



St Mary MacKillop School

NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday, 2nd November, 2022 (Term 4, Week 3)

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

BABY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Aarvin and his parents Leena and Veneesh on the arrival of a baby girl, Aavaniya. We wish you all the very best for the future.

WATER SAFETY & AQUATICS

Water safety lessons are planned for R-5 students for Week 6. Forms are coming home today. We have only just been advised of the week allocated to our school. The Year 2/3 and Year 3 classes have an excursion already planned for that week so they will miss one day of the Water Safety lessons.

Year 6 students will attend their Aquatics camp in Week 8, therefore do not attend the Week 6 Water Safety lessons. The Year 7-8 students will not participate in Water Safety or swimming lessons.

TERM 4 CURRICULUM LETTERS

Further to the classroom teacher curriculum letters for Term 4, today the R-6 specialist teachers share their Term 4 plans with you in Science (Hayley Moffat), Health (Bernadette Thomson), Physical Education (Marcus Kerin) and Italian (Francesca Tully).

MEETINGS WITH TEACHERS

The Learning Expo was a wonderful experience and opportunity for students to invite you in and share their learning, however we also understand that it does not allow for more individual conversations about student progress. If you have any questions about your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teachers and make a time to have a phone conversation or meet in person.

R-3 FAMILY FAITH RESOURCE

Our R-3 families will receive a leaflet today titled: "Journey of Life: Journey of Faith: both flourishing at home". The leaflet reminds us that there is no such thing as a 'lone' Christian and that we are on a faith journey together. The leaflet shares some practical examples of sharing faith in the family.

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER

Wed 2nd – Fri 4th Year 4 & 5 Camp

Year 7/8 Camp

Book Fair open 8.30-9.30am

Thu 3rd T1 2023 Reception students Transition

Visit 8.45-10.30am

Tue 8th Finance/School Board meeting 7pm/7.30pm

Thu 10th T1 2023 Reception students Transition

Visit 8.45-11.40am

Fri 11th Reception class Assembly 9.00am

Tue 15th Year 2 Excursion

Thu 17th T1 2023 Reception students Transition

Visit 8.45am-3.00pm

Fri 18th Twilight Market 5.00-8.00pm

Wed 23rd Year 2/3 & 3 Excursion

Fri 25th Year 4/5 Assembly 9.00am

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

RECEPTION 2023 TRANSITION VISITS

The transition visits for students starting with us in Reception 2023 will begin tomorrow. The children will have visits over the next four Thursdays.

The visits will be facilitated by Agatka Murphy, Lisa Hanson, Tania Nitschke and Karen McCulloch and all of our staff pitch in, help out and support our transition visits. Thank you to our staff, parents and students for welcoming the children to school. We look forward to welcoming our new 2023 students.

P & F MEETING

Our next P & F meeting will be held Tuesday, 29th November at 7pm in the Meeting Room. All welcome to attend.

Blessings for the week ahead.

Michelle Miller

Principal

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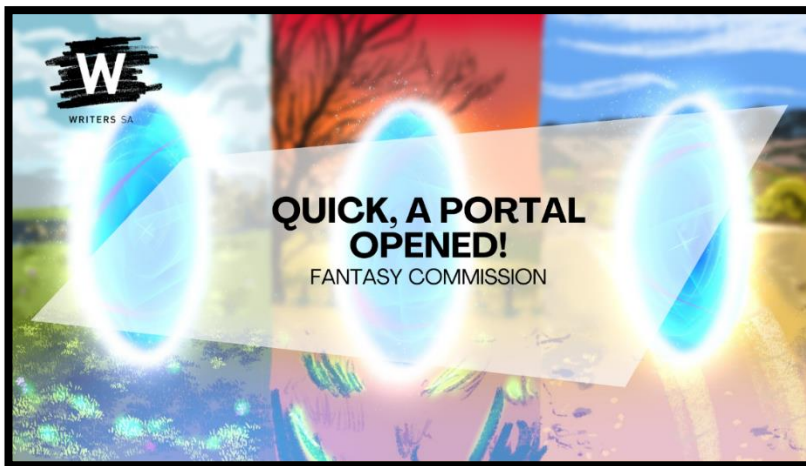
Congratulations Johanna

Congratulations to Johanna Sanders for having a story she has written for Writers SA as a commissioned young regional writer published.

