



St Mary MacKillop School NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday, 10th May, 2023 (Term 2, Week 2)

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

TERM 2 TEACHING AND LEARNING

Thank you to all teachers who have provided Term 2 curriculum letters. Reading these letters will give you a good overview of what is planned for the term's teaching and learning. This can give you good conversation starters with your children and ideas to follow up with them at home.

CONGRATULATIONS HEATHER

On Monday of this week, staff member Heather Griffiths received an award for her 50 years of volunteer service to the Red Cross. The award, the Laurel Wreath, is a very prestigious award. It was presented to Heather by Philip Martin, Deputy Lord Mayor of Adelaide in a ceremony held at the Adelaide Town Hall.

Congratulations to Heather for her commitment to helping others when they need it most. "Never see a need without doing something about it."



IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

- Fri 12th NYP SAPSASA District Athletics Day
Mother's Day Picnic 1.00-1.40pm
- Sun 14th Mother's Day
- Mon 15th – Sun 21st Catholic Education Week
- Mon 15th – Sun 21st National Volunteers Week
- Mon 15th – Sun 21st National Families Week
- Tue 16th Mini Macs Playgroup 9.00am
St Mary MacKillop Singers at Dressing of the Graves, Wallaroo Cemetery
P & F meeting 7.00pm
- Wed 17th Blue Light Disco on oval 3.00-5.00pm
P & F Drinks & Nibbles in MPLA 3.15-5.00pm
- Thu 18th School Tours 9.00am and 6.00pm
- Fri 19th National Walk Safely to School Day
Maypole and Furry Dance at Moonta
Bishop Karol & Mrs Nichii Mardon visit
- Sat 20th Maypole at Wallaroo School Oval

Parish Weekend Mass

- 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

WELCOME OSHC STAFF

We welcome two new staff members to OSHC:

Mackenzie Kay who will be working on Wednesday afternoons and other days for casual shifts.

Amy Ward who will be working casual shifts on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

Congratulations and thank you for joining our OSHC team Mackenzie and Amy.

TERM 3 RECEPTION INTAKE

I have the pleasure of meeting with families and children starting in Reception with us in Term 3. We visit Reception classrooms and other areas of the school. It is wonderful to see the excitement on the children's faces as they visit 'their school'. We look forward to welcoming the children for their transition visits later this term.

WALLAROO FOOTBALL CLUB

We are proud silver sponsors of the Wallaroo Football Club for the 2023 season. This community connection acknowledges the generous use that we have of the Wallaroo footy oval at various times throughout the year and their facilities for our sports day.

We wish the Wallaroo Football Club an excellent season.

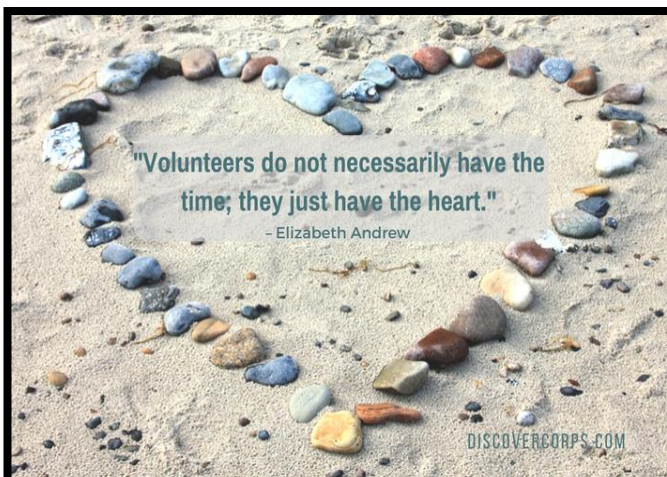
NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY – FRIDAY, 19TH MAY

This day promotes the fun and health benefits of walking; walking to school, walking anywhere! Bus students who travel on our own school buses will be dropped at the park opposite the Town Hall and walk the remainder of the way to school. Kadina bus students will be dropped a short distance from school and walk with a staff member to school.

