



St Mary MacKillop School

NEWSLETTER

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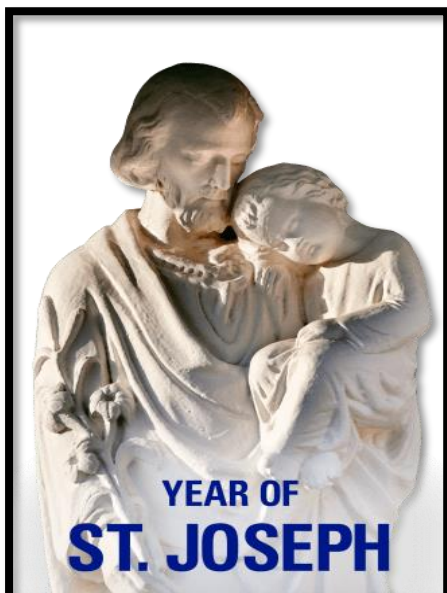
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Wednesday, 23rd June, 2021 (Term 2, Week 9)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of SMMS,



We continue to celebrate the Year of St Joseph.

In celebration of the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St. Joseph."

It is a wonderful opportunity to increase our knowledge and love for St. Joseph, to ask for St Joseph's intercession in our prayers and to imitate his virtues and his love of God and family."

Mary MacKillop was devoted to St Joseph as his qualities appealed to her. He was strong yet gentle, a wonderful father to Jesus, devoted to his family and faithful in his love of God. In one of her writings St Mary MacKillop prayed that the grace of St Joseph be showered upon her sisters and we pray for this today, that the special qualities of St Joseph inspire us to be the best we can possibly be.

St Mary MacKillop 24.2.1900

"May St Joseph shower many special graces upon each and every one of you."

IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE

Thu 24th Subway lunch orders due at school
Term 3 Reception students transition visit
Fri 25th R/1 Hanson Assembly 9.00am
Mon 28th Pyjama Day for Vinnies Winter Appeal

JULY

Thu 1st Term 3 Reception students transition visit
Subway Lunches
Term 2 concludes 3.00pm
Fri 2nd PUPIL FREE DAY (OSHC available)
Mon 5th – Fri 9th Vacation Care
Mon 12th – Fri 16th Vacation Care
Mon 19th Term 3 commences
Wed 21st Progress Reports sent home
Fri 23rd School photo envelopes due at school
Thu 29th School Photos

AUGUST

Sat 14th P & F Quiz Night

Parish Weekend Mass Times

Star of the Sea, Wallaroo
Thursday 9.30am
Saturday 6.00pm

St. Francis of Assisi, Moonta
Sunday 8.30am

Sacred Heart, Kadina
Saturday 8.30am
Sunday 10.00am

RAISING HEARTS AND MINDS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

STAFFING

This week Tayla Pearce has joined our OSHC staff casual pool. Tayla is getting to know our students, staff and routines. Welcome Tayla.

THANK YOU RIELEY, CLARE AND LYNNE

Rieley Chilton has been volunteering at our school one day a week for the past two terms as well as for some time last year. Rieley will have his last volunteer day with us next week.

Lynne Nelson and Clare Owen either have or will complete their ESO placement with us this term. Thank you Lynne and Clare for choosing to do your placement here, we hope you have enjoyed the experience and learnt a lot along the way.

Thank you for all you have done for us Rieley, Clare and Lynne.

BENJI'S PYJAMA DAY FOR VINNIES

A couple of week's ago Benji asked if it would be possible to have a 'pyjama day' to raise money for the poor people. Thank you Benji for your lovely suggestion and this is going to fit in beautifully with launching our annual Vinnie's Winter Appeal.

PYJAMA DAY FOR VINNIE'S WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 28TH JUNE.

Students may wear their PJs to school and bring a donation along for our Vinnie's Winter Appeal.

Donations may be:

Gold coin

Pyjamas

Slippers, ugg boots

Warm clothing

Scarf, beanie, socks

Blanket

Anything that will help keep someone less fortunate warm this winter.

Students are asked to keep with the intention of the day and wear pyjamas.

If students do not wish to wear their pyjamas they wear their formal uniform as they usually would. This is not a 'casual day' it is 'pyjama day'.

KISS AND GO ZONE

I continue to ask for your assistance and support with the Kiss and Go Zone. Thank you.

Please assist with the following:

- Pull in right to the front of the bay to allow as many vehicles as possible in behind you.
- Stay with your vehicle
- Keep your park to 2 minutes or less – if you cannot adhere to this find somewhere to park outside of the zone
- Students are to walk and wait along the fence line well away from vehicles

R/1H ASSEMBLY

Lisa Hanson's R/1 class will present their Assembly this Friday morning starting at 9.00am. The parents of students in R/1H are invited to attend and stay on for a light morning tea afterwards.

