

## St Mary MacKillop School

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# **Mini-Newsletter**

### Tuesday, 7th September 2021 (Term 3, Week 8)

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

#### **DANCE CONCERT 2021**

The students will be presenting four performances of the Dance Concert:

10.30am - Wednesday, 15th September (dress rehearsal)

10.30am - Thursday, 16th September

7.00pm - Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> September

10.30am - Friday, 17th September

Tickets for all performances are available by filling in and returning the booking slip in this Newsletter.

To fulfil the covid requirements of the venue, the Wallaroo Town Hall, we are restricted to 182 tickets available to for each performance. Each family may purchase up to five tickets and the tickets do not have to be for the same performance. If there are left over tickets, we will make these extra tickets available on a first come, first served basis.

A ticket must be purchased for every person attending, this includes adults, children, babies; everyone is included in the 182 count.

The Year 6 and 7 students who have a main speaking role will be notified today of their main performance times so that parents may buy appropriate tickets to enjoy seeing their child/children perform.

Priority for ticket purchases will be given to family members of the Year 6 and 7 students as this will be their last primary Dance Concert with us.

Further information will come about costume, hair make-up and preparations, time to be at the Town Hall for Thursday evening etc.

#### **LEARNING EXPO**

Our Learning Expo will be tomorrow evening, Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September. Detailed information was sent out in last week's Newsletter about the intention and format of the Learning Expo.

While our Learning Expo will run from 3.30-7.00pm, and is for our existing school families only. Families are not required to attend for the whole time. We are asking you to attend for approximately 15-20 minutes per child (the same time allocation you would have had for a parent-teacher interview).

A sausage sizzle was advertised previously but this will not be on offer now, due to the restrictions around serving of food; the extra staff required to run this during the evening and keeping the number of people on site within restrictions. I do apologise for this and appreciate your understanding.

The 7-9 building will be open for our school families to have a look. A "Come and Try" was advertised, however our equipment (laser printer, 3D printer, virtual reality equipment) has not arrived, so the full experience of trying things out will not take place but we look forward to offering this as soon as possible

#### **COVID RESTRICTIONS AND SCHOOL EVENTS**

I have been asked: "If you can have a Learning Expo and a Dance Concert, why won't you allow parents to attend the student assemblies"?

We are able to hold the Learning Expo because the structure of the event will allow for groups of people to attend at different times, everyone will not be seated or standing in the same space at the same time. People will be moving in and out and once sharing with their child/children is finished, families will leave enabling others to attend. Everyone will be required to scan or sign-in, observe social distancing, use hand sanitizer and adults must wear a mask for entry. There will be a limit on the number of adults able to be in one classroom or learning space at any given time (just as we have in shops etc). This will be displayed on the evening as there are different size rooms we will be using.

We are able to hold the Dance Concert as we abide by the attendance restrictions provided by the Copper Coast Council for the Town Hall venue. We can monitor sales of tickets and set up seating to abide by this. We do not set this, the guidelines are provided for us.

We currently are not inviting large groups of parents and family to attend the class assemblies, Monday morning assemblies or school Masses as the space we hold these in does not allow us to, at this time, while still observing the covid guidelines.

Thank you all for your understanding and support of what might seem at times contradictory, however these guidelines (from SA Health and Catholic Education SA) are in place to try our best to keep everyone safe. At this time, I would rather be cautious and safe than sorry.

#### **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

#### UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS FOR SCHOOL PHOTOS

#### Hair

- All hair of a length longer than the collar of their school shirt must be tied up (females and males)
- Hair accessories navy or light blue

#### **Jewellery**

- Watches and medic alerts are permitted
- Plain stud and or sleeper earrings may be worn; no more than one earring in each ear
- Neck chains with a small crucifix, cross or religious medal may be worn
- Students will be asked to remove any other jewellery

#### **Personal Presentation**

Nail polish and make up are not permitted

#### **Regular Uniform**

- Navy gabardine trousers OR shorts
- School windcheater (will be removed for the photos)
- Striped Polo Top short sleeve or long sleeve
  - (no skivvies are to be worn under the short sleeve polos
- Shoes plain black leather or leather-look (no sport shoes)
- Socks plain navy (no anklet styles or logos)

Year 6 and 7 students please wear or bring your 2021 jumper.



#### **SUBWAY LUNCH**

#### SUBWAY LUNCHES – FRIDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER (last day of Term 3)

Subway envelopes are included with today's Newsletter. Orders to be placed no later than Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours sincerely

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