



# St Mary MacKillop School

## NEWSLETTER

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**Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 (Term 1, Week 7)**

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

### SPORTS DAY 2023 – THANK YOU

Thank you everyone for attending Sports Day on Wednesday and events held on Thursday and Tuesday, and finally our presentations yesterday. It was a very different Sports Day this year!

For me a highlight was the examples of such good sportsmanship. A student just missing the high jump with the biggest smile on their face; a parent encouraging their child to try their best; students shaking hands and cheering for their mates in other Houses.

Another highlight was simply being able to catch up and chat with parents and grandparents.

Thank you:

- Wallaroo Football Club for the use of the oval and facilities
- Wallaroo Primary for the use of their high jump mat
- Staff and parents for setting up and packing up on the day
- Scorers Karen Westlake and Julia Agnew
- Our P & F for their refreshment stall and coordinating Subway lunches
- Ohh my coffee van (Matt Hawson), YP Donuts Van (Marie and Stephen Leighton) and Kadina Lions Club barbecue
- Graham Sobey for sound system
- Oliver Garfield, our guest speaker
- Karen Westlake for all of her work behind the scenes with administration and preparations
- Parents, family members and friends for coming along to support the children
- Staff for their hours of support with practices, setting up and getting ready, providing encouragement and helping students achieve their best
- Sport captains, for their organisation, enthusiasm and leadership

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### MARCH

- Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feast of St Patrick – wear a touch of green
- Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Feast of St Joseph
- Mon 20<sup>th</sup> St Joseph Day Mass 11.45am  
wear a touch of yellow
- Tue 21<sup>st</sup> Harmony Day – wear a touch of orange  
Mini Macs Playgroup 9.00am  
School AGM 7.00pm
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup> SACPPSA Swimming Carnival at Clare

#### APRIL

- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> – Thu 6<sup>th</sup> Parent Teacher Interviews
- Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Good Friday
- Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday
- Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Easter Monday
- Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Term 1 concludes 3.00pm

#### MAY

- Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Pupil Free Day (OSHC available)
- Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> Term 2 commences

#### Parish Weekend Mass

**See Mass time schedule in REC section of this Newsletter**

St. Francis of Assisi, Moonta  
Sacred Heart, Kadina  
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Wallaroo  
St Margaret's, Port Broughton



*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

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- All students for training, preparation and great participation and spirit on sports day

I especially thank Lisa Caffyn for the overall coordination and planning, a huge task; and Marcus Kerin and Lisa for preparing all students throughout PE lessons.

Thank you to Karen Westlake, Ron Sherriff, Paul Northeast and the Sports Day committee for their support of Lisa. In their own areas, they assist with administration, score sheets, programme, run-offs and trials, marking the oval, transporting and setting up equipment. Lisa does so much working with Captains, organising teams and events, working with staff and parents in planning and preparations behind the scenes for every aspect of sports day.

### PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS – SEMESTER 1

Parent/Teacher interviews will be offered in Week 10 this term.

As we always say, while these formal meeting times are offered, parents and carers are invited to contact the class teacher at any time to discuss celebrations, concerns, ways to assist your child with their learning and wellbeing.

In today's Newsletter you will receive a booking sheet relating to the class each child is in, as teachers are not necessarily all available at the same time. Please fill in the booking sheet and return it to school as soon as possible.

We look forward to being able to meet with you.

### CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Class Assemblies will be hosted in Term 2 and 3 of this year. We will notify you when these are coming up.

### SCHOOL BOARD AGM

Our School Board Annual General meeting will be held next Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March, in the Kalori Building (MPLA) beginning at 7.00pm. This is a great opportunity for ALL parents and families to hear about the achievements of the past 12 months and the goals and future direction for the next 12 months. If you haven't already, please return your RSVP form – whether you are attending the night or not.

### PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Thank you to our P & F for organising and running their stall at Sports Day last week and thanks to everyone who supported them with helping to serve and purchasing from the stall.

While the fundraising from the day will not be high, given it was for a limited time, it was important to have the presence of our P & F in such a supportive way.

Our next P & F meeting will be the AGM held Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.

