

St Mary MacKillop School NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday, 29th March, 2023 (Term 1, Week 9)

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

THANK YOU

Thank you to Fr Chris and Francesca Tully for preparations and celebration of our St Joseph's Day Mass last week.

Thanks everyone for joining in with the spirit of St Patrick's Day, St Joseph's Day and Harmony Day. It was great to have the touches of colour reflecting these special days for us.

Thank you everyone who has helped with NAPLAN testing; Francesca for overall coordination. Every attempt is made to conduct it in as short a time as possible so that it does not drag on, however Francesca was still taking students for catch-up testing Monday this week. We have done all we can to make the tests accessible and supported for all students.

Thank you to Lisa Hanson and Lisa Caffyn (swimming trainers) and Paul Northeast (bus driver) for taking our Dolphins swimming team to Clare on Friday for the Catholic Schools swimming carnival. All students swam well. Eloise won championship for her Year 4 age group. The Dolphins were placed 5th overall. Well done everyone!

PORT PIRIE DIOCESAN ASSEMBY AND CHRISM MASS

The Diocesan Assembly is held yearly in Port Pirie and it is one of the most significant events across the Diocese. It is an expectation that school leaders attend, and Francesca Tully and I have had the pleasure of attending over these last two days.

Today I attended the Chrism Mass with several of our students. The Bishop, Parish Priests, parishioners, staff of our Catholic schools, nursing homes and Catholic agencies from all over our Diocese attend these significant days.

Schools are invited to have students attend, our student representatives were Ashton, Adelaide and Amani. Adelaide delivered a reading at the Mass which is quite a role, in front of hundreds of people in the congregation.

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

Fri 31st NYP Girls Football Lightning Carnival

APRIL

Mon 3rd – Thu 6th Parent Teacher Interviews

Tue 4th Mini Macs Playgroup 9.00am

Fri 7th Good Friday

Sun 9th Easter Sunday

Mon 10th Easter Monday

Tue 11th School Board meeting 7.30pm

Fri 14th Casual Clothes day

Term 1 concludes 3.00pm

MAY

Mon 1st Pupil Free Day (OSHC available)

Tue 2nd 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.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Chrism Mass on Wednesday concludes the Assembly; the Chrism Mass is celebrated worldwide in all Catholic dioceses. It leads into the preparation for Holy Week, culminating in Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. At the Chrism Mass, the Chrism oil, which is an important part of the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick, was specially blessed and commissioned for use throughout each of the Parishes for the coming year.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS – SEMESTER 1

Included with today's Newsletter are Parent-Teacher Interview time allocation letters for families who have returned their booking sheets. If you have not booked an interview with your child's teacher, please complete the form and return by the end of the week.

P & F FRIDAY LUNCHES - PRICE INCREASES

As you would know from your own households, prices for all food items have increased. We need to reflect that as well and reluctantly need to increase the prices for Friday Lunch items as of the beginning of Term 2. We really are only doing this to cover costs and will keep increases to a minimum. We want to continue to make Friday Lunches as affordable as possible for our families.

P & F NEWS

Last night we held our P & F 2023 AGM, followed by our March meeting. Thank you to all who attended or put in their apologies.

Thank you to the following people who have kindly volunteered for positions on the committee:

Vice-President Alicia Wall

Treasurer Emma Nelson

Secretary Felicity Schulz

P & F School Board rep Sarah Clifford

We are seeking a volunteer for the role of President, so please let Michelle or one of our P & F group know if you are interested. It really is a friendly group and we help each other out. The role of President is not too onerous and can be just for the year. We would love to have anyone join us.

LAST DAY OF TERM 1

The last day of Term 1 for our students will be Friday, 14th April, with usual dismissal time of 3.00pm. Students are invited to wear casual clothes on the last day of term.

PUPIL-FREE DAY REMINDER

Please remember that the first day of Term 2 – Monday, 1st May – will be a pupil-free day so that staff can engage in staff formation.

STUDENTS' FIRST DAY TERM 2

Students will commence Term 2 on Tuesday, 2nd May.

MOTHER'S DAY PICNIC

Mother's Day will be celebrated on Sunday 14th May. All mums, grandmas, aunties, mother-figures are invited to come to school for a Mother's Day picnic at school on Friday, 12th May, from 1.00-1.40pm. We would love to have you join your children, bring along a picnic lunch and stay for a play. Students may still have lunch orders on the day.

Blessings for the week ahead.

Ms Michelle Miller PRINCIPAL

FROM THE REC



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION?

Saturday was the **Feast of the Annunciation**. Annunciation is a big word. It means to say something important, to proclaim big news. Annunciation means to announce.

