



St Mary MacKillop School NEWSLETTER

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Thursday, 11th November, 2021 (Term 4, Week 5)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of SMMS,



The Gospel reading at Mass last weekend was about Jesus at the temple with the disciples where he witnessed something which he used to teach the disciples about giving.

He sat across from the treasury of the temple and watched many rich people put in large sums of money. Then a poor widow came along and put in two small copper coins.

Jesus teaches the disciples, and us, that the woman gave more than the rich.

This has led me to think about what and how I give.

Do I give what I have left over – to God and to others; or do I give wholeheartedly and generously of myself and what I have?

THANK YOU

Thank you Bernie and Fr Matthew in particular, and to all of you for our lovely whole school Mass for All Saints Day last Monday. It was a grace-filled time to gather as a whole school and focus ourselves on God in our lives in the people around us.

Thank you to Miss Cotter and the Year 5/6 class for their Assembly last Friday.

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

- Thu 11th Remembrance Day
T1 2022 Reception students Transition
Visit 8.45-3.00pm
- Fri 12th R/1 Hanson Assembly 9.00am
- Week 6 Swimming Lessons -Reception to Year 5
- Wed 17th Year 6/7 Market Day stalls
- Thu 18th T1 2022 Reception students Transition
Visit 8.45-3.00pm
- Tue 23rd School Board/P&F Dinner
- Thu 25th Year 2 & 3 Camp

Parish Weekend Mass Times

St. Francis of Assisi, Moonta
Sunday 8.30am

Sacred Heart, Kadina
Saturday 8.30am
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 10.00am



In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge Nharangga Country and Australia's First Peoples as traditional custodians of this land. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and future.

RAISING HEARTS AND MINDS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

ATHLETICS LAST THURSDAY

Thank you to Lisa C, Hannah and Paul for training and taking our Athletics team to Adelaide last week.

Congratulations to: Jack Northeast who won his Age Championship and broke a record (just happened to be his brother's record!).

Congratulations to the Year 5 boys who won their age level.

Congratulations to the whole team on winning the Percentage Shield!

A fantastic result all can be proud of!

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Ellie Treacy and family, Jake, Kaysha, Haliah, on the passing of Ellie's father.

RECEPTION 2022 TRANSITION VISITS

The fourth visit is today, we welcome the children for a full day visit. We also welcome Miss Olivia Northeast who will be hosting the transition visit and meeting the children and their parents.

PAT TESTING

Students in Years 2-7 will participate in PAT Reading and Maths testing over the next two weeks. We will analyse the results against the data collected at the beginning of the year to track student progress and identify areas for teaching for next year and for individual students.

YEAR 6/7 ASSEMBLY - CANCELLED

There was a Year 6/7 Assembly scheduled for Friday of Week 6, This Assembly will not take place now. The Year 6/7 class students are preparing for a Market Day, working in small groups to design stalls and they will present this on Wednesday, 17th November. This presentation of their learning in this format will replace the Assembly.

YEAR 6/7 MARKET DAY

Next Wednesday, 17th November, the Year 6/7 students will host a Market Day. The students are working in small groups to plan a stall which will sell items or hold an activity for children to participate in. Cost will vary from 50c to \$2. It would be great if your child could bring along up to \$10 in coins so that they can participate in the fun of Market Day.

This forms the Year 6/7 unit of work which incorporates Business and Economics, Maths, Design, English and General Capabilities. The 6/7 students have had a lot of fun planning and preparing their stalls and we are really excited about Market Day next week.

ASSEMBLIES

Mrs Hanson's R/1 class will host Assembly this Friday 12th November at 9.00am.

Mrs Owen and Mrs Murphy's Year 2 class will host Assembly which will take the form of their Nativity Play on Friday 3rd December at 9.00am.

Two family members per child may attend these events.

GRADUATION NEWS

Year 6 Graduation dinner will be on Saturday 27th November 6pm at the Angler's Inn.

Year 6 Graduation Ceremony will be on Tuesday 7th December 7pm at SMM School.

Year 7 Graduation dinner will be on Sunday 5th December 6pm at the Cornucopia Hotel.

Year 7 Graduation Ceremony will be on Wednesday 8th December 7pm at SMM School.

END OF YEAR THANKSGIVING MASS

Our whole school end of year Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, 9th December, at 9.30am in the MPLA. Two family members per Year 6/7 student may attend and one family member per student from other year levels. You are welcome to join us for this special celebration of our year and farewell to those who are leaving us.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

REPORTS

Semester 2 reports will be coming home on Wednesday of Week 9, allowing 2 days to have follow up interviews with teachers if required.

STUDENT PULSE SURVEY

Our students participate in the student pulse surveys over the next two weeks. The surveys allow the students to voice their thoughts and responses to various questions about their wellbeing, their learning, whether they feel they have a say in their learning, whether they feel safe at school. We use the results to identify areas for improvement.

