



St Mary MacKillop School

NEWSLETTER

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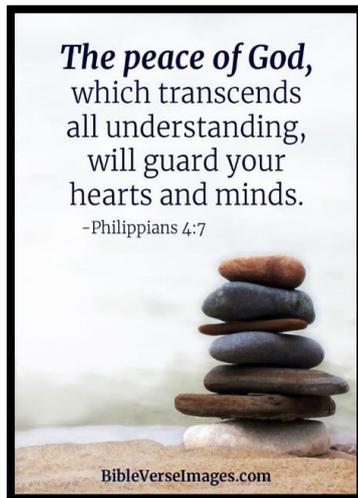
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Thursday, 22nd July, 2021 (Term 3, Week 1)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of SMMS,



*With thanks for our holiday break,
we begin our new term.
Best wishes everyone for the term ahead.*

**May you know the presence and peace of God,
and may you be the presence of God for others,
throughout this coming term.**

I had only just welcomed everyone back on Monday morning for the start of Term 3 and then all of a sudden on Tuesday we were in the throes of packing up for students to head home for a few days again. I hope that those of you who are at home learning are going well with it.

Here at school, we had 15 students attend yesterday and 18 are with us today. We have reduced staffing with 3 or 4 teachers plus myself here with students; Karen, Julia and Emily working in Administration; Michael and Paul driving our bus and Cloe working in OSHC.

IMPORTANT DATES

JULY

Sun 25th Feast of St James
Mon 26th Feast of St Joachim & St Anne
Thu 29th School Photos
Fri 30th Schools Tree Day
Sat 31st Feast of St Ignatius

AUGUST

Tue 3rd Year 2 excursion to Kadina
P & F meeting 7pm
Fri 6th 6 & 7 excursion to Seven Hill
Sun 8th Feast of St Mary MacKillop
Open Day 12noon-3pm
Week 4 SAPSASA Hockey & Soccer
Mon 9th School Mass 10am
Sat 14th P & F Quiz Night

No Masses this weekend

24th/25th July

RAISING HEARTS AND MINDS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

While we have reduced student numbers, students who do attend school will not be taught in their own classes by their own teachers, they will be grouped together, taught and supervised by the teachers on site, using their learning packs (prepared by class teachers) and engaging in other activities planned by the teachers here.

I am very thankful to all teachers and ESOs for the way they quickly yet calmly sprung into action to prepare for the learning at home in every way they could, and continue to be available by phone, email, Seesaw to assist students with their learning and keeping in touch with them.

Our focus is on the students and their learning and teachers will continue to be available during school hours to assist and provide learning for students.

I think we can learn a lot from our children in their resilience and the way they have coped with going into sudden lockdown. They have remained positive, hopeful and grateful. The children here at school have prayed for their family and friends, that everyone will keep safe and well. They have given thanks for all of the good things in their lives: their pets, Mum, Dad, the people around them, their homes. They have prayed for everyone to have a good day and we have!

Thank you to all of you, parents, carers and friends of St Mary MacKillop School for your questions, clarifications, follow up, ensuring good communication and working with us to ensure your children's learning continues as best as possible. It is in these times that the strengths of our community are highlighted: care for each other, understanding, respect for others, hopefulness.

HOLIDAY - THANK YOU

During the holidays we continued to have many things happening, a big thank you to all staff and contractors who continued to work during the holidays and keep our school humming:

- Our OSHC staff and helpers
- Julia and Karen, in and out at various times and coordinating various contractors
- Bus drivers for OSHC bus excursions, cleaning and servicing to ensure our buses are ready to go
- Grounds (Paul and Ron) for keeping grounds nice and tidy, mowing, chooks fed and bins emptied
- Staff setting up classrooms, planning and programming here and at home
- Cleaning staff: Richard and Kate for OSHC cleaning
- Carpets and windows were cleaned, air-conditioners were serviced and our whole school had a lovely big clean

Thank you everyone!

BABY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Renee Hancocks and Dylan Mansell on the birth of Archie (late last term). Archie is a baby brother for Leo Fields (Year 2 in Jane/Agatka's class).

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

To Joshua, Chloe, Lilly, Annabel and Carter Clark on the passing of Joshua's brother, uncle of Lilly and Annabel.
To Peter and Bethany King on the sudden passing of Margaret. Margaret is grandma and Mum to Bethany.

Please keep these families in your prayers for God's care and blessing in times of happiness and sorrow.

