



St Mary MacKillop School

NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday, 30th November, 2022 (Term 4, Week 7)

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

This week in our school, we observe the **Second Week of Advent** at our Monday morning Assembly and in classrooms. Two purple candles are lit, representing Hope (the first candle) and Peace (the second candle).

Advent is the time of hope and promise of wonderful things to come. It is the waiting and preparation time for the welcoming of God into the world in the human form of a tiny baby, Jesus. We focus on intention and action to bring peace into our own every day lives.

This can be a challenge when we live busy lives and times can be stressful and uncertain. We can pray to Jesus for guidance to be peaceful, loving, kind, putting the needs of others before our own.



The message from the scripture readings this weekend at Mass, is to prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus:

Matthew 24: 42 & 44

24:42 Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

24:44 Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER

Thu 1st Year 4-8 Volleyball Carnival
Fri 2nd Year 4/5 Assembly 9.00am
Rec & 4/5 Buddy excursion
Mon 5th Year 2 excursion
Tue 6th Year 2, 2/3 & 3 excursion
Wed 7th – Fri 9th Year 6 Camp
Sat 10th Christmas Carols @ Wallaroo Markets
Thu 8th Rec, R/1 & 1 excursion
Fri 9th Subway Lunches
Mon 12th Year 5/6 & 1 Buddy excursion
Wed 14th Thanksgiving Mass
Semester 2 Reports sent home
Thu 15th Term 4 concludes
Fri 16th PUPIL FREE DAY (OSHC AVAILABLE)

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

DOES YOUR FAMILY ENJOY OUR FRIDAY LUNCHES?

We are proud of the Friday Lunches that our P & F volunteers are able to offer. In a small school without a canteen, these are a real treat for students one day a week, not to mention one day a week that parents can have a break from preparing school lunches.

This year our P & F and loyal volunteers have raised \$13,863 through the Friday lunches. The Lunches are the main fundraiser for our P & F. All fundraising by the P & F actually goes back into our school. For example, the P & F will transfer \$20,000 to the School Board this year. This will go towards purchasing new laptops and ipads and new swings for the playground. When you contribute to lunches, you contribute to the funds raised for our school.

Our Lunches can only be offered because of the time that our loyal P & F volunteers can offer. If every family were to offer a volunteer for Lunches just one week in the whole year this would be so much fairer on all of our volunteers. P & F stands for Parents & Friends, so this can include a grandparent, a dear friend of your family, all can help (with the right documentation that we can help with).

P & F LUNCH VOLUNTEERS CAN:

- Have a delicious free lunch
- Bring along younger siblings
- Get to meet new people
- Have the joy of knowing that your children will love having you volunteering at school

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Commit from 9am until 1.15pm (this can be once a year, twice a year, once a term, twice a term, as many times as you are able)
- You will be rostered on to be helped and trained by someone who is experienced
- No previous experience is needed
- There is a checklist or timeline that you can follow, everything is spelt out so there is no guessing

WHAT DOES A MORNING AT LUNCHES LOOK LIKE?

- A little bit of admin to start with: collect the lunch boxes and freezer bags from the classrooms
- Collate the orders, stick the individual student orders onto the lunch bags
- Take required items out of the freezer
- Bag up cold items: drinks, ice creams and deliver to classroom fridges
- Put items to be cooked or warmed into oven
- Airfry the chicken nuggets; make hot dogs; make up wraps, add hot water to the ever popular noodles
- Deliver lunch boxes to classrooms (the reward of the children's faces is enough!)
- Do dishes, pack up, tidy up

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

- Respond to the volunteer slip that will be in the Newsletter or call Karen in our office to put your name down
- Make sure you have a current Working With Children Check
- Do a WHS site induction with Karen (takes about 15 minutes)
- Join in with the Volunteer Induction training with Michelle (takes about 1.5 hours and will be offered during next year but you can start lunches before doing this)

We discuss Lunches frequently at our P & F meetings, constantly looking for ways to offer the Lunches and do this with good menu choice while keeping it sustainable cost-wise and volunteer-wise.

WE WOULD LOVE YOUR FEEDBACK

We have discussed offering Lunches on a different day of the week. Perhaps more volunteers would be available to help with Lunches if they were held on a different day of the week? So, we want to ask you. There is a return slip in this Newsletter, we would really appreciate it if you could fill it in and return it by Wednesday 14th December. We want to continue to be able to offer Lunches in 2023 and beyond.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

BABY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jhansi and Marcus on the arrival of their baby girl Willa. We hope that all is going well and wish you all the very best for the future. We will welcome Marcus back this Thursday.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ATHLETICS TEAM

Congratulations to our Athletics team who competed in the Catholic School's Athletics carnival Friday at Salisbury in warm conditions. The team won the Section 10 Percentage Pennant and were just 10 points under winning the overall shield. What a fantastic team effort!

