



St Mary MacKillop School

NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday, 24th August, 2022 (Term 3, Week 5)

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Catholic Education Open Week

This week is Catholic Education Open Week, originally an initiative of the Port Pirie Diocese and now across the whole state. We have offered Principal's Tours on Wednesday, 24th August. If you, or anyone you know would like to have a look at our school please feel free to contact us at any time.

For us, both being new this year, there are so many opportunities and highlights for children and young people at St Mary MacKillop School. We often comment to each other about:

- Small class sizes
- Personalized learning because of the small class sizes
- small group learning in Literacy with experienced teachers
- QuickSmart program to help children with their Maths
- What's the Buzz? to assist children to manage their emotions
- Every class helping children to understand, recognize and manage their emotions – these are life skills to help to alleviate anxieties.
- Amazing nature playground
- Fantastic parent community doing things to make a difference for their children's school
- Knowing every child's name, and all children knowing each other
- Dedicated and committed staff
- Children and young people being seen as individuals
- Laughter and fun in the school yard
- Our Middle School – Wow! The facilities, the small group learning, the teachers being able to work one to one with the young people, all whilst being able to include Food Tech, Wood Tech, Science, learning micro-credentials
- We can't speak highly enough about this magnificent opportunity for Year 7, 8 and 9s on the Copper Coast. As a learning experience, you can't beat it.

Give us a call and come and see for yourself.

IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST

Tue 30th Mini Macs Playgroup 9.00am

SEPTEMBER

Fri 2nd R/1 & Year 1 Assembly 9.00am

Fathers' Day picnic lunch 1.00-1.40pm

Wed 7th Learning Expo

Thu 8th School Photographs

Thu 22nd Dance Concert 10.30am & 7.00pm

Fri 23rd PUPIL FREE DAY (NO OSHC AVAILABLE)

Tue 27th UP Choir performance in Adelaide

Fri 30th Term 3 concludes 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 & APRIM

Book Week

Wow! Wow! Wow! It was so fantastic to hear the children's excitement and laughter at school today. You will see many photos elsewhere in this newsletter. Instead of asking your children how their day was, to which you may be lucky enough to get a one word answer, ask them what the best part of their day was.

Catholic Mission Week

In preparation for Catholic Mission Week and Month in October, our Year 2, Year 2/3 and Year 3 classes will be running a coin mosaic competition on Wednesday, 28th September. Students would be very grateful for any donations from piggy banks or home in the form of coins to send in for a great Australian cause. The competition will be between School Houses. More information will be posted about this soon!

Enjoy your week

Peace and blessings

Kerri and Sheri

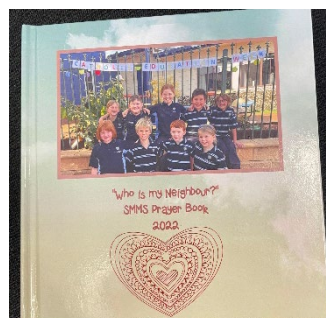
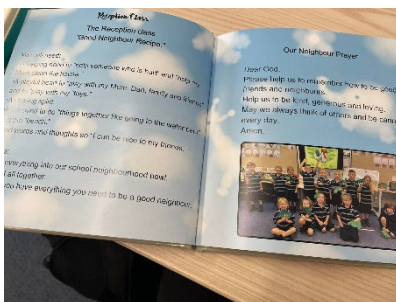
Kerri Dent
Acting Principal

Sheridan Bonney
APRIM

SMMS Prayer Book

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Last chance to order our very own St Mary MacKillop Prayer Book. This includes prayers written by each student in our 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 the end of this week.**



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: _____

Prayer of the Week

Dear God,

We feel blessed for the life you have given us.

Some people have a 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 doesn't 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

By Blake in Year 7

Fathers' Day Celebration

We will be holding a special celebration for our Dads and special people in student's lives at lunch time on Friday, 2nd September. You are invited to bring a picnic lunch and rug to school and have lunch and play time (1.00-1.40pm) with your child/children. R-2 families playground side, 3-6 families oval side, 7-8 families Sacred Heart Centre. Families with children across year levels may choose a side.

You may bring picnic lunch for your child as well or they can order their lunch through our usual Friday Lunches (student orders only please).



School Photos – Thursday, 8th September

Included in the newsletter pouch last week were the named student and family envelopes. Each student is to return an envelope, even if the payment is enclosed in a sibling's envelope.