On the 10th September, Johanna wrote from 3.00-5.00pm, she then had two weeks to complete/edit the 1200 word story.

Please click on the link to read Johanna's fantastic story.

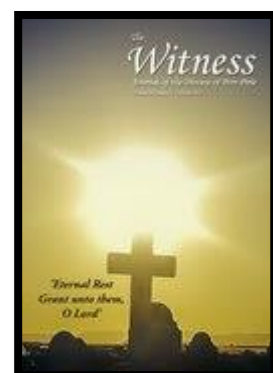
<https://writerssa.org.au/quick-a-portal-opened-commissions/>



The Witness Magazine

Attached is the link for the current edition of The Witness Magazine.

<https://ppcatholic.org/info/witness-magazine/>



BEGINNING OF TERM MASS

Last week, we celebrated our first whole school mass since before COVID in our local Star of the Sea Church in Wallaroo. We also welcomed Seminarian Leo Mascardo to our community, who is training to become a priest.

Our Student Leaders performed a role play for the Gospel of The Good Samaritan and organised a thoughtful gift for all students upon departure. There was a message with each gift to 'go and do likewise' as Jesus taught us through the story of The Good Samaritan and being a good neighbour to others.

The Year Reception/1 class did a wonderful rendition of Lean on Me. Well done to all students, staff and members involved in this celebration.

Thank you to Fr Chris and all involved in the organising and delivering of a fantastic celebration. Also to our parents and parishioners who were able to join us.



ALL SAINTS DAY

Year 5-8 students attended Mass with the Parish on Tuesday, dedicated to the saints of the Church. This is a Holy Day of Obligation, meaning Catholics attend Mass on that day.

In Western Christian theology, the day commemorates all those who have attained the beatific vision in Heaven. It is a national holiday in many historically Catholic countries. In the Roman Catholic Church, the next day, All Souls' Day, specifically commemorates the departed faithful who have not yet been purified and reached heaven. Catholics celebrate All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day in the fundamental belief that there is a prayerful spiritual communion between those in the state of grace who have died and are either being purified in purgatory or are in heaven (the 'church penitent' and the 'church triumphant', respectively), and the 'church militant' who are the living. Other Christian traditions define, remember and respond to the saints in different ways.



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Next week, Our Year 4,5 and 6 students will launch our Christmas Hamper Appeal. We will be collecting goods for families in our local community through the St Vincent de Paul Society. Keep your eye out for more details to come.



FROM THE APRIM

PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS DAY

Dear God,

Thank you for the example of the Saints. We desire to join in their company, worshipping you forever in Heaven. Please help us follow their footsteps, and yours, Jesus Christ.

Please help us to conform ourselves to Your image, seeking Your will in all things, as the Saints did. Please help us to devote ourselves, and all that we do, to Your glory, and to the service of my neighbours.

Amen.

Sheridan Bonney

APRIM

P & F News

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Parents are Friends are running a Christmas Wheelbarrow raffle. Thank you to the Venning family for donating the wheelbarrow. We are seeking donations to put into the wheelbarrow. A donation tub will be out in the MPLA for you to drop off items for the raffle. Raffle books will be sent home in the coming weeks for families to sell. Thank you for your support.

TWILIGHT MARKET

The Parents and Friends committee are preparing for our Inaugural Twilight Market on Friday, 18th November. The Parents and Friends will be having a bake sale at the markets and are seeking donations from our school community. Please complete and return the below slip indicating what item you plan to bake and donate. Donations need to be labelled with ingredients and dropped off at school on Friday, 18th November by 3.00pm. Ideas could be biscuits, bliss balls, honey crackles, cakes, toffees, sausage rolls, quiches. We thank you for your kind and generous donations.

