



St Mary MacKillop School

NEWSLETTER

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Thursday, 5th May, 2022 (Term 2, Week 1)

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,



Jesus said to her,

"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.

Do you believe this?"

John 11: 25-26

Following Easter Sunday evening, we begin the seven-week Easter Season which lasts through to Pentecost Sunday (5th June).

It is a season full of life and joy as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, that Jesus conquered death.

During the seven weeks, we reflect on the appearances that Jesus made to his disciples following his resurrection.

I hope that you were all able to enjoy the holiday break and had time to do what you needed to do, whether that was rest and relax, jobs around the home, time with friends and family, sports and energising activities.

Welcome back to the start of Term 2, I hope that it is an enjoyable and successful one for you. I thank you all in anticipation of the contribution you will make to our school this coming term.

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

- Thu 5th Cross Country Carnival
ANZAC Liturgy 11.40am
- Fri 6th Mothers' Day Picnic Lunch 1.00-1.40pm
- Sun 8th Mother's Day
- Mon 9th – Sun 15th Catholic Education Week
- Mon 9th Boys Football Carnival
- Tue 10th – Wed 18th NAPLAN testing
- Fri 13th National Walk Safely to School Day

JUNE

- Fri 10th PUPIL FREE DAY (OSHC available)
- Mon 13th PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Parish Weekend Mass Times

St. Francis of Assisi, Moonta:

Sunday 8.30am

Sacred Heart, Kadina:

Saturday 8.30am Sunday 10.00am

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Wallaroo:

Saturday 6.00pm



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

I know that unfortunately a number of families and staff were hit by Covid and this continues to be the case as we start our term. I thank all families who show their support of us as we continue to navigate requirements and we look forward to restrictions gradually being lifted more and more.

Best wishes everyone for the term ahead.

VACATION CARE – THANK YOU

Thank you to all staff who helped out with Vacation Care: care and supervision of children and bus driving. Thank you for providing this much appreciated service for our families and keeping this important contact with our families during the break time.

BREAKFAST BITES RETURNING

As part of the Chaplaincy role, Bernie Thomson instigated and ran Breakfast Bites until being interrupted by Covid restrictions. We are excited that Breakfast Bites has commenced again this term – thank you Bernie and loyal student helpers Amelia, Edie and Riley P.

Breakfast Bites is not a formal breakfast program as such but we do understand that for some students Breakfast Bites will provide a much needed snack to begin the day and we are able to do this at least once a week.

Breakfast Bites provides cereals, fruit and toast on a Wednesday morning between 8.20-8.45am on the oval side near the kitchen.

The recyclable drink containers that we all collect here at school are cashed in to raise funds that are put towards purchasing items for Breakfast Bites. We strongly encourage and educate our students and staff to recycle their drink containers.....for our environment and for Breakfast Bites.

ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS

On Monday, 25th April, we commemorated ANZAC Day.

Thank you to Bernie Thomson for her preparations and coordination of the group of students from St Mary MacKillop School Singers who sang at the Wallaroo community ANZAC Dawn Service. The Singers is made up of the younger students in our school and a loyal group of 16 students did a marvellous job singing and Ava H and Ollie B lay a wreath on behalf of our school community. Fr Matthew was the celebrant for the service.

Thank you and well done everyone.



Today we acknowledged this important event with our own whole school ANZAC liturgy.

We pray for and give thanks for all who have given and continue to give their lives in service for our country so that we may know peace.

REMINDER - MOTHERS' DAY CELEBRATION INVITATION

We will be holding a special celebration for our Mums at lunch time on Friday, 6th May. You are invited to bring a picnic lunch and rug to school and have lunch and play time (1.00-1.40pm) with your child/children. R-2 families playground side, 3-6 families oval side, 7-8 families Sacred Heart Centre. Families with children across year levels may choose a side.

You may bring picnic lunch for your child as well or they can order their lunch through our usual Friday Lunches (student orders only please).



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

BABY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Krystle, Michael, Benji and Hayley on the arrival of their baby girl Sophie.

Congratulations to Sarah, Lucas, Sophia and family on the arrival of their baby girl Bonnie.

We wish both families all the very best for a happy and healthy future.



OUR PARENT GROUPS

The support of our School Board and Parents & Friends helps to create the best learning environment possible and their commitment, effort and achievements are greatly appreciated. Support and concern for all in our community ensures a continually evolving strong school family.

