



St Mary MacKillop School

NEWSLETTER

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Thursday, 15th December, 2022 (Term 4, Week 9)

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

The time of Advent offers us an invitation to change our lives. It is up to us whether we accept this invitation and really do make changes.

*Do we really want to "straighten our path?"
Let's open our hearts to allow the baby Jesus to make a difference in our lives
and therefore the lives of others.*



We have been blessed to have a week of celebrating all that is good. One of our core school values is to "celebrate success" and that is what we have been doing well. All of our success comes from our God-given gifts and so we use them well and celebrate them well.

This has been an amazing week:

We have enjoyed the Year 6 End Of Primary Years dinner, and yesterday our Thanksgiving Mass. We were thankful to Nichii Mardon for attending, to Fr Chris for celebrating the Mass and to Mrs Bonney and helpers for all of the planning and preparations.

Students have celebrated their year's learning with excursions, class parties, cooking and craft, final buddy class visits; students have visited with their classmates and teacher for next year.

IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER

Thu 15th Term 4 concludes 3.00pm

Fri 16th PUPIL FREE DAY (OSHC AVAILABLE)

Mon 19th – Fri 23rd Vacation Care

JANUARY 2023

Mon 16th Vacation Care commences

Tue 24th Book Collection & Uniform Sales
(A-L families) 12.00-5.00pm

Wed 25th Book Collection & Uniform Sales
(M-Z families) 8.00am-1.00pm

Mon 30th Term 1 commences

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

FAREWELL STAFF, STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

At this time of year, we are farewelling those staff, students and families leaving us. I wish all students and families moving on, all the very best for the future.

At Mass yesterday, we farewelled staff leaving us and thanked them for our contribution to our school community:

Mrs Sheridan Bonney: we wish Sheri all the very best for the birth of their second child

Miss Masha Sudareva: we wish Masha all the best as she returns to Adelaide

Mrs Abbey Whitehead: we wish Abbey all the very best for the birth of their first child

Mrs Kelly Richardson: Kelly and her family will be travelling around Australia for 12 months, we wish them very happy and safe travels

Mr Corey White: we thank Corey for taking on the contract of teaching the 4/5 class for this last term

Miss Hayley Moffat: we wish Hayley all the best as she moves back to Adelaide to take up a teaching position



Sheridan Bonney



Masha Sudareva



Abbey Whitehead



Kelly Richardson



Corey White



Hayley Moffat

*God of all goodness,
as they leave behind what has become familiar to them,
bless all who are leaving our school community.
Bestow the grace of courage and strength of the Holy Spirit upon them.
Guide them through the challenges, uncertainties, changes and successes ahead of them.
May they always be a blessing to their families, their friends and their communities.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

THANK YOU FOR OUR YEAR

Thank you to:

***School Board and P & F
Support and Teaching Staff –
Students and families
The many community supporters of our school
Fr Chris our Parish Priest***

Thank you all for your amazing hard work and commitment to our student's wellbeing and learning

I would like to take this opportunity so say thank you to all of you for your positive support throughout this year. Positive support helps our school to thrive and grow. Any year is exciting and challenging and it has been wonderful to enjoy this together.

In this time of Advent when we are preparing for the birth of Jesus, let us focus on what we have to be grateful for in the year behind us and look forward full of hope. I wish you all a very blessed Christmas filled with the love and the hope of Jesus, and a very relaxing and enjoyable holiday break.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

2023 CLASS STRUCTURES AND TEACHERS

Following are class teacher allocations for 2023. Further staffing will be announced Term 1.

Reception:	Sophie Parker and Agatka Murphy
Reception	Lisa Hanson
Year 1	Chloe Bacher
Year 2/3	Lucy Norton
Year 2/3	Alex Wehr
Year 3/4	Laura Kotz
Year 4/5	Ali Ryan and Amie Price
Year 6/7/8	Hannah Cotter, Lisa Caffyn and Marcus Kerin

CONGRATULATIONS KATIE CRAWFORD – 2022 ST MARY MACKILLOP SCHOOL COMMUNITY AWARD

The School Board present the Rowan Ramsey Community Award to acknowledge the over and above contribution of a volunteer who give generously of their skills, time and resources for the benefit of our children and school.

I am pleased to announce that the recipient of this award is Katie Crawford. We presented the award to Katie last night at the combined P & F and School Board end of year dinner.