In the Bible, God sends messengers from Heaven down to earth to share news with the people. These messengers are called *Angels*. The word *Angel* means messenger.



One of the Angels in the Bible is named Gabriel and he announced the most important news of all time. He told Mary that she would give birth to Jesus. This is the greatest news anyone ever received. God came to earth to live and die and rise again so that we can live with God forever, too!

It's not just Mary who gets to bring Jesus into the world. We do, too! Jesus lived inside of Mary, and he lives inside of us. Jesus lives in our hearts through the Holy Spirit. When we love others like Jesus, we bring him into the world just like Mary did all those years ago. We can turn to Mary, our mother, whenever we need help making difficult decisions or if we are scared to say yes to God. She loves us very much, and she is always praying that we will have the courage to listen to and obey her son.

LENTEN JOURNEY

We are coming to the end of our Lenten journey. During the week, you may wish to pray for one of your child's teachers and ask God to help them in their work, to give thanks for the food you eat this week, or thank God for giving us everlasting life through Jesus Christ.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

The St Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish of the Copper Coast's Sacramental Programme is based on the guidelines of the Port Pirie Diocese, and therefore takes place primarily in the family. However, our parish supports the family with a Parish-based preparation programme. We believe it will be a richly blessed time in your family life.

I am the Parish Sacramental Coordinator and will support you during this faith journey. Fr Chris will also be available to meet with you if you feel you require further assistance during this special time. This is an excellent opportunity for your family to become involved in and support your child in their religious development.

As Christians, in the Catholic tradition, we belong to a community connected through belief and action—a Christian community. There are special ways of making those in the community feel and understand that they belong together.

Jesus walks with us through the sacraments. Unchanging sacraments help us to be able to continue on a faith journey in a changing world.

Sacraments are the signs which point to the presence of God in our life journey. Sacraments nourish us and help us to take the time to know God's presence and love in our lives.

The Catholic Church has 7 Sacraments – Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation, Sacraments Renewal and Healing: Anointing of the Sick and the Sacraments of Vocation/calling: Holy Orders or Marriage Holy Orders.

If you would like more information about the Sacraments, please indicate with the reply slip on the next.

Have a great week ahead, Francesca

Mrs Francesca Tully
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

FROM THE REC

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME RETURN SLIP

-amily name:
We are interested in the Sacrament of Baptism for
We are interested in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for
We are interested in the Sacrament of Eucharist for
Signed:

St Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish of the Copper Coast

Serving:

Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo and Port Broughton

www.ppcatholic.org/parishes/kadina Phone: 08 8821 3943

Email: coppercoast@ppcatholic.org



Chrism Mass

Tuesday, 29 March 11:30am St Mark's Cathedral Port Pirie

Anointing of the Sick

Tuesday, 21 March - 9:30am Moonta Thursday, 23 March - 9:30am Wallaroo Friday, 24 March - 9:30am Kadina Sunday, 26 March -10:30am Port Broughton

Parish Reconciliation Night

Friday, 31 March - 7:00pm Kadina

Palm Sunday

Sunday, 2 April

Wallaroo Sat (Vigil Mass) 6.00 pm Moonta Sun 8.30 am Kadina Sun 10.30 am Port Broughton Sun 6.00 pm

Holy Thursday

Thursday, 6 April Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:30pm Kadina

Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 10:00pm

Good Friday

Friday, 7 April

9:30am Moonta - Ecumenical prayers Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

3:00pm Kadina

6:00pm Port Broughton

Easter Vigil

Saturday, 8 April

7:30pm Kadina

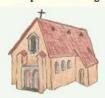
Easter Sunday

Sunday, 9 April

8:30am Wallaroo 10:30am Moonta 6:00pm Port Broughton









Sunday Mass times

Town	1st Sunday of Month	2 nd Sunday of Month	3™ Sunday of Month	4th Sunday of Month	5th Sunday of Month
Wallaroo	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8.30am	Sun10.30am	Sun 6:00pm	Sat 6:00pm
Moonta	Sun 8:30am	Sun10.30am	Sun 6:00pm	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8.30am
Kadina	Sun 10:30am	Sun 6:00pm	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8.30am	Sun 10.30am
Port Broughton	Sun 6:00pm	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 8.30 am	Sun10.30am	Sun 6:00pm

WHAT'S UP DOC



PASSION FOR LEARNING

"Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow" (Anthony J. D'Angelo, n.d.).

Hegel (1770-1831) even said that "nothing great in this world has ever been accomplished without passion".

