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## Mini-Newsletter

**Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 (Term 3, Week 10)**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### STAFFING

Mrs Chloe Bacher has been appointed as the Year 6/7 class teacher for Term 4. Ms Lisa Caffyn will continue to teach PE to R-7 and will have a close connection with all Year 6 and 7 students in her role as the Middle School Leader.

Mrs Carol Burford is joining our ESO team as of the start of term 4. Carol has previous experience in the roles of student support. Carol will be working with teachers and students in supporting Reading and Numeracy groups.

Mr Marc Forster will be joining us for Week 1 of Term 4 as Acting Principal, I will be away for the week. Marc is Deputy Principal at St Mark's College Port Pirie and has a strong background in Primary school teaching and leadership.

Welcome Chloe, Carol and Marc.

### JAYDEN STEER

This week we have had Jayden Steer, past student, join us for Work Experience. Jayden has joined several classes and helped out. Thank you Jayden, we hope you have enjoyed your time with us.

### CONGRATULATIONS UP CHOIR

Congratulations and well done to the UP Choir, Mrs Thomson and Mrs Giesecke on their performance last night at the Catholic Schools Music Festival. Months of preparation went into the performance and you can all be very proud of the end result. Well done!



### FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES

This week we will farewell Rachael, Brady and Mason Zimmermann as they leave us at the end of this term. We wish Rachael, Ryan, Brady and Mason all the very best in their new school, workplace and home. Thank you, Rachael, for your contribution as a staff member to our OSHC and ESO support. Our blessings go with you all.

## Y P FIELD DAYS

Our Field Days committee: Julia Agnew, Heather Griffiths, Paula Northeast and Lisa Caffyn have been doing a fantastic job of preparing for our school site at the YP Field Days which will be held during the coming holidays. We will have preparation and set up Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> September and the Field Days will run Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>. Staff will be present all of these days at our site and I am extremely grateful to all who are giving up some of their holiday time to do this for our school. Thank you to all staff who have offered to staff our school site over these days.

We will have information and displays about our school, class artwork on display and give-aways such as: biscuits (kindly made by Lisa Caffyn and Lyn and David Caffyn with Year 5-7 students), sanitiser, Mini Macs playdough (kindly made by Felicity Schulz and Mini Macs parents), school pens – all wrapped and beautifully labelled with our school name.

There will be a trail at the Field Days, (similar to the Yellow Brick Road Trail) called The Greens Plains Trail, where participants pay a registration (\$6 cash), receive a map and a bag and then visit various sites to collect items. The running of the Trail was offered to our P & F as a fundraiser, so parents will operate the stall and the payment of \$300 for doing this goes to our school. At the P & F site, the start of the Trail, participants receive a special bag to put the items they collect in, our school provides the bags.

Thank you to parents who have offered to help with the stall. If you are able to help out for a couple of hour, please let Karen in our office know.

The Year 2 Owen class were invited to submit designs to go on the Trail bags and Trae Wellgreen and Emilie Nash's designs were chosen to go on the bags. We have acknowledged the artwork of all of the Year 2 Owen students with a special acknowledgement of Trae and Emilie's.

The bags look fantastic, a lovely advertisement for our school!

We are really excited about our presence at the Field Days and look forward to sharing our good story with as many people as possible.

## SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming lessons at Wallaroo have been booked for our R-5 students for Week 6 of Term 4. Further information will be sent home early Term 4.

## CONGRATULATIONS WALLAROO FOOTBALL CLUB JUNIOR COLTS

The Wallaroo Junior Colts football team won the Grand Final on Saturday, the first time in 30 years.

Congratulations to present and past students who played during the season and in the finals: Jack Northeast, Riley Phelan, Scarlett Miers, Will Rogers, Ayden Giles, Riley Miller, Mitchell Miller, Farren Finn, Harrison Northeast, Shann Hanson, Hunter Wellgreen, Jack Mumford, Ryan Zimmermann and Luke Russel.

## HATS TERM 4

A reminder that as of the beginning of Term 4, first day back, hats are required. "No hat, no play" will be in place for recess, lunch and outdoor activities. Of course we encourage hats all year round and many students are already wearing them at all times.

## UNIFORM LAST DAY OF TERM

Students are invited to wear their House tops, sport shorts and shoes this Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> September. If students are unable to wear their House top they may wear their regular sport uniform.

## SCHOOL FEES

Our school fees for 2022 will remain the same as this year. This was discussed at our Board meeting last week and I am sure will be welcome news for families.

## R/1 MCCANN ASSEMBLY

This Friday Charlotte McCann's class will share their learning with us as they present their Assembly. What a wonderful way to start off our last day of term.

## NAPLAN

This week NAPLAN results were sent home to parents of Year 3, 5 and 7 students. Please let us know if you did not receive this information. Parents are encouraged to make a time to meet with the class teacher if you have any questions about NAPLAN or more generally about your child's progress

## SAPSASA ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Sofia, Kolbi, William, Jack and Ari who represented our school and region on Monday.



## DANCE CONCERT THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who made our amazing Dance Concert possible. We are blessed with people who so willingly and generously give their time and talents to make it possible.

Thank you to:

- Jamie and Leanne Costello and Sharon Steer, Belinda and Michael White for the amazing backdrops and props
- Scott Glazbrook for providing audio
- Natalie Whitbread and Rob Russack for filming
- Karen Westlake for administration (tickets, programs, front of house)
- Emily Donnell for photographs, assisting with administration and front of house
- Heather Griffiths, Ron Sherriff and Paul Northeast for working away tirelessly behind the scenes
- Sharon Steer has been instrumental in writing the original script for this concert, painted the Mount Olympus backdrop and has been a powerhouse organising props, costumes, accessories
- Lisa Caffyn and Hannah Cotter as Year 6 and 7 teachers who worked closely with staff and students to bring about the concert.
- Bob Lukeman who is Lisa Caffyn's uncle. Bob has made all of the toga costumes and the Medusa costume for the 6/7s as well as some of the mermaid costumes
- Parents Taya Dennis, Belinda White and Kristy Smith have all helped with costumes for the students, painting shirts etc
- Thank you to Karen McCulloch our Dance teacher. Karen brought her high standard of performance and professionalism to our Dance Concert  
Karen creatively sourced music and songs to suit the theme, choreographed dances for each class and could visualise the costuming to complement. It was magic to watch her gently encouraging and coaching the students as they learnt their lines, dance moves, developed their stage presence and their characters.  
Karen calmly, patiently and persistently worked with our students for more than three terms, bringing out the very best in them.
- Thank you to ALL of the amazing staff of our school, thank you so much for all of your hard work, your commitment, team work and positive support. Staff worked behind the scenes with bucketloads of patience during rehearsals, they helped with dance lessons, costumes, props, supporting and encouraged the children. Thank you to all staff for all of your contributions
- Finally, thank you to all of the students of St Mary MacKillop School. I think you agree their performance was a wonderful showcase of their learning, talent and achievement.  
Our Year 6 and 7 students, in particular, thank you and congratulations.



## DANCE CONCERT PHOTOS



R/1 Combe



R/1 Hanson



R/1 McCann



## DANCE CONCERT PHOTOS



Year 2



Year 2/3



Year 4/5



## DANCE CONCERT PHOTOS



Year 5/6



## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Johanna for winning first prize at the Kadina Show for her beautiful collage.



## THANK YOU FOR OUR TERM

I take this opportunity to thank you for our term. Once again it has been full of opportunity for our students. Thank you to our students and families who have made the most of these opportunities and to our staff for providing these opportunities.

Blessings for the break,

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