### NAPLAN 2023

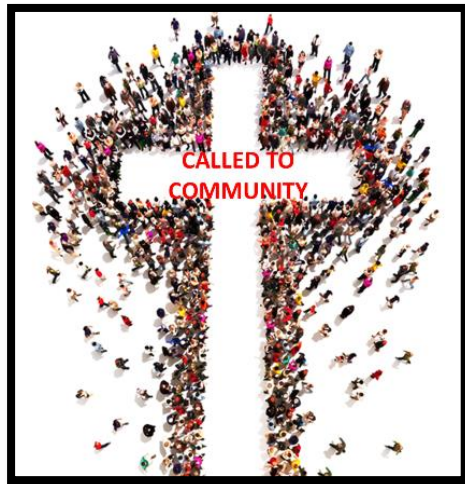
Our students and staff are doing a great job this week with NAPLAN testing well underway. Yesterday students participated in Writing. Today is a big day for students with two tests: Reading and Conventions of Language, tomorrow will be Numeracy, followed by a sigh of relief I am sure. Well done everyone. Thank you to Francesca Tully who coordinates NAPLAN testing for our school.

### STUDENT UNIFORM WEEKS 8-11

Student uniform will now revert to formal uniform, and sport uniform on class designated Dance and PE days. The sport uniform to be worn is the SCHOOL SPORT UNIFORM.

Students will be invited to wear House tops for special occasions as notified. Thank you.

*Ms Michelle Miller*  
PRINCIPAL



It has been another busy week at St Mary MacKillop School and our theme of Called to Community has been evident every day. I would like to thank Ms Lisa Caffyn and Mr Marcus Kerin for a well-prepared Sports Day that due to the weather had to be completed over a series of days. It was still fun, and everyone gave their best.

While our year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students have been doing the NAPLAN tests this week, I have prayed to the patron saint of studies and test takers, St Joseph of Cupertino. When St Joseph of Cupertino was young, he struggled with his learning but with prayer and study, he successfully passed his final exams at the seminary.

*O humble St. Joseph of Cupertino, you were favoured by God in overcoming the difficulties and worries of studies and examinations. Intercede our NAPLAN students to the Holy Spirit that their minds and memories may be strengthened in the pursuit of God's wisdom. Help them to offer God their very best work and help them to grow in knowledge and humility. St. Joseph of Cupertino, pray for our NAPLAN students. Amen.*

### FEAST OF ST PATRICK



This coming Friday is **St Patrick's Day**. **St Patrick** is the patron saint of Ireland, who is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland. In the 5th Century AD, he was enslaved as a 16-year-old in what was then Roman England. He was taken to a farm in Ireland by the kidnappers, before escaping and returning to his birthplace. As a bishop in later life, he went back to Ireland and spread the message of Christianity. Famously, he explained the Holy Trinity and used the three leaves of the shamrock to explain the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The **green** on the Irish flag represents the Roman Catholic population of Ireland, while the orange represents the protestant population. In addition, green icons such as the shamrock and leprechauns have reinforced the prominence of the colour green in **St. Patrick's Day** celebrations.

On **Friday**, your child may wear a touch of **green** to celebrate **St Patrick's Day**.



### FEAST OF ST JOSEPH

Sunday, is the **Feast Day of St Joseph**. **St. Joseph** the carpenter was the husband of Mary and the earthly father of Jesus. So, the feast that is celebrated on **St. Joseph's Day** honours all fathers. It takes place all around the world and usually involves having a large meal or feast. St Joseph is honoured due to him being an extremely faithful man all his life. He was the legal father of Jesus and took care of him as he grew up.

Before becoming a Saint, Joseph was and still is known as Joseph of Nazareth. He was a carpenter or possibly a stone worker who taught Jesus how to be a carpenter.

Joseph wasn't mentioned in any of the New Testament when Jesus began his public life. It's assumed that he probably died at some point before Jesus started preaching.

Joseph is known as the patron saint of unborn children, fathers, immigrants, workers, Vietnam and the Philippines. **St Joseph's Day** is celebrated in lots of different ways around the world including Father's Day in Italy.



In 1866, Mary MacKillop and Father Tenison Woods founded the congregation, the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart, in Penola, South Australia. The Sisters of Saint Joseph were different from other religious congregations living in Australia during the late nineteenth century. The sisters lived in small groups of two or three in country areas often where there was no established Catholic Church structure.

Today there are over 600 Sisters of Saint Joseph living in communities in Australia, Aotearoa New Zealand, Ireland, Peru, Timor-Leste and Brazil. The sisters are engaged in pastoral work as well as in professional roles which include teaching, social services, law, psychology, nursing, aged care, community development, adult education and support for new arrivals in Australia and New Zealand.