One of the questions I ask each of our past scholars who are profiled in the school newsletter, is around their passion for their career choice. Whilst many have responded that they had little idea about their future careers when they were of primary school age, many have spoken of how their passion developed from their interests and hobbies and through their learning at school.

What do we mean by passion as it relates to learning? In a recent article, Vallerand et al. (2020), describe passion as one's love of a specific object, activity or concept which they highly value and spend a lot of time and energy participating in. Vallerand et al. believe that learning and growth occur when passion is nurtured by the teacher – either a passion which may already be present in a student, or a passion which is newly developed. Indeed, we as teachers enjoy seeing our students develop a passion for one or more subjects and watching them grow and develop in multiple areas. Many studies involving thousands of students across differing ages and countries have revealed that most students are passionate about at least one educational activity, be it music, sport, science, the arts, and so on.

A student's passion for their learning results in a number of positive outcomes for their education. Passion has positive effects on student well-being, including their physical health. For example, students show an increase in energy when engaging in educational activities in which they are passionate. Passion assists in the development of positive friendships and relationships. Passion can also positively impact long-term performance. For example, when a passion is meaningful and motivational, a person will invest much effort and persistence. Of course, when one is passionate about an activity, they will likely engage in it for many hours of deliberate practice which is known to lead to high performance levels. Indeed, to become an 'expert' requires some 10,000 hours of time according to Ericsson et al. (1993).

Whilst we aren't necessarily developing this level of 'expert' performance in our students, we do aim to offer many opportunities for them to participate in a wide range of experiences in order for them to pursue their passions further, or to develop a new passion. Some of the opportunities we offer this term include leadership (school captain, SRC, Sports House captain), sport (Dolphins swimming team, interschool athletics, NYP Lightning Carnivals), cooking (pancakes, Breakfast Bites), fundraising (Project Compassion), communication (Auslan), and arts (St Mary MacKillop singers, maypole dancing) just to name a few.

Vallerand, R.J., Chichekian, T. and Paquette, V., 2020. PASSION IN EDUCATION. *Promoting Motivation and Learning in Contexts: Sociocultural Perspectives on Educational Interventions*, 115.

Ericsson, K.A., Krampe, R.T. and Tesch-Römer, C., 1993. The role of deliberate practice in the acquisition of expert performance. *Psychological review*, 100(3), p.363.

Dr Annette Morphett LEADER OF LEARNING



PAST SCHOLAR NEWS

Jake Daulby

Class of 2004 (Year 7)

Musician



What ignited your passion for your career choice?

I've always loved music, and when I joined the school band and had an opportunity to perform in High School, I never looked back. The feeling of bringing joy and connecting with people through music is pretty amazing!

What have been some defining moments in your career and life?

The day I decided to pursue a full-time music career was a pretty defining moment. Music was always a passion and I was working other jobs that I didn't really enjoy, whilst still performing on weekends. But to make the decision to fully commit, and devote my life whole-heartedly towards my passion has been a very defining moment for me and has been the best decision I've made.

I had the opportunity to perform on the Voice in 2018, which was a pretty amazing experience. It was cool to have so many eyes watch me perform and to receive such a positive response from the public.

Also, recently (in February) I competed in an Australian Powerlifting League State Championship, where I managed to take away a Gold Medal and break 3 National records for my weight class and division.

What advice would you give our current students?

Do what you love because you love doing it and it makes the world more beautiful.

Also, go forth in life and put 100% into everything you do.

If you put 100% into everything, then no matter where that takes you, you can rest-assured that you will be in the best possible place you can be.

What is your favourite memory of your time at Kalori Catholic/St Mary MacKillop School?

The culture at Kalori was always beautiful. The teachers had the students' best interests at heart, and I never experienced any bullying from other students which is a testament to the ethos of the school.

I also loved the community spirit of Sports Day, and the end of year dance performances.

IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL









SCIENCE

The Year 8 students are continuing to learn about cells in Biological Science this term. They have been learning the differences between plant and animal cells. They have learnt how to focus microscopes and have been viewing slides of several types of animal and plant cells.

Hope – I love learning about cells and liked getting to look through the microscope.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

Our students have mastered the art of flying drones and are now able to manoeuvre them around obstacle courses, through hoops of varying sizes and between other obstacles. They have also been exploring how to film and take photos while flying.

Ashton – I like using drones and have enjoyed using the obstacle course and being able to use the drones to take photos. I'm good at controlling the drones and moving them as they fly.





RELIGION

In Religion we have been learning about different ways to interpret the Parables through the 'Three Worlds of the Text'. Students have been working in groups to analyse a parable by looking at the world behind the text (what was life like back then?), the world within the text (what is happening in the parable?) and the world in front of the text (how is the message relevant to life today?). Students are now planning out a modern interpretation of their parable which they will present as a film or comic.

