



St Mary MacKillop School

NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday, 10th August, 2022 (Term 3, Week 3)

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome Fr Chris Kowalczyk and St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Feast Day Mass

On Monday, we formally welcomed Fr Chris to our school community and also celebrated the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop with a Mass. We also had Sr Kerry Keenan from the Sisters of St Joseph's come and join our celebration and talk to classes about why she chose to become a nun and follow St Mary MacKillop's order as a Josephite.

St Mary MacKillop was the founder of our school and of the Sisters of St Joseph. This term, we have a focus on being a good neighbour to our community just like Mary was. We have so much to learn from St Mary MacKillop and the many amazing things she accomplished in her life.

Fr Chris displayed his musical talents and taught us an important message in three different languages.

Following our special Mass, students enjoyed a sausage sizzle for lunch.



IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST

Fri 12th NYP SAPSASA Athletics Day
Tue 16th Mini Macs playgroup 9.00am
Fri 19th Year 5/6 Assembly 9.00am
Sun 20th-Fri 26th Book Week
Tue 23rd P & F meeting 7.00pm
Wed 24th Book Week Dress Up Day and Parade

SEPTEMBER

Fri 2nd Year 4/5 Assembly 9.00am
Wed 7th Learning Expo
Thu 8th School Photographs
Fri 16th Reception class Assembly 9.00am
Thu 22nd Dance Concert
Fri 23rd PUPIL FREE DAY (NO OSHC AVAILABLE)
Tue 27th UP Choir performance in Adelaide

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 & APRIM



Confirmation

Congratulations to Bethany, Mia, Natalia and Melanie on celebrating their Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday, 8th August. A very special night for your all. Bishop Karol and Fr Chris officiated the Sacrament at the Sacred Heart Church in Kadina.



Learning Expo – Save The Date

We are looking forward to presenting our Expo of children's learning again this term on Wednesday, 7th September after school. More information will come out soon, but mark this date in your diaries. This is a lovely opportunity for your child to talk with you about their wonderful learning.

Following the Semester 1 School Reports at the end of last term, please know that you are always welcome to make an appointment to discuss your child's learning directly with their teacher.

Feast of the Assumption of Mary the Mother of Jesus

On Monday, 15th August, the Year 4-8 students will be transported via bus to the Kadina Sacred Heart Church to celebrate the Assumption of Mary the mother of Jesus. Mass will commence at 9:30am with Fr Chris.

This will be the first time students have been able to participate in Mass on church grounds this year.

All parents and caregivers are also welcome to join us as we celebrate this very special feast day in our Catholic faith.



New Families to Our School

We have a family Buddy program for families new to our school. With permission from the new family, a member of the School Board will make contact to welcome them, and be a 'go to' person. It can be daunting sending your children to a new school. The children don't take very long to make new friends, but sometimes parents can feel a bit out of the loop.

Families new to our school this year will soon receive a letter asking whether they would like to be part of the program enabling a School Board member to make contact.

Living, Learning, Leading Surveys

We hope you have all taken the opportunity to use the QR Code and complete the survey. The information form went out with our Week 1 newsletter. The information gathered assists us to know how we are doing with the things that are important to us, and where we need to make changes. Your responses are invaluable to us and we thank you for taking the time to participate. Teaching staff, Support staff and students have also all had the opportunity to participate in the surveys.

Traffic Training

On Tuesday, staff attended their annual traffic monitor training. Six students have also been trained to support crossings in the morning and afternoon drop off and pick up times. Just a reminder to wait for the sign to go up and the staff member or student monitor on duty to signify it is safe to cross.

Thank you to all families for driving carefully through our crossing to keep our student safe.

Prayer of the Week - St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

God of love,

You gifted St Mary MacKillop with vision and courage. In her we see one who was not afraid to speak fearlessly your gospel of love.

We pray for inspiration and imagination as we learn from the example of St Mary MacKillop, and to articulate new possibilities for our own day.

