



# St Mary MacKillop School

## NEWSLETTER

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**Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 (Term 2, Week 3)**

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of SMMS,

In Sunday's Gospel Reading, John 15:9-17, Jesus commands his disciples and so this includes us if we wish to follow him, to love one another.  
How can I do this in my everyday life?



### NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY - THIS FRIDAY

#### 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY

This Friday we will put our feet first, and journey towards a healthier future by participating in the 22nd anniversary of National Walk Safely to School Day.

The annual event aims to raise awareness for the various benefits regular walking (especially to and from school) can provide. This includes health, road safety, transport and environmental benefits as well as the long-term well-being of our children. Apart from the physical benefits, regular walking also has a favourable impact on our cognitive and academic performance.

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### MAY

Tue 11<sup>th</sup> – Fri 14<sup>th</sup> NAPLAN

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Walk Safely to School Day**

Maypole Dance for Star of the Sea Home

**17<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> Kernewek Lowender**

Tue 18<sup>th</sup> Dressing of the Graves

P & F meeting 7.00pm

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Reception/1 McCann Assembly 9.00am

Maypole & Furry Dance

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Maypole Dance

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> School Pentecost Mass 10.00am

Week 6 SAPSASA Football and Netball

#### JUNE

Fri 4 Year 2 Assembly 9.00am

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tue 15<sup>th</sup> PUPIL FREE DAY (OSHC available)

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Reception/1 Hanson Assembly 9.00am

#### JULY

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> PUPIL FREE DAY (OSHC available)

Thu 29<sup>th</sup> School Photos

### 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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Bus students who travel on our own school buses will be dropped at the park opposite the Town Hall and walk to school. Several staff will be there to meet students. Kadina bus students will be dropped a short distance from school and walk with Bernie Thomson to school.

All families and students interested in joining in are invited to meet at the park and walk safely to school. Bikes are okay too.

STUDENTS WALKING TO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY MAY WEAR SPORT UNIFORM, IF NOT THEIR USUAL SPORT UNIFORM DAY.

We look forward to walking with you this Friday!



### **CHILD PROTECTION**

Child Protection is a priority for us and we work hard to comply with all requirements to ensure this through the following:

- Staff and volunteers must hold a Working With Children Check (previously known as Police Check)
- Staff must undertake a 7-hour course followed by every 3 year refresher course in Responding to Abuse and Neglect (known as RAN training) and Site Induction
- Volunteers must undertake a Volunteer RAN training and Volunteer Site Induction

Any parents or volunteers must have a Working With Children Check to:

- hear reading
- go on excursions or camps
- assist with cooking, craft, electives
- be on our School Board or P & F
- assist with sporting activities (including transport, scoring, marshalling etc)
- transport children to and from events
- assist with our Dance Concert

This list is by no means exhaustive and there are so many more ways our parents and volunteers help us out. We really appreciate your help and we can't do it without you!

It is much easier to have your Working With Children Check in place so that when opportunities come up to assist you are ready to go. We don't want any parents, volunteers or children to be disappointed if someone is not able to help out because they do not have the right checks in place.

Please see Karen Westlake for more details.

### **PRINCIPAL'S TOURS**

Last Thursday Principal's Tours were offered. While there were no takers for the 11.30am Tour, I had four families come for the 6.00pm Tour. It was a pleasure showing the interested, prospective families around our school and talking with them about the learning opportunities for our students.

There were positive comments about the inviting, colourful and attractive classrooms, learning areas and prayer spaces and the flexibility of our MPLA area.

These occasions are always a pleasure. Please let any interested families know that I am available for Tours at other times too, they just need to contact our Front Office and book a time.

### **THANK YOU TO SR SHIRLEY**

Sr Shirley O'Loughlen was the last Josephite sister to have been at our school. Sr Shirley keeps in close contact with us and especially around significant Feast Days for us such as St Joseph, St Mary MacKillop. Recently Sr Shirley gave Francesca Tully some money to spend on treats for us for the Feast of St Joseph The Worker which fell nicely in line with Catholic Education Week. The students received a chocolate treat from Sr Shirley last Friday at our CEW Picnic Lunch. We made sure the staff did not miss out either!