Lucas – I've enjoyed working with my group to make our parable modern and am looking forward to making a film about it.

IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES

There are many sporting opportunities for our Middle School students to participate in. On Monday our secondary students competed in the Yorke Peninsula Secondary Schools Athletics Carnival which was hosted by Central Yorke School. This was our first year of competing in this carnival. The weather was very wet when the day began which resulted in a few events being removed from the program on the day. Two students, Blake and Austin, competed in a variety of track and field events. The competition was strong on the day and both Blake and Aussie did an excellent job representing our school. We look forward to competing in this event next year.

Blake: I enjoyed being able to see my friends from other schools and being able to do events that we don't usually do on Sports Day. I did the 400m run.

Austin: I enjoyed being able to race against my friends who I don't usually get to race against and learning how to crouch start for the sprints.







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

MIDDLE SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS





Crazy Sock Day

Middle School Fundraiser



We're having a CRAZY sock day next term
And what do you need for a crazy sock day?
CRAZY SOCKS!

If you haven't got some fun socks yet...

Our Year 6 - 9 class is selling silly socks to make you SMILE - to raise money for a class pet frog!

You can buy them until the end of this term (17/4) and the socks will arrive at the start of next term

Buy a pair for yourself, or family and friends - you might know someone that wears bright socks? The socks have fun patterns on them, and you can wear them to school on the crazy sock day

Use the QR code below, or head to the website: www.jollysoles.com.au
And use discount code for 30% off: SMILE



Add the student's name in the checkout box, all socks will come to school ready for distribution.

Thanks for supporting our class and having some fun!



SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Friday, 24th March, the SMMS Dolphins Swimming Team travelled to Clare for the SACPSSA Swimming Carnival. Although small in number, each student gave their all and received ribbons for their events. Students were keen to jump into older swimming events and have a go.

Our school came 5th overall with 97 points. Eloise Crosby won the Year 4 Age Group Championship, even winning 1st place in the Year 5 Div C breaststroke.

Congratulations to all our Dolphin Swimming Team members: Mitchell, Eloise, Amaya, Madison, Zara, Trinity, Payton, Kye, Miranda, Charlie, Lucy and Scarlett. We loved your enthusiasm and team spirit. Go Dolphins!!

A special thank you to Rachael Haynes for donating the SMMS towels and jackets. Thank you to parents who volunteered to help with jobs on the day and for supporting the team at Clare, Mr Northeast for driving the bus and Ms Caffyn and Mrs Hanson for coaching and organising the event.











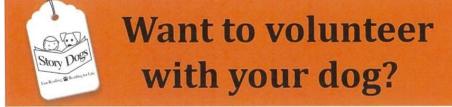




STORY DOGS

Julie from Story Dogs is seeking a volunteer for our school. If you, or someone you know who would be interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Julie on 0438 382 393. We would love 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 students in Year 2 and above to receive one on one time (approx 20mins) with an accredited dog team, dog handler and their 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

OSHC NEWS

During OSHC, we have enjoyed lots of outside play while the weather has been so nice. The children have enjoyed playing in small groups and individually. Current popular activities have included monkey bars, handball and sandpit play outside. Inside, the children have had a big interest in building forts and playing neighbours and Mums and Dads. Last week for Harmony Day we celebrated by discussing what Harmony Day means and what it means to each child. Together we made a new art piece for the wall.

A big thank you to Marley M and her parents for donating four packets of Zooper Doopers, which have provided the OSHC children with a treat during the hot days we have had over the last couple of weeks. The children have been enjoying these on hot days.



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, thank you.

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.

Miss Lisa Cooper **OSHC Director**

OSHC PUPIL FREE DAY

are provided, children will need to bring packed recess and lunch. Child Care Benefits will be paid accordingly at a cost of \$60.0	Monday, 1st May, will be a Pupil Free Day. Outside School Hours Care will be available from 8.00am to 6.00pm. Light snacks
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OSHC BOOKING FORM – PUPIL FREE DAY – MONDAY, 1st MAY Return by **Thursday**, **6**th **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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Madison – Year 4/5 31st March Cameron – Year 1 31st March Rylee – Year 3/4 3rd April 5th April Scarlett - Year 2/3W 5th April Archie - Reception/MP 7th April Marley - Year 2/3N Ryker - Reception/H 9th April 11th April Liam - Reception/H



NEWSLETTER INSERTS/ ATTACHMENTS

Parent Teacher Interview allocation times

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.

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