Families who would like to join in are most welcome to meet us at the park opposite the Town Hall at 8.15am and walk or ride to school with us.



NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS WEEK – 15TH – 21ST MAY



National Volunteer Week (NVW) is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteering. The theme this year is The Change Makers. Volunteering brings people together; it builds communities and creates a better society for everyone.

We want to say a big thank you to all of the volunteers who help us with: School Board, P & F, hearing reading, art, craft, cooking, excursions and camps, Friday Lunches. Our volunteers definitely make change happen. Thank you to our Volunteers!

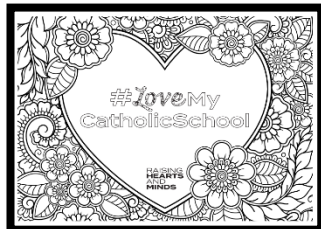
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CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK – 15TH – 21ST MAY

Catholic Education Week is about education – celebrating quality teaching and learning across Catholic Education SA. We have many activities planned for students to celebrate the special week.

ALL WEEK

Students and staff will use corflute hearts to share what they love about St Mary MacKillop School and what makes our community special and different.



Colouring activity for each student



We will acknowledge all our wonderful volunteers in our school with a certificate of appreciation.

TUESDAY

9.00am Simultaneous prayer in MPLA

10.00am Class native shrub and tree planting

WEDNESDAY

10.30am Maypole Dance performed for Star of the Sea Nursing Home residents

3.00-5.00pm Blue Light Disco on oval

3.15-5.00pm P & F Drinks and nibbles for parents in MPLA

THURSDAY

9.00am and 6.00 pm School Tours for families

9.00-11.00am Port Pirie Switches Off. We will turn off lights, classroom computers and air conditioners during this time as an active demonstration of our ongoing commitment to using Earth's resources responsibly.

FRIDAY

National Walk to School Day

Maypole and Furry Dance at Moonta



St Mary MacKillop School Wallaroo

(10 Bagot Street)

We invite interested families to come and visit us
for a school tour.

School tours will be held on



Thursday 18th May

9.00am & 6.00pm



To join us for a tour, please RSVP
to our front office:

email: info@stmm.catholic.edu.au

or

phone: 8821 5800

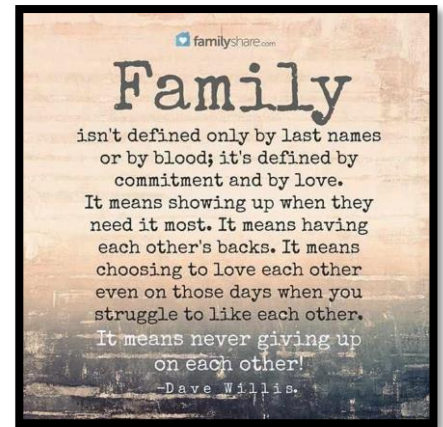
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

NATIONAL FAMILIES' WEEK – 15TH – 21ST MAY

Next week, we also celebrate National Families' Week.

The aim of the Week is to celebrate the vital role that families play in Australian society.

We certainly give thanks for and celebrate the families of St Mary MacKillop School!



MOTHER'S DAY



Please join us this Friday, 14th May for our Mother's Day Picnic,
from 1.00-1.40pm.

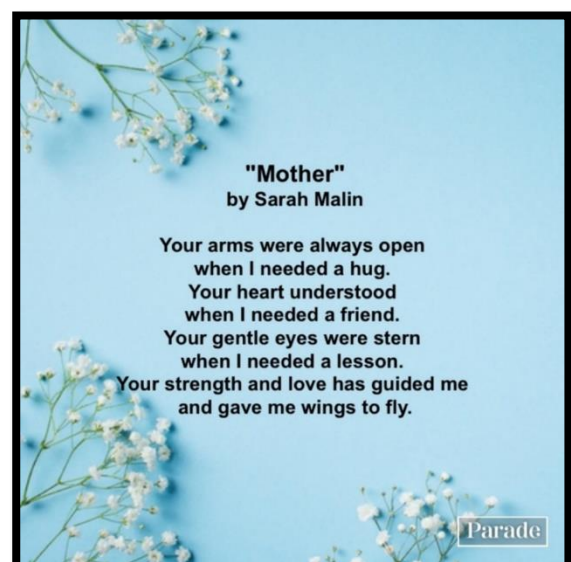
We would love to see you here!