Lucas F won his age group champion bringing home the championship medal. Year 4 boys and Year 5 and Year 6 girls won their age group, bringing home the winning flags. There were stories of excellent sportsmanship and behaviour, the team was a pleasure to take away.

Thank you to staff: Hannah Cotter, Lisa Caffyn, SueWharton and Paul Northeast and supporting parents.

Well done to the whole team for representing our school in such a wonderful way.



VOLLEYBALL CARNIVAL YEAR 4-8

Our Year 4-8 students have been learning volleyball skills in PE lessons. On Thursday, 1st December, the Year 4-8 students will enjoy putting their skills into action at a fun volleyball carnival at the sailing club beach between 11.00am-12.45pm.

Students are asked to wear sport uniform, make sure they have their hat and water bottle. They will be able to bring some light snacks with them. Students will return to school for usual lunch time. Students will be transported to the beach on our school bus. Parents are welcome to visit us at the beach.

4/5 CLASS ASSEMBLY

The Year 4/5 class will host Assembly on Friday, 2nd December at 9.00am in our MPLA. The students will share their learning with us; student success will be celebrated in the presentation of class teacher awards for students.

All parents and family members are welcome to attend the Assembly.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

YEAR 7/8 STREET LUNCH

Each term this year, our Middle school students have had the opportunity to go to the street to buy their own lunches. We have enjoyed doing this as a way of recognising the growing independence and responsibility of the older students. They have been respectful ambassadors of our school and you, their families, during their Street Lunches. The Year 7/8 students will go to the main street in Wallaroo this Friday to buy their lunch, if you see them out and about say “Hi” to them.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Next week we will welcome Bree Russack from KMS for a week of work experience with our Reception class. We look forward to welcoming Bree.

YEAR 6 AQUATICS CAMP

Next week our Year 6 students with Hannah Cotter and Hayley Moffat will go to Port Vincent for their aquatics camp. They will leave on Wednesday morning and return on Friday afternoon. They will be involved in a range of activities including water safety, sailing, knee-boarding, kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding and wind-surfing.

We hope the weather is good and that they have a safe and enjoyable time. Thank you to Hannah Cotter for all of the organisation and preparation for the camp.

SMMS SINGERS – WALLAROO CAROLS

Our SMMS Singers choir, under the guidance of Bernie Thomson, will be singing at the Wallaroo Markets Christmas Carols. This will be held on Saturday, 10th December, from 10.00am. We hope you can come along and support the singers and enjoy the local markets too.

WATER SAFETY LESSONS

We were pleased the weather warmed up towards the end of the week for water safety lessons. Enclosed with today's Newsletter are student certificates.

START TIME AND SUPERVISION

While it is great to see children arriving at school punctually and it is a value that we very much promote, a growing number of children are at school well before 8.20am. Teachers and ESOs are in prayer, meetings and preparing for the day before 8.20am. Students are not to arrive at school before 8.20am; supervision is not provided at the crossing or in other areas of the school. Supervision of students in the morning is between 8.20-8.50am.

END OF TERM 4, 2022

Term 4 will conclude for our students on Thursday, 15th December, usual dismissal time of 3.00pm.

Friday, 16th December, will be a Pupil Free day for staff preparation and planning for 2023. OSHC will be open on this day.

Blessings for the week ahead.

Michelle Miller

Principal

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2022 School Magazine

Included with today's Newsletter is an order form for our 2022 school magazine. The professionally printed publication has over 100 pages of memories from the year.

P & F News

P & F CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Parents are Friends are running a Christmas raffle. The major prize is a wheelbarrow of goodies and several minor prizes. We are seeking donations to put into the wheelbarrow. The wheelbarrow is located in the front office for you to drop off items for the raffle. Included with today's Newsletter is a raffle book. Please return all sold and unsold raffle books to the front office by Monday, 12th December. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday, 15th December.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Last chance to bring in any donations for our Christmas Hamper Appeal this week. Thank you to all who have sent so many generous items already. We have such a generous community and our local St Vincent de Paul Society are going to be very grateful for the many donations to help those in need.



