



# St Mary MacKillop School

## NEWSLETTER

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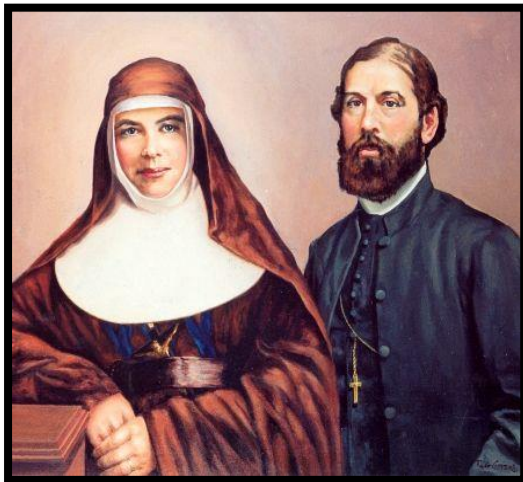
**Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 (Term 3, Week 3)**

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of SMMS,

*Celebrating The Feast Of St Mary MacKillop -  
Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> August*

*Patron And Namesake Of Our School*



God of Vision,

we thank you for Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods  
who loved this land and its people.

As we work together for a just country,

may we witness to the meaning of fair play.

May we value the wisdom of our elders and indigenous people.

May we dissolve prejudice and barriers,

and value the contributions of all people equally.

May we act with care to halt more damage to Earth.

May we live simply, love tenderly and walk humbly.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### AUGUST

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Auskick 3.45pm

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> 6 & 7 excursion to Sevenhill

Friday Lunches

Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Feast of St Mary MacKillop

Open Day 12noon-3.00pm

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> School Mass 10am (school only)

Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Mini Macs Playgroup 9.00am

Year 2 excursion to Kadina

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Years 7-9 Information Evening 6.30-7.15pm

Thu 12<sup>th</sup> SAPSASA Knockout Soccer

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> SAPSASA Basketball Carnival

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> P & F Quiz Night

Week 5 Science Week

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Feast of The Assumption

Year 4-7 Mass 10.00am

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Year 4 ReLAT

Week 6 Book Week

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Book Week Dress-Up

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Boys Football at Lockleys

Week 7 Sapsasa Hockey/Soccer

#### SEPTEMBER

Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Father's Day

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Father's Day Breakfast

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Learning Expo 3.30-7.00pm

Thu 9<sup>th</sup> School Photos

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> PUPIL FREE DAY (OSHC CLOSED)

Tue 14<sup>th</sup> School Board 6.30/7.00pm

Thu 16<sup>th</sup> Dance Concert 10.30am & 7.00pm

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dance Concert 10.30am

## RAISING HEARTS AND MINDS

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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### **ST MARY MACKILLOP FEAST DAY**

In the lead up to celebrating the Feast day of St Mary MacKillop, the Year 6 and 7 students will go on a pilgrimage to Sevenhill this Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> August. They will be accompanied by Lisa Caffyn, Hannah Cotter and Fr Matthew. Sevenhill is central to the history of the Jesuits and their mission in South Australia. Mary's links with the Jesuits are through Fr Julian Tenison Woods (a Jesuit priest) and through the Jesuits offering shelter to Mary when she was excommunicated from the Church.

There is a restored cottage at Sevenhill that Mary stayed in, that the students will visit. They will celebrate Mass in the Sevenhill church, participate in the stations of the cross set out in the Sevenhill grounds and visit the crypt where many Jesuit priests and brothers are buried.

This pilgrimage will be a wonderful experience to develop the students' spiritual leadership.

### **OPEN DAY – SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

This Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> August, the Feast of St Mary MacKillop, and the launch of Catholic Education Open Week will be celebrated with an Open Day at our school. The 7-9 building will not quite be ready for visitors, but will be soon!.

Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> 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. Please let your family, friends and neighbours know. You are our best advertisement for our school, so please share the invitation with the wider community as well as this being a celebration for our existing families.

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN WEEK**

Next week we celebrate SA Catholic Schools Open Week, celebrating everything that is excellent about our schools: personalised care and learning for your child.

