



# St Mary MacKillop School

## NEWSLETTER

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**Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2022 (Term 1, Week 5)**

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,



*The time of Lent begins today with Ash Wednesday.*

*We resolve to pray, fast and give.*

*This is not always easy to stick to as time moves on and so we ask for Jesus' help with this in the coming weeks of Lent.*

### **ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI COLLEGE, RENMARK**

On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February the new Renmark Catholic secondary college community, named St Francis of Assisi, celebrated their official opening and blessing.

This is a very historic moment as a secondary Catholic education pathway in the Riverland has been dreamed of for many years. For this to become a reality is a cause for much celebration for the Riverland and for wider Catholic Education SA.

In celebration, there is a St Francis of Assisi peace prayer card for every family in Newsletter envelopes today. The name of the college was chosen as it reflects St Francis' strong connection with the environment and creation, this is reflected in the life that the River brings to the Riverland and beyond.

Our school community sent our best wishes to Nathan Hayes, Principal and the school community for their opening.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### **MARCH**

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Ash Wednesday  
Thu 3<sup>rd</sup> P & F meeting 7.00pm  
Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Opening of Sacred Heart Centre  
Mon 14<sup>th</sup> PUBLIC HOLIDAY  
Tue 15<sup>th</sup> **PUPIL FREE DAY**  
Thu 17<sup>th</sup> St Patrick's Day  
Sat 19<sup>th</sup> St Joseph's Day  
Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Harmony Day  
Fri 25<sup>th</sup> The Annunciation  
Tue 29<sup>th</sup> Sports Day

#### **APRIL**

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Meet and Greet Evening 6.00pm

#### **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

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### **APPEAL FOR PEACE**

Pope Francis has asked that today, Ash Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, be observed as a day of praying and fasting for Ukraine and World Peace. In times of turmoil and disaster, we often ask "What can we do?". Some ways that we can be actively involved are:

Pray	Continue to pray for peace in Ukraine and other areas experiencing war.
Be informed	Keep informed about the situation so that you can converse with others.  <i>We should not look away.</i>
Support	Support humanitarian efforts in the region including the work of Caritas (Catholic aid organisation).

We continue to offer our prayers and support to the Ukrainian people.

### **CONGRATULATIONS GEORGE**

Congratulations and thank you to George Hamra who has been appointed to the Year 3 class teacher position. George has been taking the class on a TRT basis along with teaching Science, over the past three weeks and he commenced as the Year 3 class teacher as of Tuesday this week.

### **YEAR 3 CLASS – THANK YOU**

Thank you to Sheridan Bonney and Francesca Tully who have been an amazing support in our Year 3 class, setting up, planning, programming, teaching and I know that their support will be ongoing for George, the students and families.

A replacement Science teacher will be appointed as soon as possible.

### **BABY CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Bianca and Stephen Butler on the birth of Jackson, a baby brother for Lilah in Year 1.

### **DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

Our deepest sympathy to Richard Crosby, Sarah, Eloise, Harriet and Meg, on the passing of Richard's mother.

### **STUDENT PULSE CHECK-IN**

This week and next week, students will participate in the student pulse check-in survey, this is conducted in Weeks 5-6 every term. The students respond to questions about their wellbeing, how they feel supported by their teacher, whether they feel they have a say in their learning, whether they feel safe and connected at school. The feedback is used to monitor student wellbeing and learning and help us improve our practices.

### **SPORT UNIFORM IN THE LEAD UP TO SPORTS DAY**

On sport lesson days and dance lesson days, students are asked to wear their House top and sports shorts. If a House top is not available for some reason, (waiting for the order to arrive or being washed) students wear their usual sport uniform top and sports shorts.

There will be some extra days that students will be asked to wear sport uniform in the lead up to Sports Day, on these days, students may wear their House top.

#### **Week 5**

In addition to any regular sport and dance lesson days, tomorrow – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, students in Years 3-8 who are interested in trialling for long jump will do so at recess and lunch time. Students who will be doing the long jump trials are asked to wear sport uniform (as outlined above) on this day.

#### **Week 6.**

Monday – sport uniform for all students

Wednesday – regardless of whether this is a usual dance or sport lesson day ALL students wear formal uniform for Blessing and Opening of the Sacred Heart Centre

Thursday – sport uniform for all students

If students have sport or dance on Tuesday or Friday, they wear sport uniform these days as well in Week 6.

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## **PERSONAL PLANS FOR LEARNING**

As outlined last year, Personal Plans for Learning for students are in place for 12 months from the end of Term 1, 2021 until the end of Term 1, 2022. This is to ensure that there is not a period of time at the beginning of the year when there is not a plan in place. If your child was on a PPL last year in our school, this is the plan that is currently in place for your child. The only exception to this is students who are new enrolments or they were not actually on a plan last year and the need has since evolved.

Over the coming weeks, teachers will begin the process of revising and writing new PPLs for students who require these. The aim will be to have these available for parents and caregivers to discuss at the parent/teacher interviews to be held at the start of Term 2.

## **PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Formal parent/teacher interviews will be held in Week 2 of Term 2, this is later than has been our past practice due to the staggered start to the school year.

