



# St Mary MacKillop School

## NEWSLETTER

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**Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 (Term 2, Week 3)**

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,



**Ephesians 4:32**

**Be kind to one another, tenderhearted,  
forgiving one another,  
as God in Christ forgave you.**

There are many verses in scripture that guide us to act in a way that is community focused.

Contributing positively to building community is a strong theme for all of our Catholic Education Week activities, and of course our whole year.

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### MAY

- Mon 15<sup>th</sup> – Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Catholic Education Week
- Mon 15<sup>th</sup> – Sun 21<sup>st</sup> National Volunteers Week
- Mon 15<sup>th</sup> – Sun 21<sup>st</sup> National Families Week
- Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Blue Light Disco on oval 3.00-5.00pm  
P & F Drinks & Nibbles in MPLA 3.15-5.00pm
- Thu 18<sup>th</sup> School Tours 9.00am and 6.00pm
- Fri 19<sup>th</sup> National Walk Safely to School Day  
Maypole and Furry Dance at Moonta  
Bishop Karol & Mrs Nichii Mardon visit
- Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Maypole at Wallaroo School Oval
- Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Rec-1 Moonta excursion
- Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> Mini Macs Playgroup 9.00am
- Fri 26<sup>th</sup> National Sorry Day
- Fri 27<sup>th</sup> – Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> June National Reconciliation Week

#### JUNE

- Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Year 4/5 Assembly 9.00am

#### 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

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### CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

This week, along with all Catholic schools across SA we celebrate Catholic Education. We celebrate the excellent education and opportunities that we offer to students, families and staff.

There are many ways throughout this week, we are celebrating our community.

Thank you to the students in 2/3 Wehr and 2/3 Norton for making the Happy Catholic Education Week poster for our front fence.

On Friday, Bishop Karol and Mrs Nichii Mardon will visit us. We will enjoy visiting the classrooms together, what a wonderful way to spend Friday of Catholic Education Week.

### NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS WEEK



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!

### NATIONAL FAMILIES WEEK

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

We celebrate and give thanks for our families!



### KERNEWEK LOWENDER

This festival is a celebration for the whole Copper Coast that we are proud to be a part of. Our St Mary MacKillop Singers participated in the Dressing Of The Graves on Tuesday. Our dancers visited Star Of The Sea Home today and performed the Maypole Dance. They will be going to Moonta on Friday to perform and will perform in Wallaroo on Saturday. A busy week for all students and staff involved. Enjoy the festivities everyone.

### BLUE LIGHT DISCO

There are many excited children looking forward to our Blue Light Disco this afternoon.

The P & F are using the opportunity while the children are discoing to have an informal, fun, meet and mingle event in the MPLA. Parents are invited to come to the MPLA for drinks and nibbles and collect their children at 5.00pm when the disco finishes. It will be lots of fun and will tie in well for a Catholic Education Week community event.

### NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY – FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY

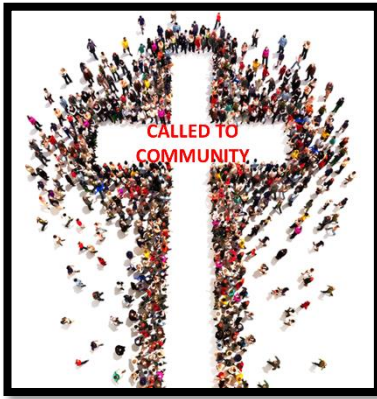
This day promotes the fun and health benefits of walking; walking to school, walking anywhere! Bus students who travel on our own school bus will be dropped at the park opposite the Town Hall and walk to school. Kadina bus students will be dropped a short distance from school and walk with a staff member to school. Families who wish to walk with us Friday morning can meet us at the park at 8.15am.



Blessings for the week ahead,

*Ms Michelle Miller*  
PRINCIPAL

## FROM THE REC



Help us help Vinnies this winter.

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

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.



# St Mary MacKillop School

## 2023 Vinnies Winter Appeal



**Vinnies**

**VINNIES NEEDS**  
*Winter Items*

Donations can be left in the Sacred Space area  
until Monday, 29th May

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

*Mrs Francesca Tully*  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR



## YEAR 4/5 FUNDRAISER

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At the end of Term 1, the Year 4/5 class organized and ran a fundraiser as part of Project Compassion for Caritas Australia. *Caritas Australia* is an aid agency of the Australian Catholic Church and is recognised as a charity in Australia working to eradicate poverty and injustice.