The Twilight Market has a full list of stall holders set to attend. If your family is attending and would like to help out by volunteering on the Bake Sale stall for 1 hour or help with packing up at 8.00pm on the night, please let Emily in the front office know or email emily.donnell@stmm.catholic.edu.au. Thank you for your support.

Parents and Friends Committee

Bake Sale Donation – Friday, 18th November – Please indicate item to be donated- return the slip or email emily.donnell@stmm.catholic.edu.au with details

Family Name _____

Item to be donated _____

FRIDAY LUNCHES

Once again Friday lunches are struggling for volunteers. As a result two weeks of lunches will be cancelled in Term 4.

No lunches available on Friday, 18th November or Friday, 2nd December. If you are interested to help out with lunches on Fridays in 2023 please return the slip below or email the school. A Working With Children Check and volunteer induction are needed to assist with lunches.

Name _____

Yes, I am interested to help with Friday lunches in 2023.

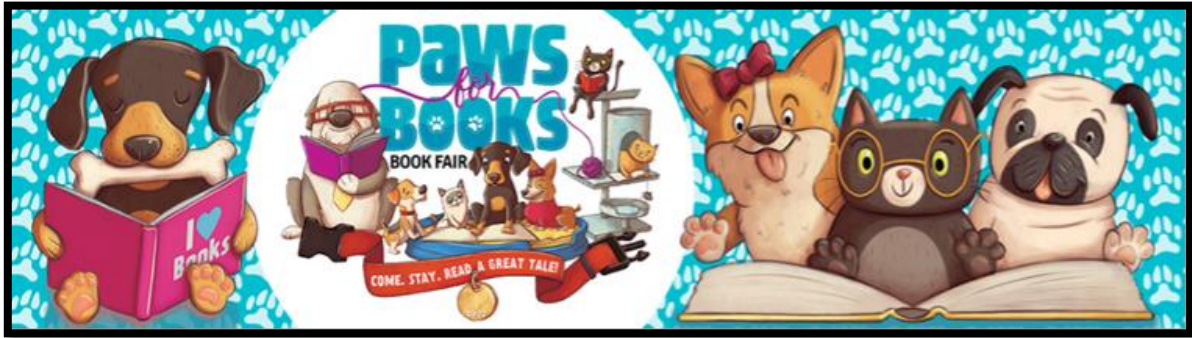
Year 2 Sleepover

Now, that was a fun Friday evening at school! The Year 2 OK children enjoyed outside play, indoor games with a difference, silly performances, bbq tea, a night walk, a fun movie with lots of eats and treats and sleeping overnight. This was a "first" for many of the children who asked to do it all again next Friday night!

Grateful thanks to Michelle, Deb, Mel, Jody, Michael, Marcus and Jane for helping out with snacks and meal preparation, cleaning, supervision and above all, joining in on the fun.



Library News



The Scholastic Book Fair is Here!!

Theme: Paws for Books: Come, Stay, and read a great Tale!

The Book Fair has commenced – Monday, 31st October to Friday, 4th November and will be held in the Atrium, near the front reception area.

The Book Fair will be open Tuesday to Friday mornings for purchases from 8:30-9:30am.

Parents and caregivers are invited to come along and make purchases, or they can send money with their child and their “wish-list” to do their own purchasing. EFTPOS facilities are available. The Book Fair is a fun reading event that brings books kids want to read right into our school! There is a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child’s reading habits.

Sharon Steer
Library Technician

Knockout Cricket

Friday, 21st October, was beautiful weather for our Boys Cricket team to play Round 2 Knockout Cricket. The team travelled to Blyth to play St Joseph's from Clare. The boys had a great day but unfortunately lost the game. Thank you to Mr Hamra and Mr Northeast for coaching and Mrs Marchetto for scoring.



Back: Mr Hamra, Harvie, Austin, Anthony, Lucas, Luke, Mitchell
Front: Riley, Charlie, Brody, Ari, Jordan

OSHC & Vacation Care News

The past week and a half we have been enjoying using the school side yard for outside play. The yard has so much to explore. The children have enjoyed looking for little lizards in the garden and on/in the logs. Children have loved the change in play space and are enjoying outside play longer with the nice weather we have had.