St Mary MacKillop had a tradition of keeping boiled lollies in her pocket and giving these to the children in her care and that she met. The children in St Mary MacKillop's day were very poor and this was Mary's way of doing something special for them. Sr Shirley continues this tradition for us. Thank you Sr Shirley for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers.



Founded in the Josephite tradition, we value:

**RELATIONSHIPS GROUNDED IN TRUST AND RESPECT**

We respect ourselves and others. Therefore at our Beginning of Week Assemblies recently we have focussed on:

- ways we can respectfully greet people when we meet them and farewell people when we are leaving them:
  - we can respond with: hello, how are you, have a great day, see you tomorrow, etc
- ways we can respond when we do not hear or understand what someone has said (instead of “what” or “huh”):
  - we can respond with: pardon, could you please repeat that? I didn’t hear you properly, could you please tell/ask me that again? Excuse me? etc

We want to work with families to support you in establishing these important respectful Christian values and manners.

### **COMMUNICATION**

We trust that the majority of the time our communication with families is clear, timely and useful, however from time to time our communication does not work quite as well as it should. Respectful feedback is appreciated at these times. Following are the main methods of communication we currently use:

**CONVERSATIONS IN PERSON** – The favoured way of communicating, however we know realistically this is not always possible and so we have many other ways of communicating as well:

**NEWSLETTER** – Number # 1 for all important whole school news, updates, reminders, return slips, celebrations

**SMS** – Student attendance and brief urgent messages

**PHONE CALL** – When you want to ensure you can speak with someone and that your message is conveyed or information received

**FACEBOOK** – For easily updated brief news, messages and reminders

**SEESAW / DIARY / COMMUNICATION BOOK** – For communication about children’s wellbeing and learning. This will come from the class teacher and will be directly related to the class events and activities

**EMAIL** – For communication of a more confidential nature (about behaviour, wellbeing)

**WEBSITE** – General whole school information for school families and public

**PUPIL FREE DAYS TERM 2 (OSHC will be available both days)**

**REMINDER: TUESDAY JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup> (WEEK 7)**

**NEW DATE: FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY (LAST DAY OF TERM)**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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### **BEFORE SCHOOL AND AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION**

Before school, staff are involved in preparations for the day and staff meetings.

**Students are to be dropped at school from 8.18am onwards.**

**After school students are to be picked up by 3.15pm.**

Supervision of students by staff is from 8.18am onwards in the morning and up until 3.15pm unless special arrangements are in place. Thank you.

### **PARENT SCHOOL VISITS**

Parents are welcome to come in through the MPLA entrance to catch up with teachers briefly in the morning (between 8.18-8.45am) and after school (after 3.00-3.15pm).

When parents are visiting during the school day other than these times, please come through the Front Office and not just enter through the MPLA doors.

It is appreciated if parents are dropping something off, need to pass on a message etc that this is done through the Front Office during the school day.

### **P & F QUIZ NIGHT POSTPONED – STAY TUNED FOR ANOTHER DATE**

In our Week 1 Newsletter P & F advertised a Quiz Night for Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June. We are postponing our Quiz Night from this date and will let you know of our new date in Term 3 as soon as possible.



Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September

28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September

Pupil Free Day

Semester 1 student reports sent home

School Photos

Catholic Athletics-Adelaide

Dance Concert

Paskeville Field Days

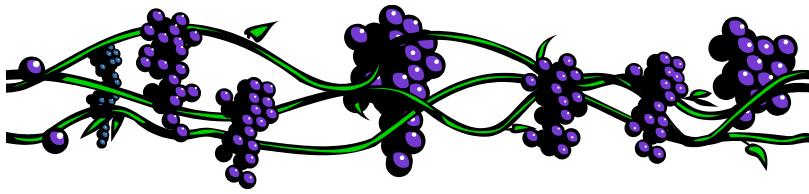
Blessings for the week ahead.

*Michelle Miller*

Principal

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## The Vine

This coming weekend, the Church Year Season of Easter comes to an end with the celebration of the **Feast of the Ascension of Jesus** back to life forever with God the Father in heaven – eternal life (Mark 16:19). After being resurrected to new and eternal life through God's action, Jesus appeared to his disciples many times and finished his preparation of them to carry on his mission into the world. He brought them the gift of peace and urged them to take the message of God, through the ministry and teachings of Jesus, out into the whole world. The word "catholic" (lower case c) comes from the Greek adjective meaning "universal". Catholic (upper case C) refers to the Catholic religious Tradition of world - wide Christianity. Next week we celebrate the special Church feast of Pentecost – the birth of the world-wide Church.