The school community will celebrate the **Feast Day of St Joseph** on **Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> March**, at **11:45am**, **Star of Sea Church, Wallaroo**. On Monday, your child may wear a touch of **yellow or gold** to celebrate **St Joseph's Day**.

### PARISH MASS CHANGE OF TIME TRIAL

Our parish, **St Mary MacKillop Parish of the Copper Coast** is now trialling a 6-month rotating time schedule. On the first and fifth Sunday of the month, during the Kadina 10:30am Mass, children are invited to go with our Children's Liturgy leader, Francesca Tully, to read to the Gospel of the Day (Children's version) and do activities in the Parish Hall. Following is the schedule for our Parish Masses. All are welcome to attend at any time.



Town	*1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Month	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Month	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Month	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Month	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Month
WALLAROO	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 10.30am	Sunday 6 pm	Saturday 6pm
MOONTA	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 10.30am	Sunday 6pm	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 8.30am
KADINA	Sunday 10.30am Inc Children's Liturgy	Sunday 6 pm	Saturday 6 pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 10.30am Inc Children's Liturgy
PORT BROUGHTON	Sunday 6 pm	Saturday 6 pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 10.30am	Sunday 6 pm

Knowing our lives are busy and at times stressful, this prayer is a good reminder for us to receive God's calming Spirit.

*Lord, in quiet times, we see your face and we feel your holy presence. In busy and hectic times, we tend to run aimlessly away from your help. In our most fatigued and stressful times, we need you most. Send us your calming Spirit. Lighten our hearts, Lord.*

*Mrs Francesca Tully*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

# SPORTS DAY

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## SPORTS DAY RESULTS - CONGRATULATIONS

Championship Team Shield – MacKillop

Team Spirit Shield – Joseph

### Record Breakers

#### SPRINTS – BOYS & GIRLS

<u>AGE</u>	<u>DISTANCE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TIME</u>
7 years	60 metres	Zeb S	10.47 seconds
10 years	80 metres	Connor D	12.10 seconds
11 years	100 metres	Adelaide W	15.71 seconds

#### JAVELIN – GIRLS

<u>AGE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DISTANCE</u>
12 years	Mileah W	11.63 metres

#### DISCUS – BOYS

<u>AGE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DISTANCE</u>
12 years	Austin M	13.50 metres
14 years	Blake W	17.25 metres

#### SHOT PUT – BOYS & GIRLS

<u>AGE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DISTANCE</u>
11 years	Nevayah K	6.10 metres Tied Record
14 years	Blake W	7.75 metres

#### LONG JUMP - BOYS

<u>AGE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DISTANCE</u>
14 years	Blake W	3.14 metres

### Record Holders

#### LONG JUMP - GIRLS

<u>AGE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DISTANCE</u>
14 years	Hope I	1.74 metres

#### SHOT PUT – GIRLS

<u>AGE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DISTANCE</u>
14 years	Hope I	3.23 metres

#### JAVELIN – BOYS & GIRLS

<u>AGE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DISTANCE</u>
Boys 14 years	Blake W	13.10 metres
Girls 14 years	Hope I	7.48 metres

#### DISCUS – BOYS & GIRLS

<u>AGE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DISTANCE</u>
10 years	Trae W	18.25 metres
10 years	Amani S	11.58 metres
11 years	Max D	11.61 metres
11 years	Nevayah K	11.85 metres
14 years	Hope I	5.98 metres

#### HIGH JUMP - BOYS

<u>AGE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>DISTANCE</u>
14 years	Blake W	1.20 metres



## SPORTS DAY PHOTOS



House captains – Blake, Lucas, Mileah, Jordan, Luke, Adelaide and Hope



Championship Shield winners – MacKillop  
Jordan, Luke and Austin



Team Spirit Shield winners – Joseph  
Mitchell, Adelaide and Amani



Championship record holders and breakers



## SPORTS DAY PHOTOS





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## IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Our Senior students have been busy with their leadership roles these past few weeks. They have put in many hours of preparation into sports day, planning marches and chants with their house team. Our leaders have learnt many new skills and have taken on challenges with public speaking, teaching younger students the dance moves as well as behind the scenes preparation and organisation.

