



Mini-Newsletter – Week 2

Wednesday, 11th May, 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

HAPPY CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

This week, CEW (Catholic Education Week), is a time to reflect on and give thanks for, the opportunities we have in Catholic education to make a real difference for young people, families and the community. We have all chosen to be a part of and contribute to this Catholic community that is St Mary MacKillop school and parish and Jesus guides us in this.

*“God’s will and glory,
the good of our Australian children, is alone what we seek.
St Mary MacKillop 4.5.1873*

During Catholic Education Week 2022, we say ‘thank you’ to the dedicated, caring, hard-working staff, students and volunteers who make Catholic schools in SA so special.

We launched our week of celebration and thanksgiving with a liturgy held in every classroom. The theme of the liturgy was "Who Is My Neighbour?" We listened to the scripture of the Good Samaritan and reflected on how we can do the same as Jesus and the Good Samaritan in our own lives - caring for others in need.

Make sure you visit our facebook page to keep up with all of the CEW activities around our school.



“Neighbourly Acts”

Mr Hamra's Year 3 class have set a goal for their neighbourly act of picking up litter to improve our environment for Catholic Education Week. The class rubbish in the bin after they collected rubbish around the oval.

They are encouraging everyone to be good neighbours to our environment and put their rubbish in the bin.

NAPLAN

We are well into our NAPLAN testing and it is running very smoothly which is a credit to our staff, students and families for your support and preparations.

We will complete our main testing this week and then will have catch up testing in between and the first three days of next week. We are consistently encouraging the students to try their best, that's all we ask of them.

AUSKICK

Auskick will start this afternoon - Wednesday 10th May, held on our school oval, starting at 3.45pm. Thank you to Paul Northeast and George Hamra who will be running it for Wallaroo Football Club.

It's a great way for kids to get involved in footy, get them socialising, active and out in the fresh air.

To ensure that Auskick runs smoothly for our school:

- Parents and Auskick coaches are responsible for the children during Auskick, not school and OSHC staff
- Families remaining at school between dismissal and Auskick starting are to be on the oval side only, not the playground side of our school
- Children changing for Auskick may use the OSHC/Hall toilets, MPLA toilets are not to be used for this purpose
- When Auskick has concluded please leave the oval so that our OSHC children and staff can have full use of the facilities again

We appreciate your assistance with this for a good season of Auskick.

OSHC ON AUSKICK AFTERNOONS

On Wednesday afternoons while Auskick is on, OSHC will start on the playground side of our school from 3.00pm, and will move back over to the Hall once Auskick has wound up.

The OSHC children really love and need their own big space to get out into after a long day at school. Parents picking children up from OSHC, if we are not in the Hall or on the oval we will be at the playground side of the school.

On afternoons that the weather is not suitable to be outside the OSHC children will head straight on over and go into the Hall.

NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY – FRIDAY 20TH MAY

Please note that I had put the wrong date in the Newsletter last week (it's not 13th May)

This 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. Kadina bus students will be dropped a short distance from school and walk with staff to school.

Any students and families may join us, meet at the park opposite the Town Hall at 8.15am.



THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who attended our Mothers and special family and friends picnic last Friday. There was warm sunshine, smiling faces, picnic rugs spread, sharing food, playing and laughing together. There were families who 'adopted' and included others whose Mum could not come, it was delightful to be a part of.

TERM 2 CURRICULUM LETTERS

Teachers have prepared letters to keep you informed about learning programmes for Term 2, and classroom routines, these are coming home today.

NATIONAL FAMILIES WEEK 15TH - 21ST MAY

The aim of the Week is to celebrate the vital role that families play in Australian society. Visit the National Families website for activities, resources, online webinars: <https://nfw.org.au/>

We celebrate our families!



National Families Week

NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS WEEK 16TH – 22ND MAY

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Better Together **WEEK**

National Volunteer Week (NVW) is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteering. The theme this year is Better Together. Volunteering brings people together; it builds communities and creates a better society for everyone.

We want to say a big thank you to all of the volunteers who help us with: School Board, P & F, hearing reading, art, craft, cooking, excursions and camps, Friday Lunches, mentoring. We are definitely Better Together. Thank you to our Volunteers!

CROSS COUNTRY



On Thursday, 5th May, Lucas, Ari, Tate, Brody, Max and Adelaide competed in the Cross Country Carnival at Moonta. Well done for competing and running your best race.

Congratulations to Adelaide and Max who qualified to go to Cross Country at Oakbank.

SAPSASA SWIMMING

Congratulations to Amelia and Mileah who were selected to represent NYP at SAPSASA Swimming on Friday, 6th May. The girls enjoyed their events and being part of the NYP team.



NYP BOY'S FOOTBALL CARNIVAL



Our students combined with Port Broughton to put in a team for the NYP Boys Football Carnival on Monday, 9th May. The boys played very well as a team. Everyone has put in an excellent effort and had a great time, with all players kicking a goal! Congratulations Aussie, Luke, Alfie, Jordy, Brody and Riley.

P & FUNDRAISER – BILLY G'S GOURMET COOKIE DOUGH



In the last week's Newsletter, families received a brochure and letter for our Term 2 fundraiser, Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough. Last day to order is Friday, 27th May. This is our only significant fundraiser for this term so we would really appreciate your support, circulate the brochures to family and friends. Remember that all of the funds raised by the P & F go back into the school for the benefit of the students. Thank you to all families for supporting the fundraiser.

Blessings for the week ahead.

Michelle Miller - Principal