



St Mary MacKillop School

NEWSLETTER

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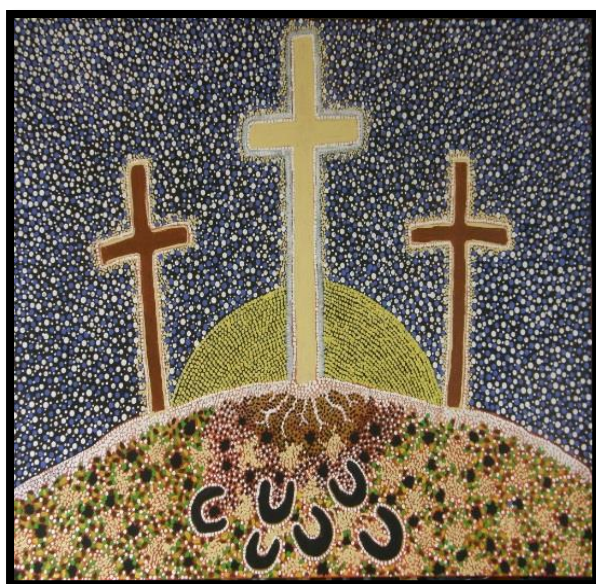
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Thursday, 2nd June, 2022 (Term 2, Week 5)

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,



Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge that we learn, play and work
on the traditional country of
the Nharrangga people.

We recognise and respect their cultural heritage,
beliefs and relationship with the land.

We acknowledge that they are of
continuing importance to
the Nharrangga people living today.

Reconciliation is an essential part of our Catholic Identity and our Mission as a Catholic School. Our Mission is to "create opportunities for students to encounter life in all its richness" and this entails learning about our history, valuing difference, nurturing cultural awareness and working towards reconciliation whenever and wherever this is needed. Our school acknowledges National Reconciliation Week and raises awareness of what the week means.

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

Fri 27th – Fri 3rd Jun NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

Tue 31st The Visitation of Mary

JUNE

Fri 3rd MABO DAY

Year 6 leadership excursion to Adelaide

Year 7/8 fundraiser at recess and lunch

Sun 5th PENTECOST SUNDAY

Mon 6th R, R/1 and 1 classes excursion to Moonta

Tue 7th Mini Macs Playgroup 9.00am

Pentecost Mass 11.40am

Fri 10th PUPIL FREE DAY (OSHC available)

Mon 13th PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Thu 16th Mass and farewell for Fr Matthew 11.40am

Fri 17th 7/8 Adelaide excursion

Mon 20th Cookie Dough delivery

P & F meeting – time to be confirmed

Tue 21st 7/8 Parent Mental Health workshop 6.30pm

Thu 23rd 7/8 Peterborough excursion

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

RAISING HEARTS AND MINDS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

National Reconciliation Week was initiated in 1996 to celebrate Indigenous history and culture in Australia and foster reconciliation.

It is held between 27th May and the 3rd of June of each year, with the dates holding special historical significance. The 27th May marks the anniversary of the 1967 referendum (on indigenous policies) in Australia. The 3rd June marks the anniversary of the High Court of Australia judgement on the Mabo v Queensland trial of 1992.

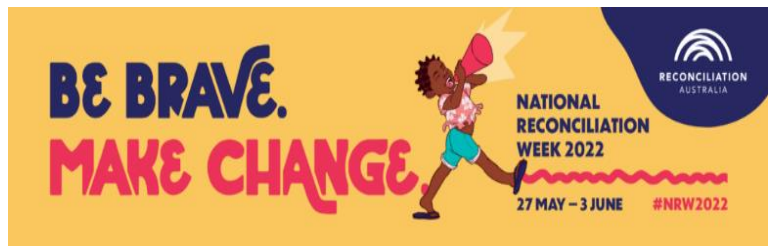
Both dates are extremely significant for the rights of the indigenous people in Australia.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 27TH MAY – 3RD JUNE

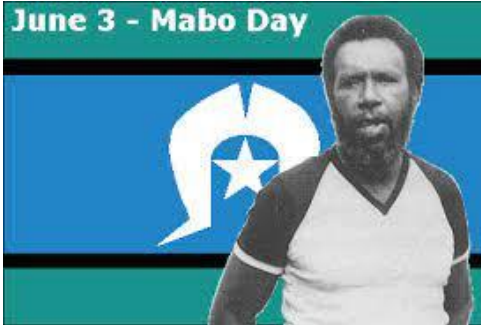
This year's National Reconciliation Week theme, Be Brave Make Change is a challenge to all of us to Be Brave and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can Make Change for the benefit of all Australians.

