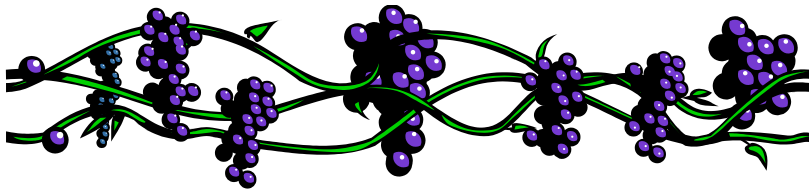


Blessings for the week ahead.

Michelle Miller

Principal

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The Vine

Happy Easter! The Season of Easter continues to be celebrated until the Feast of Pentecost on Sunday, 23rd May!

Having such a long Easter season gives us the opportunity to reflect on what this faith-filled event of the resurrection of Jesus means for us in the 21st century. We do not believe that God simply revived Jesus' corpse in the tomb. Easter Sunday does not celebrate the resuscitation of Jesus, but his Resurrection to new and real life.

Jesus did not raise himself from the dead. It was God who did so. Without faith in the resurrection of Jesus there is no Christian faith. If Jesus had not been resurrected, then his life is an impressive story, but with a tragic ending: his execution.

According to Scripture, Jesus appeared and disappeared, suddenly and frequently, at any time or place, to the women and men of his group of disciples in the short space of time after the resurrection and before he returned to God, his Father, in heaven for eternity.

It is belief in the rising of Jesus to new life, a new way of knowing God and living with heart and in peace, which marks us as Christians. This new life means that Jesus Christ is actually present with us, walking with us now as we go about our daily activities. We are Easter people. Jesus shows us God in our daily living.

Look for the symbols, reminding us of "new life", which can be seen around the school community at the moment – butterflies, eggs symbolising the hope of new life emerging, flowers and the emerging of new life from bulbs.



Project Compassion



A very special thank you is extended to all our families who have generously contributed to Caritas Project Compassion. Donations from our generous community and class activities have totalled \$870.90 and have been directed to Caritas Australia for distribution. Many communities supported by Caritas will benefit, including Australian Aboriginal communities and communities of Bangladesh, Indonesia, Myanmar, Tanzania, Solomon Islands.

Catholic Education Week

Next week, all Catholic Education school communities in South Australia are celebrating Catholic Education Week. In this year we also celebrate 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia. The week is particularly special for our school which has been providing Catholic education for the Copper Coast, in the spirit and charism of St Mary MacKillop for a continuous 152 years. Our school was established by St Mary MacKillop and her Sisters of St Joseph in January 1869, along with Sacred Heart School in Kadina (which is now the Vinnies site).

Following are our planned activities for Catholic Education Week:

Mon 3rd May

Launch of Catholic Education Week at Monday Morning Assembly
Year 6 and 7 students leadership visit to Catholic Education Office Adelaide

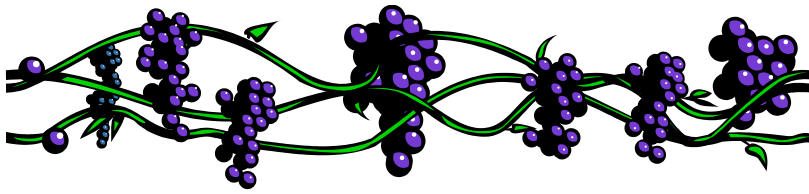
Tue 4th May

Class-based activities

Wed 5th May -

Mother's Day Breakfast and Simultaneous Prayer

Breakfast Bites will incorporate Hospitality of the Table – Come and Stay morning tea for our mums in the hall from 8:20am until 8:48am. Following breakfast all parents are invited to join their child/children in their own classroom for prayer time and visit the classes until 9.30am. The



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Simultaneous Prayer, will be shared by all schools in the Pt Pirie Diocese at approximately the same time

Thu 6th May

Port Pirie Switches Off

All schools in our Diocese 'switch off' lights and electrical items to promote stewardship of the earth and sustainability in the environment. We will be switching off the use electricity between 11:30am and 1pm, having to find different ways to continue learning activities without the use of electricity. We will also be making a purposeful effort to switch off lights at break times and when the rooms are not being used.

Principal's Tours of our school 11.30am and 6.00pm – all welcome, current and prospective families

Fri 7th May

Whole school picnic We will eat lunch together on the oval in a picnic atmosphere, celebrating hospitality and coming to the table together!

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY - SUNDAY 9th MAY

The loveliest masterpiece of the Heart of God is the Heart of a Mother

St Therese of Lisieux

A Prayer for our mums

All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers who give life and count toes and tend to their child's every need.

May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families,

and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us...

May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, difficulty or conflict of any kind...