In last Saturday Advertiser was a pull out magazine about all Catholic schools in our state and there was a feature article about our building as part of the regional development with a beautiful photo of Harvie, Macy and Trae.

In the local paper the YP Times this week there is an advertisement for the Open Week featuring a photo of Madeline. Madeline (Yr 3) and Hudson (Yr 6) were involved in a Face of Catholic Education photo shoot and we will see their images featured in such advertisements and posts.

*What wonderful ambassadors for our 7-9 Middle Years development!*

### **COVID-19 UPDATE**

Thank you so much everyone for our positive support of what we need to have in place here at school at this time. Your support makes this time so much smoother and easier.

Please note that the following guidelines remain in place for us at this time:

Access to the school site by parents is restricted to essential visits, please enter through the front office and wear a mask. When you are dropping off and picking up your children:

- Please use the drive-in Kiss and Go Zone or walk your child to the MPLA gates and Kiss and Go. Pick up at the end of the day follows these same guidelines.

Primary students are not required to wear masks, however may do so if they wish.

Staff will not wear masks when engaged in face-to-face teaching of students, however in public areas will wear a mask.

**Our school photos were postponed to Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> July to Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> September.**

**Friday Lunches will be available this Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August. Thank you Taya and Krystle for coordinating!**

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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## **STUDENT-FREE DAYS**

**Our student free days for the remainder of this year will be:**

**TERM 3 - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September (OSHC closed)**

**TERM 4 – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December (OSHC available)**

## **TERM 3 CURRICULUM LETTERS**

With the Newsletter today you will receive the Science Curriculum letters relating to your child's learning with R/1 Science teacher Agatka Murphy and Year 2-5/6 teacher Amie Price.

I invite you to contact them if you have any questions about the curriculum outlines for this term. We have so much planned for a busy, exciting, and fulfilling term ahead.

Science Week is coming up in Week 5; the theme is "Food: Different By Design." We have some activities planned to celebrate the week and the important role that Science plays in our lives.

## **REPORTING TERM 3**

Previously our formal reporting to parents and caregivers for Term 3 has taken the form of parent – teacher interviews. We are keen to provide this reporting in a way that is more engaging and gives students more voice or agency and therefore developing personal responsibility. The Semester 1 report you received Week 1 should provide a detailed summary of your child's progress, we want to provide you with a complementary experience to this towards the end of this term.

**In Week 8 of this term we ask all families to attend our compulsory Learning Expo.**

**The Learning Expo will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September between 3.30-7.00pm.**

**All classrooms will be open with student learning and work samples displayed.**

R-3 students will take their family to their classroom and proudly share their work and learning. Class teachers and specialist teachers will be circulating and available to chat with you.

Year 4-7 students will engage their parents and caregivers in a conference where they will share a prepared reflection on their goals, what they have achieved, what they are going to continue to work on. Your Year 4-7 child will have some questions to ask of you as well.

On the same evening, we will have the 7-9 facility open for you to have a walk through.

**There will be a sausage sizzle available between 5.00-6.00pm.**

**We look forward to welcoming you – put the date in your diary!**

## **YEAR 7-9 MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT**

Final work on the new building re-commenced this week, aiming for completion by this Friday. Next week (Week 4) will be cleaning, inspections, handover (towards end of week). Then we look forward to the furniture and equipment arriving.

Thank you very much to families who have returned their form indicating Confirmation of Enrolment for Years 7 and 8 in 2022. This is very helpful for our planning and moving forward.

As mentioned, we have another Middle School (Years 7-9) information opportunity coming up very soon. Adam Cibich is our Project Leader and has been assisting us along the way with all aspects of the project. Adam visited us last term and offered two information sessions and will be joining us again. We are pleased to be able to offer the following:

**Walk through our new Year 7-9 facility on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> August**

**Information session for Year 4-7 students 2.00-2.45pm**

**Information session for parents/carers 6.30-7.15pm**

**This opportunity is for all interested to see and hear about what we will be able to offer**

**All welcome!**

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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## **LIVING LEARNING LEADING SURVEY**

The Living Learning Leading (LLL) Framework guides us in all that we do to help drive excellence in Catholic schools, and give life to the vision, values and mission of Catholic Education.

