



St Mary MacKillop School NEWSLETTER

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Thursday, 25th May, 2023 (Term 2, Week 4)

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,



PENTECOST

- [1] And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
[2] And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.
[3] And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.
Acts 2

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost in the Church.

Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus while they were in Jerusalem, gathered together for a celebration.

The Christian teaching is that the Holy Spirit brings gifts to those who believe in and pray for them.

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are: Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgement [Counsel], Courage [Fortitude], Knowledge, Reverence [Piety], and Wonder and Awe in God's presence [Fear of the Lord].

We see so many examples of these gifts of the Holy Spirit present every day in our school, in our students, families, staff, volunteers and visitors.

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

Week 4 – Sapsasa Football

Fri 26th National Sorry Day

Fri 27th – Sat 3rd June National Reconciliation Week

Tue 30th Mini Macs Playgroup 9.00am

JUNE

Fri 2nd Year 4/5 Assembly 9.00am

Mon 12th PUBLIC HOLIDAY

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

Last week was such a big week for us with: Catholic Education Week, Families Week, Volunteers Week and Kernewek Lowender. Thank you to everyone who shared their gifts and the gifts of the Holy Spirit during preparations for, and participation in, all of the activities, performances and events of last week.

We saw: Cornish pastie cooking, singing at the Dressing of the Graves, simultaneous prayer time, tree planting, Maypole dancing, Port Pirie Switches Off, Blue Light Disco, excursions, walking to school....and to finish off our week nicely, a visit from Bishop Karol and Mrs Nichii Mardon.

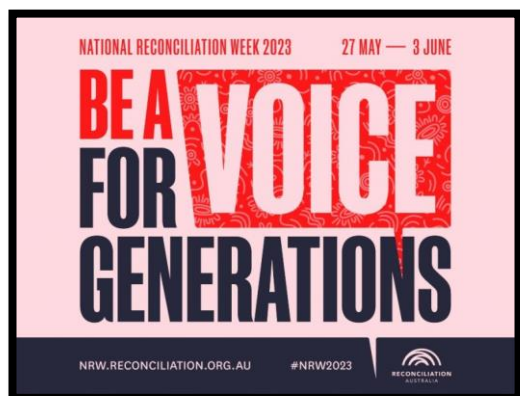
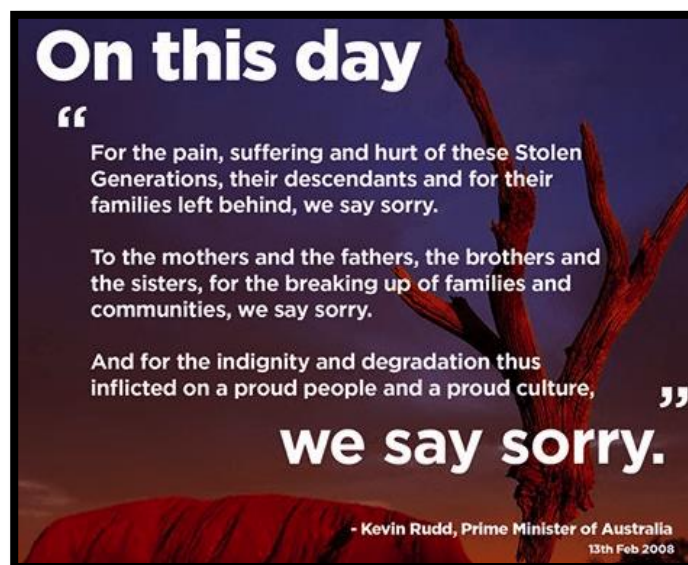
Nichii and Bishop Karol especially asked for their thanks to be passed on to you all for the most amazing job that all of our parents, students and staff do, they expressed that they can see and feel the love and hard work that everyone puts into our students and our school.

SORRY DAY

This Friday 26th May, we acknowledge Sorry Day.

National Sorry Day is a day to acknowledge the strength of Stolen Generations Survivors and reflect on how we can all share in the healing process.

The inaugural National Sorry Day was held on 26 May 1998.



RECONCILIATION WEEK

Following Sorry Day, commencing on Saturday 27th May, we will acknowledge Reconciliation Week.