### **CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK**

Last week, our school community enjoyed many wonderful activities in celebration of Catholic Education Week, "Come and Stay".

Besides individual activities in all classes, Monday's major activity was a special visit to Catholic Education Office by Year 6 and Year 7 students. Catholic Education Director, Dr. Neil McGoran and Director of Port Pirie Diocese, Mrs Nichii Mardon, both shared their perspectives of leadership with the students while also challenging the students' perspectives.

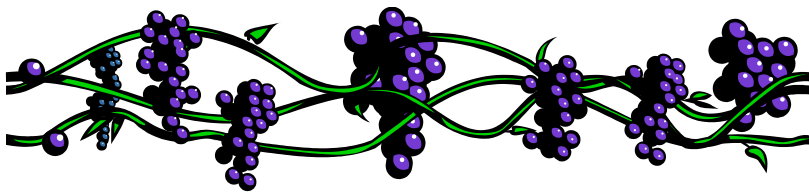
The parents, in particular our mums, were invited to "Come and Stay" at a Mother's Day Breakfast on Wednesday morning while the students enjoyed a busy Breakfast Bites. The families then moved over to the classrooms to join with the same "Come and Stay" Simultaneous Prayer which was experienced by all Port Pirie Diocese Catholic schools on the same day. We did adjust our class prayers to suit each class level, placing a special emphasis on giving thanks to God for our mums, grandmas and those who care for us like a mum.

There was a special Diocesan schools' "Port Pirie Switch Off" on Thursday. In a conscious effort to work for sustainability, our school community switched off, and went without the use of, our classroom and staffroom appliances, devices and lights between 11:30am and 1pm in particular, but also to a lesser extent before school.

A whole school picnic lunch was enjoyed by all on the oval on Friday. The following selection of photos show St Mary MacKillop School living life to the full in Catholic Education Week – going without electricity, trying something new, working for care of the environment, enjoying hospitality, listening and learning in a different environment.







## The Vine





# Kernewek Lowender Participaton

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## **DRESSING OF THE GRAVES – ST MARY MACKILLOP SINGERS**

The Kernewek Lowender event, Dressing of the Graves, is taking place next Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May, 1.00pm at Wallaroo Cemetery. Regarding the meaning of this respectful event, the Singers have been prepared to understand that it is honouring those who have gone before us, and on whose shoulders we of the Copper Coast now stand!

At this event, the St Mary MacKillop Singers will be singing the ***National Anthem***, the original National Anthem from many decades ago, ***Song of Australia***, and our specialty song, ***Footprints in the Sand at Wallaroo***. The Singers will be travelling to the Cemetery, and back to school, on a bus provided by the Kernewek Lowender organisation. Singers are required to wear formal school uniform.

Parents are welcome to attend this event, which is operating under COVID conditions. Free tickets are obtained from the [kernewek.org](http://kernewek.org) website. As well as downloading a ticket, parents must also sign in at the cemetery entrance by scanning the QR code or a paper sign-in, as per COVID conditions. I will also be completing a contact-tracing form for the Singers. Thank you to the families of the Singers for your support of this singing group. It is most appreciated.

## **MAYPOLE AND FURRY DANCES**

Our students will also be participating in the Maypole and Furry Dance on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> May and Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May. The students have been busy practising for the events. They will perform for the residents and staff of Star of the Sea this Friday. We are looking forward to seeing the children dressed in their traditional Cornish costumes.

We are a very busy school! Lunch time on Tuesday saw the Maypole Dance practice share the same space as a couple of footy games! Very skilled participants in both activities!



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

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### **FRIDAY LUNCHES**

We are so thankful for all of the generous volunteers who have helped out with Friday lunches this year.

We are inviting volunteers to put their name down to help out with lunches. You will be well supported in what to do, so please come along, have fun and help out all of our children.

Volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Check and complete a Volunteer Induction.

Please complete the reply slip below and return to the front office.

