



St Mary MacKillop School

NEWSLETTER

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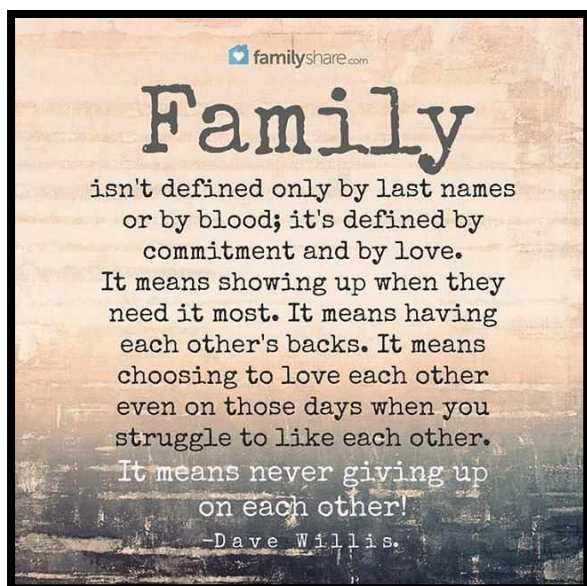
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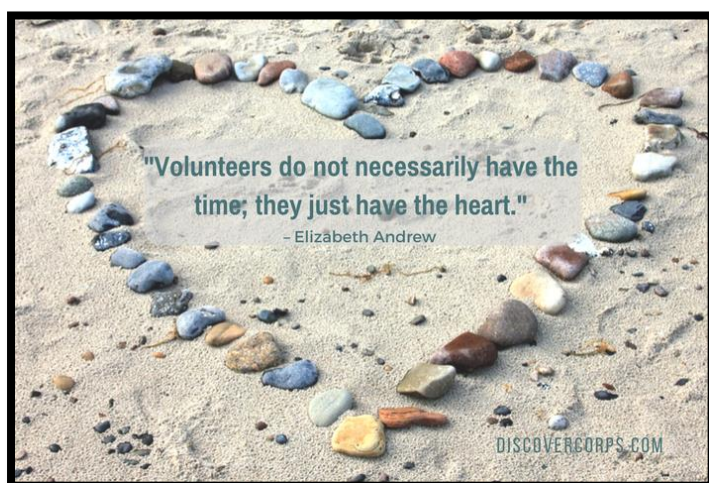
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Wednesday, 18th May, 2022 (Term 2, Week 3)

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,



National Families Week



National Volunteers Week

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

Fri 20th National Walk Safely to School Day
Mon 23rd School Tours 1.45pm and 6.00pm
Tue 24th YP Zones 7/8 Football carnival
Mini Macs Playgroup 9.00am
Thu 26th Sorry Day
Fri 27th NYP Netball carnival
Sat 28th Flame Festival family night at Moonta
Museum 6.00-9.00pm

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

This week we acknowledge the importance of families and the importance of volunteers, both contribute so much to our school and our wider community. Of course, our school would not exist and function without our families and our volunteers.

So we want to say a big **THANK YOU** to all families and volunteers who support our school so positively and generously!

NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY – FRIDAY 20TH MAY

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 families who wish to join us are welcome to meet us at the park opposite the Town Hall at 8.15am.

PUPIL FREE DAYS

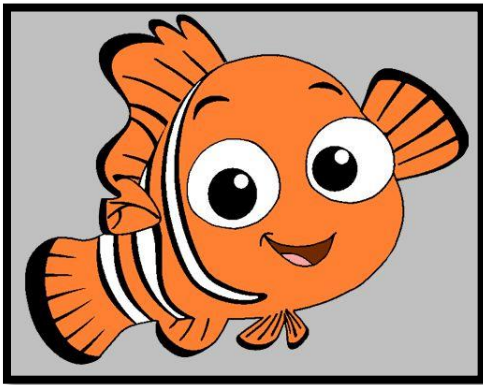
Reminder – **Term 2** Pupil-free day **Friday 10th June (OSHC will be available)**

Change of **Term 3** Pupil free day from Friday 9th September to
Friday 23rd September (NO OSHC available)

CONCERT DATES

Our dance concert is a highlight of the year. We are very fortunate to have Karen McCulloch teach dance to our students, supported by the class teachers. This year we are very fortunate to have Sheridan Bonney working closely with Karen to coordinate the concert. Sheridan has written the script with assistance from student Johanna Sanders. Sheridan, Karen and our staff on the dance committee have met and started discussing costumes, props, backdrops.

Next term we will hold a concert working bee and invite parents to come along for an hour or two and help out with making props, costumes, accessories etc.



Our dance concert this year will be 'Nemo's Neighbours'.

DANCE CONCERT DATE CLAIMER

WALLAROO TOWN HALL

Dress Rehearsal - Wednesday, 21st September 10.00am (with audience)

Day Performance - Thursday, 22nd September 10.30am

Evening Performance - Friday, 23rd September 7.00pm

More information will be sent home in regards to costume pieces we ask you to source at home and we will advertise when tickets will go on sale in Term 3.

MS KERRI DENT - ACTING PRINCIPAL

As you would know from previous correspondence I will be taking leave commencing Week 6 of this term. Ms Kerri Dent has been appointed as Acting Principal to our school.

Kerri will be visiting our school this Friday, 20th May, Kerri is looking forward to meeting students, staff and as many parents and families as possible. Kerri will visit again closer to the time I leave and we will have a handover. Kerri and I will work together to ensure that everything continues to run smoothly at our school for the remainder of Term 2 and all of Term 3.

SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-2025

We have a strategic plan for the continuous development and improvement of our school in all areas. Students, parents and staff will be invited to contribute to a survey to express your opinions and ideas about what is working well, what we need to keep doing and what we can improve on. The surveys will be collated and will contribute to the formation of our next strategic plan.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

P & F NEWS

We had a fantastic turnout for our P & F meeting last night, thank you so much to everyone who came, it is much appreciated.

Billie G Cookie Dough fundraiser – thank you everyone for your wonderful support of our main fundraiser for this term. Orders are still open until Friday, 27th May, so please spread the word to family and friends to buy some Billie G cookie dough and support our school.

Twilight Christmas Markets – our P & F are always planning ahead and thinking of great ways to bring our community together and support our school. We will be holding a **Twilight Christmas Market on Friday, 18th November, 5.00-8.00pm** here at school. Our P & F will have a stall and we will be inviting other stallholders to come. There will be more information circulated in the coming months, in the meantime, put this date in your diary for a great family evening.

SCHOOL TOURS

I will be conducting school tours next Monday, 23rd May at 1.45pm and again at 6.00pm. Any interested families are welcome to come along.

Please spread the word and encourage any friends who might be interested to take advantage of this opportunity.

Please register interest in a tour by phoning our office on 8821 5800 or emailing our office at info@stmm.catholic.edu.au



Blessings for the week ahead,

Michelle Miller
Principal

FROM THE APRIM

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

Last week we launched Catholic Education Week with liturgies from each class. Our themes of **'BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOUR'** and **'GO AND DO LIKEWISE'** came to life amongst all classes.

You might have seen some of the clips posted on our Facebook page, which included some of the kind and thoughtful actions students did to care and support others.

This was the perfect week to launch our **Winter Appeal** for the **St Vincent de Paul Society**. Our junior primary students have done a fantastic job promoting this amongst the students, staff and wider community throughout the week. We would be very grateful for warm blankets, clothing, canned and long life goods. We will be collecting these items throughout Term 2.

UPCOMING RE EVENTS

Term 2

Winter Appeal- ALL TERM

Week 5- Reconciliation Week

Week 6 (Tues 7th June)-
Pentecost Mass



Our **Whole School Prayer Book** is well and truly on the way to being completed. It is almost at the stage of printing. Each class has been working hard to write their own prayers for this book. A fantastic job from all students in our school. We will use this resource in future for morning prayers, meetings and school events. Themes around being a good neighbour to creation, each other, ourselves and the wider community feature in our prayer book.



Prayer of the Week

This week I have chosen a prayer from one of our very own Reception Class.

The Reception class “Good Neighbour Recipe.”

You will need:

- A helping hand to “help someone who is hurt” and “help my Mum clean the house.”
- A playful heart to “play with my Mum, Dad, family and friends” and to “play with my “toys.”
- A sharing spirit.
- A fun mind to do “things together like going to the water park” and the “beach.”
- Kind words and thoughts so “I can be nice to my friends.”

Steps:

1. Put everything into our school neighbourhood bowl.
2. Mix it all together.
3. Now you have everything you need to be a good neighbour.

Prayer

Dear God,

Please help us to remember how to be good friends and neighbours.

Help us to be kind, generous and loving.

May we always think of others and be caring every day.

Amen.



Sheridan Bonney

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ACARA & Living, Learning & Leading Capabilities & Reporting

At the end of Term 2, your child's report will be going home. On the last page, there is a section devoted to the capabilities reporting. Reception to Year 2 have a tick box format and Year 3 to 8 includes a student reflective comment on the capabilities. Below are the Capabilities included in the R-6 Semester 1 report.



- Personal & Social Capability
- Critical & Creative Thinking Capability
- Information & Communication Technology Capability
- Spiritually Aware and Inspired by Faith Capability



These highly valued skills are what future employers will be looking for when your child is entering the work force. Capabilities such as:

Personal & Social: an ability to; prioritise, set goals to improve performance, develop positive relationships, work cooperatively, become confident, resilient and adaptable, use your initiative, work independently and be a strong, reliable leader.

Critical & Creative: an ability to; critically pose questions and learn about the world, imagine and generate new possibilities, reflect and evaluate and apply logic and reasoning.

Information & Communication Technology: an ability to; manage and maintain digital data, apply digital security practices, use ICT's to locate and generate data and use ICT's creatively.

Spiritually Aware and Inspired by Faith Capability: involves students reflecting on the spiritual dimension of their lives, valuing prayer, seeking the truth, reflecting on their religious faith, contributing to a more fair and just world and responding to an invitation to a relationship with God.

The General Capabilities permeate across everything that we do and teach here at Saint Mary MacKillop School. Here are some examples of students using their General Capabilities;

Personal & Social General Capability



ACARA & Living, Learning & Leading Capabilities & Reporting

Information & Communication Technology General Capability



Spiritually Aware & Inspired by Faith Capability



Critical & Creative General Capability



OSHC & Vacation Care News

At OSHC children have been enjoying a variety of group games inside and outside. Games are a great way to build resilience, it teaches the children that games are not always about winning but having a go and fun. Our latest group games have been Red Rover All Over and a new game- Twister but not Twister on the playground (the children named this game).

Please check out the Early Works App for photos of your children at OSHC. If you don't know your login, please speak with Lisa.

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.

Priority 1 will be given to families who have a permanent Friday booking.

Priority 2 will be given to essential worker families.

Priority 3 will be given to families with both parents working.

Other vacancies will then be allocated.

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



Riley – Year 4/5	18 th May
Aarvin – Year 2	21 st May
Isla – Reception	23 rd May
Lachlan – Year 7/8	25 th May
Blake – Year 7/8	27 th May



NEWSLETTER INSERTS/ ATTACHMENTS

1. Nil

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.