Change begins with brave actions in your daily life – where you live, work, play and socialise.

Take these actions with you every day of the year, not just during National Reconciliation Week.



June 3 - Mabo Day



MABO DAY – FRIDAY 3RD JUNE

Reconciliation Week concludes on the 3rd June, Mabo Day – the 30th anniversary of the day the fiction of “Terra Nullius” was overturned in court.

Eddie Koiki Mabo (29th June 1936 – 21st January 1992) was an Indigenous Australian man from the Torres Strait Islands known for his role in campaigning for Indigenous land rights in Australia, in particular the landmark decision of the High Court of Australia that overturned the legal doctrine of terra nullius

YEAR 7-8 RECONCILIATION WEEK STALL

The Year 7/8 students and Miss Sudareva will be hosting a Reconciliation Week stall this Friday 3rd June at recess and lunch time. They are busy making items for sale and the proceeds will go to an indigenous charity. Please see the poster with this Newsletter for more details.

WELCOME WINTER

Winter has been ushered in with some very strong winds and rain over the last few days and I don't think I am alone in thinking it would have been nice to stay home snuggled on the couch. I hope that you are able to enjoy the change in seasons though and all that it brings: bonfires burning, snuggling up, beanies and scarves, warm soup, reading, puzzles and games inside, colourful falling leaves, walks in the refreshing cool air, cool clear rain.

We need a winter in our lives,
a time of rest, a time to stand still.
A time to reacquaint ourselves
with the faith in which we live.
It is only then that we can draw strength
from the one in whom we are rooted.
Take time to grow and rise through the darkness,
into the warm glow of your springtime.
To blossom and flourish
and bring colour and vitality into this world.
Thank you God,
for the seasons of our lives.
(Author unknown)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

FLAME FESTIVAL THANK YOU

Thank you Francesca Tully and Bernie Thomson who worked with students and their families to ensure that our students could take part in the Flame Festival lantern parade on Saturday evening at the Moonta Mines Museum. Our school was well represented by 17 students. There was a lovely array of lanterns that the students paraded with. Particularly pleasing was the participation by two of our secondary students Chelsea and Emilie, wonderful role-models. The Flame Festival will continue to grow and will take place alternate years to the Kernewek Lowender. Thank you to our students, families and staff for their support and participation and congratulations to the organisers of the Flame Festival.

CESA PHOTO SHOOT

This year, Macy Venning and Charlie Frost took part in the CESA photo shoot. Each year schools are invited to send students for the professional photo shoot. The photos are then used by CESA for various promotions throughout the year and our school is also able to use them for advertising and promotional purposes.

The photos are taken with the students looking upwards, symbolising 'eyes on the future'.

There is a halo of light around the child and this symbolises the intrinsic worth of the individual child, their inner light and the light of God.

I am sure you will agree that Charlie and Macy are fitting ambassadors for our school. We look forward to sharing the images with you.

STUDENT VOICE REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected to represent their classmates on the Student Voice Committee. I will be meeting with these students for the first time today:

- Rec: Maddalyn and Zeb
- R/1: Maggie and Archer
- 1: Rafter and Isla
- 2: Tate and Macy
- 2/3: Cody and Amaya
- 3: Trae and Eloise
- 4/5: Max and Anastasia
- 5/6: Alfie and Adelaide; Charlie and Harvie
- 7/8: Hudson and Chelsea



Absent: Maddalyn, Chelsea

MONDAY MORNING ASSEMBLY

This week we were able to resume our regular Monday morning assemblies. Students move straight to the MPLA from the oval following morning play. These assemblies are for students and staff.

We will resume our Class assemblies again soon and will keep you informed and invite parents to these once they are up and running again.