Katie has served on both the P & F and School Board and is currently treasurer of the School Board. Over eight years, Katie has attended meetings, presented the Finance reports, helped with organisation and running of school events, helped out with various classroom activities and excursions. Katie has been tireless and generous in her commitment and positive support of our school. Thank you Katie.

BEGINNING OF 2023 SCHOOL YEAR

To assist with your planning for the commencement of the school year 2022, following are some dates:

Tuesday 24.01.23	12-5pm Book Collection & Uniform Sales (A-L Families)
Wednesday 25.01.23	8am-1pm Book Collection & Uniform Sales (M-Z Families)
	Staff day
Thursday 26.01.23	Australia Day public holiday
Friday 27.01.23	Staff day
Monday 30.01.23	Students commence

Blessings for Christmas and the holidays.

Michelle Miller

Principal

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FROM THE APRIM

ADVENT

This week, we have been celebrating our final week of the Wise Men. The fourth week of Advent is also known as the week of love. As students will not be here next week and moving into Christmas we have moved Advent a week forward.

The candle of love during Advent is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of the Holy family, particularly Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. It also reminds us to love our neighbours as God loves us.

Yesterday, the Year 3 and Year 1 classes found the Wise Men in the JP playground. They had four different clues to follow which lead them to baby Jesus in the stable (cubby house) at the very end of the hunt.

There were also heart lollies and heart biscuits made by our Year 7/8 students for the whole school to enjoy as a symbol and reminder to spread love around our community.



END OF YEAR THANKSGIVING MASS

Yesterday, our community came together for our End of Year Thanksgiving Mass. This was a fantastic celebration acknowledging students and staff who are leaving and congratulating our Year 6 students for reaching their end of Primary Years. Students did a great job leading our Mass with readings, a liturgical dance, singing and praying together.

Thank you to all involved to make our last whole school celebration together a very joyous occasion.



Back: Alley, Kaysha, Heath, Caitlin, Johanna, Kaira
Front: Ari, Brody, Charlie, Austin, Anthony, Harvie

THANK YOU

I would like to personally take this opportunity to thank this amazing community for welcoming me here this year and for all of your best wishes. This is a very special community and school that I feel so lucky and privileged to be part of. Wishing you all a very safe, happy and blessed Christmas and holiday break.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK: LOVE (WEEK 4 OF ADVENT)

Dear Father God,

Thank you that we can celebrate the build up to Jesus' wonderful birth. Thank you for the gifts of peace and love and the power of the Holy Spirit that helps us to show these. Be with the people living alone and on the streets.

Jesus, as we prepare to celebrate your birth, may we love others as you love us.

As we get ready for Christmas, we thank you that you the greatest gift of all.

Help our schools and churches always to be known as places of love, where all are treated with dignity and respect and are valued as children of God.

Amen

Sheridan Bonney

APRIM

2022 School Magazine

Our 2022 school magazine is looking amazing. The professionally printed publication has over 100 pages of memories from the year. If you haven't ordered your copy, please emailemily.donnell@stmm.catholic.edu.au

2022 SCHOOL MAGAZINE



OVER 100 PAGES OF
MEMORIES FROM THE
YEAR

PROFESSIONALLY
PRINTED PUBLICATION

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

ORDERS BEING TAKEN NOW
EMAIL EMILY.DONNELL@STMM.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU
OR RETURN SLIP IN NEWSLETTER

COST: \$25 PAYABLE ON DELIVERY
DELIVERY EXPECTED BY END OF TERM 1, 2023

Year 2 OK Nativity Play

Monday afternoon the Year 2OK kids (along with some special guest stars) wanted to put CHRIST into Christmas! They danced, sang and acted out their very unique version of the Nativity today - and we think everyone got their message! Well done to all who participated and thanks to parents, grandparents and students for coming along to watch.



Year 6 Camp

The first day of camp started with us arriving at school and packing our things into Ms Miller's car and loading ourselves into the mini bus. After a while of driving, we stopped at a playground in Ardrossan to have recess and a play. Once we got back in the mini bus, we drove straight to the campsite in Port Vincent and unloaded before heading to the beach to start our first water rotations, knee boarding and kayaking.

The next day we woke up, had breakfast and went off to the beach to do more rotations. That day we did, stand-up paddle boarding, sailing, doubles knee-boarding and kayaking.

