



St Mary MacKillop School

NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday, 15th June, 2022 (Term 2, Week 7)

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

"It has indeed been a chilly start to Winter! The weekend of 4th and 5th June was especially cold, wet and windy. That was my introduction to Wallaroo! I do hope that any of you on the land were able to keep your animals safe during the cold spell. During my time here at St Mary MacKillop School I am living in Wallaroo. If you bump into me in the supermarket or around the place, please feel free to say hello. I may not know who you are just yet, but I am working on it.

I am thrilled to be able to support your community while Michelle takes a well deserved break. The work of the Principal is quite demanding, never more so than these last two years, with the added responsibility of ensuring measures to keep the community safe, and the school open whilst balancing staff shortages. I congratulate Michelle and the whole St Mary MacKillop School community for the wonderful Catholic school available to all members of the community here on the Copper Coast.

The development of the Year 7, 8 and 9 suite – the Sacred Heart Centre - has resulted in a wonderful, money can't buy, opportunity for small group learning following the Australian Curriculum that all schools, no matter how big or small, have to use. The opportunity for your Year 7, 8 and 9 child to have such dedicated learning is something that many can only dream of. Our own experience of secondary school, for all of us I would think, is huge numbers and many classes per year level. This experience can be quite overwhelming. Secondary schools know this too, which is why they try to model the primary school experience in the first few years. Here at St Mary MacKillop, we are able to offer that more personalised experience that others strive for. I have not previously experienced this brilliant opportunity and I cannot stop talking about it.

Tomorrow we will celebrate Fr Matthew with a special Mass in our MPLA. I know this is an emotional time for many in our community who have developed close connections with Fr Matthew. It is difficult for parish priests who come into communities, develop strong and meaningful connections bringing about the reign of God to all they

IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE

- Thu 16th Mass and farewell for Fr Matthew 11.40am
- Fri 17th 7/8 Adelaide excursion
Term 3 Reception students transition visit
8.45am-3.00pm
- Mon 20th Cookie Dough delivery 3.00-5.00pm
P & F meeting 5.30pm
- Tue 21st Mini Macs Playgroup 9.00am
7/8 Parent Mental Health workshop 6.30pm
- Thu 23rd 7/8 Peterborough excursion
5/6 Netball Carnival at Maitland
- Fri 24th Term 3 Reception students transition visit
8.45am-3.00pm

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 AND APRIM

encounter, to then be moved on to the next parish, the next community and the next round of fabulous friendships. The upside is a lifetime of strong friends and connections, the downside is the saying of goodbyes. Fr Matthew knows that he leaves this community better off for his being here. His commitment to our school, and families, whether Catholic or not will be sorely missed by us all. Go with our blessing and love Fr Matthew.

A bit about me. I have been involved in Catholic Education for my entire teaching career. I began this journey in a different millennium at Caritas College in Port Augusta. The Sisters of St Joseph were still very much a part of the school community at that time, as they were here too. Their dedication, commitment and kindness had a profound impact on me, and the life of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop is an important part of my own faith journey. "Never see a need without trying to do something about it", and "In all things kindness". For me, a Catholic school puts the child at the centre of all we do. Decisions I make are based around what is best for the child. From time to time this can create a conflict – what is best for which child? Children have all sorts of different needs, personalities and issues they might be dealing with, and all are welcome in a Catholic school. Sometimes these needs may cause an issue for others. Together we support the children to become their best selves. The more we understand that we are not all perfect and we are not all the same, the more equipped we are to be an inclusive society. This is what we all want for all our children, thriving people, capable learners and leaders for the world God desires. We all know the proverb, attributed to African countries, "It takes a village to raise a child". You are all part of our village, and together we see immense growth in the behaviour and the belonging of each child in our care. True, some do take longer than others, but together we wrap around and bring all along with us".

Touching video of elephants helping a calf out of a water hole

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0SauNUew_OU

Kerri

Last Friday, the staff were grateful to the community for supporting our Pupil Free Day. This gave our staff the opportunity to gather data and write accurate reports for your children. Report Writing takes at least 60 minutes per child, and is impossible to be done entirely out of school hours. A big thank you from all of us.

Congratulations Mia Dunstan

We wish Mia Dunstan all the best as she celebrates her Baptism this coming Sunday. Our community will keep you in your prayers during this very special time.