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

SCHOOLS UPGRADE FUND

Recently, schools were invited to apply for grants available in the government's Schools Upgrade Fund. Some schools were just automatically given a grant, others (like us) had to apply for a grant.

We are excited and thankful to have been successful in having our application approved and we will receive \$25,000 in funding in the government's Schools Upgrade Fund.

The funds have been approved for us to purchase and instal an inground trampoline.

An inground trampoline will be accessible for all, for example a student in a wheelchair or with physical mobility limitations, will be able to wheel onto or walk onto the trampoline as it will be at ground level.

Trampolines are fantastic for all children; providing exercise and physical activity in the fresh air and socialisation. The bouncing and jumping sensation is excellent for sensory needs, helping students calm and self-regulate.

Special thank you to Annette Morphet for her work on the successful application and to Annette and Emily Donnell for their research on possible trampoline options.

I look forward to sharing more details with you soon.

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SAPSASA FOOTBALL



Congratulations to Mitchell, Lucas and Amani who were selected to represent NYP for Sapsasa Boys and Girls Football this week.

SAPSASA NETBALL TRIALS

Congratulations and good luck, to Amani and Mileah who have been selected to trial for the NYP Sapsasa netball team.

NEW DEVICES

We are excited to have been able to update IT devices for students this year. Through careful financial management and completing a thorough IT audit, we were then able to purchase 45 HP Probooks and 30 ipads.

The new laptops were distributed to senior primary students and their previous devices were passed down to the Year 2/3 classes. The new ipads have been distributed so that the junior primary classes have 1:1 access to ipads and there are banks of ipads in the Year 2-9 classrooms.

Information Technology is integral to all curriculum areas and we are committed to ensuring that our students have excellent access to technology.



STUDENT UNIFORM

Parents choose our school, knowing that we have a clear uniform policy. When you enrol your child/children you commit to supporting the school policies.

Therefore, I remind you of the following:

Parents/carers will

- ensure that the correct school uniform is purchased
- ensure that students wear the correct uniform each day
- ensure that the uniform is clean and well maintained
- ensure that all parts of this policy, including policy pertaining to hair and jewellery is adhered to
- name each item of clothing clearly and permanently

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- check that their child has brought home their own piece of clothing and return items not belonging to their child to school
- notify the school if it is not possible for their child to wear the correct school uniform on a particular day

Students will:

- wear the appropriate uniform correctly each day
- understand that when wearing the school uniform they will meet the behavioural expectation of the school community (at school, related school activities, in public)
- look after their own clothing and put in school bag when not being worn
- respect the clothing of other students

Teachers and Staff will:

- check uniform (including hair and jewellery) regularly and ensure that the correct uniform is being worn
- speak with students as a reminder in the first instance if they are wearing incorrect uniform
- **send a written reminder to parents and carers if the incorrect uniform continues to be worn**
- inform the Principal if incorrect uniform continues to be worn

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Hair

- **All hair of a length longer than the collar of their school shirt must be tied up. (This supports our policy for the control of head lice and to ensure a neat and tidy appearance is maintained)**
- Hair should be worn in a neat and tidy manner
- Acceptable accessories outlined in regular uniform
- Coloured hair, coloured streaking, coloured highlights and coloured hair spray are not permitted, unless on days approved by the Principal (eg. sports day, crazy hair day, special school events)

Jewellery

- Watches and medic alerts are permitted
- Plain stud and or sleeper earrings may be worn; no more than one earring in each ear
- Neck chains with a small crucifix, cross or religious medal may be worn
- Rings and bracelets and other items of jewellery are not permitted
- Any exceptions to these expectations are to be discussed with and approved by the Principal

Personal Presentation

- Nail polish and make up are not permitted

Regular Uniform – *every day school wear purchased from the school uniform shop*

- Gabardine trousers – cooler weather
- Gabardine shorts – warmer weather
- School Windcheater
- Striped Polo Top – short sleeve or long sleeve (no skivvies are to be worn under the short sleeve polo)
- Hat – Navy bucket style with school logo
- **Shoes – plain black leather or leather-look, lace up, buckle or Velcro fasten**
- Socks – plain navy (no anklet styles)
- Hair ties – navy or light blue scrunchies, ribbons, headbands and clips

Sports Uniform - *purchased from the school uniform shop*

To be worn on Dance days and PE lesson days, at other times as notified

- Sports PE top
- Sports PE shorts
- Sports PE track pants
- School windcheater or rugby top
- School hat
- Sports shoes
- **Socks – St Mary MacKillop School sport socks or plain white (no anklet style)**
- Hair ties - navy or light blue school scrunchies, ribbons, headbands and clips
- House Tops permitted on approved days

Thank you for your support with this.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

UPDATED BEHAVIOUR EDUCATION – BUILDING RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS POLICY

Recently there has been a review of our Behaviour Education – Building Respectful Relationships policy by staff and School Board. The updated policy may be accessed on our school website.