COVID

Masks are no longer required to be worn inside at school, however they are encouraged and those who choose to wear them are supported to do so.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION FOR OUR STRATEGIC PLAN

School communities grow, change and improve all of the time and this is all guided by our annual and strategic planning. We are at the time when we need to begin community consultation to formulate the strategic plan that will guide us from 2022-2025. Students, parents, staff and parish will be invited to contribute. With today's Newsletter you will receive a proforma that you are invited to fill in and return if you would like to contribute to our planning. Further hard copies of the proforma are available from our front office. We will also use P & F, School Board, Student Voice and Staff meetings as a forum for this consultation and feedback. It's important to have your say and contribute your thoughts and ideas in the various areas of our school, share what you think is working well and we need to keep and share your ideas for improvement in various areas as well. All feedback forms will need to be returned by the end of Term 2. The feedback will be collated and written into our Strategic Plan that will then be shared with the community.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

BEST WISHES ARIA

We wish Aria all the very best as she leaves us to attend her new school. We look forward to seeing you around and keeping in touch Aria. Best wishes to Aria.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Agatka Murphy and family, Scott, Rafter, Keaton and Elliot, on the passing of Agatka's father. May his soul rest in peace and your wonderful memories of him live on.

WELCOME MAX

We welcome Max Guttormsen and his parents Tom and Tara to our school community. Max has joined Agatka and Sophie's Reception class. Welcome Max.

SAPSASA FOOTBALL



Congratulations to Alfie and Austin who have participated in SAPSASA football in Adelaide this week:

ANXIETY RESOURCES

With today's Newsletter are two articles about anxiety in children that parents may find useful and interesting to read. Thanks to Kris Strauss-Scott our Centacare Catholic Family Services counsellor for sharing these resources.

NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA

Every year we are required to record data for the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on students with a disability. There is a fact sheet accompanying this Newsletter about the NCCD. Students who have a Personalised Plan For Learning (PPL) that documents adjustments made to enable them to access learning equitably will be included in our school data. Students are not individually identified, and information is confidential. Parents will have been notified if your child as a PPL.

STUDENT PULSE SURVEYS

During Week 5 and 6, students participate in the Student Pulse Surveys. These surveys provide an opportunity for students to share their perspectives on a variety of questions relating to their wellbeing and learning. The results are used to improve our practices for the students.

UPCOMING PUPIL-FREE DAYS – REMINDER

Term 2: Friday 10th June (OSHC)

Term 3: Monday 25th July (OSHC) and Friday 23rd September (NO OSHC)

Term 4: Friday 16th December (OSHC)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

THANK YOU AND BEST WISHES FOR FR MATTHEW

We were saddened to hear the news that Fr Matthew will be leaving us and moving on. We will be taking opportunities to say a huge thank you to Fr Matthew for the many kind and generous ways that he has supported our staff, students, families and community as a whole over the last three years.

Fr Matthew has helped out in so many ways: driving the bus, coaching sports, mentoring, setting up and packing up for graduations, MC at sports day, celebrating Masses and Liturgies, guiding our faith and spiritual development and being present for us and genuinely interested in the life of our school.

On Thursday, 16th June, 11.40am in the MPLA, we will celebrate a whole school Mass for Fr Matthew and this will be followed by a celebration lunch (sausage sizzle and drink) for students and staff.

We are hoping that parents will be able to attend the Mass and will keep in touch and share details with you closer to the time.

THANK YOU AND BEST WISHES FOR GARY WHITFORD

Mr Gary Whitford has been our IT technician for approximately 12 years and has worked with hundreds of students and staff over his time with us. Gary will be retiring from this role at the end of this term and we want to thank him and wish him well for the future. Gary has been the go to person for all of our IT issues and is always there patiently and quietly helping us out with all things IT.

On Thursday 7th July at 12.30pm in the MPLA, we will celebrate a whole school Liturgy for Gary, and this will be followed by a celebration lunch for students (sausage sizzle and drink) and staff.

We look forward to both of these celebrations to farewell and thank Fr Matthew and Gary.

WELCOME KERRI DENT - PRINCIPAL

We welcome Kerri at the beginning of Week 6 to the role of Principal at our school while I take leave until the beginning of Term 4. I am extremely thankful to Kerri for coming to our school community. Kerri and I will have a handover meeting and Kerri is committed and excited to take over and ensure continuity for our school over this term and next term.