WATER SAFETY LESSONS

Water Safety lessons for R-5 students will be held next week (Week 6) at the Wallaroo Jetty. Please note that the emphasis for these lessons is on water safety given our context and proximity to the beach.

Parents may visit their child at the Water Safety lesson and/or assist their own child with changing before and after lessons (check this with your child's class teacher). **Parents must not take photographs of children at the swimming lessons or in their swimming gear.**

ST MARY MACKILLOP SCHOOL SWIMMING LESSONS WEEK 6, 2022

TRANSPORT AND LESSON TIMETABLE

CLASS	BUS LEAVE FOR BEACH	LESSON TIME	BUS BACK TO SCHOOL	ARRIVE BACK AT SCHOOL
R/1 McCann	9.00	9.15-10.00	10.05	10.20
R/1 Combe	9.45	10.00-10.45	10.50	11.10
R/1 Hanson	10.30	10.45-11.30	11.35	11.50
2 Owen	11.15	11.30-12.15	12.20	12.35
2/3 Whitehead	12.30	12.45-1.30	1.35	1.50
4/5 Ryan & 5 Cotter	1.15	1.30-2.30	2.35	2.50

Students are asked to:

- wear their sport uniform for the week
- wear their bathers underneath their uniform
- older students may change here at school before their lesson later in the day
- have a rashie top to wear over their bathers
- bring a pair of thongs that may be worn to the beach.
- Have a plastic bag or beach bag for belongings
- Bring a towel
- Have belongings labelled

NET MINISTRIES

A group of young Christian people who belong to the NET (National Evangelising Team) Ministries will be living in the Port Pirie Diocese next year and will be visiting our school and working with our students at various times throughout the year. We are hoping to engage them for student spiritual reflection days, sports days, camps and activities. Their mission is to connect with and encourage young people to participate in the life of the Church.

They do not earn an income in this time, they rely on the generosity and goodness of others to support them in their work. A flyer is with today's Newsletter with details about how you can support the Team financially if you would like to support this worthwhile cause.

We look forward to welcome the NET Team next year.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

2022

We have been working on preparations for 2022; finalising staffing, class structures and placement of students. If you know that you will not be attending our school next year, could you please let me know as soon as possible. In the Week 7 Newsletter, I will share with you the class structures and teachers for the 2022 school year.

7-9 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Over the last two days we have had some great planning meetings for our 7-9 pedagogy and curriculum. Mel O'Leary has been with us from the Catholic Education Office, Mel is a consultant specialising in middle years education. Our 7-9 teaching team: Masha Sudareva (Year 7-9 teacher) and Sheridan Bonney (R-9 APRIM), led by Lisa Caffyn have had two very busy and successful days mapping out the learning experiences we will be able to offer our 7-9 students.

PUPIL FREE DAY

A reminder that we have a pupil free day on the last day of this term Friday, 10th December; staff will be involved in planning and handover of student information in preparation for a smooth start to 2022. OSHC is available on this day.

BEGINNING OF 2022 SCHOOL YEAR

To assist with your planning for the commencement of the school year 2022, following are some dates:

Monday 24.01.22	12-5pm Book Collection & Uniform Sales (A-L Families)
Tuesday 25.01.22	8am-1pm Book Collection & Uniform Sales (M-Z Families)
	Staff day – teaching staff and permanent ESOs
Wednesday 26.01.22	Australia Day public holiday
Thursday 27.01.22	Staff day – teaching staff and permanent ESOs
Friday 28.01.22	Staff day – all staff (teaching and all ESOs) meeting 9am-1pm
Monday 31.01.22	Students commence

As announced in the school newsletter late last term our school fees for 2022 will remain the same as this year. The 2022 School Fee schedule is included with the newsletter today. Please take the time to read the Schedule as it outlines the fees for R-6 and 7-9 students; Bus Levy and other charges; payment plan options; information on our Book & Uniform Collection Days in January 2022; and a Payment Plan Agreement Form which **MUST BE completed by ALL families** and returned to Julia Agnew prior to Friday, 3rd December.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our photographers have been in contact with us today apologising for the delay in sending our school photos. They have advised the photos are ready to be collected by the transport company and we will receive them early next week. As soon as they are received at school, we will send them home with students.

Blessings for the week ahead.

Michelle Miller

Principal

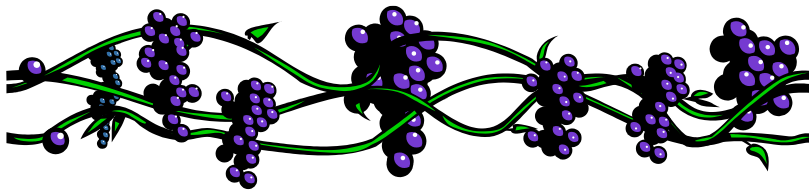
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SUBWAY LUNCHES – THURSDAY, 9th DECEMBER (last day of Term 4)

Subway envelopes are included with today's Newsletter. Orders to be placed no later than Wednesday, 1st December.



