



St Mary MacKillop School

NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday, 26th May, 2021 (Term 2, Week 5)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of SMMS,



RECONCILIATION WEEK

Thank you to Nevayah and Izack Karpany who led us in a Welcome To Country on Monday morning at our Assembly to launch National Reconciliation Week.

Throughout this coming week, we will be learning about the Nharangga language and culture, particularly the dreaming stories of this country: Winda The Owl and Buthera's Rock. We will focus on art work, language and literacy that helps develop our awareness and understanding of local indigenous culture.

SCHOOL COUNSELLOR – WELCOME KRIS STRAUSS-SCOTT

It gives me great pleasure to let you know that we will have a School Counsellor, Kris Strauss-Scott, commencing with us this week. Kris will be employed by Centacare Catholic Family Services, Port Pirie, and contracted by us to work one day a week. Kris will work Wednesdays with us. This Wednesday will be an induction and planning day for Kris, Centacare management and myself and then Kris will commence working with students next week. Once we have had our planning meetings I will share information with parents about how counselling referrals and appointments will be managed.

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

Fri 28th Knockout Football
Week 6 SAPSASA Football and Netball

JUNE

Tue 1 Mini Macs Playgroup 9.00am
Fri 4 Year 2 Assembly 9.00am
Mon 14th PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tue 15th PUPIL FREE DAY (OSHC available)
Fri 18th Reception/1 Hanson Assembly 9.00am

JULY

Fri 2nd PUPIL FREE DAY (OSHC available)
Thu 29th 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

BEST WISHES NORA MICHELANNEY

This will be Nora's final week of placement with Lisa Hanson and the R/1 H class. Thank you for choosing our school Nora, thank you Lisa and students for your support of Nora. We wish Nora all the very best for the future.

SCHOOL MASS

We celebrated Mass on Monday for Pentecost, Feast of Our Lady Help Of Christians, 200 years of Catholic Education, and the re-opening of the Wallaroo Church (since COVID).

Thank you to Bernie Thomson, Fr Matthew, staff and students for preparations and celebration of this significant Mass.

PUPIL FREE DAYS – TERM 2

TUESDAY JUNE 15TH (WEEK 7)

FRIDAY 2ND JULY (LAST DAY OF TERM)

(OSHC will be available both days)

SAPSASA FOOTBALL

Congratulations to students who will participate in SAPSASA football in Adelaide next week:

Jack Northeast, Riley Miller, Farren Finn, Will Rogers and Mitchell Miller.

KNOCKOUT FOOTBALL

This Friday we have a team heading off to Knockout Football at Maitland.

Good luck to the team: Farren, Ayden, Mitchell, Riley M, Jack, Kolbi, Scarlett, Willaim, Riley P, Blake Wa, Hudson Wh, Charlie, Austin, Brady, Anthony, Archie, Alfie.

KISS AND DOP / PICK UP AND KISS – ZONE

Thank you everyone for your flexibility and cooperation in adjusting to the introduction of the morning Kiss and Drop and Zone.

As of next week (Monday 31st May) we will be extending this to the afternoons (2.45-3.15pm) as a Pick-up only Zone, no parking between these times.



BABY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Chelsea and Shane Donald on the arrival of a baby girl Pippa Kaye, a sister for Max and Noah. We wish you all the best for a healthy, happy future.

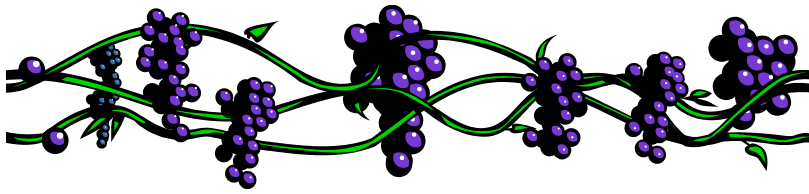
Blessings for the week ahead.

Michelle Miller

Principal

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WHOLE SCHOOL MASS

This week our whole school returned to the Parish church, Our Lady Star of the Sea, after it was closed March 2020! Our community celebrated the great Christian feast of Pentecost – the coming of the Holy Spirit -with a beautiful Mass. Reconciliation with Indigenous peoples was also a focus of the Mass, alongside celebrating 200 Years of Catholic Education in Australia. For many of our students it was a completely new experience! We did something a little different at the beginning of Mass. Symbolising the life-giving pulse of the Holy Spirit, of 200 Years of life-giving Catholic Education, pulse of our community and of Reconciliation with the First People of Australia, the Year 7 students tapped out a “living” pulse with clapping sticks to welcome everyone to our Eucharistic celebration.