SOCCER TEAMS – WELL DONE

Well done to our girl's and boy's soccer teams who competed at Virginia on Friday, 18th June. The soccer teams played well on Friday, with the boys winning 2-1 and the girls going down unfortunately BUT having a good time.

Thanks to Lisa Caffyn for organising; to Hannah and Paul (assisting with practices); Hannah, Paul, Bernie and Jamie Costello for accompanying the teams.

Another great opportunity offered for our students.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

REPORTS

Our teachers have been working extremely hard over the course of the last weeks to prepare and complete the Progress Reports for our students. These will be sent home to parents on Wednesday 21st July (Week 1 next term).

2022 ENROLMENTS

I am currently conducting a number of enrolment interviews for prospective families, and I would encourage you to let friends know that now is the time to think about enrolling their child at school for the 2022 school year.

WHITE OUT – LIQUID PAPER

I ask that students do not bring liquid correction fluid (white-out or liquid paper) to school as unfortunately there have been situations where this has been mis-used. Senior students may use correction tape and only if this continues to be used correctly. I ask for your support with this from home. Thank you.

VOLUNTEER AFTERNOON TEA

Thank you to Emily Donnell for all of her planning, organisation and cooking towards our beautiful afternoon tea for volunteers. It was a very fitting celebration of them and all they do for our school.

Thank you to Paula, Heather and Francesca who helped out on the day too.

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who were able to attend, we enjoyed being able to spoil you.



REMINDER:
PUPIL-FREE DAY FRIDAY 2ND JULY – LAST DAY OF TERM

POSITIONS VACANT

Positions vacant are being advertised for the following for Term 3 and 4 of this year:

- Year 6/7 teacher (either full-time or part-time)
- Year 2-7 STEM teacher (one day, preferable Wednesday but negotiable)

Please pass this on to any suitable applicants you may know to apply. Please ask them to contact me for more information if required.

FINAL NEWSLETTER - HAPPY HOLIDAYS

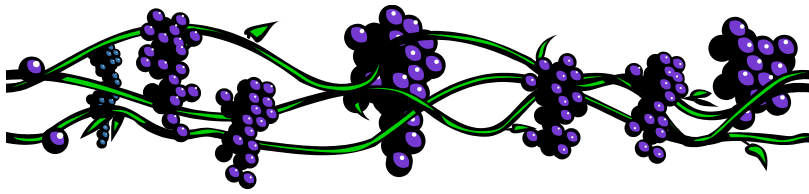
As this will be our final Newsletter for the term, I would like to wish all families a very safe and enjoyable holiday period. Another extremely busy term means that a rest and a recharge of batteries is well and truly required. Next term promises to be another bumper term with of course the 2021 Dance Concert (Thursday and Friday of Week 9), our major highlight.

Blessings for the week ahead.

Michelle Miller

Principal

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The Vine

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING PRINCIPLES TERM 2 and TERM 3

As we move to the finish this very busy Term 2, there is a whole school community focus on Social Justice in the world that God desires. Catholic Social Teaching Principles urge just action based in the teachings and ministry of Jesus. CST can inspire our living, our relationships, our work and our global awareness and action of social justice. Some of the principles we are taking action on include positively maintaining **Dignity of the Human Person**, standing in strong relationship with others for the **Common Good**, and making sure that we share our resources with those in need through the **Preferential Option for the Poor**.



This week we are acknowledge **World Refugee Week** by raising awareness that the issue of being a refugee continues to impact upon global fairness of and quality of life many people in this world suffering the effects of war and alienation. Catholic Social Teaching on People Seeking Asylum and Refugees states the belief that every person is precious, that people are more important than things. Refugees should be treated on the same level as citizens of the hosting country, or at least on the same level as other resident foreigners.

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

The annual local Social Justice action for the St Mary MacKillop School community is now in progress. Until Week 2 of Term 3, our school community will be supporting the local Vinnies group as they run the 2021 Vinnies Winter / Blanket Appeal. Vinnies require warm blankets, warm and good quality clothes or monetary donations to support the many local families are going through tough times. We thank you in advance for your considered generosity to those in need. All donations will be presented to Vinnies at our Mass celebrating the feast of St Mary MacKillop early in Term 3.



NAIDOC WEEK - SUNDAY, 4TH JULY-SUNDAY, 11TH JULY *Heal Country! Heal the Nation!*



Even though NAIDOC Week takes place during the holidays, our community still acknowledges our connection to our brothers and sisters of the local Nharangga Country.

NAIDOC 2021 invites the nation to embrace First Nations' cultural knowledge and understanding of Country as part of Australia's national heritage and equally respect the culture and values of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders as they do the cultures and values of all Australians.

.... Country is more than a place and inherent to the identity of First Nations People.