Winter Appeal

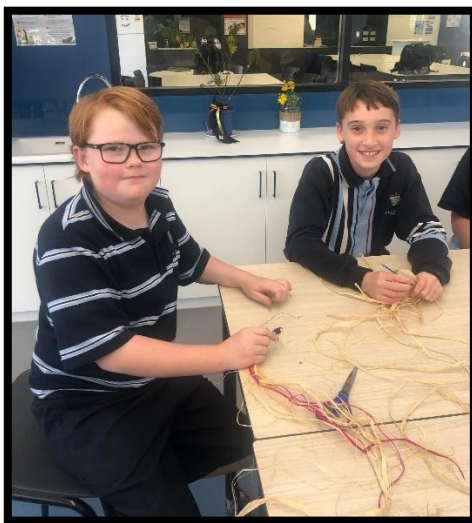
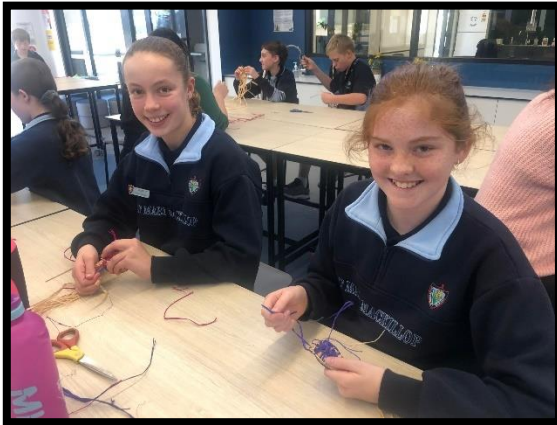
Last call for anyone wanting to donate for our Winter Appeal. Thank you to all who have donated so far- we have so many wonderful warm items for those in need. We will be presenting these to St Vincent de Paul on Friday, 24th June.



Artist In Residence Program

This week we have been very lucky to have our first visit from Aboriginal Artists that will be working with our 4/5, 5/6 and 7/8 classes. On Tuesday, our special guests spent time meeting our classes and introducing some of the activities we will be taking part in over ten days of this term.

Students started some of these activities, which will go towards creating two different murals. One of these murals will be for our Primary Campus and the other for our Sacred Heart Middle School. Some of the activities the students will take part in during this program include truth telling, basket weaving, painting and delving into cultural traditions through creative learning. We look forward to working with our artists- Kylie O'Loughlin, Cedric Varcoe and Shaneisha Varcoe. We have already learnt so much from them.



Feast of the Holy Trinity



On Sunday, it was the feast of the Holy Trinity- God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. We often refer to the Holy Trinity like a 3 leaf clover. There are 3 parts to the clover, however they are all one in communion. Jesus said, "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will lead you to the complete truth. He will glorify me since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine." John 16:12-15

The Trinity is an example of being in communion with others. The theology of the Trinity is one of the trickiest for us to get our heads around but the importance of it is being in relationship with others.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL & APRIM

Year 2/3 Liturgy

On Monday, 6th June, our Year 2 and 3 students came together to celebrate being good neighbours to creation in the form of a prayer gathering followed by a neighbourhood clean up. Their big theme was being a good neighbour to, and caretaker of, our beautiful earth. Congratulations to all staff and students for a fantastic gathering and example of how we are called to action each day.



Blessings for the week ahead,

Kerri Dent
Acting Principal

Sheridan Bonney
APRIM

SAPSASA Cross Country



Congratulations to Max for being selected to represent NYP at SAPSASA Cross Country at Oakbank on Thursday, 9th June.



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

Subway envelopes were included with the Week 5 Newsletter. Orders are to be placed no later than Wednesday, 28th June.

BILLY G'S GOURMET COOKIE DOUGH



Student prizes have arrived and will be sent home Thursday afternoon.

Cookie dough will arrive Monday, 20th June. Collection will be from 3.00-5.00pm in the Hall. Please wait outside in a line, a parent volunteer will bring you in to collect your order. We suggest you bring cool bags or esky to put your tubs in.

We sold 1043 tubs and raised \$4 172 for our school.

Thank you to everyone who participated in selling tubs. We hope you enjoy your yummy cookie dough.

Kelly Richardson
P & F Committee

Year 6 Excursion

The Year 6s enjoyed their Leadership Day on Friday, 3rd June. They visited the Mary MacKillop Museum where they learnt about the life and leadership of St Mary MacKillop. This was followed by lunch at High Street Cafe and a talk from Mr Beech on the different types of leadership he has experienced throughout his life. Thank you to Bruno for sharing his knowledge on Mary MacKillop and Mr Beech for his hospitality.



Year 7/8 National Reconciliation Week Stall

An incredible effort by the 7/8 Students organising the Reconciliation Week stall on Friday, 3rd June. The students created their products for the stall, which included: cupcakes made in Home Economics, lolly bags, jellies, frog in ponds, and drawstring bags sewed with special thanks to Mrs Morphett, Alexis, and Hope. Many of the items were purple in recognition of the official colour of National Sorry Day. The stall was sold-out entirely in the first 15 mins of recess! The students proudly raised a total of \$300 to donate to the Mira Wiru Foundation- a charity that donates fresh fruit and vegetables to remote Indigenous communities in Australia. Well done 7/8s.