I am sure you will help Kerri to settle in and find her way around and that you will support her in the same wonderful way that you support me.

Blessings for the week ahead,

Michelle Miller

Principal

4/5 Class News



The Year 4/5 class has been learning about the Creation story from the Bible in conjunction with how they can help look after the Earth. Students had to set Sustainability Action Goals for ways they can protect parts of the environment. Charlize (left) set a goal to plant more trees and, thanks to her Mum, found this beautiful plant named St Mary MacKillop. With the help of Skye (right) and Mr Northeast, Charlize planted it in the Peace Garden at school. She will continue to look after it and watch it grow!

Thank you Charlize.

FROM THE APRIM

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

Caritas Project Compassion Fundraiser

Thank you so much for all in our community who donated towards our Project Compassion Campaign. We were able to fundraise \$1000, which is an outstanding achievement. Special mention to Mitchell D and his team of helpers for the extra fundraiser they did for this at recess and lunch.



UPCOMING RE EVENTS

Term 2

Winter Appeal- 24th June is our last day (Friday, Week 8)

Week 6 (Tuesday, 7th June)- Pentecost Mass

Class Masses and Liturgies - throughout the term

Winter Appeal

Thank you for all the donations we have already received for those in need during these cold winter months in our community. We now have a final date for our Winter Appeal. Rosemary Sims from the St Vincent de Paul Society will be joining us for an assembly on the **24th June** to collect all donations. We are after any warm blankets, canned goods and long life food, scarves and beanies.



Class Masses and Liturgies

Throughout this term, we will be running class Masses and Liturgies for learning areas as outlined below:

JP Team	Liturgy	Same day as excursion- 6 th June (Week 6, Monday)
2-3s	Liturgy	16 th June (Week 7, Thursday)
4-6s	Mass	24 th June (Week 8, Friday) TBA depending on Carclew
7-8s	Mass	TBA depending on Carclew

Prayer of the Week- Racism

Dear God,
We feel blessed for the life you have given us.
Some people have life harder than others, so we pray for those who suffer.
We pray that people respect that all people are different.
Please help people to understand that race does not matter because we are all the same in
God's eyes.
We pray that all feel included in our society, community, school and homes.
Amen.
Blake Walkley- Year 7

Sheridan Bonney

APRIM

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Year 7/8 Fundraiser

RECONCILIATION WEEK FUNDRAISER

*The Year 7/8 are have a fundraiser to support the Mai Wiru Foundation for
National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week this Friday.*

*The Mira Wiru Foundation donates fresh fruit & vegetables to supported
Schools and programs across remote indigenous Communities.*

Where: Sacred Heart Centre

Time: Recess & Lunch time

When: Friday 3rd of June

Cup Cakes-\$2

Jelly Cups- 50c

Lolly bags-\$1

Cadbury Chocolate Biscuits: \$1

Frog in a Pond - \$1

Drawstring Bags - \$3





SUBWAY LUNCHES – FRIDAY, 7th JULY (last day of Term 2)

Subway envelopes are included with today's Newsletter. Orders are to be placed no later than Wednesday, 28th June.

BILLY G'S GOURMET COOKIE DOUGH



Thank you to families and the community for supporting our Billy G Gourmet Cookie Dough fundraiser.

Delivery is expected on Monday, 20 June.

NYP Netball Lightning Carnival

Friday, 27th May, Kaira, Kaysha, Amelia, Charley and Mileah participating in the NYP Netball Lightning Carnival in Kadina. Our girls teamed with two Bute girls for the carnival.

Thank you to Hannah Cotter and Kelly Richardson for supporting the team.



7/8 YP Zone Basketball



Year 7/8 students Blake, Tyrell, Max, Emilie, Mia and Riley (absent from photo) travelled to Minlaton yesterday for the YP Zones Basketball Carnival. The girls teamed up to Moonta Area School and placed 2nd overall. The boys had Minlaton players join them and played some great games but unfortunately did not place. It was a great day overall.

Thank you to Lisa Caffyn, Sue Wharton, Masha Sudareva and Kym Read for supporting the team.