... Country is spoken about like a person, sustaining lives in every aspect - spiritually, physically, emotionally, socially, and culturally.

NAIDOC 2021 is an opportunity for all Australians to come together to celebrate the rich history, diverse cultures and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the oldest continuing cultures on the planet.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS (Next Week!)

We are most grateful for the family relationships, interactions, support and contributions to our busy Term 2! Thank you all! May all families enjoy the hospitality of a restful but re-energising holiday time. May your family holiday time be blessed with God's love and grace!

Bernie Thomson

APRIM and Pastoral Care Support

Defibrillator

Visitors to the front office will notice there is now a defibrillator located adjacent to Mrs Thomson's office. It is mounted in an alarmed cabinet on the wall and well signed.

All staff have recently been trained in the use of a defibrillator and the one in the front office is able to be used for children and adults.

We hope that our defibrillator never needs to be used; however, we also want you to know that in the case of an emergency we now have this device available in our school.



School Photos – Thursday, 29th July

Our annual school photo day is scheduled on Thursday, 29th July. Included with the Newsletter are the named student envelopes. Each student is to return an envelope, even if the payment is enclosed in a sibling's envelope. If you would like your children to have a family photo, family envelopes are available. Please collect an envelope from the office or phone for an envelope to be sent home with your child. If your children are having a family photo, please be at school by 8.25am, as the family photos are scheduled for 8.30am. **Please return all envelopes to the office by Friday, 23rd July**

CORRECT SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM IS TO BE WORN PLEASE: SHORT SLEEVE STRIPED POLO, NAVY GABARDINE SHORTS AND NAVY SOCKS WITH BLACK SCHOOL SHOES. NO PE UNIFORM OR SANDSHOES.



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



SUBWAY LUNCHES – THURSDAY 1ST JULY (last day of Term 2)

Orders are to be returned to the front office no later than tomorrow, Thursday 24th June.

The **St Mary MacKillop School** Parents & Friends
Proudly present a **fun** fundraiser

QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY, 14 AUGUST, 2021

Wallaroo Community Sports Club, Cornish Terrace, Wallaroo

Doors open at **6:30PM** ● Quiz starts at **7:00PM**

\$15 per person / Tables of up to 10 people

- BYO Supper
- Drinks available from the bar
- Novelty Games
- Lucky Door Prize

Phone 8823 2549 or email info@stmm.catholic.edu.au
by Friday, 6 August to book a table.



**St Mary MacKillop School,
Wallaroo**

Library News

PREMIER'S READING Challenge

The Premiers Reading Challenge is well underway with many of our students already completing the challenge! If your child needs help to complete the reading challenge and / or they are having trouble selecting eligible books from the library I am happy to help or you can see your class teacher.

The challenge is to read 12 books in total. This year I have used a Minecraft based theme of "Reading Crafts your Mind". As an extra incentive to complete the challenge once Students have finished and handed in their Reading Record Sheet to their teacher they can then create their own PRC Diamond Sword.

The Premiers Reading Challenge finishes 7th September.



WATCH THIS SPACE – BOOK WEEK - 21st – 27th AUGUST – TERM 3- WEEK 6



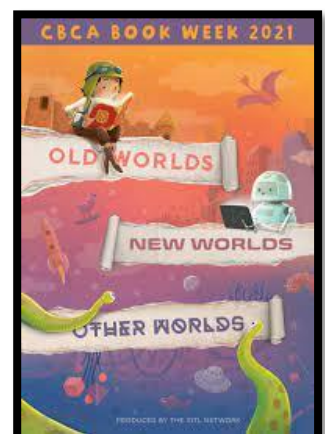
The theme this year is 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds'.

We will be holding our annual "**dress up**" day which will involve students coming dressed as a 'Character' from a "World" of their choice! Ideas and interpretations of characters are unlimited, including but not limited to Snow White, Narnia, Zac Power, Harry Potter.....

This will take place on Wednesday, 25th August, during Book Week.

More details to come!!

Sharon Steer
Library Technician



Year 6/7 Excursion

We met at school at 7.00am then waited for everyone to arrive. When we were ready to go, we drove to Kadina and picked up the Kadina kids. Then we left to go to Adelaide. We got to Adelaide at about 10.00am and parked the cars and went on a public bus to Parliament House. When we got to Parliament house we met Fraser Ellis and we started the tour. Fraser took us to the Old Parliament House, the House of Assembly and the Legislative Council, we went to the library and the members lounge that had pictures of all the members of parliament for South Australia.

At the Aboriginal Art Gallery we looked at all of the different pictures and we had to choose one of the pieces of art and write what colours and shapes it included. Then we were invited to watch some art being painted. After that we finished the activity and said thank you to the women that worked there and we started walking to the Central Market.