*Taya Dennis & Krystle Lutze*

Friday Lunches Coordinators

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### **FRIDAY LUNCHES VOLUNTEERS**

I would like to volunteer to assist with Friday Lunches.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

# District Athletics Day

Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> May, selected students competed in the District Athletics day in Kadina. Well done to all students who competed and represented our school so well.



Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to be part of the NYP District Athletics team.



Riley M, Kolbi, Jack, William, Johanna, Sofia and Ari



# OSHC News

OSHC students have been using great imagination over the past couple of weeks, pretending to be cats, on missions around the yard to escape bad guys, and when climbing trees. The students have been very inclusive during their play which has been fantastic to watch and be a part of.

We are fixing up our Family Heritage board in the hall, when it is complete it will look fantastic, and children will be able to link visually where they are from around the world. Could parents/caregivers please add your child/ren names in our survey book near the sign in/out sheets along with where their family originates from.

**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/Vacation Care Director

## OSHC Pupil Free Day

**Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> June and Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, will be Pupil Free Days.** 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 if your child/ren will be attending.

### OSHC BOOKING FORM – PUPIL FREE DAY – TUESDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> JUNE

Return by Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> June

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

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

### OSHC BOOKING FORM – PUPIL FREE DAY – FRIDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY

Return by Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> June

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

Children requiring OSHC \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Carlos – Year 6/7	13 <sup>th</sup> May
Farren – Year 6/7	14 <sup>th</sup> May
Addison – Rec/1 Combe	14 <sup>th</sup> May
Riley D – Year 4/5	18 <sup>th</sup> May
Aarvin – Rec/1 Hanson	21 <sup>st</sup> May
Mitchell – Year 6/7	23 <sup>rd</sup> May
Mrs Donnell	24 <sup>th</sup> May




### NEWSLETTER INSERTS/ ATTACHMENTS

1. ICAS Assessment letter (Years 2-7)

*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



**You are invited:** CESA Parent/Caregivers Workshop and Discussion Forum: Perfectionism and the Gifted Child along with an open question and answer time

**When:** 7:00pm – 8:pm on 27 May 2021

**Where:** School hall of Christ the King School, 126 Dunrobin Road in Warradale

**Presenter:** Dr Rebecca D. Napier, CESA Gifted Education Advisor

**Cost:** Free to CESA parents/caregivers

**Included:** Tea, coffee, nibbles

**Other information:** This is a COVID safe event, and appropriate spacing, hygiene supports, QRC codes, and check in sheets will be available on the night.



**Registration close on 21 May:** [CESA link](#) or <https://registrationcentre.cesa.catholic.edu.au/event-4291088>

**COPPER COAST YOUTH NETWORK** - We want to hear your voice! Please tell us what is important to young people in your community. All responses are anonymous and will be utilised to determine gaps in service delivery. Please share far and wide! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CBR8SLH>

## Disability Standards for Education

a workshop for parents and teachers

Come and hear about what rights and responsibilities parents, children and schools have in ensuring the best inclusion for young people who have disabilities.



Come and talk to us about your issues and get some advice about how to resolve problems without conflict, while looking out for the best interests of the student.

Tuesday May 18 2021  
4.00pm - 6.00pm  
Copper Coast Sports and Leisure Centre, 1 Doswell Terrace, Kadina 5554

RSVP to Carol on 0483 197 228 / [ccadd@dras.com.au](mailto:ccadd@dras.com.au)

Interpreters available: let us know ☺  
refreshments provided, please let us know of any dietary requirements.



This event is free of charge. There will be no cost to participants for assistance related to disability.

Places limited due to COVID-19. All participants must be registered.

## Speak Out, Speak Up!

3 workshops for people living with disability & their supporters

**Workshop 1:** 11am – 1pm  
Making a complaint

**Workshop 2:** 1.30pm – 3.30pm  
Disability Support Pension

**Workshop 3:** 4pm – 6pm  
Disability Standards for Education



- Please refer to each individual flyer for details about each workshop.
- Registration is **ESSENTIAL** to avoid workshop cancellation.

**When?** Tuesday 18 May, 2021  
Copper Coast Sports and Leisure Centre, 1 Doswell Terrace, Kadina 5554

RSVP to Carol on 0483 197 228 / [ccadd@dras.com.au](mailto:ccadd@dras.com.au) by Friday 14 May.

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