Students, Staff, Parents and Caregivers are invited to contribute via a survey that will help find out about the performance of this school. Taking part in the survey offers an opportunity to tell the school staff how things are going for you and your children.

Your feedback is valued and every attempt will be made to try to respond to the information you provide. The feedback does not include the data of individuals, rather the feedback involves graphs based on the collective feedback from all parents and caregivers.

It is your first impressions that we are seeking and there are no right or wrong answers. The response format requires you to consider the school's performance for each statement on a scale from 1-6 (with 1 being the lowest or worst score and 6 being the highest or best score).

Further information is provided in an accompanying flyer and the flyer includes the web address for the survey and the code to enter the survey. The survey will be open until Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> August.

The same opportunity is being offered to students in Years 2-7 in school and teaching staff.

## **BOOK WEEK 2021**

We will celebrate Book Week this term from **Saturday, 21st until Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> August** (Week 6). The theme for Book Week this year is 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds'.

**Our whole school dress up day will be Wednesday, 25 August.**

**We will commence the day with a parade, enjoying the costumes that have been put together.**

**We will have a free sausage sizzle lunch. If you are available to help cook/serve the BBQ please let Karen or Emily in the office know by email or phone call.**

Start thinking about costumes related to the theme of 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds'.

We invite all students to participate positively in the day and that everyone dresses in some way according to the theme or any other costume related to a book character.

A few ideas: unicorn, dinosaur, astronaut, Minecraft, Harry Potter, Captain Underpants, Princess, Prince. If you need any help at all with ideas or costumes, please let us know, we would love all children to have the opportunity to be involved.

Other activities that we will be involved in will be:

- Visits to Old Worlds, New Worlds and Other Worlds
- Reading and listening to the shortlisted books for the Book Week 2021 awards
- Visit our own fantastic school library

## **CUPCAKES FOR BOOK WEEK**

We would love to give each child a cupcake on Wednesday of Book Week – dessert for our special lunch! If you are able to cook 1-2 dozen cupcakes, iced with green icing, please let our front office staff know. The cakes will need to be delivered to school on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> August – thank you!

## **2021 DANCE CONCERT**

Today your child will bring home a note about their Dance Concert costume and what they will be wearing. Some of the items we ask you to source at home and some items the school will provide. Please let us know as soon as possible if your child does not have or you cannot buy a particular item and we can help out at school.

Please don't hesitate to ask for help with this, the more notice we have the better – thank you!





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Performance dates will be:

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am – full dress rehearsal (no tickets sold for this performance)**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am and 7.00pm**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am**

Tickets for the Thursday evening 7pm performance will be prioritised for families of our Year 6 and 7 students.

Ticket sales have not started as yet, I am waiting for covid restrictions to settle further so that we can know the maximum number for our audience.

### **THERAPY AND SPECIALIST APPOINTMENTS**

We are fortunate to be able to provide many opportunities for our students to go on excursions, outings, walks, camps and such activities.

If your child has a regular appointment through private arrangement with a Speech Pathologist, Physiotherapist, Psychologist, Counsellor etc, please ensure that you notify them when your child will not be there for an appointment due to such activities. In regards to the privately arranged appointments between family and the therapist or specialist, it is the responsibility of the family to notify absence from an appointment for any reason.

Thank you for your assistance with this.

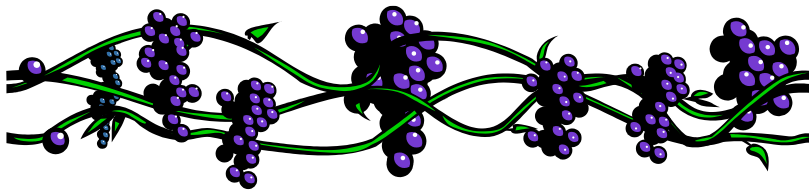
Blessings for the week ahead.