Like Mary, may we learn to confront all that is unfair or unjust, and empower others towards true freedom and integrity.

Spirit of wisdom, be with us as we face new horizons.

Amen

Blessings for the week ahead.

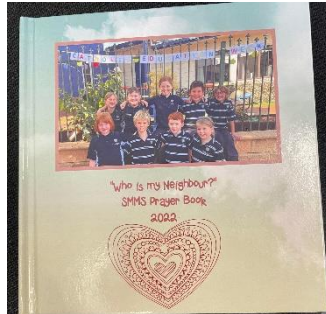
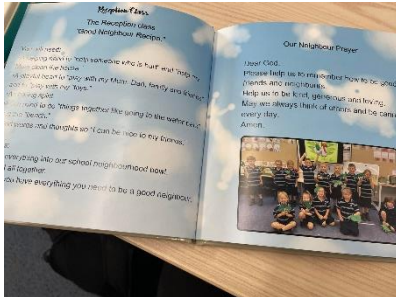
Kerri Dent
Acting Principal

Sheridan Bonney
APRIM

SMMS Prayer Book

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Our very own St Mary MacKillop Prayer Book is available to order this term. This includes prayers written by each student in the school. The Reception and Year 1 students have written a whole class prayer each. If you are interested in purchasing a copy, please fill out the form below and return to **Sheridan Bonney or the Front office with \$15 by Week 5.**



Prayer Book Order Slip

Name (first and last): _____

Contact: _____ Number of copies: _____

☐ I have attached \$_____ (cash) as pre-payment for the book

☐ Please charge to my credit card Card Number: _____

Name on Card: _____ Expiry Date: _____ CVV: _____

Signed: _____

School Photos – Thursday, 8th September

Our annual photo day is on Thursday, 8th September. Student order envelopes will be sent home next week.



Dance Concert – Nemo's Neighbours

We are looking forward to our Dance Concert – Nemo's Neighbours on Thursday, 22nd September.

Ticket will go on sale in Week 5. We will advise families when the tickets are available to purchase.



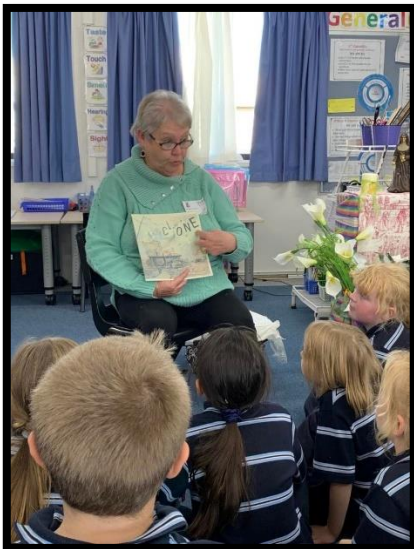
7-9 Uniforms



Our new 7-9 uniforms have arrived and look fantastic! Thank you to Riley, Hudson and Bethany for being our models.

Year 2 Visitor

Mrs Margie Ferrett (Nick's Nan) visited the Year 2 class on Mary MacKillop day. She talked about her days as an old scholar of the school and how things have changed over the six generations that her family has been attending the school. The students had many questions for Margie and they enjoyed trying to spot her in photographs around the school.



2021 School Magazine

The 2021 School Magazine is here!

Pre-orders will be distributed with the school newsletter today, along with an invoice for **prompt payment**.

There are some extra copies of the professional printed magazine available for purchase from the front office.