This does not mean that teachers and parents cannot catch up before this time, in fact the opposite is encouraged. Teachers and parents are expected to communicate regularly by phone call, email, seesaw.

## **REMINDERS**

**FORMAL SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR ALL STUDENTS – NEXT WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**PUPIL-FREE DAY TUESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

## **HOUSE CAPTAINS 2022**

Congratulations to all Year 6, 7 and 8 students who wrote and presented leadership speeches, putting themselves forward for House Captain election. This takes commitment and courage on everyone's part.

The following students have been elected:

**MACKILLOP:** Riley Phelan, Johanna Sanders, Austin Miller, Emilie Malone-Hosking

**WOODS:** Alexis Costello, Bethany Nelson, Ari Schulz, Kaysha Treacy

**JOSEPH:** Daniel Gamble, Hope Ide, Lachlan Nash

**TAPPEINER:** Kaira Armour, Mia Dunstan, Ashton Blokpoel

## **THANK YOU - TO OUR SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE COOKS**

A huge thank you to Sheridan Bonney, Lisa Caffyn, Paul Northeast, Sue Wharton, Masha Sudareva and all of the Year 7-8 Master Chefs who mixed, cooked, and served pancakes and cleaned up afterwards. Probably around 200 pancakes were cooked and served....but who is counting!

Thank you to all families who sent in toppings too.

Thank you so much for making it possible for us to enjoy our pancake feast on the day before Ash Wednesday.



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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### **MEET AND GREET EVENING AND SCHOOL AGM – MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL FROM 6.00PM**

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April, there will be an evening when you are invited to come along and meet the teachers, have something to eat and join our school annual general meeting.

Put the date in your diary and more details will be coming soon.

### **SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

This year there will be three School Board positions that will become available. Thank you to Lisa Hawson who will complete a two-year term and to John Iveson who will complete a 6 year term. With today's Newsletter there is a nomination slip.

If you wish to nominate someone for School Board you must have had a conversation with them, they must be willing and available to commit and they must sign the nomination form.

I am happy to chat with anyone considering School Board, and I am sure our current Board members would be willing to do so too.

### **PARENTS AND FRIENDS 2022**

Our P & F meeting is tomorrow evening, Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **PARKING**

Nearby Young Street is one of the main areas for parking for school drop off and pick up. In consideration for the people who live in Young Street and everyone else who is trying to drop off and pick up children safely, please angle park your vehicle.

- Please do not parallel park as this takes up much more space than is necessary.
- Please do not park across our neighbours gateways and laneways.

Blessings for the week ahead,

*Michelle Miller*

Principal

## Ash Wednesday Mass Photos

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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends of the SMMS school community,



### Shrove Tuesday/Project Compassion

It has been a very busy 2 weeks as we approach our Lenten Season. Project Compassion is run by Caritas, which is a Catholic organisation helping many families all over the world who are in need. It is the Catholic agency for international aid and development.



Each class and family are receiving a project compassion box in their newsletter today raising money for the world's most vulnerable people, families and communities. Please do not feel pressured to donate, particularly as we are living in uncertain times at the moment. We are grateful for any amount of money raised. We are already off to a

very good start with our Pancake Day fundraising.

A massive thank you to everyone who donated items for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake day. It was a fantastic event raising money for Project Compassion.

The Year 7/8 Students and Staff did an amazing job to cook and feed the entire school! Lots of practical learning and fun had.

### Student Cross Designs

Today, we also had our very first Ash Wednesday Mass. During Wood Technologies and Art, the Year 7/8 Students designed, built and decorated crosses for each primary class. These were presented at Mass and will be located in the prayer spaces of each classroom. They have also designed crosses for their new Sacred Heart Centre, which will be blessed and presented at our Opening Celebration next week.



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*Sheridan Bonney*  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**21<sup>st</sup> March- St Joseph's Day  
Mass**

**Week 11- Holy Week**

**Who is my Neighbour?**

Following our yearly theme, each class has chosen to name their class after a street based around a class value.

Receptions (Murphy and Parker): **Belonging Boulevard**

Receptions/Year 1 (Hanson): **Loving Way**  
Year 1 (Bacher): **God Street**

Year 2 (Owen and Kerin): **Friendship Lane**

Year 2/3 (Whitehead): **Compassion Street**  
Year 3 (Hamra): **Family Drive**

Year 4/5 (Ryan/Price): **Kindness Court**  
Year 5/6 (Cotter): **Justice Avenue**

Year 7/8 (Caffyn/Sudereva): **Leadership Lane**



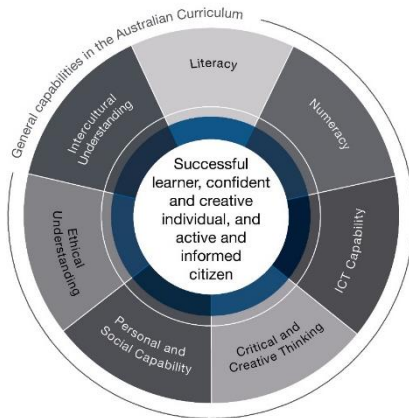
## PRAYER OF THE WEEK: Ash Wednesday

Gracious God,

Today begins a period of inner reflection. During this time of reflection, we remember how you lived as an example to all. You showed us how to love and be a good neighbour to others. As this Lenten season begins, help us to see the world through the eyes of Jesus. Give us love to forgive ourselves and each other, so that, in peace and joy, we may celebrate at Easter the death and resurrection of Jesus. We pray for peace during this time of war and we ask that you protect those in Ukraine. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war.  
Amen