Happy Mother's Day
to all Mums and special friends for Sunday, 14th May.....
and every day!

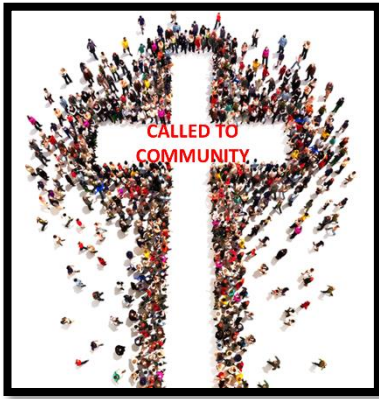
We want to say "thank you" and "we love you"!

Blessings for the week ahead,

Ms Michelle Miller
PRINCIPAL



FROM THE REC



At the Beginning of term liturgy, several Year 4/5 students launched our Vinnies Winter Appeal by sharing how Vinnies helps people in need.



Help us help Vinnies this winter.

They do a lot of work in helping homeless people have hot foods, drinks and warm clothing our community.

This winter, once again, we are working together to support the St Vincent de Paul Winter appeal.

We need your help right now.

Your care and generosity means so much to the many who are in need in our community on the Copper Coast.

Winter is cold so we're putting the call out for these following items.

Warm blankets, sleeping bags, quilts, jackets, gloves and beanies.

We are grateful for your assistance and ask that these items are brought to the St Vincent de Paul collection area in the Sacred Space in the MPLA.



*Together we can make a difference to
those in need this winter season.
Thank you Francesca*

BLUE LIGHT DISCO

The students are looking forward to the **P & F sponsored Blue Light Disco** that is fast approaching! It is open to all **SMMS R-9 students**.

Some students advertised this Student Event at our most recent Monday Morning Assembly and several other students have made posters with reminders. Please check these out below.

We hope that your child / ren can join in the fun – **Wednesday, 17th May** (next week) from 3pm until 5pm on the school oval. **School staff members will accompany your children to the disco at 3.00pm.** The local SAPOL officers will be bringing their Blue Light Disco equipment and meeting and supervising the students along with a few of our staff members. We are anticipating a great afternoon of fun and socialising after so many years of not being able to do this.

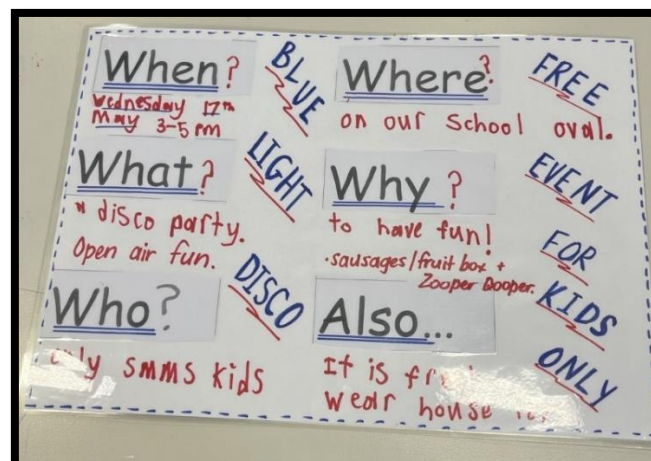
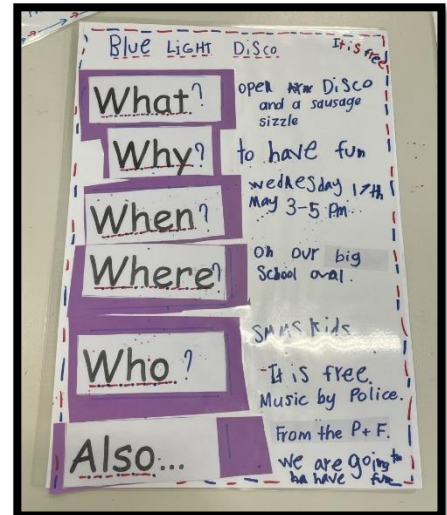
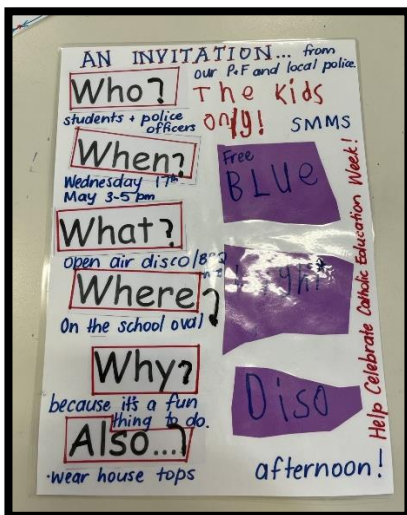
Admission to this event is free and students will enjoy a sausage sizzle, fruit box and a Zooper Dooper (both due to the generosity of the P&F). Students may wear their coloured **House Tops and Sports Uniform** (this is to be worn to school for the day).