*It is a good step for being a role model and a good step to take responsibility. I enjoyed how our team (Tappeiner) was motivating each other to keep pushing in races and supported everyone. - Blake Walkley*



House Captains – Lucas, Blake, Luke, Jordan, Hope and Mileah



Dress the House Captain

### SCIENCE

Biological science is the theme for this term and students have been learning about designing an experiment, in particular controlled variables. The Year 6s in particular have been looking at the effect the method of watering has on plants. They chose misting, soaking and flooding for their tomato plants. They are also looking at the effect salinity has on plant growth and are watering the lettuce seedlings with various concentrations of salt water. The Year 7s are learning about animal classification and using and creating dichotomous keys while the Year 8s explore microscopes and cells.

*I think it's interesting how we get to learn about what different plants can survive from (changing watering mode and different salinity levels). I think Biology is interesting even though it's not my favourite type of Science. - Lucas Phillips*

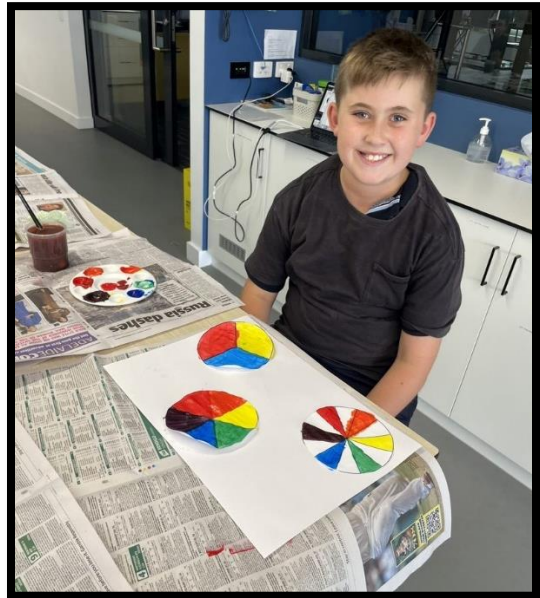


### ART

Students are studying Visual Arts this term. They have refreshed their memory on the colour wheel and mixing colours. They are now moving on to perfect the art of portraiture and being 'painterly' painters. Students are looking forward to creating a portrait of a special person in their life.

*I have enjoyed Art because it's fun and I liked learning how to sketch. – Jordan Duncan*

## IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL



### ENGLISH

Persuasive writing is our focus this term and students are getting stuck into writing letters about topics they are passionate about. It's looking like Ms Miller is going to be receiving a few letters, with student's topics ranging from having lunch time clubs, to a shorter school day!

Our class text for the term is 'Wonder' by RJ Palacio. Students are demonstrating their comprehension skills and ability to take on different reading roles.

When writing, students have been working on forming different types of sentences which will then lead into forming well-written paragraphs. Improving writing skills is a whole school focus for this year.

*I have enjoyed learning about persuasive techniques and different writing styles, and I really hope my letter gets approved by Ms Miller – Adelaide White*

*Miss Hannah Cotter, Ms Lisa Caffyn & Mr Marcus Kerin*  
MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS



## STORY DOGS

Julie from Story Dogs is seeking a volunteer for our school. If you, or you know someone who would be interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Julie on 0438 382 393. We would love to have the program in our school as soon as possible.

Story Dogs is a reading program which aims to make reading fun for children making them more confident in reading. Story Dogs is an Australia wide volunteer program which targets Year 2 and above students to receive one on one time (approx 20mins) with an accredited dog team, dog handler and their dog.



## Want to volunteer with your dog?

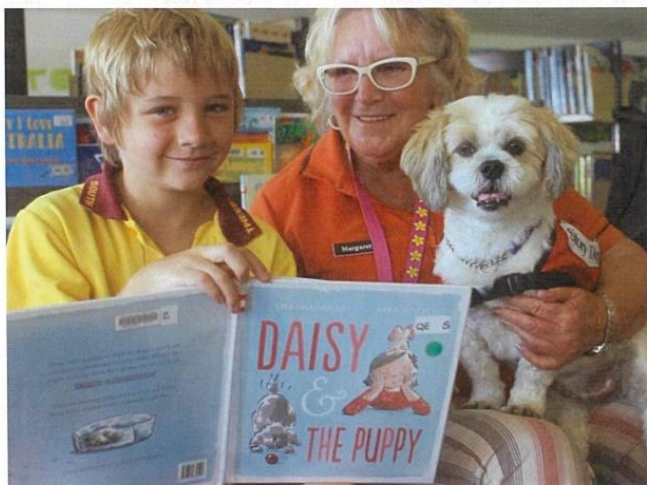
**Local schools are looking to start the Story Dogs program  
but need suitable volunteers.**

Do you have one morning free during the week?