May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us,

but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen



May our mums, grandmas and those special people who care for us in special ways, enjoy many peaceful, family blessings in celebration of Mothers' Day!

Bernie Thomson

APRIM and Pastoral Care Support

ANZAC Day Commemoration Service

Yesterday morning, at our student notices gathering, a short commemoration of the ANZAC tradition and ritual took place for our school community. The ANZAC wreath was placed, with great respect, at the foot of our Easter cross by Blake and Natalia. Two Gallipoli Rosemary bushes, one of which was part of the visual focus for the student community ANZAC prayer and commemoration, have been placed at the student entrance garden, by the gates.

St Mary MacKillop School community participated in the Wallaroo community commemoration of the ANZAC tradition – the community respect of bravery



and valour of past and present Australian Armed Forces engaged in peacemaking within world conflicts.

As part of the Anzac Day Dawn Service, five Year 7 students Stella, Blake, Sascha, Lilly, and Charli placed a wreath at the Wallaroo Memorial Arch on behalf of our school community. They showed great respect. St Mary MacKillop Singers (and the Year 7 students joined in) presented the song “And They March” with strong voices. They also joined in the National Anthem. The accompanying photo shows the St Mary MacKillop Singers touched by the “rising sun”, about which they had all just sung!

Grateful appreciation from people attending the service was extended to our

singers for their efforts and beautiful singing. Thank you to every school family who supported this community commemoration. Fr. Matthew led the service and shared a meaningful perspective on ANZAC Day community and faith understandings.

St Mary MacKillop Singers at Kernewek Lowender

On Tuesday, 18th May, St Mary MacKillop Singers will be contributing to the ‘Dressing of the Graves’ at Wallaroo Cemetery starting at 1:30pm. We are singing Song of Australia, Footprints in the Sand at Wallaroo and the National Anthem. We will be leaving school on the supplied bus at 1:10pm and will return to school by 3pm.

****Our Singers need to wear their SCHOOL JUMPER, FORMAL STRIPED TOP AND NAVY LONG PANTS /SHORTS, NAVY SOCKS AND BLACK SHOES for this Kernewek Lowender performance.****

Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the students who were recipients of the School Value Awards at our final assembly for Term 1 on Friday, 9th April. Bethany and Clair were absent so received their awards yesterday. The awards includes RESPECT, TEAM WORK, TRUST, COURAGE and COMMITMENT.



Year 7-9 Building Update



Construction of the new building has continued during the school holidays. The structural steel framework and internal lining for the walls are complete.

This week the air conditioning and basketball court installation have commenced.

Patrick the Piglet



This morning we were all excited to meet Patrick the piglet. Holly and Havana were happy for everyone to meet their pet piglet. Patrick is only four weeks old and very cute!

Reading Groups

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings students work in small reading groups with teachers and ESOs. Some snaps of the students hard at work this morning.



Vacation Care

April Vacation Care had busy days full of energetic happy children. All children seemed to enjoy the different themed days throughout the holidays. Practicing and learning magic tricks, to showing off their best dance moves at the disco. Children decorated SA Rocks to hide around the community on arts and crafts day, keep your eye out to see if you can find any. Children (and staff) were worn out after a big day at St Kilda Playground. We all thoroughly enjoyed Bowling and Laser Tag in the second week and were happy to welcome Mr. Northeast back. We would like to thank Mr. Ferrett and Mr. Northeast for driving the school bus safely for us to our excursions.

Lisa Cooper

OSHC/Vacation Care Director



Mini Macs Playgroup

Yesterday was a beautiful morning for sitting in the sun making Autumn leaf crowns.

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.

Felicity Schulz
Playgroup Coordinator



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Emilie – Year 2	3 rd May
Clare Owen – OSHC	4 th May
Nicholas – Rec/1 Hanson	6 th May
Archie – Year 4/5	8 th May
Jimmy – Year 2	11 th May
Trinity – Year 2/3	11 th May



NEWSLETTER INSERTS/ ATTACHMENTS

1. Leadership Day note – Year 6 & 7 students
2. 2020 School Magazine order form

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

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.

Mini Colts (under 9)

**COME OUT AND TRY
FRIDAY 30TH AFTER
SCHOOL AT ST MARY
MACKILLOP 3:15-4PM
EQUIPMENT
PROVIDED
PARENTS PLEASE STAY
AROUND SO WE CAN
MEET YOU**



AUSKICK COMMENCES NEXT WEEK St Mary MacKillop School and Wallaroo Football Club invite young players to come along and have fun, develop skills, fitness, teamwork and love of the game.

WHEN: Wednesdays Term 2 at 3.45pm, commencing Wednesday 5th May.

WHERE: St Mary MacKillop School oval (Bagot Street)

ALL WELCOME

Contact Paul Northeast 0488970159 for further details