The fundraiser was part of the students' learning in Religious Education classes and how during Lent we should pray, fast or give. We also run the Year 4/5 Kindness Campaign all year round where we do random acts of kindness.

So, as a class, we decided to plan a fundraiser to sell Zooper Doopers and made up a Guess How Many Lollies In The Lolly Jar. In total, we raised \$198!!

Congratulations to Mrs Murphy who was the closest Guess in the Lolly Jar competition. She guessed 115 lollies when there were 114 in the jar!

Thank you to all of the Year 4/5 parents who donated Zooper Doopers.



The Year 4/5 class with some of the Zooper Doopers they sold to raise money as part of Project Compassion last term.



The Year 4/5 class captains Jayden and Isabelle, with Guess The Lollies In The Jar competition winner, Mrs Murphy and her grandson Keaton.

## FRIDAY LUNCHES

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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 - ? ? ? LUNCHES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE IF WE DO NOT HAVE ANY VOLUNTEERS

16th June - Katie C, Felicity S ?

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

30th June – Simon B, Katie C ?

7th July - Subway Lunches

*Mrs Taya Dennis*

FRIDAY LUNCHES COORDINATOR



## MOTHER'S DAY PICNIC LUNCH

Thank you to everyone who attended our Mothers and special family and friends picnic last Friday. There was warm sunshine, smiling faces, picnic rugs spread, sharing food, playing and laughing together. There were families who 'adopted' and included others whose Mum could not come, it was a wonderful day.



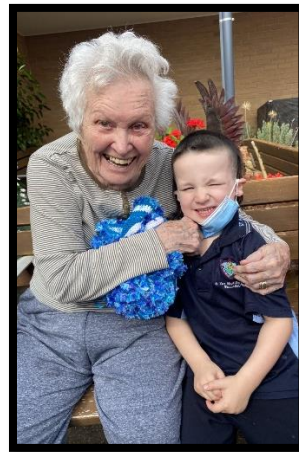


## RECEPTION HANSON 'CALLED TO COMMUNITY'

Our theme this year is 'Called to Community' and the Reception Hanson class answered this call recently visiting the Star of Sea Nursing Home. The residents received a lovely welcome from the students when they brought them special crocheted and knitted blankets. These lap blankets were donated by The Christine Joy DeBrenni Foundation run by Mrs Hanson's mother. These blankets are gifted to people in nursing homes and various hospitals. 'Chrissy Quilts for Cancer' are usually gifted to people receiving cancer treatment at the Lyell McEwin Hospital.

The residents were delighted to spend time with the children and were touched by their beautifully handmade blankets. It was such a pleasure to see the joy shared by all, that we have decided to make regular visits, now that the Covid restrictions have changed.

'Called to Community,' is such an important theme that connects us to others giving us a sense of belonging, purpose and insight into the lives of others. Connecting the generations fits perfectly into our 'Past and Present' theme, as I am sure the children will learn a great deal from their experiences at the nursing home.





## IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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We are off and running this term with lots of exciting plans. Mr Kerin is replacing Miss Cotter this term while she enjoys exploring Europe.

### Food Technology

In Food Technology the students made sweet and savoury scones last week. As a number of our students were at sport and missed the Mother's Day lunch, we are now practiced and ready to host a scone morning tea at another time for all our mothers and mother figures.

Students enjoyed baking the scones, but some found kneading the dough a bit challenging. All enjoyed taste testing!!

#### Student comment:

**Adelaide:** It was fun trying a new scone recipe, but I like sweet ones best. I liked watching them rise in the oven.

**Ashton:** I liked the savoury scones the best and enjoyed making them.



### Micro credentials

Micro credentials are continuing this term and students have completed Module 1: Bean there done that and last week they worked on Module 2: Milking it for all it's worth. It won't be long until our In The Middle Café will be up and running and looking for taste testers! We will reach out when we are running our practical sessions.

#### Student comment:

**Ashton:** Students from last year made all our new students a delicious hot chocolate, the new students are now keen to learn how to make them.

**Lucas:** The older kids made us hot chocolate and it was yummy.

### Health

In Health students have been learning about their own identity and who influences them. They have discussed the many contributing factors to shaping their identity and what their personal qualities are. They have also completed a character strengths survey and will continue to learn about these.