This event is a “gated” show – students only (except for a handful of BBQ cooks and supervisors along with the police personnel). Parents are invited to ‘meet and mingle’ in the MPLA but the students are not permitted to “come and go” at all, once they are at the event. Staff members will accompany students across to the oval at 3pm. Parents may pick their child/ren up at 5pm at the oval gate, handed over by a staff member.

Why should the children have all the fun??? Our P & F are providing drinks and nibbles for parents at our ‘meet and mingle’ in the MPLA. You are welcome any time between 3-5pm while children are enjoying the disco, you can enjoy mixing with and meeting friends and new friends.

Please ensure that you let office staff know if your child will not require the bus this day. There will only be the regular bus run at 3.00pm.

OSHC students will automatically be joining us for the disco on this afternoon.



FRIDAY LUNCHES

Thank you to the parents who responded to our call for more helpers for Friday Lunches. If you are free on a Friday (does not have to be every Friday, any Friday is appreciated), please let Karen or Emily in the front office know to pass on your details to me.

We are still seeking more volunteers to assist with lunches or some weeks lunches will not be available.

A Working With Children Check is required to assist with lunches. Please see Karen or Emily in the front office if you would like to complete a Working With Children Check.

Term 2 Roster

5th May - Min S, Belinda W & Simon B

12th May - Sarah Clifford, Mel O & Kristy F

19th May - Sharne T, Melanie W & Lauren A

26th May – Belinda A, Felicity S, ?

2nd June - Laura B, Belinda H & Melanie O

9th June - ? ? ?

16th June - Katie C, Felicity S ?

23rd June – Belinda A, Danie M & Sharne T

30th June - ?, ? ?

7th July - Subway Lunches (TBC)

Mrs Taya Dennis

FRIDAY LUNCHES COORDINATOR

KERNEWK LOWENDER – ST MARY MACKILLOP SINGERS

It's happening! Next week, Tuesday, 16th May our St Mary MacKillop Singers group is contributing, in song, to the Dressing of the Graves at Wallaroo Cemetery.

The event begins at 1pm and, according to the Kernewek Lowender committee, concludes about 3pm. We sing at the grave of Caroline Carleton, an English -born South Australian poet who is best known for her prize – winning poem “Song of Australia” in 1859. It was put to music by Carl Linger and became a patriotic song mainly sung by children in South Australian schools, especially in the 1950s and 1960s. then a short time later we sing “Footprints in the Sand”, composed by North Beach local, Graeme Clarke.

Our students are also creating the floral tributes which will be placed at each grave which is honoured.

The Singers will be travelling in a bus provided by the Kernewek. We will be leaving school at approximately 12:30pm after an early lunch.

Tickets Required

Any parents who wish to come will need to arrange a ticket from the kernewek.org website. They are free. This is just how Kernewek Lowender wants us to operate - under COVID conditions. I will be completing a Contact Tracing form, with all of the children's names on it, in advance. Whilst parents need to download a ticket, another quirk of the COVID plan that we are operating under will also require the parents to sign in at the cemetery entrance as well.

