



## Mini-Newsletter

**Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (Term 2, Week 2)**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### **CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2021 – CELEBRATING 200 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION**

This week, CEW (Catholic Education Week), is a time to reflect on and give thanks for, the opportunities we have in Catholic education to make a real difference for young people, families and the community. We have all chosen to be a part of and contribute to this Catholic community that is St Mary MacKillop school and parish and Jesus guides us in this.

*“God’s will and glory, the good of our Australian children, is alone what we seek.  
St Mary MacKillop 4.5.1873*

I take this opportunity to thank you all for your many and varied contributions and wish you a happy Catholic Education Week.

We are enjoying our celebrations:

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| <b>Mon 3.5</b> | <b>CEW: 8.50am Beginning of Week Assembly – Launch of Catholic Education Week</b><br><b>Year 6 and 7 students out for Leadership formation, visit to CEO</b>                                 |
| <b>Tue 4.5</b> | <b>CEW: Class activities</b>   |
| <b>Wed 5.5</b> | <b>CEW: 8.20-9.30am Mother’s Day breakfast and Simultaneous Prayer Time</b>  |
| <b>Thu 6.5</b> | <b>CEW: 11.30am and 6.00pm Principal’s Tours: all welcome – current families and prospective families</b><br><b>Port Pirie Diocese Schools Switch Off 11.30am-1.00pm (environment focus)</b> |
| <b>Fri 7.5</b> | <b>CEW: Face of Catholic Education photoshoot – Hudson White &amp; Madeline Dennis; whole school picnic lunch on oval</b>  |

On Monday our Year 6 and 7 students visited the Catholic Education Office in Thebarton and met with Dr Neil McGoran, Director of Catholic Education SA and Mrs Nichii Mardon, Director of Catholic Education Port Pirie Diocese. The students had the opportunity to hear Neil and Nichii’s reflections on leadership, what has inspired them in their leadership. As you can imagine, Neil and Nichii are very busy people and we were thrilled that in CEW they made the time to meet with our staff: Lisa Caffyn, Bernie Thomson, Paul Northeast, Hannah Cotter, volunteer Lynne Nelson, and our Year 6 and 7 students.



## SCHOOL SPORTS CROSS COUNTRY

Thank you to all students who participated in the Cross Country run last Friday here in Wallaroo:

Austin, Brady, Jeddah, Ari, Brody, Mileah, Hudson, Anthony, Sofia, Emilie, Jack, William, Kolbi, Riley P, Scarlett, Ayden, Carlos, Mitchell, Lilly, Stella, Jasmine and Mia F

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen to go on to Cross Country at Oakbank on 10<sup>th</sup> June:

Austin, Jasmine, Jack, Mileah, Anthony, Kolbi, Jeddah, Mitchell and Stella.

Thank you to Lisa Caffyn and Paul Northeast for accompanying the students.



## DISTRICT ATHLETICS

Good luck to all students representing our school and participating in the District Athletics Day this Friday at Kadina: Anastasia, Mileah, Adelaide, Kaysha, Peyton, Calais, Johanna, Kaira, Charlotte, Sofia, Emilie, Mia D, Scarlett, Natalia, Lilly, Stella, Mia F, Sascha, Austin, Ari, Jeddah, Charlie, Brady, Hudson W, Anthony, Archie, Brodie, William, Jack, Kolbi, Riley P, Alfie, Blake Wa, Blake Wh, Mitchell, Carlos, Riley M, Farren and Ayden.

## 7-9 MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT – PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Current parents and any interested prospective parents are invited to come to an information session on our 7-9 Middle School Development.

You can hear about plans and wellbeing and curriculum offerings.

Please invite any parents you know who may be interested. You do not have to currently have children enrolled at SMMS.

The session will be offered on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2.00-2.45pm and repeated in the evening 6.00-6.45pm.

Please contact our Front Office to indicate your attendance and any questions you may have.

All Welcome!

## TERM 2 CURRICULUM LETTERS

Teachers have prepared letters to keep you informed about learning programmes for Term 2, and classroom routines.

## NAPLAN

Next week students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will be participating in NAPLAN testing from Tuesday onwards. The testing will be supervised by class teachers in their own classrooms.

Students in Years 2, 4 and 6 will be involved in Social, Emotional and Spiritual Learning activities while the testing is taking place.

## 7-9 DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Please find the latest 7-9 Project Development update on what happened in April and what will be happening during May.

Wishing you all a very happy Mother's Day for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May. You may be a mother, being appreciated by your family; you may be appreciating your own mother whether with you still or passed on from this life. It is a wonderful moment to give thanks to God for our mothers and all of the mother figures in our lives and giving thanks to them for all they have done and do for us.

Blessings for the week ahead,

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## PREMIER'S BE ACTIVE CHALLENGE

Premier's Be Active Challenge forms are included in today's newsletter – please assist your child to complete this. These will be due next term. The Challenge is to do at least 60 minutes of physical activity on at least 5 days of the week for at least 4 weeks. The Challenge ends on the 24th September.



<b>You are invited:</b>	<b>CESA Parent/Caregivers Workshop and Discussion Forum: Perfectionism and the Gifted Child</b> along with an open question and answer time
<b>When:</b>	7:00pm – 8:pm on 27 May 2021
<b>Where:</b>	School hall of Christ the King School, 126 Dunrobin Road in Warradale
<b>Presenter:</b>	Dr Rebecca D. Napier, CESA Gifted Education Advisor
<b>Cost:</b>	Free to CESA parents/caregivers
<b>Included:</b>	Tea, coffee, nibbles
<b>Other information:</b>	This is a COVID safe event, and appropriate spacing, hygiene supports, QRC codes, and check in sheets will be available on the night.
<b>Registration close on 21 May:</b>	<a href="#">CESA link</a> or <a href="https://registrationcentre.cesa.catholic.edu.au/event-4291088">https://registrationcentre.cesa.catholic.edu.au/event-4291088</a>



## MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST PHOTOS