*Michelle Miller*

Principal

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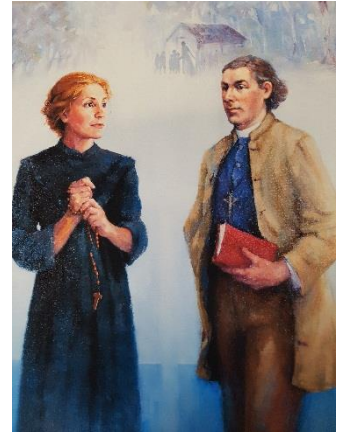




## The Vine

### St Mary MacKillop Feast Day 8 August - Celebrating our first Australian saint this week and next week!

Mary MacKillop was born January 15<sup>th</sup>, 1842, in Brunswick St, Fitzroy, Melbourne. With the support and spiritual guidance of Fr. Julian tension Woods (pictured right in the painting of their friendship and planning), the Parish Priest of the South - East of South Australia, she opened the first St Joseph's school in Penola in 1866. It was in an old stable (pictured). Her brother helped her to make it habitable for a school room.



**A whole school Mass in honour of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop will be celebrated**

**in the MPLA next Monday morning at 10:00am, (but without any parents or visitors).** It will celebrate the deep connection of Mary MacKillop to God, whom she loves so much in the person of Jesus. Even in times of intense hardship, disappointment, loss of friendship and even betrayal, Mary MacKillop always welcomed the movement and wisdom of the Holy Spirit within her.

Mary MacKillop formed the first home-grown group of religious sisters in 1866 – the Sisters of St Joseph of the sacred Heart. She wrote frequent letters to her Sisters of St Joseph in order to support them in their very challenging work out in the bush of Australia, and eventually New Zealand. She knew that she needed to encourage these young women, some very young, to persist with their challenges, spiritual, social, educational and personal. Many of Mary's thoughts and letters, deeply supportive but entirely understanding of the immense challenges of the times and the environment, have been published.

Our classes are choosing a supporting quote from Mary MacKillop, reflecting on what it looks like for us today. Some of the quotes from her letters are shared below.

**"When I could not see my way God kept my heart full of trust to make all come right,"** (Mary MacKillop 1874)

Mary wrote copious letters to her great friend and spiritual mentor, Fr. Julian Tenison Woods, as well as to her ever-growing numbers of new Sisters of St Joseph. These messages of hope, support and love of God in these letters even today, help us to understand God's presence in our lives and real presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

**"Let God's Spirit guide you in your choice,"** (Mary MacKillop 1898)

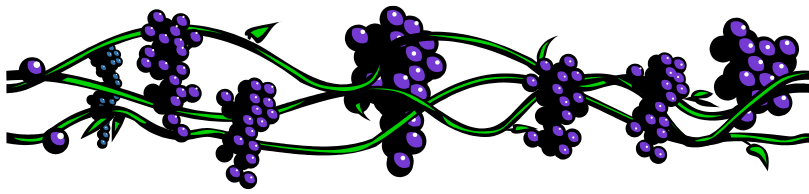
There was a continuous inflow of young women joining Mary MacKillop and her group, whose lives were dedicated to God. However, many of these young women also didn't last any more than a year or two in these new group of Sisters of St Joseph. Many of the priests of South Australia and Victoria and Queensland were very keen to entice Mary and her sisters to set up Catholic schools in the far-flung areas of these states.

Our school was one of the early Josephite schools, established in 1869 because Jesuit priest, Fr. Kennedy wanted a Catholic school in this area. A "Sisters" school was also established in Kadina at the same time. Both schools amalgamated in 1975 when the Kadina Catholic School closed. The renewed school, here at Wallaroo, then became known as Kalori School, an Aboriginal word meaning message stick. Then thirty years later it became Kalori Catholic School. In 2010 this school became St Mary MacKillop School after Mary was named a saint by the Church because of her life spent helping those in need and witnessing to the love of God through Jesus.