The Vine



Tomorrow the St Mary MacKillop School community will mark Remembrance Day with a Commemoration Prayer Gathering and Ceremony. Students will contribute to the many traditional and prayerful aspects of the Commemoration. While remembering those who bravely have selflessly left the comfort and safety of Australia for dangerous war zones, we will also pray for world – wide peace. It is appropriate that Remembrance Day occurs in the month during which the Church prays for those who have gone before us.

The St Mary MacKillop Singers will be singing “In Flanders’ Fields” at the Wallaroo Community Remembrance Day Commemoration at 11:00am. Senior students will lay a wreath on behalf of the St Mary MacKillop School community.

ADVENT IS COMING

The new Church Liturgical Year C begins 1st Sunday of Advent, 28 November. The Season of Advent, the time of personal preparation in readiness to celebrate the Feast of the Nativity, the Birth of Jesus – Christmas – extends for four weeks until Christmas. There are four Sundays of Advent and the liturgical colour for this season is violet (different to the deep purple of Lent which is a season of repentance).

We are unable to fully participate in Advent at the same time as the Church community as we finish our school year near the beginning of the third week of Advent. To enable our students to experience four weeks of preparation (the time span of Advent) we will begin to mark Advent at Monday Morning Notices and in our class Prayer time from next week, Monday 15 November – Week 6 and will continue for Week 7-9.

SOCIAL JUSTICE AT CHRISTMAS

Advent is a season of hope for a better future for all. Every time we help a person in need, we live the season of Advent. Care for those in need, bringing the love of God to other people through our actions and relationships are all part of the ‘Spirit of Christmas.’ Generosity is about opening our hearts and minds to being sensitive to the needs of others whom we may not even know!



It has been a tradition at our school to support the Vinnies Christmas Appeal through the Social Justice activity “*Vinnies’ Christmas Hampers*”.

Our Advent Social Justice activity will still be supporting Vinnies at Christmas. However, there is a slight change of focus, which makes sense! ***Celebrating Christmas with Vinnies’ Hampers*** will involve collecting items which help we think will help others, who have very little support, have more opportunity to celebrate Christmas more robustly!



Celebration items for collection might include Christmas food, puddings, biscuits, lollies, drinks, Christmas decorations, Christmas plates (could be disposable or other) Christmas tablecloths or table decorations – anything which might help others in need feel as if they are truly joining in usual Christmas celebrations. Vinnies will be grateful for as many Christmassy things as possible! Thank you for your generosity!

Families are invited to donate to these Christmas Hampers from now until Week 9. These donations will be distributed, by Vinnies, locally to families in need.



Bernie Thomson

APRIM and Pastoral Care Support

School Banking Update From Commonwealth Bank

For 90 years, our School Banking program has helped children learn about money, reinforced the importance of regular savings and provided structure for parents to support their children to save.

Though the program continues to have strong support from schools, parents and teachers, recent decisions by some state and territory governments because of a review by the corporate regulator mean we are unable to continue providing programs in schools, and we have had to make a difficult decision to close our School Banking program for all government and non-government schools across the country.

Our School Banking program was established in 1931 at a time when having a bank account was not commonplace, and since then we have helped more than 15 million Australians take their first financial steps. This would not have been possible without the wonderful support we have received from schools like yours, including all the parents and volunteers, and for this we are deeply grateful. Thank you.

Even though this is a sad time, School Banking has taught so many young Australians, past and present, the value of money and we believe this should be celebrated. We have created a place for you to share your stories, fondest memories and lessons learnt through the program. To share your story and access our financial education resources, please visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Even though the CommBank School Banking program will not be returning to your school after this year, you can continue to make deposits into your child's Youthsaver account through online transfers or at any CommBank branch. If you need further information please phone 132 221 or visit your local CommBank branch.

We will not be offering an alternative School Banking program at this time.



Optus Crows Cup Carnival



On Wednesday, 27th October, four girls were selected to travel to Maitland Stockwell Oval to compete in the Crows Cup Sapsasa Girls Football event.

Mia F, Scarlett, Mathilda and Charlotte B joined with girls from Maitland Lutheran School to form a team and compete against other schools in ten minute games.

The girls were competitive and thoroughly enjoyed themselves, even getting a pep talk from ex Crows ruckman Sam Jacobs.