At the end of last term, we held AGMs for both School Board and P & F. I have pleasure in sharing the membership and structure with you:

School Board Membership and Structure 2022

Ex Officio	Principal	Michelle Miller
	President	Fr Matthew Newman
	APRIM	Sheridan Bonney
Chairperson		Lauren Donnellan
Secretary		Julia Agnew
Treasurer		Katie Crawford
Parent Representatives		Lauren Donnellan, Tristan Graham, Debbie Venning, Margaret Wyatt, Mel Harris
Staff Representative		Jane Owen
P & F Representative		Dani Chapman

Sincere thanks to Karen Miers, Lisa Hawson and John Iveson who have concluded their terms with the School Board, for their years of commitment and service in this role.

We welcome Sheridan, Debbie, Margaret, Mel and Dani to the Board in their representative roles.

School Board Sub-committees 2022

Uniform & Marketing	Lauren, Katie, Michelle, (further reps to be appointed)
Policies & Procedures	Michelle, Jane, (further reps to be appointed)
Finance	Julia, Katie, Fr Matthew, Michelle
Buildings & Grounds	Fr Matthew, Michelle (further reps to be appointed)

Thank you to all members of the Board under the guidance of our Chair Lauren Donnellan for their commitment to the running of our school: attending meetings, and giving careful consideration to the many matters that arise across the year.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS 2022

The work of the Parents and Friends group continues to be an impressive highlight of our school. The number of parents involved, the fundraising achieved and the community building is testament to the commitment of parents to this school community. Thank you to our P & F Executive and Committee under the guidance of Dani Chapman. We look forward to a great year.

President	Dani Chapman
Secretary	Felicity Schulz
Treasurer	Emma Nelson
Friday Lunches Coordinator	Taya Dennis
School Board Rep	Dani Chapman
Committee	Kelly Richardson, Sarah Clifford, Katie Crawford, Jane Owen, Ali Ryan, Michelle Miller, Emily Donnell, Kylie Depledge, Debbie Venning, Danie Miller, Alicia Wall, Sam Iveson.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2022

Next week, all Catholic Education school communities in South Australia are celebrating Catholic Education Week. The week is particularly special for our school which has been providing Catholic education for the Copper Coast, in the spirit and charism of St Mary MacKillop for a continuous 153 years. Our school was established by St Mary MacKillop and her Sisters of St Joseph in January 1869, along with Sacred Heart School in Kadina (which is now the Vinnies site).

In Catholic Education Week we will have our annual simultaneous activity, where we will join with 13 other schools in the Port Pirie Diocese and will participate in 'neighbourly acts'.

We will commence our annual collection of items for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal (collecting warm winter woollies, blankets, cans of soup and food), we will also reach out to staff and residents in local aged care facilities and make and deliver cards and treats to them.

These neighbourly acts are explicitly in response to the call for us to 'go and do likewise', taken from the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

Photos of our neighbourly acts will be used to make up a collage along with other schools in the Port Pirie Diocese. Students will also write poems and prayers around the theme, with the final products to be put into a book with illustrations.

Students will also be asked to contribute their own ideas for activities that will demonstrate acts of kindness and being a good neighbour.

The good example of being a good neighbour and putting the needs of others to the forefront has already been set by Mitchell Depledge, who initiated a fundraising activity in the last week of Term 1. Mitchell wanted to raise funds for Project Compassion and came up with the idea of selling sweets and treats to the students during recess and lunch times across three days. Mitchell and his friends raised \$377.50 with all funds to go to Project Compassion. Thank you for your neighbourly act Mitchell.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing for students in Year 3, 5 and 7 will commence next Tuesday, 10th May through to Wednesday, 18th May. We have scheduled our testing to take place next week with catch up days the following week.

Considerable time, preparation and planning goes into NAPLAN and we want to make it a positive experience for all students. We encourage them to do their very best and the emphasis is on the information it will provide for us as teachers so that we can help them with their learning.

Parents of students in Year 3, 5 and 7 will receive the 2022 parent brochure today.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any further questions.

NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY – NEXT WEEK FRIDAY 13TH MAY

On Friday 13th May we will put our feet first, and journey towards a healthier future by participating in the 23rd anniversary of National Walk Safely to School Day.

The annual event aims to raise awareness for the various benefits regular walking (especially to and from school) can provide. This includes health, road safety, transport and environmental benefits as well as the long-term well-being of our children. Apart from the physical benefits, regular walking also has a favourable impact on our cognitive and academic performance.

Bus students who travel on our own school buses will be dropped at the park opposite the Town Hall and walk to school. Several staff will be there to meet students. Kadina bus students will be dropped a short distance from school and walk with staff to school.

All families and students interested in joining in are invited to meet at the park at 8.20am and walk safely to school. Bikes are welcome.

