



St Mary MacKillop School

NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday, 23rd February, 2022 (Term 1, Week 4)

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

OFFICIAL BLESSING AND OPENING OF THE SACRED HEART CENTRE

We will celebrate the official blessing and opening of the 7-9 secondary facility on Wednesday, 9th March. The celebration will be held outside and I am hopeful that this will be a whole school celebration with invited guests, students and staff.

With COVID restrictions we are unable to have the celebration open to our whole community and if the weather is not suitable for an outside celebration on the day, we will have to reduce attendance even more to invited guests, 7-8 students and staff.

I am hopeful that we will be able to have our whole school celebration.

The celebration will commence at 11.30am with a ceremony including prayer, guest speakers, blessing of crucifixes (made by the 7-8 students for each room in the building), blessing of the areas of our Sacred Heart Centre and blessing and unveiling of the commemorative plaque.

The celebration will be followed by lunch at the Sacred Heart Centre for our invited guests, 7-8 students, parents and staff and a lunch provided for all of our R-6 students and staff (sausage sizzle, cake, fruitbox).

We are looking forward to an exciting celebration.

**ALL STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO WEAR
FORMAL UNIFORM
ON WEDNESDAY, 9TH MARCH
THANK YOU**

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

Tue 1st Shrove Tuesday
Mini Macs Playgroup 9.00am
Finance meeting 7.00pm
Board meeting 7.30pm
Wed 2nd Ash Wednesday
Thu 3rd P & F meeting 7.00pm
Wed 9th Opening of Sacred Heart Centre
Mon 14th PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tue 15th **PUPIL FREE DAY**
Thu 17th St Patrick's Day
Sat 19th St Joseph's Day
Mon 21st Harmony Day
Fri 25th The Annunciation
Tue 29th Sports Day

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

CONGRATULATIONS

Last week and this week we have had presentations and elections for 2022 School Captains (Year 7-8) and Vice-Captains (Year 6).

With pleasure I announce and congratulate:

SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Chelsea Crawford and Hudson White

SCHOOL VICE-CAPTAINS

Harvie Bourke and Charlie Frost



Hudson and Chelsea



Harvie and Charlie

HOUSE CAPTAIN ELECTIONS

Following on from this, we will have the presentations for the roles of House Captain. We will hold House meetings tomorrow morning (Thursday 24th February) at 9.00am.

REMINDER – TERM 1 PUPIL FREE DAY

A reminder that we have a Pupil Free day on Monday, 29th March.
OSHC will be available on the day.

ITALIAN, HEALTH AND PE CURRICULUM LETTERS

This week, you will receive an outline of learning for Italian (R-6), Health (R-2/3) and PE (Yr 4-6).

SPORTS DAY

A timeline has been worked out for our Sports Day preparations which we are sharing with you so that you will be aware of when trials and practices are taking place. Given our very busy and tight timeline it is not always possible to re-do trials when someone is away. We hope that by giving notice that this will be helpful and keep families informed. Please keep in mind though that the timeline may need to be altered as we progress but we will make every effort to stay with the timeline.

The days for sport uniform are also included. For this term sport uniform will be House top and sport shorts. Joseph shirts are on the way, Joseph House students please wear usual sport shirt until they arrive.

The days indicated for R-8 sport uniform below are **in addition to** the regular Dance or PE sport uniform days for each class.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Sports Day 2022 Time Frame

Term 1

Week 4.	Thursday	House captain voting in House meetings at 9am (SPORT UNIFORM)
Week 5.	Students practice events in P.E. Lessons	
	Thursday	Long jump trials recess and lunch (SPORT UNIFORM)
Week 6.	Students practice events in P.E. Lessons	
	Monday	9:30 – 10:00 team game practice (Corner Spry Yr 3-8) 2:30pm House meeting to plan chants and marches (SPORT UNIFORM)
	Thursday	8:50am Health Hustle practice Team game practice 9:15am (Wheel and ball R-8) Shot put trials recess and lunch (SPORT UNIFORM)
Week 7	Students practice events in P.E. Lessons	
	Wednesday	2:30pm House meetings to plan chants and marches (SPORT UNIFORM)
	Thursday	8:50am Health hustle practice followed by Team game practice (Tug of war (Yr 3-8) and dress the house captain R-8) High jump trials at recess and lunch (SPORT UNIFORM)
	Friday	8:50am Health hustle practice Sprint runoffs at town oval R-8 Year 7/8 Javelin and discus championship event held after sprints (SPORT UNIFORM)
Week 8.	Monday	8:50am Health hustle practice 2:30pm House meeting (SPORT UNIFORM)
	Tuesday	8:50am Health hustle practice 800m run off at town oval (Yr 2-8) 2:30pm House meeting (SPORT UNIFORM)
	Wednesday	8:50am Health hustle practice Girls long jump championship 1:45pm (school oval – classes welcome to watch) (SPORT UNIFORM)
	Thursday	8:50am Health hustle practice Team game practice 9:15am (Relay) Boys long jump championship 1:45pm (school oval – classes welcome to watch) (SPORT UNIFORM)
	Friday	8:50am Health hustle practice Line marking – all events on town oval (Lisa C, Paul, Ron) (SPORT UNIFORM)
Week 9.	Monday	2:30pm House team meeting (FORMAL UNIFORM SO THAT SPORT UNIFORM CAN BE WASHED READY FOR SPORTS DAY)
	Tuesday	**Sports Day**

PARENTS AND FRIENDS 2022

We will have a P & F meeting next Thursday, 3rd March at 7.00pm in the MPLA.

We especially welcome new members. If anyone would like to join our meeting via Teams (online), please let Michelle know and this can be arranged.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL BOARD 2022

Our School Board will meet next Tuesday, 1st March: 7.00pm for Finance and 7.30pm for Board.

Thank you.

SHROVE TUESDAY – TUESDAY 1ST MARCH

Shrove / Pancake Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday takes place next week, Tuesday, 1st March. Shrove Tuesday has some traditions from medieval times. The celebration of “Mardi Gras” (French meaning ‘fat Tuesday’) was the last opportunity for feasting and celebration before the time of Lent when people would make the personal sacrifices and self-denial practices of prayer, fasting and giving to others.

According to British tradition, people would prepare for the hardships of Lent by using up all of their meat, eggs and butter and milk in the cooking and eating of pancakes. Meat, eggs and butter and milk would not be consumed again until Easter.



Shrove / Pancake Tuesday is highly anticipated by the students, this year the 7-8 students will be hosting a pancake feast for the rest of the school. All students are invited to bring along a gold coin to put in the Project Compassion box, this will begin our school fundraising for Lent.

Families are invited to donate toppings for the pancakes – jam, honey, maple syrup, lemon juice, sugar, cream, etc.

LENT – ASH WEDNESDAY 2ND MARCH

Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of Lent, will be marked on Wednesday, 2nd March, with an outdoor Mass at school. Ash Wednesday occurs 46 days before Easter.

During the Ash Wednesday Mass, students and staff will be sprinkled with ash, derived from palms left over from last year's Palm Sunday, and mixed with the special blessed Oil of Catechumen.

This is a sign of our promise to bring about a change of heart, be more open to authentic hospitality and forgiveness, in relation to oneself, in relation to others and in relation to God.

Blessings for the week ahead,

Michelle Miller

Principal