By *Charlotte B*
Year 5

Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival

Last Thursday, a group of Year 4-7's went on the bus to Santos stadium in Adelaide to compete in the Catholic Schools Athletic Carnival. The schools were split into Division A or Division B, we were Division A. Some of the events were 100m sprint, 200m sprint, 400m race, 800m race, 60m hurdles, long jump, high jump, shotput and the 100m relay. When we arrived, we set up our area and changed into our team shirts. We listened to a welcoming ceremony, then the first events began. If anyone placed in a race, then they received their ribbon immediately after their event. At the end of the day, we listened to an awards ceremony. The whole team won the Percentage Pennant and the Year 5 boys won best in their age group. Jack N also won his age champion. It was a fun day, everybody tried their best and lots of people came home with ribbons.

By *Joey*

Year 5



SAPSASA Cricket



Congratulations to Riley M and Ayden who were selected to play for NYP in SAPSASA Cricket last week.

Piano Lessons with Michele Giesecke



On Tuesdays Sophia enjoys her music Lessons. She is currently practicing to play a piece to her class.



Heath enjoys his music. His favourite piece is Please No Bees. Heath is looking forward to performing to his class this term.



Nevayah is learning Jingle Bells ready for Christmas. Nevayah is looking forward to performing to her class later this term.



Bentley enjoys music and playing the keyboard, he especially likes to try new sounds. Bentley will perform to his class this term.



Jack enjoys his music lesson every week. He is practising My Best Friend to perform to his class.



Mckennah will be performing to her class. Her favourite piece is Tambourine Tune.



Charlize loves to play Party Cat and Rain, Rain Go Away. Charlize always looks forward to her music lesson.



Asha enjoys playing Tambourine Tune. Asha is always keen to learn a new piece.



Madeline learns music on Tuesday. She is always ready to attend and remembers her books and diary. Madeline is currently learning Surprise Symphony & Jingle Bells.

OSHC & Vacation Care News

Vacation Care booking slip for the December 2021 and January 2022 school holidays has been sent home today.

Due to limited spaces in Vacation Care and increasing needs for care during the school holidays, we are sending home a booking slip with available dates. We ask that you only book for the days you require as we have to allocate staff and provide a healthy food menu to cater for those booked in the holiday period.

The program will be released later as bookings need to be made on a need basis first of all, not activity based.

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. This allows us time to offer bookings to other families and adjust our staffing. You can either call or send a TXT to 0437 659 137. Thank you.

Lisa Cooper

OSHC Director - 0437 659 137

OSHC Pupil Free Day

Friday, 10th December, will be a Pupil Free Day. Outside School Hours Care will be available from 8.00am to 6.00pm. Light snacks are provided, children will need to bring packed recess and lunch. Child Care Benefits will be paid accordingly and the cost will be \$60.00 per child. Please return the reply slip by **Friday, 26th November**, if your child/ren will be attending.

OSHC BOOKING FORM – PUPIL FREE DAY – FRIDAY, 10th DECEMBER

Return by **Friday, 26th November**

Family Name: _____

Signed: _____

Children requiring OSHC _____ Year _____

_____ Year _____

_____ Year _____

Bookings

Priority 1 – Children who are permanent Friday after school.

Priority 2 – Children of parents/carers who work this day.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Mr Whitford	10 th November
Griffin – Year 4/5	11 th November
Jordy – R/1 Combe	16 th November
Mrs Whitehead	18 th November
Callen – R/1 Combe	22 nd November
Ms Caffyn	22 nd November



NEWSLETTER INSERTS/ ATTACHMENTS

1. 2022 School Fee Schedule
2. Vacation Care booking sheet
3. Subway envelopes
4. 7-9 Development update

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

Our very own dance teacher, Karen McCulloch, has her concert coming up!!

Karen Lee Dance Academy

Presenting our 26th Concert

"Behind The Scenes"

Saturday 20th November, McKnight Theatre,

Maitland

2pm & 7pm

Tickets available at

<https://www.trybooking.com/BURAW>

COME & TRY DANCE WEEK!!

KLDA Studio

(next to St Johns Ambulance)

8 Taylor St, Kadina

22nd-26th November

Creative/Ballet/Tap all in one session!!

Book now 0407 608 446

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LEARN TO SAIL 21/22 Spring & Summer Season



The Wallaroo Sailing Club invites Juniors, Adults and Seniors who have an interest in Sailing to join us for the up-coming season.

Come and try sailing!

SUMMER FUN!

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

Sailing Classes commence Sunday 24th October 2021

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Club endorsed Sail Training instructors qualified to teach in a SAFE, FUN & SUPPORTIVE environment.

The Wallaroo Sailing Club facilities are ideal for training and social activities.

The Wallaroo Sailing Club is COVID-19 aware and has been fully Marshall designated to ensure a safe and protective environment for all members and guests. All care and attention is maintained in providing areas for social distancing and monitoring at all times.

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