STUDENTS TERM 3

Welcome to:

Dishita (Dishi) Sagiraju and her Mum - Thriveni and Dad - Raj; Dishi is joining Charlotte McCann's R/1 class in the Reception mid-year intake. Welcome Dishi!

Mathilda Turrell who has returned and joined Lisa Caffyn's Year 6/7 class. Welcome back Mathilda!

Farewell to:

Stella Russack who has left us. We wish Stella all the very best for her transition to her new school.

STAFFING TERM 3

We welcome Gary Whitford back this term. Gary will be working Tuesdays and Thursdays in the morning on our IT. Gary enjoyed Term 2 away on Long Service Leave.

We welcome Amie Price who will be teaching Year 2-7 specialist subjects (Year 2-6 science and 6/7 to be negotiated) for Term 3 and 4. Amie will be teaching on Wednesdays. It is lovely to welcome you back Amie.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Annette Morphett's time with us has increased to four days per week (Monday - Thursday) as of this term. This enables Annette to keep her two days of adaptive/intervention education with R-2 students and devote two days more fully to her role as Leader of Learning. Thank you Annette.

6/7 CLASS AND PE

Thank you to Lisa Caffyn who is continuing to teach the 6/7 class, PE lessons to all eight classes and also coordinate all school sports.

Lisa is teaching the 6/7 class Monday – Thursday until lunch time and on Fridays until 12.15pm. In the afternoons Lisa is released to teach PE lessons and coordinate school sport. Bernie Thomson and myself teach the 6/7 class in the afternoons.

This has required a change of day for some class PE lessons and class teachers will have notified parents if a change of day is required for wearing sport uniform.

CONGRATULATIONS FR MATTHEW

On Thursday, 8th July, Fr Matthew celebrated 13 years of ordination in the priesthood. Congratulations and God's blessings Fr Matthew.

7-9 BUILDING

The building project has been going extremely well, despite this current lockdown. The expected completion of Friday, 23rd July, will be changed now, however we are still not far away at all from completion and handover. Once works are completed there will be inspections and handover, I am still hopeful that this might be by 6th August.

Once the building is finished, we will be expecting delivery of furniture and equipment over the coming weeks.

I look forward to being able to welcome you all for a tour!

OPEN DAY – CELEBRATING CATHOLIC EDUCATION OPEN WEEK

An Open Day is planned to coincide with the Feast of St Mary MacKillop, the launch of Catholic Education Open Week and the 7-9 building being open for visitors.

Sunday, 8th August, between 12noon and 3.00pm (sausage sizzle available) our school will be open for existing families and visitors to come along and have a look through. This is to be promoted to the wider community as well as a celebration for our existing families.

St Mary MacKillop School Open Day
Sunday 8th August 12noon-3.00pm

Come along and visit our school
Visit our brand new 7-9 learning facility
Free sausage sizzle
All welcome!

TEACHING POSITION AVAILABLE

We are seeking a dynamic teacher for the middle years. A teacher who will take the Year 6/7 class into the new Middle Years of secondary school in our new facility. The teacher will commence with us as soon as possible this year and move through with the students into Year 7 and 8 in 2022 and Years 7, 8 and 9 beyond.

Strengths in working with students in the middle years on Tech (woodwork, digital, robotics), Home Economics, The Arts (Music, Drama, Media), Science, English, Maths, Religious Education will be an advantage.

For further details please contact Michelle Miller by email michelle.miller@stmm.catholic.edu.au or phone 0428 538 436

FEAST OF ST JAMES – SUNDAY 25TH JULY

St James was one of Jesus' special friends, he was a disciple called by Jesus. James was a fisherman and he and his brother Simon left their work to follow Jesus. He was known as St James The Great. James did a lot of his travelling and missionary work in Spain and he is the Patron Saint of Spain.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

FEAST OF ST JOACHIM AND ST ANNE – MONDAY 26TH JULY

Joachim and Anne are the parents of Mary and therefore the grandparents of Jesus. They are the patron saints of grandparents.

FEAST OF ST IGNATIUS – SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST

St Ignatius founded the Society of Jesus or as we know, the Jesuits. Ignatius wants us to find God in all things, he teaches about finding and knowing God in our everyday world.

SOCIAL JUSTICE OUTREACH

We continue our Vinnie's Winter Appeal until Friday 30th August (end of Week 2). We have had an amazing number of donations so far and look forward to handing this over to Vinnie's. Thank you for your donations.

COVID UPDATES

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

It is clear that some families may suffer economic hardship as the result of the lockdown and the aftermath of any restrictions that have come as a result of the current situation.