I extend my grateful thanks to the Singers and to their parents who are supporting them in this local Festival engagement.

Mrs Bernie Thomson

CHOIR LEADER

CONGRATULATIONS ELOISE

On Friday, 5th May, Eloise represented NYP at the SAPSASA Swimming Carnival held at the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre in Adelaide.

Huge congratulations to Eloise for having outstanding swims, winning a gold and silver medal.



NYP CROSS COUNTRY DISTRICT DAY

On Thursday, 4th May, seven students competed in the NYP SAPSASA Cross Country district day. Students travelled to Moonta Area school to participate in a long-distance run (2km - U/10s, 3km - U/11,12s) on various terrain. All students showed great school spirit and gave it their all.

Congratulations to Mileah, Jayden & Adelaide who qualified for the NYP SAPSASA team to compete in Oakbank later in the term.



ANZAC DAY IN RECEPTION

During Week 1, the Reception Hanson class were learning why we commemorate ANZAC Day. They have learned special prayers, enjoyed reading ANZAC Ted, Lest We Forget and Anzac Biscuits. They enjoyed eating the Anzac biscuits, making mosaic poppies and creating artworks with their hands.

We are thankful for all the ANZACs did for us...Lest we forget.

The Reception classes joined together to create a wonderful ANZAC display.



ADELAIDE'S BUTTERFLIES

Adelaide hatched two Monarch butterflies from chrysalis and brought them to school to release them so that other students could be a part of this special release. Adelaide explained to the Reception and Year 1 students how she found a chrysalis at school in the Peace Garden and observed it until the butterfly emerged and was released. Adelaide enjoyed the experience of seeing the cycle of life so much that she wanted to witness it again. Two lucky teachers got to hold the Monarchs until they beat their wings and flew off into the big wide world.



BASKETBALL CARNIVAL



Tuesday, 9th May, Blake and Austin travelled to Minlaton with Mr Kerin to play in the YP Secondary Zone Basketball Carnival. The boys joined with a Central Yorke School team and enjoyed the day.



NEWSLETTER INSERTS/ ATTACHMENTS

1. Term 2 Curriculum letters
2. Scholastic Book Club order form
3. P & F flyer

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.



Catholic School Parents SA presents an inspirational evening with Gill Hicks MBE AM

Resilience - a raw conversation with Gill on her personal story of strength, gratitude and how it relates to families

Tuesday May 30 2023
6.30pm to 8pm

Loreto College
Performing Arts Centre
316 Portrush Road, Marryatville

Photography:
Tony Kearney

Gill Hicks is globally known as a survivor of the London terrorist bombings on July 7th 2005. She survived, but suffered severe and permanent injuries, losing both legs from just below the knee. Gill is a published author, musician, award winning artist and performer. Gill's appreciation and gratitude for life is present throughout all her creative works.

Attendees will leave the event feeling empowered, inspired and grateful to continue to their parenting and education journey.

The event will be limited to 300 in person Catholic school family attendees. There will be an online option with live streaming.

Register via the **CESA Registration Centre** or go to the **Events page** on the CSPA website

cspsa.catholic.edu.au





Messy Church

Kadina Uniting Church Hall
Friday 12th May
3.15 - 5.30pm

Activities, Story & Meal
Donation Appreciated

Call Jane Gersch for info
Ph: 0428 218 255

The poster is framed by a border of cartoon ants. Each ant has a heart-shaped head with antennae, a smiling face, and a segmented body with legs. They are arranged in a grid-like pattern around the central text.




YP SOCCER
2023 SEASON

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER!

**Come along to our first round,
Sunday 14th May at Moonta
Area School Oval.**

**U6's, U8's, U10's
10am**

**U13s, U15s
11am**

Contact Liz for more information- 0458179545

The poster features a blue gradient background at the top, transitioning to a green field with a white soccer ball in the bottom right corner. The text is centered and uses various bold and colored fonts to highlight key information.