**"Seek first the poorest and most neglected parts of God's vineyard,"** (Mary MacKillop in a circular to her Sisters on 6 March 1900)

Mary MacKillop died 8 August 1909 in St Joseph's Convent, North Sydney.



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### **Feast of the Assumption of Mary – Sunday 15 August**

**The Feast of the Assumption of Mary** is a special Solemn Feast Day of the Catholic Church. On this day, the Church acknowledges that Mary, the mother of Jesus, has a special place in the life of the Catholic Church as the Mother of God. The Church Fathers proclaim the belief that Mary is pure, and at her death, Mary was “assumed” (taken) by God to be with God for Eternity.



On this day we specifically remember that Mary is the mother of Jesus, that she believed in Jesus and was one of his faithful followers and believers. She lived her life by saying “Yes” to God.

As Fr. Matthew has said, “When we make friends, we get to know our friend’s mother. Jesus is our friend, so we get to know his mother, Mary.”

The Year 4-7 classes will join together here at school, for the Mass of the Assumption Monday week.

### **MITIOG**

An introductory letter, for the information of parents and carers, explaining the foundation the ***Made in the Image of God Human Sexuality Programme*** is included in this Newsletter. The sequence of learning across grouped year levels, contained in the Content Descriptors, has also been included.

Each class teacher will send home a letter detailing when and how the MITIOG unit of learning will be taught in the classroom.

### **ReLAT**

An explanatory note for parents of Year 4 students, concerning the online Religious Literacy Assessment Tool (ReLAT) for all Year 4 students this month, is enclosed. The practice test will take place on Tuesday 10 August and the main assessment itself on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> August.

*Bernie Thomson*

**APRIM and Pastoral Care Support**

## UP Choir

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There are 3 important information inclusions in this Newsletter for UP Choir.

1. General information about Hub Assessment next week and Rehearsal on 17 August, at Loreto College, with all the other school participants for our Adelaide performance night, Tuesday 21 September. Hub Assessment at St Columba’s Memorial School Yorketown has just yesterday been rescheduled for next Wednesday after being cancelled earlier in the term.



2. Permission form to attend and travel by mini bus to both the Hub Assessment and the Rehearsal at Loreto.

3. School ticket order for our Adelaide performance night, Tuesday 21 September at Adelaide Entertainment Centre. I like to do a bulk order so that all our families can enjoy the amazing performance together.

At the end of last term, a permission note for performance filming and possible media publication was also forwarded to families. I do need this returned as soon as possible!

Please return all CSMF forms by 10 August at latest. Our choir journey through Term 3 is going to be an amazing and very connected experience. Thank you for being part of it!





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

# QUIZ NIGHT

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**SATURDAY, 14 AUGUST, 2021**

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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](mailto:info@stmm.catholic.edu.au)  
by Friday, 6 August to book a table.



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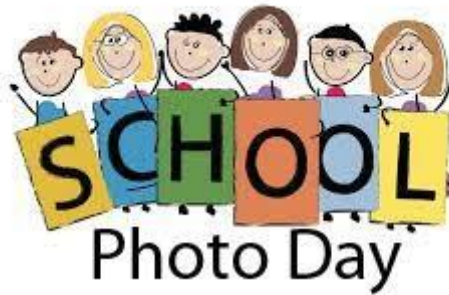


# School Photos – Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> September

Our photo day is now scheduled for Thursday, 9th September. 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.



## OSHC News

We have started to use our new App called Early Works. Within the next couple of days, 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. We have sent home a form to families who have not filled one out and returned it.



**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



Johanna – Year 5/6	4 <sup>th</sup> August
Mrs Agnew	5 <sup>th</sup> August
Calais – Year 4/5	10 <sup>th</sup> August
Izack – Rec/1Combe	14 <sup>th</sup> August



### NEWSLETTER INSERTS/ ATTACHMENTS

1. Dance Concert class notes
2. Science curriculum letter (R-6)
3. LLL parent & caregiver survey flyer
4. Year 2 excursion consent note
5. MITIOG letter
6. UP Choir letter
7. Year 4 ReLAT
8. St Mary MacKillop School... We invite you flyer

*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*