Please do not hesitate to contact Michelle or Julia at any time to discuss financial options or fee remissions.

We want to assist families in any way possible at this time and into the coming days and do not want any further financial burden on families already affected financially by the lockdown or ongoing situation.

MESSAGE FROM CESA DIRECTOR DR NEIL MCGORAN

Neil McGoran has recorded a video message for families, to reassure you of our commitment through this time. I encourage you all to view the video:

The video can be found on the CESA alerts page: <https://www.cesa.catholic.edu.au/news/alerts>.

There are regular posts to Catholic Education SA Facebook page as well, I encourage you to visit the page:

CESA Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicEducationSA/>. Neil's video for families can be shared from here also.

Blessings for the week ahead.

Michelle Miller

Principal

michelle.miller@stmm.catholic.edu.au

School Photos – Thursday, 29th July

At this stage, our photo day is next Thursday, 29th July. Student envelopes were sent home last term. 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.

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.

Students may bring pants to school in their bag to change into once their photo has been taken.

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

QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY, 14 AUGUST, 2021

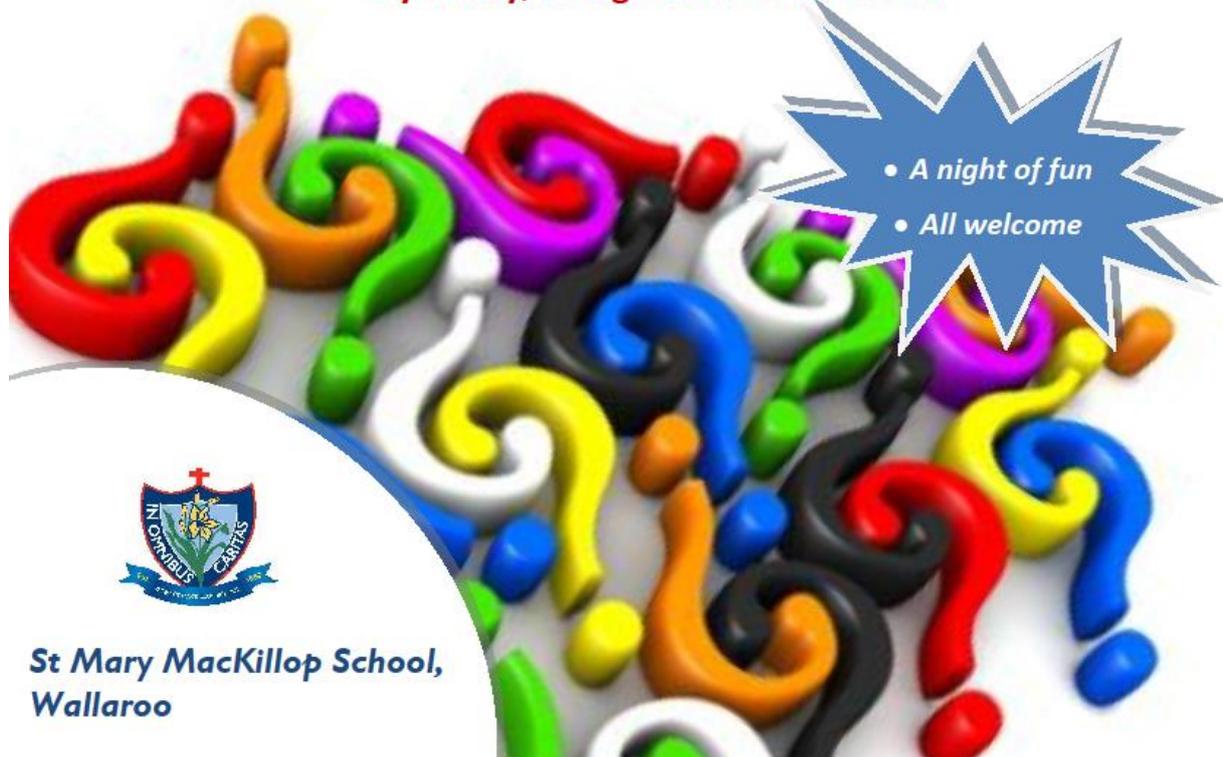
Wallaroo Community Sports Club, Cornish Terrace, Wallaroo

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

General Capabilities and Reporting

Welcome to Term 3. This week your child's report is going home and on the last page, there is a section devoted to the ACARA General Capabilities. Reception to Year 2 have a tick box format and Year 3 to 7 includes a student reflective comment on all 3 capabilities. Below are the three General Capabilities included in your Semester 1 report:

- Personal & Social Capability
- Critical & Creative Thinking Capability
- Information & Communication Technology Capability



These highly valued skills are what future employers will be looking for when your child is entering the work force. Capabilities such as:

Personal & Social: an ability to; prioritise, set goals to improve performance, develop positive relationships, work cooperatively, become confident, resilient and adaptable, use your initiative, work independently and be a strong, reliable leader.