WELCOME

We welcome Mrs Debbie Heyesen who has commenced with us in the role of relief ESO (Education Support Officer).

We also welcome Mackenzie Kay and Amy Ward to OSHC.

2 MINUTE DROP-OFF / PICK-UP ZONE

Following are further reminders for the use of our Drop-off / Pick-up zones:

Our school drop off/pick up zone is exactly as the name implies, it is for drop off and pick up of students only during the periods of 8.15-8.45am and 2.45-3.15pm.

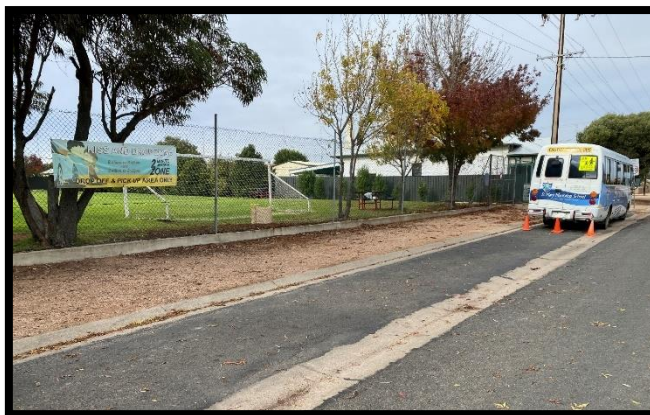
The area is not for parking your vehicle and walking into school with your child.

When you use the drop off/pick up zone, in courtesy to other drivers, please pull in as far up into the zone as possible (up to the back of the parked bus), allowing cars to pull in behind you and drop their children off. This keeps the traffic flowing.

The 24-seater bus is now parked further away from the designated road crossing to allow better visibility of the crossing. This has enabled the parking bay out the front of our neighbour's house to become another 2 minute drop-off / pick-up zone between 8.15-8.45am and 2.45-3.15pm.

Thank you again, for your cooperation with this.

DROP-OFF / PICK-UP ZONE 1



DROP-OFF / PICK-UP ZONE 2



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PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER

The last two days have been busy with a visit by Kathy Gould of Hip Photography. Kathy has spent two days with us photographing our fantastic students, staff and facilities. The professional photographs will be used to update our website and promotional materials. The photographs will be a great source to draw on when we require photographs that reflect the many dimensions of our school.

I look forward to sharing them with you. I have to say a huge thank you to our patient staff and students for their cooperation over the last two days and to Kathy for being so easy to work with.

P & F NEWS AND THANK YOU

Whenever you support any of our P & F fundraisers you make a contribution that supports our school.

All of the money raised through P & F organised events and activities goes directly back into the school to enable us to purchase resources and equipment for students to use and enjoy.

Most recent major fundraisers have been: Cookie Dough sales; Twilight Markets and of course our ongoing Friday Lunches.

Earlier this year the P & F bought a new seat for our yard, the 'Buddy Bench' is a bench where students can sit with their friends. It is also a place for a student to sit if they are looking for a friend or buddy to play with.

If we see someone sitting on the Buddy Bench we go to them and ask if they are okay and if they would like to join in.

Thank you to all of you for contributing the P & F purchase of the Buddy Bench!



P & F MEET AND MINGLE

It was fantastic to see so many parents at our Meet and Mingle last Wednesday evening while the children were enjoying the Blue Light Disco.

It was a relaxed way to enjoy a cuppa, yummy nibbles and a friendly chat.

Thank you for coming!

P & F COLOUR RUN

The P & F are excited to announce that our major 'funraiser' for this year will be a.....

COLOUR RUN IN TERM 4!

We would love to have any parents interested in helping with the running of the event to come along to a quick meeting at 6.30pm on Tuesday, 20th June.