Do you have a calm, obedient, gentle dog?

If yes; come and join Story Dogs.

We help young children, usually year two, to learn to read. The children who are having trouble reading come out of their classroom and sit with you and your dog for 20mins and read to your dog. You will help the same 4 – 6 children each week.



Story Dogs provides all the training, starter kit and accreditation.

Check out the web site for more information or call our local coordinator on:

**Julie Johnston 0438382393**

[www.storydogs.org.au](http://www.storydogs.org.au)

## OSHC PUPIL FREE DAY

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**Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> May, 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 **Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April**, if your child/ren will be attending.

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### **OSHC BOOKING FORM – PUPIL FREE DAY – MONDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> MAY**

Return by **Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April**

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Children requiring OSHC \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Bookings**

**Priority 1 – Children who are permanent Monday after school.**

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

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#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



Hope – Year 6-9	16 <sup>th</sup> March
Carter – Year 2/3N	17 <sup>th</sup> March
Austin – Year 6-9	18 <sup>th</sup> March
Miranda – Year 2/3N	18 <sup>th</sup> March
Adelaide – Year 6-9	19 <sup>th</sup> March
Lilah – Year 2/3N	19 <sup>th</sup> March
Ollie – Year 1	19 <sup>th</sup> March
Jack – Year 2/3N	27 <sup>th</sup> March
Noah – Year 1	27 <sup>th</sup> March
Kade – Year 2/3W	28 <sup>th</sup> March



#### **NEWSLETTER INSERTS/ ATTACHMENTS**

1. Parent Teacher Interview booking sheet
2. Middle School fundraiser letter

*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

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*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.*

**COPPER COAST TABLE TENNIS CLUB** are seeking junior and senior players for their Winter competition which starts on Wednesday, 19th April. If you are interested in playing this fast paced, vibrant and family friendly sport the club is holding free Come N Try nights on Wednesday, 5th and 12th of April from 7pm at the Kadina Showgrounds off Agery Road. The club has bats available if you do not have one. Enquiries to Lyndon [0427892054](tel:0427892054)





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

Copper Coast Sport and Leisure Centre  
3 April to 6 April




Monday 3 April 12 pm – 6 pm  
Tuesday 4 April 9.30 am – 6 pm  
Wednesday 5 April 9.30 am – 6 pm  
Thursday 6 April 7.30 am – 2 pm

 give blood



**ARE YOU INTERESTED  
IN BECOMING A  
FOSTER CARER?**

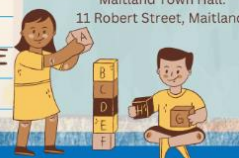



**FOSTER CARE  
Information Session**

UNITING COUNTRY SA WILL BE  
HOLDING AN INFORMATION  
SESSION IN KADINA AND  
MAITLAND. CONTACT THE  
FOSTER CARE TEAM FOR MORE  
INFORMATION

**KADINA:**  
Friday 31st March, 11:00am - 2:00pm  
UCSA Office:  
9 Hay Street, Kadina.

**MAITLAND:**  
Wednesday 12th April, 11:00am - 2:00pm  
Maitland Town Hall:  
11 Robert Street, Maitland.



 W: [www.ucsa.org.au/foster-care](http://www.ucsa.org.au/foster-care) E: [fostercare@ucsa.org.au](mailto:fostercare@ucsa.org.au) P: (08) 8633 9023



**Come and Try Day**

Looking for  
U/11 & U/7  
Girls and Boys  
for our  
2023 Season

Sunday March 19th @ 10am  
Kadina Hockey Fields  
Equipment provided

More information  
Rachael Harris  
0437 568 228

**Messy Church** A fun time  
Kadina Uniting for the  
Church Hall Family



- Creative activities for Children you have never seen before
- Time for story and sharing what they have created
- Meal provided
- Donation towards costs appreciated

**Friday 17th March  
2023  
3.15 -5.30pm**

For more information  
call Jane Gersch  
Ph: 0428 218 255