CLASS MASS

On Thursday, 1st December, our Year 2, 2/3 and 3 classes will be attending the Star of the Sea Parish Mass in Wallaroo at 9:30am. All families are welcome to join us. Following this, our Junior Primary Classes will be visiting the Church and Fr Chris is going to talk with them about the Sacrament of Baptism. They will get to take part in a mock Baptism.

ADVENT

Last week, we started our Advent celebrations as we prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

We have had the 3 Wise Men visit our school bringing messages and gifts as we learn about this special time in our Church Calendar.

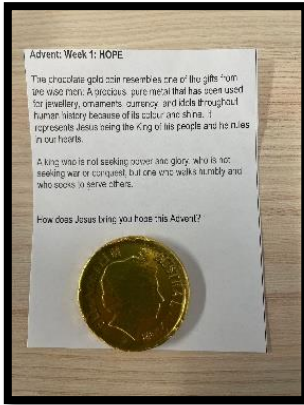
So far, the Year 6 class found the 3 Wise Men hiding in the library. They introduced the message of hope for our first week of Advent. Each child in the school received a gold chocolate coin as a symbol of Jesus bringing hope to us. Gold was one of the gifts the 3 Wise Men brought to Bethlehem after Jesus was born representing Jesus being King of his people as he rules in our hearts.

On another day last week, the Reception class found the 3 Wise Men in the Year 6 class. They left clues leading to a bright star for the top of our Christmas tree. All students in the school received a gold star where they will write a hope for someone in need this Christmas. These will be placed in classroom prayer spaces to remember during morning prayer leading up to Christmas.

This week, our Advent focus is Peace. The peace candle is also called the Angel's Candle. It represents the peace and justice that Jesus brings to the world.

The Reception/Year 1 class and the Year 4/5 class went on a hunt for the 3 Wise Men in the Peace Garden and discovered halos in the form of sweets. The halo is a **symbol of holiness**, represented by a circle or arc of light around the head of a saint or holy person. They also found a Guardian Angel prayer.

FROM THE APRIM



PRAYER: GUARDIAN ANGEL PRAYER

Angel of God, my Guardian Dear,
To whom God's love commits me here.
Ever this day, be at my side,
To light and guard, to rule and guide.
Amen



Sheridan Bonney
APRIM

Kindy Transition Visit

We enjoyed having the Kindy children for their transition visits for the past four Thursdays. Last Thursday they went on a Bear Hunt which they thoroughly enjoyed. We look forward to welcoming them in Term 1.



Year 2/3 & Year 3 Zoo Excursion

Wednesday, 23rd November, students from Year 2/3 and Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their day at the Adelaide Zoo. Monkeys, giraffes, meerkats and lions, just to name a few of the amazing animals they saw. The day started with an Educational Zoo Experience; students learnt about various animals and got to see a stick insect, frog and lizard up close! Students then enjoyed touring the zoo and seeing all of the animals. Students enjoyed a Panda Picnic for lunch. Finally, the students finished the day with a play on the nature playground. A huge thank you to our parent volunteers, Amy Graham and Sarah Clifford, and Michael Dennis for driving the bus. Thank you to our amazing ESOs, Carol Burford, Lisa Cooper and Kristy Smith.

Abbey Whitehead & George Hamra

Year 2/3 & Year 3 Class Teachers



OSHC & Vacation Care News

The past few weeks at OSHC we have been getting into the Christmas spirit with crafts. We have made wrapping paper, Christmas cards and other crafts. The OSHC students look forward to seeing what other crafts we will have over the next couple of weeks.

Earlier this year we started collecting bread tags for wheelchairs. If you have plastic bread tags, please bring them in to our drop off containers in the kitchen, the container is half full already. Once full the children will weigh them, sort into colour groups and we will send them off to the designated place in South Australia where they are made into other objects to raise money for wheelchairs.

DECEMBER/JANUARY VACATION CARE

Please see the dates we are open and closed over the December and January School Holidays. If you have permanent bookings, please let us know if you need to cancel any dates to free them up for other families.

Open 19th - 23rd December, 2022

Closed 26th December - 13th January, 2023

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, 2023

Open 23rd - 27th January, 2023 (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

OSHC Pupil Free Day

Friday, 16th December, will be a Pupil Free Day. Outside School Hours Care will be available from 8.00am to 6.00pm. Light snacks are provided, children will need to bring packed recess and lunch. Child Care Benefits will be paid accordingly and the cost will be \$60.00 per child. Please return the reply slip by **Friday, 2nd December**, if your child/ren will be attending.