Students having a family photo are required to be at school by 8.25am, as the family photos are scheduled for 8.30am. **Please return all envelopes to the office by Friday, 2nd September.**

CORRECT SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM IS TO BE WORN: SHORT SLEEVE STRIPED POLO, NAVY GABARDINE SHORTS AND NAVY SOCKS WITH BLACK SCHOOL SHOES. NO PE UNIFORM OR SANDSHOES.

Students may bring pants to school in their bag to change into once their photo has been taken.



Learning Expo

SMMS Learning Expo 2022



Who: All students and parents/caregivers

When: Wednesday, 7th September between 3.30-6.30pm

Where: All classrooms & specialist areas

What: Reception – Year 8 learning conferences



Sacred Heart Centre: All families are welcome to come and see our new learning space. There will be guided tours from 3:30pm – 6:30pm and students demonstrating the various skills they have learnt this year.

We look forward to your attendance at our whole school Learning Expo. This is an initiative that has replaced Term 3 interviews. It is a compulsory event with a complimentary sausage sizzle from 5.00-6.00pm. Students have been proudly preparing their work and they look forward to sharing this with you. Please adhere to Covid regulations on the night; adults wear face masks and practice social-distancing where possible.



Students will engage with their parents and caregivers in a conference where they will share a prepared reflection on their learning.

Class teachers and specialist teachers will be circulating and available to chat with you.

There will be a complimentary sausage sizzle and drinks. Please supervise your children as there will not be a crèche.

If you cannot attend the night, please forward your apology to
Kerri Dent, Acting Principal on (08) 8821 5800.

Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the students who were recipients of the School Value Award at our assembly on Friday morning. The award includes RESPECT, TEAM WORK, TRUST, COURAGE and COMMITMENT.



Back: Zara, Charley, Anastasia, Amaya, Charlize, Harvie, Max

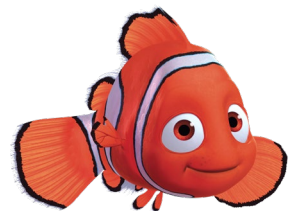
Front: Ruby, Holly, Ava, Addyson, Harper, Olive

Dance Concert – Nemo's Neighbours

We are looking forward to our Dance Concert – Nemo's Neighbours on Thursday, 22nd September. There will be a matinee performance at 10.30am and evening performance at 7.00pm.

Enclosed with today's Newsletter is an order form to purchase tickets. Families can purchase a maximum of five tickets per family.

Prior to the evening performance, The P & F will be selling Cadbury chocolates for \$1.00 and lolly bags for \$3.00.



2021 School Magazine

The 2021 School Magazine is here!

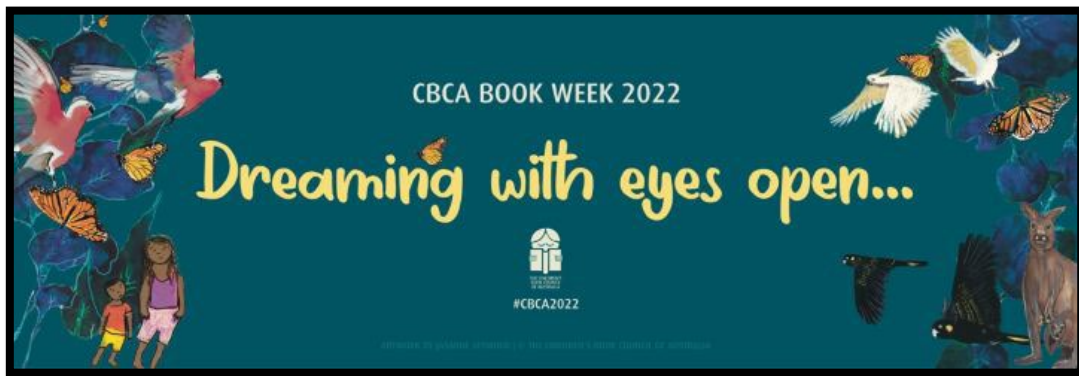
Pre-orders will be distributed with the school newsletter today, along with an invoice for **prompt payment**.

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

Cost is \$25 per magazine



Book Week Parade



What a fabulous, fun parade we had this morning. Thank you to parents for organising costumes and students for dressing up. Our students certainly were 'Dreaming with eyes open'. Students and staff loved the dance party at the end of the parade.