We will begin planning our COLOUR RUN!

FRIDAY 9TH JUNE – LUNCH ORDERS CANCELLED

As we are unable to fill the roster for Friday Lunches on the 9th June, lunches will not be available. Please send a packed lunch to school.

Blessings for the week ahead,

Ms Michelle Miller
PRINCIPAL



This winter we are calling on our school community to give generously to the Vinnie's Winter Appeal to help those people in our community who are doing it tough this winter.

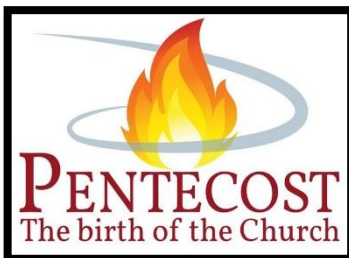
Take a look at home for anything that you may not need and is in good condition and load your child up in the morning! Items may include warm blankets, sleeping bags, quilts, jackets, gloves and beanies.

We are grateful for your assistance and ask that these items be brought to the Vinnie's Winter Appeal collection area in the Sacred Space in the MPLA.

On **Monday, 5th June** a Vinnie's representative will come to our Monday assembly to collect our donations.

If you haven't already seen the Vinnie's Winter Appeal Facebook post from Miss Norton's class make sure you take a look!

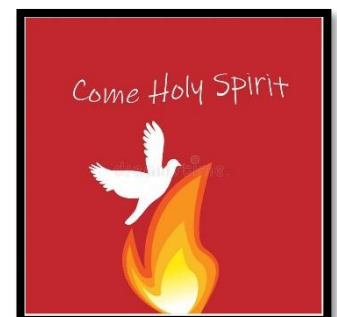
We are now coming to the end of the celebration of the Liturgical season of Easter. Last Sunday marked the **Feast of the Ascension**, when Jesus returned to God, our Father, and left his Apostles to carry on the work of taking the Good News to all the world. However, they were not left to do it all alone. Jesus promised that he would send a "helper" or an Advocate, to give them strength to be not afraid to face the challenges.



This Sunday, 28th May, on the **Feast of Pentecost**. Pentecost Sunday is one of the most prominent feast days in the Christian calendar. It is often referred to as the "Birthday of the Church".

It marks the day when the HOLY SPIRIT descended upon the Apostles, who had been living in fear for fifty days following the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

On Pentecost, the HOLY SPIRIT came down visibly on the Apostles. He gave them the power to speak in strange tongues to the crowds that came to Jerusalem for that Feast. He also transformed them, from selfish and timid men into giants of courage and faith.



New Week blessings to you all! May this week open the door of success for you. Wishing you a great week, Francesca

Mrs Francesca Tully
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK ACTIVITIES

Students celebrated Catholic Education Week with many planned activities including Simultaneous Prayer, native shrub and tree planting, Blue Light Disco, Port Pirie Switches Off, National Walk to School Day and visit from Bishop Karol and Mrs Nichii Mardon.



TREE PLANTING



BLUE LIGHT DISCO



CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK ACTIVITIES

BLUE LIGHT DISCO



NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY



BISHOP KAROL & MRS NICHII MARDON VISIT



KERNEWEK LOWENDER ACTIVITIES

Last week, student were involved in Dressing of the Graves at Wallaroo and the Maypole Dancing for the Kernewek Lowender.