Cost is \$25 per magazine



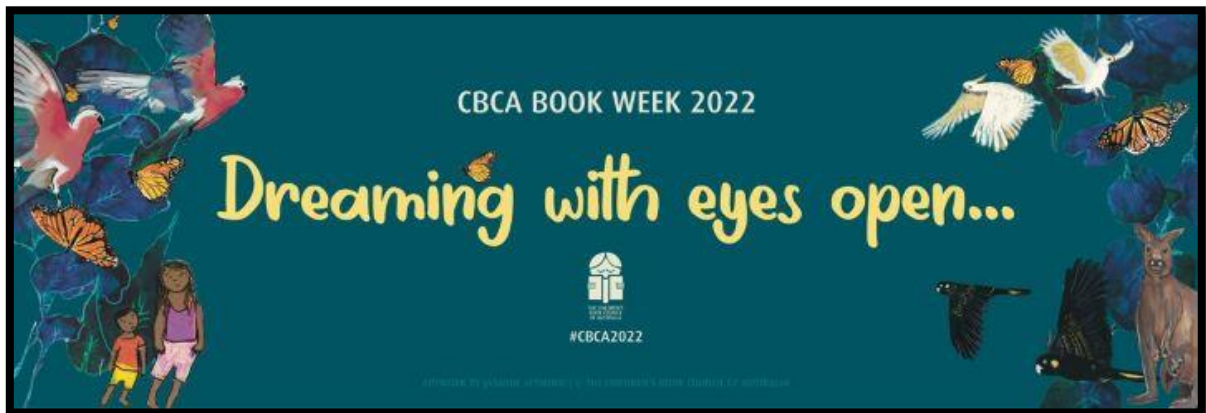
5/6 Basketball Carnival

On Friday, 5th August, our 5/6 boys and girls participated in the NYP Basketball Carnival in Kadina. We combined with students from Wallaroo Mines Primary and Wallaroo Primary. Students enjoyed the carnival and the opportunity to meet other students.



Library News

BOOK WEEK 20th – 26th August – Week 5



Wednesday, 24th August, is the date for our Book Week Dress up Day and Parade.

Students are encouraged to dress up as a character from their favourite book or anything that relates to the Book Week theme "Dreaming with eyes open...." There are no limits as to how the students interpret this into their costume.....So 'dream big' and let your imaginations run wild!

On Wednesday morning after roll call, we will have our annual parade where each class will get a chance to display their costume. (This will be held outside on the basketball court area and parents are welcome to come along– weather permitting)

At lunch time we will gather for a free BBQ sausage sizzle lunch on the oval. (Volunteers needed to cook and serve the bbq please!)

It's shaping up to be a fun and action packed week and we look forward to sharing in the excitement with the students.

Sharon Steer
Library Technician

Mini Macs Playgroup

Join Felicity for fun activities, a story and some singing at Mini Macs. All children under 5 are welcome to Mini Macs Playgroup held each Tuesday morning in the hall from 9.00am-10.30am.



OSHC & Vacation Care News

At OSHC we have been learning and exploring plants and where fruits grow. It has been an interesting topic as to begin as in Week 1 some children thought fruit just came from Woolworths. They have a better understanding now that before fruit gets to the shops it must grow on a tree or bush. Following on from this we have looked and discussed various parts of a plant, what plants need to grow etc.

This week (Week 3) the OSHC children have been making grass heads that they will take home and care for to allow them to grow. The children are looking forward to planting seeds in our OSHC garden also to water and care for.

CANCELLATIONS

When cancellations are made at short notice this impacts on staffing, running costs and other families needing to use the service.

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 in advance a minimum of fourteen days during business hours.



Lisa Cooper

OSHC Director - 0437 659 137

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: _____



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Sophie – Reception	17 th August
Jhett – Year 2/3	18 th August
Alexis – Year 7/8	22 nd August
Oliver – Year 2/3	22 nd August



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.

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.

ROYAL LIFE SAVING
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Holiday Swim

SWIM AND SURVIVE

THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SWIM & SURVIVE PROGRAM YOU KNOW AND LOVE!

COMING THIS DECEMBER & JANUARY!

BRING YOUR LOGBOOKS AND GET READY FOR A WEEK OF FUN!

ENROLMENTS OPEN AUGUST 22nd

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