# General Capabilities & Living, Leading, Learning Framework

While the start to 2022 has been different from previous years, everyone is now back at school and engaging in learning across the curriculum. The beginning of the year includes the integration of Social & Emotional Learning from Reception to Year 8. This is an opportune time for students to set goals, learn about the capabilities and work on improving their **Personal & Social Capability** through group tasks.



There are seven General Capabilities in the Australian Curriculum:

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Information and Communication Technology (ICT)
- Critical and Creative Thinking
- **Personal and Social**
- Ethical Understanding
- Intercultural Understanding

This is a snap-shot of some of the Social & Emotional Learning covered so far:

- Learning about how to stay safe at school and when using the Internet.
- Working on trust network activities and unpacking the school S.A.F.E. Acronym.
- Revisiting whole school Restorative Practices and reinforcing the common language across the school using circle time, role play, group discussions etc.
- Setting capability goals.
- Unpacking our school values.
- Developing a code of conduct in each classroom that fosters student agency.
- Using the Program Achieve Keys to Success.
- Playing games to learn cooperative behaviours such as using manners and being respectful.



# General Capabilities & Living, Leading, Learning Framework



## The Key Capabilities Continua for Living Learning Leading...

There are seven key capabilities:

- Spiritually Aware & Inspired by Faith
- Literate, Numerate & Effective Communicator
- Self-Aware, Collaborative & Socially Adept
- Knowledgeable, Inquisitive & Innovative
- Moral, Compassionate & Ecologically Aware
- Intercultural & Globally Minded
- Confident & Careful Creator & User of ICT



At the heart of the Living Learning Leading Framework is our commitment to our students and our understanding of all people – we see them as ‘thriving people, capable learners, leaders for the world God desires.’

The 2022 Diocesan theme is “Who is my neighbour?”

Pictured here are students working on their “who is my neighbour?” tasks.

Last year we introduced reporting on the ‘Spiritually Aware and Inspired by Faith’ Capability from the Living Learning Leading Framework, Key Capabilities.



## Year 2 Class News

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At 2:22 (and twenty two seconds) the Year 2 class (with 22 teachers and students when all are present) met with Ms Miller to celebrate on 22-2-22. Following this special moment the Year 2s enjoyed two special treats, one being twenty two minutes of free choice activity to round out a terrific Twosday.



## OSHC & Vacation Care News

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OSHC children have been engaged in different groups games inside and outside improving their communication skills, counting and teamwork whilst having fun and exercising.

We have been updating our 'All About Us' pin board in the hall, children love reading about each other and looking back at these later in the year and comparing what has changed.

### **CANCELLATIONS**

When cancellations are made at short notice this impacts on staffing, running costs and other families needing to use the service.

Families must cancel permanent bookings if not required for Vacation Care, by Week 3 of the school term.

Any bookings for OSHC during the school term must be cancelled seven school term days in advance.

Any bookings for Vacation Care during the school holidays must be cancelled two weeks in advance.

*Lisa Cooper*

OSHC Director - 0437 659 137

## OSHC Pupil Free Day

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**Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March, 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 Subsidy will be paid accordingly and the cost will be \$60.00 per child. Please return the reply slip by **Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> March**, if your child/ren will be attending.

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### **OSHC BOOKING FORM – PUPIL FREE DAY – TUESDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

Return by **Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> March**

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



Eamon – Year 2/3	2 <sup>nd</sup> March
Brody – Year 5/6	6 <sup>th</sup> March
Eloise – Year 3	6 <sup>th</sup> March
Luke – Year 5/6	8 <sup>th</sup> March
Jayden – Year 4/5	8 <sup>th</sup> March
Clair – Year 2	8 <sup>th</sup> March
Charlie – Year 5/6	11 <sup>th</sup> March
Mitchell – Year 4/5	12 <sup>th</sup> March
Madeline – Year 3	14 <sup>th</sup> March



## NEWSLETTER INSERTS/ ATTACHMENTS

1. Project Compassion box
2. School Board nomination form
3. Prayer of St Francis of Assisi card

*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

*The services and events contained in Community News are in no way connected with the school and are included in this newsletter for your information only. Parents and caregivers need to make their own enquiries and assessments about the suitability of these events and services for their needs and those of their children. Notices will be placed if time and space permits.*



# Come and Try Day

We are looking for U7 and U11's  
players for the 2022 Season.

All equipment will be provided.

When: Sunday 6th March 2022

Time: 10am

Location: Kadina Hockey Fields

Contact Details:

Rachael Harris- 0437568228 or email

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YP Tigers Hockey Club

Free sausage sizzle and drink provided