Critical & Creative: an ability to; critically pose questions and learn about the world, imagine and generate new possibilities, reflect and evaluate and apply logic and reasoning.

Information & Communication Technology: an ability to; manage and maintain digital data, apply digital security practices, use ICT's to locate and generate data and use ICT's creatively.

This semester (Term 3 & 4), we will be reporting on an additional capability on the last page. It will include the 'Spiritually Aware & Inspired by Faith' Capability taken from the Living, Learning & Leading Catholic Education Framework.

Spiritually Aware and Inspired by Faith Capability involves students reflecting on the spiritual dimension of their lives, valuing prayer, seeking the truth, reflecting on their religious faith, contributing to a more fair and just world and responding to an invitation to a relationship with God.



The General Capabilities permeate across everything that we do and teach here at Saint Mary MacKillop School. Here are some examples of students using their General Capabilities;

Critical & Creative General Capability



General Capabilities and Reporting



Personal & Social General Capability



General Capabilities and Reporting

Information & Communication Technology General Capability



7-9 Building Photos



OSHC News

VACATION CARE

Vacation Care during July can always be challenging as the weather is so unpredictable. However, we were very lucky with our program that we were able to do all our activities with minor interruptions.

Children thoroughly enjoyed bursts of energy Tuesday with new obstacles added to the playground. Our excursions were loads of fun, during the first week we went to inflatable world where the children were enjoying the inflatable jumpy equipment with races, chasey and creating their own fun. In the second week we traveled to Blyth to the Breakout Room which was in the old Hospital. The children showed great communication and team work to escape the rooms before the time was up.

We have started to use our new App called Early Works. Within the next couple of weeks, you will receive an email to be able to login and see our oshc programming and your child's observations and photos we take. If you have not filled out a permission form for Early Works, please see Lisa to get one.

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



Maggie – Rec/1 Hanson	23 rd July
Curtis – Rec/1 Hanson	27 th July
Charlotte – Year 5/6	31 st July
Kye – Year 2	2 nd August
Mrs Northeast	3 rd August
Mr Dennis	3 rd August



NEWSLETTER INSERTS/ ATTACHMENTS

1. Nil

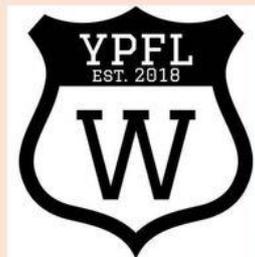
If you have not received any of the above hand-outs, please write a note in your child's diary for a copy to be sent home.

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.



Aussie Hoops provides boys and girls aged between 5-9, with a fun and safe Basketball experience that serves as an introduction to a lifetime of involvement in the game. A schedule of an 8 week term will commence Tuesday 3 Aug 2021 between 5pm-6pm at the CCSLC. For information, costs and the rego link, please contact Shaun Mercer on 0428 214 900 or shaunmerc@internode.on.net



Girls Football Come and Try Day

Maitland Oval

Sunday 15th August 12pm -2pm

Ages 8-17 Welcome

- Skill drills and matches
- Meet SANFLW players
- Football goodies and giveaways



Community News



150
years



Caritas
COLLEGE

Old Scholar and Staff Reunion

RSVP BY 30 JULY

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

SATURDAY 7 AUGUST
11AM to 3PM

Caritas College
Woodforde Street
Staff Room

*Tour of the College, BBQ lunch and bar facilities
available*

Gala Dinner

RSVP BY 30 JULY

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

SATURDAY 7 AUGUST
6PM TO MIDNIGHT

Central Oval Community Sporting Hub
10 Augusta Terrace
Upstairs Function Room

*Join us for a 3 course meal, live entertainment and
guest speakers*

JOIN CHEER IN KADINA

The Marvels Cheerleading Team in Kadina have positions open for new athletes. Tumbling experience required. Front & Back Handsprings preferred. Ages 13+

Register for a free trial at:
[www.midnorthallstars.com.au/
2021-registrations](http://www.midnorthallstars.com.au/2021-registrations)
For more information email
midnorthallstars@gmail.com
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