FEAST OF PENTECOST

Pentecost (meaning ‘fifty’ in Greek) marks the end of the Easter Season, fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus to New Life. Pentecost is the name given to the Jewish feast of Weeks, a harvest festival. It is celebrated seven weeks, or fifty days, after the Jewish feast of Passover. Fifty days after the resurrection, Jerusalem would have been filled with visitors from all over the ancient Middle Eastern world, gathering to celebrate the Feast of Weeks – Pentecost.

It was at the time of one of these large gatherings, which also included the disciples of Jesus, that the Holy Spirit of Jesus, in the physical forms of fire and wind, symbolising strength, came to the disciples and all who had gathered. Jesus had promised the disciples that he would be with them till the end of ages, and he is, through the Holy Spirit.



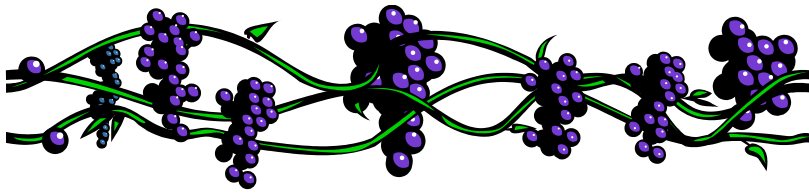
The Holy Spirit, at Pentecost, brought to the disciples, and all the people, the strength and courage to know God through the message of Jesus, to share the message of Jesus throughout the world and to do so with courage and strength. In today’s world, the movement of the Holy spirit is still welcomed into our lives, to help us to make fair and just decisions for the good of all, to courageously share the message of Jesus and to know God and to make this world a better place. It was at this coming of the Holy Spirit that the followers of Jesus became a purposeful, connected group – which we know today as the world-wide Christian Church. Pentecost marks the birth of the Church.



Pope Francis shares some simple understandings about Pentecost in his book, ***Walking with Jesus***. *After the death of Jesus, no one expected any more from the disciples. They were now just a small insignificant group who had lost their leader and Master. An unexpected event occurred while they all gathered in cowardice and fear of the Jews (who had cooperated with the Romans to execute Jesus). Suddenly they were all filled with the courage of the Holy Spirit which came to them in the symbolic form of a big wind and flames. People were astonished because each of them could hear the disciples talking in their own language as they told of the great works of God. The Church born at Pentecost is an astounding community because a new message is proclaimed - the resurrection of Jesus Christ - and in a new language – the language of love. The disciples were now able to speak with courage and confidence as the life of the Holy Spirit of Jesus flowed through them.*

CELEBRATING THE LEGACY - 200 YEARS CATHOLIC EDUCATION

The first Catholic school in Australia was founded in October 1820 by Irish Catholic priest Fr John Therry and run by convict and lay person George Marley. The school, which Catholic historians believe was in Hunter Street, Parramatta, taught 31 students. By 1833, there were 10 Catholic schools in the colony. Only 49 years later, our school was founded in 1869 by St Mary MacKillop. Over 200 years, outside of government schools, Catholic schools have grown to become the largest provider of schooling in Australia with one in five school age students attending a Catholic school.



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JOURNEY OF HEALING- NATIONAL SORRY DAY

National Sorry Day is observed every 26 May, today, to commemorate the 1997 'Bringing Them Home' report. It was tabled in Federal Parliament, two years after a national inquiry into the forced removal of Indigenous children was ordered. This is a time to remember, acknowledge and pay tribute to the members of the Stolen Generations.



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2021 27TH MAY-3RD JUNE



The focus of National Reconciliation Week 2021, *More than a word: Reconciliation takes action*, inspires us as individuals, a community, a nation, towards a more courageous and impactful intention and action. For us as a Catholic school, we embrace a deep, spiritual drive towards reconciliation with our Indigenous sisters and brothers as well as with each other. We open our hearts and our minds to the movement and wisdom of the Holy Spirit within us so that we can be agents of change, of justice, of understanding the needs of others and standing up for right, courage, reconciliation.