Students enjoyed a sausage sizzle and cupcake for lunch. Thank you to parents and staff for cooking the BBQ and making cupcakes.

To end the day everyone enjoyed the Didgeribone Show performance. Thank you to Mrs Thomson for arranging the show.

Huge thank you to Mrs Steer for organising such an amazing day.

Year 2 Excursion

The Year 2s had a fun road trip to Kadina on Tuesday, 16th August, where they watched a musical at the Cornerstone Gymnasium. Entitled Toy Camp, it was enjoyed by all and the children were able to discuss the important messages such as persistence, practice and giving things a go, in order to achieve your goals.



NYP Athletics

On Friday, 12th August, 14 year 4-6 students travelled to Kadina Memorial School to represent SMMS in the NYP Sapsasa District Athletics carnival. We went there to try out for the NYP District Athletics team. Some of the running events were 100m sprint, 200m sprint and 800m sprint. Some of the field events were long jump, shotput and discus. Discus was a challenge as we had never done this event before but we enjoyed trying something new. Every won did a great job competing and lots of us won ribbons. Despite the cold weather, we had a great day participating and cheering each other on. Congratulations to Johanna, Charley, Lucas, Austin and Max for making it into the NYP squad. Thank you to Kayla Marchetto for helping with events during the day.

By Anthony and Charlie

Year 6



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

Over several weeks the OSHC children have been helping design, build and paint a unique dozen egg display for the Copper Coast Show in hopes of winning the school an egg incubator.

Our design was a Ferris Wheel and the colours represent our school. Children had fun helping along the way and it held our chicken eggs nicely. We were awarded second place and received a red ribbon.



OCTOBER VACATION CARE

We will be closed for the first two days in the October school holidays due to staff shortages. These days follow on from the October long weekend. Dates closed are Tuesday, 4th October and Wednesday, 5th October.

Reopening on Thursday 6th October. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Please fill out the Booking form sent home with today's newsletter for the days you require.

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



NEWSLETTER INSERTS/ ATTACHMENTS

1. Dance Concert ticket order form
2. Vacation Care booking sheet

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 TENNIS CLUB

Season 2022/2023



Wallaroo Tennis Club is seeking members in all grades. Our club offers a fun, safe and inclusive environment for beginners to experienced players. Trainings run on Thursday nights for all grades. We accept sports vouchers.

Hotshots (6-8yr beginners) commences in Term 4 (4 weeks) and will run again in Term 1, 2023 (4 weeks)

Junior Season commences at the start of Term 4.

Senior Season commences late October.

Please Register your interest for the 2022/23 Season by contacting us by 29th August 2022:

Vice President: Julie Julge - 0412 977 390

Secretary: Emily Donnell – 0416 105 581 or emily.donnell@bigpond.com

Find us on Facebook Wallaroo Tennis Club

Website: [ClubSpark / Wallaroo Tennis Club / Wallaroo Tennis Club](#) follow the links to membership to join!

Community News

ENROL NOW IN PRESCHOOL

MID-YEAR INTAKE NOW OPEN

For a great start in life, enrol your child in one of SA's nation-leading public preschools and kindergartens.

ENROL BY 30 SEPTEMBER
Register your interest

Learn more (QR code)

If your child turns 4 between the 1st May 2023 and the 31st October 2023, they are eligible to begin in the mid-year intake.

For more information visit www.education.sa.gov.au/preschool-enrolment

Government of South Australia

kdycgymnastics@outlook.com, Illustration of children in various gymnastic poses."/>

FLIP, TUMBLE, JUMP & PLAY!

Introducing...

GYMNASTICS FUN BIRTHDAY PARTIES!!!

Kadina & Districts Gymnastics Club is excited to announce that we will be offering Gymnastics themed Party Packages on Saturdays and Sundays starting in August 2022!

Imagine having our gym completely to yourselves as well as 1-2 experienced, qualified gymnastics coaches present to guide you! Children 5-12 years old, of all abilities, are invited to experience the fun and skills of gymnastics! Our equipment includes a tumble trampoline, uneven bars, balance beams and gymnastics quality flooring for floor games.

Our gym is located at the Kadina & District Gymnastics Club at the back of the CCSLC, entry is near the footy oval/cricket nets.

Packages start from \$220 for a 2-hour session for 10 children, with a variety of add-ons available.

To enquire further or to book your party please contact Shauna (Gymnastics Club Secretary) via email at kdycgymnastics@outlook.com