DRESSING OF THE GRAVES

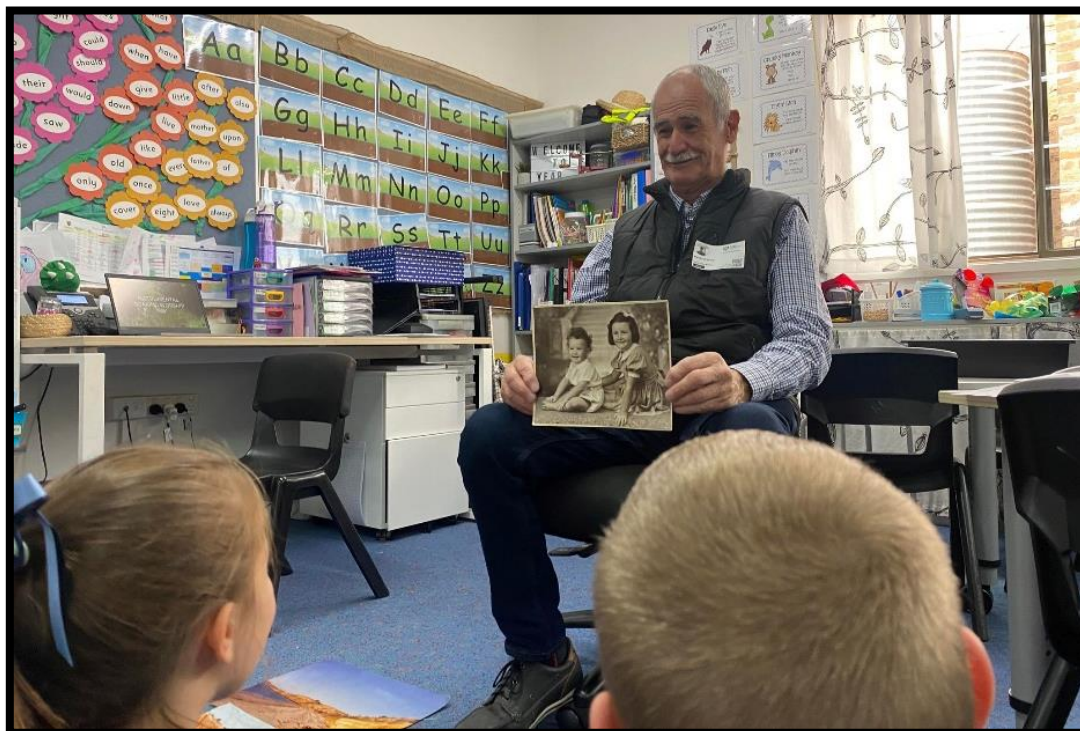


MAYPOLE



YEAR 1 CLASS VISITOR

Peter Davey was a visiting speaker for the Year 1 class on Tuesday, 23rd May. Peter discussed what life was like when he was young and the students received new insights into how things have changed over time. The talk fitted perfectly with their focus on the 'Past and Present' topic in the HASS Curriculum. It was a very rewarding discussion. Thank you Mr Davey.



MINI MACS PLAYGROUP

Mini Macs Playgroup is held weekly during the school term on a Tuesday, 9.00-10.30am in the hall. All children under 5 are welcome.

Last week they had a new addition to playgroup - the Book Swap Box!

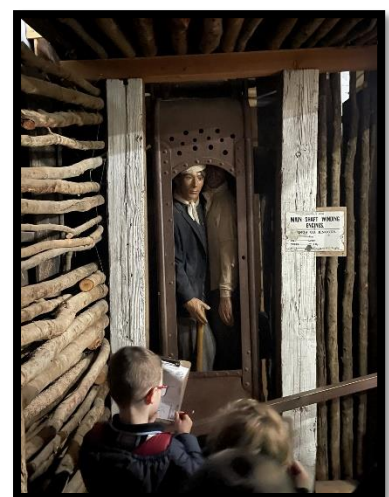
As part of a South Australia-wide program, Paint Playgroups REaD, each week families are welcome to borrow a book from our box to take home and read together!

And, if you have a book at home that you would like to share with others you can pop a book swap sticker on the back and add it to our collection.



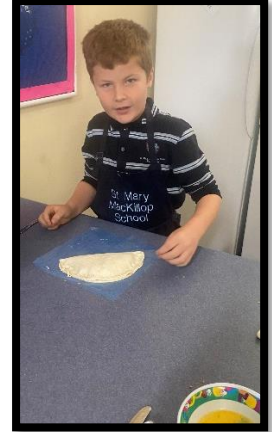
JP CLASSES EXCURSION

On Monday, 22nd May, the Reception and Year 1 classes went on an excursion to learn about the history of Moonta. Students explored the museum, went on a train ride, visited the historic lolly shop and viewed old ruins and buildings. It was an eventful and informative time which ended with lunch and a play on the local playground.



YEAR 2/3 CORNISH PASTIES

Year 2/3 Norton class enjoyed the experience of making Cornish Pasties on Thursday, 18th May. They were so proud of themselves and their pasties. Thank you to Mrs Donnell and Mrs Turrell for helping.



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

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

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