National Reconciliation Week has already begun in the St Mary MacKillop School community which is endeavouring to build a culture of knowledge and connection with the Nharangga people of Yorke Peninsula, *Guuranda*, their traditional country. As is explained in the Nharangga Cultural Language Resource Book, "the word Narungga is the old pre-renewal- of- language spelling that was in use when the Narungga Aboriginal Progress Association was set up and incorporated. Nharangga is the correct spelling of the word in language and should always be used when referring to the people, language, Country or culture."



We are building a connection with local linguist and passionate specialist in the Nharangga language and culture, Tania Wanganeen who is very keen to work with our school community. We also have an authentic and valued connection with the Narungga Aboriginal Progress Association. Winda the Owl and Badhara's Rock are the two Nharangga Dreaming Stories with which our students will engage.

Last Monday morning a Welcome to Country was proclaimed by Nharangga family, Nevayah and Izack Karpany

Bernie Thomson

APRIM and Pastoral Care Support

Assembly Award Winners

Congratulations to the students who were recipients of the School Value Award. The award includes RESPECT, TEAM WORK, TRUST, COURAGE and COMMITMENT.



Kernewek Lowender

DRESSING OF THE GRAVES

A very warm and sunny day greeted the St MacKillop Singers as they arrived at the Wallaroo Cemetery to participate in the Dressing of Graves for the Kernewek Lowender 2021 last week, 18th May. They had already created the floral tributes the previous day, ready to be placed on the graves of past citizens of Wallaroo whose contributions to the life of the community were being honoured.

They began the community participation in the event by singing **"The Song Australia"**, the original Australian National Anthem from many years ago. We followed the order of honour, visiting each designated grave with great respect. During a break, the St Mary MacKillop Singers presented a lovely rendition of **"Footprints in the Sand at Wallaroo"**, written by local composer and singer Graham Clarke.

Although it was a long, hot afternoon, and we walked a long way, the Singers presented themselves with great dignity and beautiful voice! Congratulations Singers! Thank you to all the parents who accompanied us on this afternoon of journey and song! Your presence was most appreciated.



Kernewek Lowender

MAYPOLE & FURRY DANCE

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Maypole and Furry Dances at Moonta and Wallaroo on Friday and Saturday. Thank you to all of the school community that came and supported the students. Special thank you to Mrs Tully for teaching the students the dances.



OSHC News

Vacation Care programme for the July school holidays is included with today's 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. It is recommended to book for the days that you require as soon as possible as we do book out quickly.

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, 15th June and Friday, 2nd 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, 15th JUNE

Return by Tuesday, 1st June

Family Name: _____

Signed: _____

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

OSHC BOOKING FORM – PUPIL FREE DAY – FRIDAY, 2nd JULY

Return by Friday, 18th June

Family Name: _____

Signed: _____

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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| Mrs Prabhasha | 26 th May |
| Blake – Year 5/6 | 27 th May |
| Mrs Richardson | 2 nd June |
| Lilly – Year 6/7 | 8 th June |
| Triss – Rec/1 Hanson | 8 th June |



NEWSLETTER INSERTS/ ATTACHMENTS

1. Vacation Care programme and booking sheet
2. Year 2 & 2/3 excursion note

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



MyTime

*supporting parents of
children with disabilities*

Have you heard about MyTime?

MyTime provides support for mothers, fathers, grandparents and anyone caring for a child with a disability or chronic medical condition.

It's a place for you to unwind and talk about your experiences. It's a world away from appointments and therapy. It's a FREE service, just for you.

Come along and join others in similar circumstances to socialise over a cuppa in a relaxed setting, while your child and their siblings (under school age) are engaged in activities with a Play Helper.

What are you waiting for? Come along to the Copper Coast MyTime Group!

We meet in Kadina on Thursday mornings, during school terms.

For more information or to join our friendly group, please call or text Georgina on
0466 427 633 or email mytimekadina@gmail.com

"MyTime is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services, and nationally coordinated by the Parenting Research Centre."



MORE FUN THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE!

MyGolf is Australia's introductory golf program for 5 to 12 year olds.

The program runs over 6-10 weeks and introduces kids to golf in a safe and friendly environment.

Participants learn new skills, make new friends and most importantly, HAVE FUN!

REGISTER NOW AT
MYGOLF.ORG.AU

Walleroo Golf Club
Junior 'My Golf' program
Come and Try session
Sunday 30th May 10am - 11am
Walleroo Golf Course
Corrish Terrace, Wallaroo
Please contact Nathan on 0439470275
for further information
To register please follow the link

<https://www.golf.org.au/mygolf/facility/Walleroo+Golf+Club>