OSHC BOOKING FORM – PUPIL FREE DAY – FRIDAY, 16th DECEMBER

Return by **Friday, 2nd December**

Family Name: _____

Signed: _____

Children requiring OSHC _____ Year _____
_____ Year _____
_____ Year _____

Bookings

Priority 1 – Children who are permanent Friday after school.

Priority 2 – Children of parents/carers who work this day.

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.

We are hoping of course that all of our families will stay with us, however, 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



Matilda – Year 1	30 th November
Haliah – year 3	1 st December
Morgan – Reception	5 th December
Ashton – Year 7/8	8 th December
Addyson – Reception	9 th December
Tyler – Year 1	11 th December
Lachlan – Year 2/3	12 th December
Alley – Year 5/6	13 th December
Payton – Year 2/3	13 th December
Charlie – Reception/1	13 th December



NEWSLETTER INSERTS/ ATTACHMENTS

1. 2022 School Magazine order form
2. Christmas raffle tickets
3. Water Safety certificates (R-5)

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.



Get ready for back to school early!

50% off the entire Skobi shoe range at Podiatry Central!!!

Paediatric podiatrist designed school shoes made to meet the requirements of the school yard.

Shoes are available in our Kadina clinic at 6 Forster Street.

Community News

Are you willing, able, and ready to take on your first, or more senior, leadership role in your community organisation or club? Then this program is for you!!

You are invited to participate in the Yorke Peninsula Emerging Leaders Program designed to turn local people into our leaders of tomorrow! Included in this Program is a 6-module course, networking opportunities, guest speakers, coaching and a graduation ceremony.

Applications for the Yorke Peninsula Program will close on Sunday 11 December at 5pm.

Find out more and apply here   <https://bit.ly/EmergingLeadersProgramYorkePeninsula>

This program is made possible through funding provided by the Department of Primary Industries and Resources South Australia and the support of Regional Development Australia Yorke & Mid North as project manager.

#emergingleaders #rdaymn

For more information on the Emerging Leaders Course please view the media release attached or website <https://bit.ly/EmergingLeadersProgramYorkePeninsula>

Applications for the 2023 Yorke Peninsula Emerging Leaders Program will close on Sunday 11 December at 5pm.



We are looking for you!

Kadina & District Gymnastics are seeking Coaches to join our Team.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- WAG and MAG Coaches
- Recreational and Competitive Team
- A Kindergym Director and a Tumbling Coach
- Intermediate Accreditation or above.

Kadina & District Gymnastics

A group photo of approximately 15 young gymnasts and their coaches, posing in front of a building with a glass facade.



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GET READY FOR A WEEK OF **FUN !**

Wallaroo Sailing Club

LOCATION

19th-23rd December 2022

DATE



Community News

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TIMETABLE



MONDAY 19/12	TUESDAY 20/12	WEDNESDAY 21/12	THURSDAY 22/12	FRIDAY 23/12
KINDERFUN CHRISTMAS PARTY! 10.30-11.30AM Ages 0-5 DRESS "CHRISTMASSY"! LISTEN AND DANCE TO CHRISTMAS MUSIC! \$6.70 per CHILD	10.30-11.30 Swim and Play UNDER 5'S \$7.50 per session. 11.30-12.30 Swim and Play All ages \$7.50 per session	11am-12pm SWIM AND PLAY UNDER 5'S \$7.50 PER SESSION 12PM-1PM SWIM AND PLAY ALL AGES \$7.50 PER SESSION	12.00pm-1.00pm Swim and Play All ages. \$7.50 per session.	
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MONDAY 23/1	TUESDAY 24/1	WEDNESDAY 25/1	THURSDAY 26/1	FRIDAY 27/1
	10.30-11.30 Swim and Play UNDER 5'S. \$7.50 per session. 11.30-12.30 Swim and Play All ages. \$7.50 per session.		AUSTRALIA DAY	
MONDAY 30/1				
10.30am-11.30am Kinderfun returns \$6.70 per child				

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL FOR ALL PROGRAMS- PLEASE CALL 88213106 TO BOOK- PLACES ARE LIMITED!

\$7.50 cost for all sessions, except casual shots \$3 per person AVAILABLE ON THE COURTS

***SWIM AND PLAY- UNDER 5'S MUST HAVE A PARENT IN THE WATER WITHIN ARM'S REACH AT ALL TIMES. OVER 5'S MUST HAVE A PARENT IN THE WATER AT ALL TIMES UNLESS THE CHILD CAN SWIM INDEPENDENTLY WITHOUT A FLOTATION AID.**