We look forward to walking and riding with you next Friday!



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection is a priority for us and we work hard to comply with all requirements to ensure this through the following:

- Staff and volunteers must hold a Working With Children Check (previously known as Police Check)
- Staff must undertake a 7-hour course followed by every 3 year refresher course in Responding to Abuse and Neglect (known as RRHAN training) and Site Induction
- Volunteers must undertake a Volunteer RRHAN training and Volunteer Site Induction

Any parents or volunteers must have a Working With Children Check to:

- hear reading
- go on excursions or camps
- assist with cooking, craft, electives
- be on our School Board or P & F
- assist with sporting activities (including transport, scoring, marshalling etc)
- transport children to and from events
- assist with our Dance Concert

This list is by no means exhaustive and there are so many more ways our parents and volunteers help us out. We really appreciate your help and we can't do it without you!

It is much easier to have your Working With Children Check in place so that when opportunities come up to assist you are ready to go. We don't want any parents, volunteers or children to be disappointed if someone is not able to help out because they do not have the right checks in place.

Please see Karen Westlake for more details.

COMMUNICATION

We trust that the majority of the time our communication with families is clear, timely and useful, however from time to time our communication does not work quite as well as it should. Respectful feedback is appreciated at these times. Following are the main methods of communication we currently use:

CONVERSATIONS IN PERSON – The favoured way of communicating, however we know realistically this is not always possible and so we have many other ways of communicating as well;

NEWSLETTER – Number # 1 for all important whole school news, updates, reminders, return slips, celebrations;

SMS – Student attendance and brief urgent messages;

PHONE CALL – When you want to ensure you can speak with someone so that your message is conveyed or information received;

FACEBOOK – For updates, brief news, messages and reminders;

SEESAW / DIARY / COMMUNICATION BOOK – For communication about children's wellbeing and learning. This will come from the class teacher and will be directly related to the class events and activities;

EMAIL – For communication of a more confidential nature, email a staff member regarding student and family information;

WEBSITE – General and more broad whole school information for school families and public.

PUPIL FREE DAY - TERM 2 (OSHC will be available)

REMINDER: FRIDAY, 10TH JUNE (WEEK 6)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Wishing you all a very happy Mother's Day for Sunday, 8th May. You may be a mother, being appreciated by your family; you may be appreciating your own mother whether with you still or passed on from this life. It is a wonderful moment to give thanks to God for our mothers and all of the mother figures in our lives and giving thanks to them for all they have done and continue to do for us.



Blessings for the week ahead,

Michelle Miller
Principal

Year 2 Class

The Year 2 class led the school on Tuesday in a re-enactment of the resurrection of Jesus. It was a most joyful time as the friends of Jesus realised that he was not gone and that he was alive! Jesus is the symbol of new life for us.



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

Welcome back to school for Term 2. We have lots of RE events and themes for this term.

Project Compassion

Thank you so much for all the fundraising that has been done for Project Compassion. Many Project Compassion boxes have been returned with generous donations. If you still have a box at home with funds, would you please drop these in to the front office or myself over the next week. We will announce the final figures in the coming weeks.



Holy Week and Easter

On our first day back, our Year 2 class did a fantastic job acting out the resurrection of Jesus to the song 'Rise Up!' Our whole school was able to join in on the fun.

Themes for Term 2

Our Who is Your Neighbour theme is continuing this term with more of a focus on creation and how we can care for the environment God has created for us. This will particularly be a focus during Catholic Education Week, which is Week 2.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK- Happy Mother's Day

Lord, thank you for all mothers,

For the new ones, who endure sleepless nights with infants in arms.
For the busy ones, who juggle the pressures of home and family life.
For the steadfast ones, who nurture and care for our special vulnerable children.

For the patient ones, who always seek to forgive and engage with their pre-teens.

For the persistent ones, who cleverly find new ways to connect with their mini-adults.

For the mother aunts, who step in to cradle and care for nieces and nephews.

For all grandmas, who love and support their precious grandchildren.

For the foster mums that are called to gather and cover the fragile ones. For the Sunday mums who care for our children and lead them in faith. For the mums who give far beyond their own resources, who overcome disability to cherish and love.

Thank you Lord for all our beautiful mothers. Help us to support them and keep them in our prayers. May you bless them now on this their special day.

Amen

Sheridan Bonney

APRIM

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 2

Week 1, Tues 3rd May Easter Sunday
Resurrection Celebration

Week 1, Thurs 5th May- ANZAC Day
Memorial

Week 2- Catholic Education Week

Week 5- Reconciliation Week

Week 6, Tues 7th of June- Pentecost
Mass



Easter Colouring Competition

Congratulations to Anastasia and Madeline who won the Easter colouring-in competition for their age groups run by Moonta Newsagency. We had many students enter and support the competition.