On the last day it was very cold so we got to choose what rotation we did out of knee boarding and sailing. Once the day was over we got changed out of our bathers and headed back to school. The music playlist also had a Taylor Swift phase and played so many of her songs.

By Joey



Volleyball Carnival

Thursday, 1st December, Year 4-8 students took part in our annual beach volleyball competition at the Wallaroo Sailing Club beach. The weather conditions were perfect for volleyball. We had 6 teams in total and each team played 6 games. The emphasis on the day was participation, having fun and learning new skills and we think everyone managed to do this. All students displayed excellent sportsmanship and enjoyed a Zooper Dooper and the end of the competition.



Year 7/8 News

This semester, the 7/8 students have been working to improve the existing Peace Garden found by the Sacred Heart Centre. The students have worked hard to design a new garden layout which has involved skills and learning from Mathematics, Science, Geography and Technologies.

With help from the horticultural experts at Peninsula Nursery and Garden Centre, we have learned about a variety of different native plants and how they can best be utilised to attract birds and butterflies as well as create a calm and relaxing space. Well done to all the students for their dedication to this project.



St Mary MacKillop Singers

Wallaroo Community Christmas Carols were held on Saturday morning as part of the markets. Thank you to students from our St Mary MacKillop Singers Choir who represented our school. Thank you to Mrs Thomson for training and supporting the choir.



Back: Scarlett, Ava, Armani, Amaya

Front: Jai, Lilah, Ruby, Eva, Isla

OSHC & Vacation Care News

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

Vacation Care – December/January School Holidays

MONDAY 19 DECEMBER 2022	TUESDAY 20 DECEMBER 2022	WEDNESDAY 21 DECEMBER 2022	THURSDAY 22 DECEMBER 2022	FRIDAY 23 DECEMBER 2022
<p>WET N WILD</p> <p>Water fun day at school. Please bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Bathers ➤ Towel ➤ Sun smart clothing ➤ Change of clothes ➤ Water guns (optional) 	<p>Silent Disco @ Moonta OSHC</p>  <p>Depart: 9am Approx. arrival 3:30pm</p> <p>Extra Cost \$10</p>	<p><u>CHRISTMAS COOKING & CRAFTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Gingerbread Men - Chocolate Balls -Reindeer biscuits  <p>Christmas Crafts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Reindeer food -salt dough ornaments -Painting 	<p>Port Pirie Aquatic Centre</p> <p><u>Depart: 8:30am</u></p> <p>Extra Cost \$5</p> 	<p>Christmas Fun!</p> <p>Secret Santa</p> <p>Christmas Crafts</p> <p>CHRISTMAS LUNCH Roast chicken & vegies with gravy</p> <p>Christmas movie & popcorn afternoon</p>  <p>"Come dressed Christmassy"</p>

VACATION CARE SERVICE CLOSED
24th DECEMBER 2022 – 15th JANUARY 2023

Merry Christmas to our OSHC and Vacation Care families



Vacation Care – December/January School Holidays

MONDAY 16 JANUARY 2023	TUESDAY 17 JANUARY 2023	WEDNESDAY 18 JANUARY 2023	THURSDAY 19 JANUARY 2023	FRIDAY 20 JANUARY 2023
WELCOME BACK PARTY! Shared party afternoon tea Face painting Party games 	 ** Socks are a must Depart: 8:30am Approx. arrival: 5:30pm Extra Cost \$ 20	PIRATE ADVENTURES Come join in our quest around the school to solve riddles as a team to find the hidden treasure.  Prizes for those who dress as pirates.	OSHC CINEMA  We will create our own cinema In the middle school Building <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create tickets • Design popcorn boxes • Enjoy the movie of your choice 	 MasterChef JUNIOR Children will team up with each team receiving a variety of ingredients. Each team will need to use these to come up with a dish.
MONDAY 23 JANUARY 2023	TUESDAY 24 JANUARY 2023	WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY 2023	THURSDAY 26 JANUARY 2023	FRIDAY 27 JANUARY 2023
Movie at Blyth Cinema  Depart: 9am Approx arrival: 3:30pm Extra Cost \$12	 Port Adelaide Football Club and Oval Tour Play at the Port Adelaide playground Depart: 8:30am Approx. Arrival: 5pm	Australia Day Celebrations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Sausage sizzle lunch ❖ Zinc sunscreen fun ❖ Lamingtons and pavlova afternoon tea ❖ Australian themed crafts 	Australia Day Public Holiday	FriYAY! Bring along your electronics Water balloon games (bring a towel) 



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Mileah – Year 4/5	15 th December
Harvie – Year 5/6	17 th December
Connor – Year 3	18 th December
Mia – Year 2	19 th December
Edie – Year 4/5	20 th December
Benii – Year 2	28 th December



NEWSLETTER INSERTS/ ATTACHMENTS

1. Semester 2 Reports

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.