At the Central Market we had lunch. After lunch we split into four groups, we had to walk around the stalls and record information about the way that the stalls looked and the ways that they got customers to come and buy their products. While we were looking around at the stalls, we were allowed to buy some of the products if we wanted to. The majority of us bought lollies and chocolates but some of us bought other things like dried fruit and Turkish Delight. After we had finished the task and spent our money, we walked to the school vehicles and then we started driving back to school.

We got to school at about 5.30pm and it was raining and cold. We collected our bags and thanked Mr Costello and Mr Miers for volunteering their time to take us then we went home. We all had a great time.

Lilly, Stella, Charli & Sofia

Year 6/7



Year 6/7 Excursion



Knockout Soccer

GIRLS

On Friday of Week 7, girls from Years 5, 6 and 7 competed in a Knockout Soccer competition against Virginia. The oval was in nice condition and we played a great game. We worked very hard but sadly we lost to Virginia. The umpire was helpful. It was a great day but the road works slowed us down on the way home. We made great memories.

Scarlett & Mia

Year 6/7



BOYS

On Friday of Week 7, the boys Knockout Soccer team went to Virginia to play Virginia School in a Knockout Soccer game. We all played really well and gave it a really good go. We came out on top winning 2-1. It was an awesome day and everyone enjoyed it.

Virginia kicked the first goal and then they hardly touched the ball and we kicked our first goal. It was half time and it was 1-1. We were all over them and then we got a penalty and we took the kick and got it in. Then the umpire had a timer and it went off and we won. It was wet and there was lots of mud but everyone had fun.

Jack & Mitchell

Year 6/7

Donations for Little Claws Rescue Cats



I have chosen Rescue Cats as my topic for my Passion Project.

As part of my presentation to the class I have asked for donations to the Little Claws Rescue Shop located in the Main Street of Wallaroo.

Little Claws Rescue accept many offers of help including kitty litter, dry food, cat collars or toys, old towels and blankets and cleaning products.

If you are willing to help, please bring any donations to school and place in the labelled trolley located outside the Year 6/7 classroom.

If you prefer, cash donations can also be made. These can be handed to Mrs Westlake at the front office in a sealed envelope addressed to Little Claws Rescue.

Our class plans to visit the Little Claws Rescue shop this Friday to hand over our donations.

Thank you for your help.

Brodie Steer Year 6/7

SAPSASA Cross Country

Congratulations to Anthony, Mileah, Jasmine, Austin, Mitchell, Kolbi, Jack and William who were selected to represent NYP at SAPSASA Cross Country. Students travelled to Oakbank on Thursday, 10th June to compete in very cold conditions. Well done to you all for putting in your best effort.



OSHC News

VACATION CARE

Please return the excursion permission forms as soon as possible so we can avoid chasing them on the day.

If you no longer need care for your child/ren on a day they are booked in, 24 hours notice is required, otherwise you will be charged for the day.

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Lucas – Rec/1 Hanson	23 rd June
Lucy – Rec/1 Hanson	25 th June
Trae – Year 2	26 th June
Cody – Rec/1 McCann	29 th June
Mia – Year 5/6	1 st July
Maddison Benn – OSHC	6 th July
Riley M – Year 6/7	6 th July
Olive – Rec/1 Hanson	6 th July
Cruz – Year 2/3	8 th July
Ajay – Rec/1 Hanson	8 th July
Felicity Schulz – Playgroup	16 th July
Mrs Ryan – Year 4/5	17 th July
Jack – Year 2	19 th July
Liam – Rec/1 Combe	19 th July
Jordan – Year 4/5	20 th July



NEWSLETTER INSERTS/ ATTACHMENTS

1. School photo envelopes

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

The services and events contained in Community News are in no way connected with the school and are included in this newsletter for your information only. Parents and caregivers need to make their own enquiries and assessments about the suitability of these events and services for their needs and those of their children. Notices will be placed if time and space permits.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TIMETABLE



MONDAY 5/7	TUESDAY 6/7	WEDNESDAY 7/7	THURSDAY 8/7	FRIDAY 9/7
Kinderfun 10-11am (Ages 0-5) Indoor Nerf Gun War 12-1pm (Ages 6-10) Bring your own Nerf gun and foam bullets. We have the stadium set up with obstacles. Parents must stay on premises or participate with children.	Swim and Play 10:30-11:30am (Under 5's) Swim and Play 11:30-12:30pm (All ages)	Swim and Play 12-1pm (All ages)	Teen Gym with Michelle 3:30-4:30pm (Ages 12-16)	Swim and Play 2:15-3pm (All ages)

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.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TIMETABLE



MONDAY 12/7	TUESDAY 13/7	WEDNESDAY 14/7	THURSDAY 15/7	FRIDAY 16/7
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