Year 7/8 Excursion

Year 7/8 students enjoyed their excursion to Adelaide last week. They visited Parliament House, with thanks to Fraser Ellis. They visited the Mary MacKillop Museum and learnt more about our patron Saint. A visit to the High Street Cafe was a lot of fun where the students furthered their knowledge about coffee making, with thanks to Mr Beech.



Year 5/6 'Come and Try'

Year 7/8 students hosted the Year 5/6 students for a 'Come and Try' afternoon in the Sacred Heart Centre. They had a look around at the learning space and new equipment such as the 3D printer and the virtual reality headsets (that will be some fun for another day!) and the 7/8s were great tour guides. Then the 5/6s participated in three art activities organised and run by the 7/8s. They learnt about mixing colours to create new colours, colour gradients and using the paint brush for various techniques and effects. Thank you Miss Sudareva and Year 7/8s.



Flame Festival

Congratulations to the organisers of the community Flame Festival over the weekend. Thank you to students and families and staff, Mrs Thomson and Mrs Tully for their preparations and participation in the lantern parade. The students had a wonderful array of lanterns to parade with, on a magical night at Moonta Mines Museum.



Mrs Giesecke's piano students were invited to perform outside Chloe's Café, Moonta for the Flame Festival on Sunday, 29th May. Students played as people walked past on the sidewalk. Thank you to Edie, Sophia, Madeline, Elahni, Morgan and Aubree for performing and their parent's support.



OSHC & Vacation Care News

At OSHC we have been talking about kindness and what it means to each child and ensuring we are being kind to each other through games and play. We play a lot of group games where we encourage children to participate for fun and that its okay to get out in games.

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

VACATION CARE – JULY HOLIDAYS

Following are the dates we are open for our Vacation Care program for July 2022 school holidays. If you have a permanent booking during term time this will roll over unless you notified us by Week 3 of the term. If there are days that you know you will be working, please indicate these as we will try to cater for this as our next priority.

The program will be sent out later in the term as Vacation Care bookings must be made on a needs basis, not on an activity basis, due to our increased demand for Vacation Care.

We ask that you only book for the days that you require as we must allocate staff to meet correct ratios and provide a healthy foo menu to cater for those booked in before the holiday period.

VACATION CARE BOOKING SHEET July 2022 HOLIDAYS

RETURN by Monday 27th June

DATE

NAME/S OF CHILDREN ATTENDING

Monday 11th July

Tuesday, 12th July.....

Wednesday, 13th July.....

Thursday, 14th July.....

Friday, 15th July.....

Monday 18th July.....

Tuesday, 19th July.....

Wednesday, 20th July.....

Thursday, 21st July.....

Friday, 22nd July

PG **Permission**

I give permission for my child/ren to watch children appropriate PG movies during the July 2022 Vacation Care.

Signed _____

Family Name: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Triss – Reception/1	8 th June
Piper – Year 2	11 th June
Charlie – Year 2	12 th June



NEWSLETTER INSERTS/ ATTACHMENTS

1. Subway envelopes
2. NCCD fact sheet
3. Anxiety articles
4. Strategic Plan – Community Consultation proforma

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.



Wallaroo Golf Club Junior 'My Golf' program is on again this term. First session Sunday, 19th June 10am - 11am at the Wallaroo Golf Club, Cornish Terrace, Wallaroo. Program will run over four weeks, \$20 for all four sessions. Please contact Nathan Clifford on 0439470275 for further details and to register. Registration link is also available on the Wallaroo Golf Club Facebook page https://www.golf.org.au/mygolf/program-search/?facilityId=&locationType=CLUB_NAME&clubName=Wallaroo%20Golf%20Club

Return Slip

We are planning now for our finances, staffing and enrolments for our 2023 school year.

To assist with our forward planning it is very helpful to know if your child/children will be leaving us at the end of this school year. If we are not informed, this can impact significantly on class structures and student placement.

Please indicate if it is your intention for your child/children to be leaving our school at the end of 2022.

RETURN SLIP

My child/children: _____

WILL NOT be attending St Mary MacKillop School in 2023.

Parent name: _____

Signature: _____