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KICKS OFF SOON!

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER NOW

For more information visit play.afl/auskick

NYP All Girls Auskick Centre
Friday 24th Feb - 31st Mar
5pm - 6pm
Moonta Oval

**Give life.
Give blood in
Kadina.**

Copper Coast Sport and Leisure Centre
9 January to 12 January

Monday 9 January 12 pm – 6 pm
Tuesday 10 January 9:30 am – 6 pm
Wednesday 11 January 9:30 am – 6 pm
Thursday 12 January 7:30 am – 2 pm

give blood

X-Mas Activities

KADINA LIBRARY

Tuesday 20th December- 1pm to 4pm- [DIY Decorations](#)

Wednesday 21st December - 10am - 12pm - [Crafty Christmas Card Creations](#)

Thursday 22nd December - 1pm to 4pm - [Merry Masks!](#) - [Make your own reindeer mask](#)

WALLAROO LIBRARY

X-Mas craft packs can be collected from Wallaroo Library or you can work on them in the 'Christmas Craft Corner' from Monday 19th December through to Friday 23rd December during opening hours - 10am-1pm daily

Please be advised regular pre-school programs will continue at Kadina Library

Tuesday 20th December - [Wriggle & Giggle @ 10:30am](#)

Thursday 22nd December - [Rhythm & Rhyme Time @10:30am](#)

Friday 23rd December - [Bookbugs Storytime @10:30am](#)





KID'S SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES KADINA LIBRARY

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAY SESSIONS 1pm-4pm

WEDNESDAY SESSIONS 10am-12pm

TUE JAN 3 CREATE A CALENDAR

WED JAN 4 MAKE A KITE

THU JAN 5 DESIGN A DIORAMA

TUE JAN 10 BEEBOTS

WED JAN 11 MOSAIC MAGIC - MAKE A PLACEMAT

THU JAN 12 DESIGN A DREAMCATCHER

TUE JAN 17 STONES & PAINT PEN FUN

WED JAN 18 PAINT A POT

THU JAN 19 CHINESE NEW YEAR LANTERNS

TUES JAN 24 AUSSIE ANIMAL CHATTERBOX

WED JAN 25 FOAM FUN! NATIVE ANIMAL MOSAIC

WALLAROO LIBRARY

Collect a craft activity from Wallaroo Library during opening hours to take home, or make it there

WEEK 1 JAN 3-6 CREATE A CALENDAR

WEEK 2 JAN 9-13 MOSAIC MAGIC

WEEK 3 JAN 16-20 CHINESE NEW YEAR LANTERNS

WEEK 4 JAN 23-27 AUSSIE ANIMAL CHATTERBOX

**Please be advised our regular pre-school programs
will continue at Kadina Library**

Tuesdays - Wriggle and Giggle @10:30am

Thursdays - Rhythm and Rhyme Time @10:30am

Fridays - Bookbugs Storytime @10:30am

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.	
MONDAY 2/1	TUESDAY 3/1	WEDNESDAY 4/1	THURSDAY 5/1	FRIDAY 6/1
	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.	11AM-12PM SWIM AND PLAY UNDER 5'S \$7.50 PER SESSION 12.00pm-1.00pm Swim and Play All ages \$7.50 per session.	12.00pm-1.00pm Swim and Play All ages \$7.50 per session	
MONDAY 9/1	TUESDAY 10/1	WEDNESDAY 11/1	THURSDAY 12/1	FRIDAY 13/1
	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.	11.00pm-12.00pm Swim and Play All ages \$7.50 per session.	12.00pm-1.00pm Swim and Play All ages \$7.50 per session	
MONDAY 16/1	TUESDAY 17/1	WEDNESDAY 18/1	THURSDAY 19/1	FRIDAY 20/1
	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.		12.00pm-1.00pm Swim and Play All ages \$7.50 per session	
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.**