OSHC & Vacation Care News

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

Friday, 10th June 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 if your child/ren will be attending.

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

Return by Friday, 27th May

Family Name: _____

Signed: _____

Children requiring OSHC _____ Year _____

_____ Year _____

_____ Year _____



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Nicholas – Year 2	6 th May
Jimmy – Year 3	11 th May
Trinity – Year 3	11 th May
Addison – Year 2/3	14 th May



NEWSLETTER INSERTS/ ATTACHMENTS

1. Billy G Cookie Dough order form
2. Scholastic Book Club order form
3. NAPLAN information brochure (if applicable)

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.



MyTime

*supporting parents of
children with disabilities*

Georgina Weissmann
your local Facilitator



Have you heard about MyTime?

MyTime provides support for mothers, fathers, grandparents and anyone caring for a child with a disability or chronic medical condition.

It's a place for you to unwind and talk about your experiences; and to spend time that's all about you. It's a FREE peer-support group, which meets in Kadina on Thursday mornings 9:30-11:30am, during school terms. Whether your child is undergoing a diagnosis or been diagnosed for a while, families attending our group gain so much from chatting to others in a similar situation.

Come along and socialise over a cuppa in a relaxed setting, while your child and/or their siblings (under school age) are engaged in activities with a Play Helper. Parents attending also enjoy craft and other self-care activities and take home valuable information from guest speakers.

What are you waiting for? Come along to the Copper Coast MyTime Group!

For more information or to join our friendly group, please call or text Georgina on
0466 427 633 or email mytimekadina@gmail.com

"MyTime is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services, and nationally coordinated by the Parenting Research Centre." www.mytime.net.au

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A FREE, FUN & INCLUSIVE DAY OF ACTIVITIES TO TRY!



FOR PHYSICAL, SENSORY & INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

Thursday, 9 June 2022
10:00am - 1:00pm
Copper Coast Sport and Recreation Centre
1 Doswell Terrace, Kadina SA 5554 Australia

**Limited places available.
To register attendance [CLICK HERE](#)**

Hosted by:



Delivered by:



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VARIETY ACTIVATE INCLUSION SPORTS DAYS

Enabling kids to be more active, more often!

Variety Activate Inclusion Sports Days (AISD) give kids the opportunity to try sports they might otherwise miss out on. Aimed at kids aged 5-18 with learning difficulties, intellectual, sensory and physical disabilities, the days are an opportunity to have a go in a fun and inclusive environment.

Each day involves:

- a range of sports to try
- specialised coaching
- adaptive equipment
- showbags
- water and fruit
- local sporting club exhibitors
- access to community services
- opportunities to network with other families and teachers



BENEFITS OF THE DAY

Activate Inclusion Sports Days encourage and empower kids to explore sporting opportunities in their local community.

Benefits of attending the day include:

- the health benefits of physical activity
- building social wellbeing and friendship
- strengthening balance, coordination and mobility skills
- working as part of a team, collaborating and planning
- increased self-esteem through a sense of achievement



Variety - the Children's Charity believes all kids deserve a fair go. They provide practical and essential support to kids who are sick, disadvantaged or have special needs. Disability Sports Australia aims to get more Australians with a disability more active, more often while working nationally to support sport and active recreation participation. Disability Sport & Recreation Everything we do is to help Victorians with disability live happier, more active lives.

www.variety.org.au www.sports.org.au <https://dsr.org.au>

Girl Guides

Having fun today –
Leading the world
tomorrow



GIRL GUIDES
AUSTRALIA
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Kadina Girl
Guides have
vacancies for
girls aged
8 – 14 years

Monday 5pm-6:30pm
Kadina Guide Hall

Guides:

- ★ make new friends
- ★ go camping
- ★ have fun and adventures out doors
- ★ make 'crafty' things
- ★ try new activities – cooking, games, community service and lots more



For more information contact:
...Guide Leader Annie Hyland
0409211056

Girl Guides is a worldwide organisation
with over 145 member countries and
10 million members.

Kadina Girl Guides would like more Girls to join the fun!



written by Youth Member, Akiesha

Who We Are!

Girl Guides is really fantastic and enjoyable for all girls aged 8-14 years and now I am older I am helping the leaders and the girls. Girl Guides always offers the opportunity for us to be able to learn new things and create new friends. We show a sense of leadership and take pride in all the work we complete while demonstrating to others that kindness is always key to new opportunities.