Student Voice



Student voice and representation is encouraged and given opportunities at our school. Thursday, 2nd June, our student voice committee met to contribute their ideas to our school strategic plan. They reflected on what is good and they enjoy about our school and also shared their ideas for change and improvement. Thank you Alfie, Hudson, Charlie, Harvie, Trae, Max, Amaya, Cody, Tate, Anastasia, Adelaide, Rafter, Archer, Maggie, Zeb, Macy, Isla and Eloise (Chelsea and Maddalyn - absent).

OSHC & Vacation Care News

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 food 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

Family Name: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

PG **Permission**

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

Signed _____



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Max – Year 4/5	15 th June
Isla – Year 1	18 th June
Lucas – Year 2	23 rd June
Lucy – Year 2/3	25 th June
Trae – Year 3	26 th June



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.

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: _____

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

Community News

Copper Coast Council is currently undertaking a Public Consultation survey to ascertain whether an early learning child care facility is required in the Moonta/Moonta Bay area.

We are sending this email to your organisation in the hope you could please help us promote our survey – whether that be sending the survey through to fellow staff, sharing the survey on social media or sending the survey to parents/residents you think may consider utilising this service.

The survey link is available here (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MoontaChildCare>) and more information is available on Council's website under the banners Noticeboard/Public Notices and Council/Public Consultation (<https://www.coppercoast.sa.gov.au/noticeboard/latest-news/moonta-early-learning-child-care-centre-survey>).



CLARE VALLEY CUBING

Be part of the very **FIRST** regional cubing competition in SA!

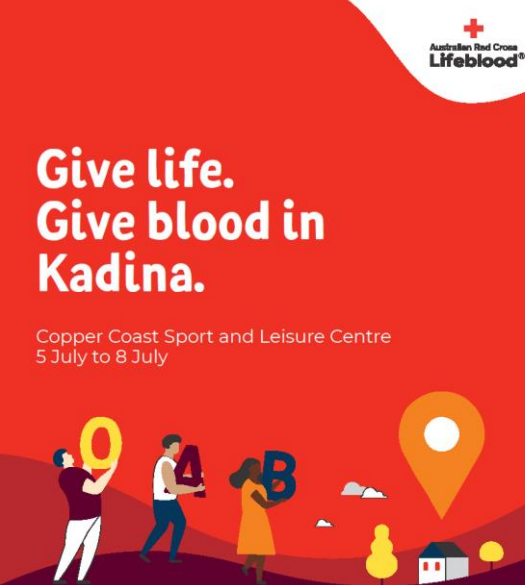
St. Joseph's School, Clare
in the Gymnasium

Sunday 21st August, 2022

Events: 3x3, 2x2, 4x4, 5x5, 3x3 One-Handed & Skewb

Come, visit and explore the 'Clare Valley' for this event. Limited number of places available - 75max.
Canteen available on the day

Search and **Register** for the event at:
www.worldcubeassociation.org/competitions
Registration (\$20) opens Friday 3rd June.



Give life. Give blood in Kadina.

Copper Coast Sport and Leisure Centre
5 July to 8 July

Tuesday 5 July 12:00pm – 6:30pm
Wednesday 6 July 9:30am – 6:30pm
Thursday 7 July 9:30am – 6:30pm
Friday 8 July 7:30am – 2:00pm

give blood

Messy Church

Kadina Uniting Church Hall

A fun time for the Family



Friday 17th June 2022
3.15 - 5.30pm

- Creative activities for Children
- Time for story and sharing what they have created
- Meal provided
- Donation towards costs appreciated

For more information call Jane Gersch
Ph: 0428 218 255



MY ACTIVE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

KADINA

PICKLEBALL & FREEDOM WHEELS

ACCESSIBLE FUN FOR EVERYONE

A FREE, TWO-DAY FAMILY EVENT FOR ALL AGES AND ABILITIES, INCLUDING THOSE LIVING WITH AGE RELATED CHALLENGES AND FUNCTIONAL DIFFERENCE

MONDAY 11TH JULY @ 11 AM
PICKLEBALL
COPPER COAST SPORT AND LEISURE CENTRE, 1 DOSWELL TERRACE

TUESDAY 12TH JULY @ 10 AM
FREEDOM WHEELS BIKE RIDE EXPERIENCE
KADINA SHOWGROUNDS GRANDSTAND BUILDING, AGERY RD

•BOOKING ESSENTIAL @ EVENTBRITE 'MY ACTIVE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS KADINA'

Copper Coast Leisure Centre at 08 8821 3106 or Reclink's Taygan Beaton at 0466 573 909