#### Student comment:

**Hope:** It has been fun learning my character strengths, I really enjoyed doing the survey.

**Lucas:** I enjoyed doing the survey and how we drew a picture and what other people's opinions on them.

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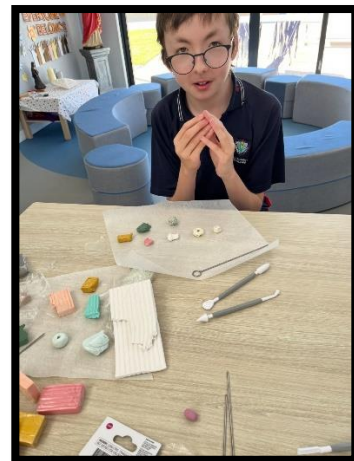
### Mother's Day Craft

Last week students enjoyed making clay key rings and earrings as gifts for their mums for Mother's Day. They were very creative with their designs and proud of their work. We hope our Mums loved them.

#### Student comment:

**Ashton:** It was the first time I have made beads from scratch, it was fun and I was impressed by the result and Mum loved her gift.

**Adelaide:** I enjoyed making my cat earrings it was tricky gluing all the little pieces together, the end result was worth it. Mum loved her earrings and showed them off to everyone.



### Sport in the Middle School

There continues to be lots of sporting opportunities for all students in our middle school. Last Friday the majority of our year 6's participated in the Sapsasa NYP District Athletics Day at Kadina. Our year 7/8s, Austin Miller and Blake Walkley competed in the YP Zones basketball carnival last week and are off competing in the YP Football carnival today.

#### Student comment:

**Luke:** I enjoyed competing against other students from other schools and catching up with my friends.

**Riley:** I had the opportunity to participate in all the events that I enjoy, I also enjoyed going to Kadina School and seeing my friends.

**Blake:** I enjoyed the basketball carnival because it was good to play against different schools.

**Austin:** It was a good opportunity to meet new players. I enjoyed the carnival because I had the opportunity to play with other students who I don't normally play basketball with.

*Ms Lisa Caffyn & Mr Marcus Kerin*  
MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS



## MIDDLE SCHOOL FUNDRAISER



### CADBURY FUNDRAISER

We have packets of Easter eggs for sale at the front office. Normally \$4.00 a bag, they have been reduced to \$2.00 bag.

If you would like a box of 20, please send in \$40 and a box will be sent home. Please note, the use by date is 1 June 2023.

Thank you to families who have sold boxes for us. Please return the money to the front office as soon as possible.

More boxes of chocolates are available if you would like to sell them, please advise the front office.



## YEAR 4/5 CORNISH PASTIES

Cornish pasty making in the 4/5 class for Catholic Education Week and Kernewek Lowender. A big thank you to Mrs Donnell and Mrs Ferrett for helping us make the pasties, they were delicious!



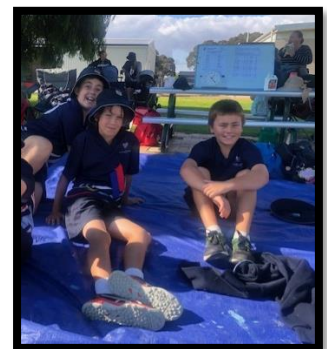


## SAPSASA NYP DISTRICT ATHLETICS DAY

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On Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> May, SMMS primary students competed at the District Athletics day hosted at Kadina Memorial School. The students competed in a variety of athletic events and all did very well. Amani and Connor were selected to be part of the 10 year old NYP squad going to Mile End and Nevayah, Max and Lucas were selected to represent in the 11 year old squad. Congratulations to these students and all who competed on the day.

Thank you to Mrs Wharton, Miss Kotz and Miss Caffyn for taking the students to the day and helping to officiate events.



## NYP GIRLS NETBALL CARNIVAL

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Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> May, Amani and Mileah had a great day joining with girls from KMS to form a team in the NYP Girls Netball Carnival. Well done girls! Thank you to Mrs Wharton for supervising the girls.





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Isacc – Reception MP	17 <sup>th</sup> May
Riley – Year 6-9	18 <sup>th</sup> May
Oliver – Reception H	18 <sup>th</sup> May
Aarvin – Year 3/4	21 <sup>st</sup> May
Isla – Year 1	23 <sup>rd</sup> May
Levi – Reception H	24 <sup>th</sup> May
Lachlan – Year 2/3W	25 <sup>th</sup> May
Adam – Year 1	26 <sup>th</sup> May
Blake – Year 6-9	27 <sup>th</sup> May



## NEWSLETTER INSERTS/ ATTACHMENTS

1. Nil

*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.

 **Catholic School Parents**  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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