DECEMBER/JANUARY VACATION CARE

The next school holidays will be here before we know it. Please see the dates below for when we are open and closed over the December/January school holidays. The Vacation Care booking sheet will go out in Week 5. If you have permanent bookings, please let us know before Week 3 if you need to cancel any dates to free them up for other families.

Open 19th - 23rd December

Closed 26th December - 13th January

Parents were surveyed earlier this year to gauge interest in OSHC being available 9th - 13th January. Thank you for your feedback. Unfortunately, due to staff shortage we are unable to offer the extra week. We will keep working on this and notify families if this changes.

Open 16th - 20th January

Open 23rd - 27th January (Closed Thursday, 26th January, Public Holiday)

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.

Please phone or message the OSHC phone on 0437659137 for any bookings or cancellations. This helps to keep track of who is or isn't booked into OSHC.

Lisa Cooper

OSHC Director - 0437 659 137

Return Slip

2023 Enrolment

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



Anastasia – Year 4/5	4 th November
Ava – Year 2/3	6 th November
Nate – Reception	7 th November



NEWSLETTER INSERTS/ ATTACHMENTS

1. Water Safety Consent Form (R-5)
2. Year 2/3 & 3 excursion note
3. Curriculum letters

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.

Our very own dance teacher, Karen McCulloch, is holding her Dance Academy concert on Saturday, 19th November.

Karen Lee Dance Academy

Presenting our 27th Concert

“We Do Believe in Fairies”

Saturday 19th November, McKnight Theatre, Maitland

2pm Performance

Tickets available at

<https://www.trybooking.com/982216>



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PROGRAM YOU KNOW AND LOVE!

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

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Catholic School Parents SA is pleased to present:

Get off that Computer NOW!

presented by Mark Le Messurier

Wednesday November 2 2022
6pm - 8pm (in person or online)

McAuley Community School
51a King George Avenue, Hove

This Parent Engagement Evening is hosted by Catholic School Parents SA.

This is more than a workshop on "cyber safety" – it addresses the delicate balance required to support kids to manage real life responsibilities, screens, social media and video games.

Mark will take attendees down a road that creates a balance between screens and other aspects of living a real life. Capturing a balance is a healthier approach than endlessly fighting, banning and being the controller of screens and devices... **You need to be empowered – not scared off.**

Mark Le Messurier is a teacher, counsellor, author and public speaker. He works in private practice as a mentor to children and adolescents, and as coach to parents.

Register via the [CESA Registration Centre](#) or go to the Events page on the [CSPSA Website](#)

cspsa.catholic.edu.au



Australian Childhood Anxiety TREATMENT STUDY

Free home-based assessment and treatment for 7 to 12 year old children with fear and anxiety disorders.

Does your child become very afraid of certain situations or objects, worry about a lot of things, get very distressed, or try to avoid things they fear?

About the study

Our team at Griffith University may be able to assist you. We are conducting a nationwide study that includes the following services at no cost to families:

- A thorough assessment of your child's anxiety with a trained psychologist via the telephone;
- Your child receiving one of two kinds of home-based treatments delivered on a PC, laptop or tablet; and
- Two follow-up telephone assessments with a trained psychologist 6- and 12-months after treatment to track your child's progress.

The study aims to find out if these two treatments are as effective as each other, and which children have the best response to each kind of treatment. This will mean that there are more evidence-based treatments available for helping anxious children.

About the treatments

Each treatment involves your child completing treatment sessions at home on a PC, laptop or tablet.

Each treatment involves your child learning practical strategies to better manage anxiety.

- One treatment helps children learn to control the focus of their attention on helpful things around them.
- The other treatment helps children learn to think differently and approach things they fear.


Each treatment includes information, telephone or email support for parents in assisting their child to better manage anxiety.

Prior studies have shown that children who complete each treatment experience significant reductions in anxiety.

Contact us

This study is being funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council and is led by Professor Allison Waters and a team of experts in childhood anxiety disorders.

For more information about our study and our team, or if you would like your child to participate, please contact us:

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