



St Mary MacKillop School

NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday, 14th June, 2023 (Term 2, Week 7)

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

This morning I have enjoyed prayer in the Sacred Heart Centre with Mr Kerin and the Year 6-9 students. The focus was on 'gratitude'. We discussed the meaning of gratitude and the students were invited to reflect on what they are grateful for in their own lives.

We watched a film clip based on the acronym of GEM: gratitude, empathy, mindfulness. Three important aspects of gratitude.

I think of gratefulness and gratitude as going deeper than being thankful, for me it requires even more reflection and depth of feeling. Empathy is being able to understand the feelings and situation that someone else is in.

Mindfulness is being fully present, being aware of where we are and what we are doing, not letting our emotions take control of us.

It is easy to get caught up in everyday life, demands, being busy and forget to take the time to actually stop and think about and name what we are grateful for in our everyday lives. It doesn't have to be the big things in our life, it is all the small but certainly not insignificant things – biting into a fresh apple, being able to go for a walk, turning on the tap to get clean water.

Our daily prayer times and the meditation times that are built into our school day give students and staff the time and space to be able to practice GEM: gratitude, empathy and mindfulness.

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you...."

Thessalonians 5:16

WORK EXPERIENCE THANK YOU

Last week we hosted Tiffany Harris for her Work Experience. Tiffany spent time in the Reception, Year 1, 2/3 and 3/4 classes, experiencing a variety of teachers and year levels. We enjoyed having Tiffany and wish her well for the future.

2/3W ASSEMBLY

This Friday, Alex Wehr's Year 2/3 class will host Assembly, commencing at 9.00am in the MPLA. The Year 2/3 W parents are welcome to stay for morning tea following the class Assembly.

We hope to see you there.

IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE

- Thu 15th Boys Knockout Soccer
- Fri 16th Term 3 Reception students transition visit
8.50am-11.30am
Year 2/3 Wehr Assembly 9.00am
- Tue 20th Colour Run meeting 6.30pm
P & F meeting 7.00pm
- Fri 24th Term 3 Reception students transition visit
8.50am-1.40pm
- Tue 27th Beats and Pieces – musical performance
- Thu 29th Year 4/5 Excursion to Kadina
- Fri 30th Term 3 Reception students transition visit
8.45am-3.00pm
Year 1 Assembly 9.00am

JULY

- Fri 7th Subway Lunches
Term 2 concludes 3.00pm
Student Semester 1 reports sent home

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

RECEPTION TRANSITION

This Friday we will welcome the following children for the first of their transition visits as they prepare to join us in Reception at the start of Term 3:

Flynn Burnell, Lucy Morris, Lailah Beydag, Shae Webel, Mackenzie Mattner, Liam Whelan, Harry Rendell.

We welcome these children and their families.

STAFFING

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU MR HAMRA

Tomorrow will be George Hamra's last teaching day with us. George has been willing to take on various roles and has been a very much appreciated relief, Health and PE teacher. George will be taking time to enjoy travelling overseas. We thank George for his time with us, contributing to our school community over the last eighteen months, and wish him very happy and safe travels.

THANK YOU MRS GEYSER

Jenny Geyser will be taking on Health and PE in addition to Science for Weeks 8, 9 and 10 of this term. Jenny will continue teaching R-5 Science and will pick up R-5 PE and 3/4 and 4/5 Health. Jenny will continue to be available for relief teaching as well. We are very grateful to Jenny for her continuing contribution to our school community.

THANK YOU MRS HAMMILL

After 20 years of outstanding service to our school community, Julia Hammill has tendered her resignation from her current position as Bursar at St Mary MacKillop School. Julia will conclude with us at the end of Term 3, Week 3. I am certain I reflect everyone's thoughts in saying that words seem inadequate to express how sincerely thankful our whole school community are for the loyalty and above and beyond service and friendship that Julia has given to our community over the past 20 years. We understand that the time has come for Julia to embrace new directions in her professional and personal life and wish her every blessing for the time ahead. Julia will, however, leave an indelible impression on everyone whose lives she has touched in her time with us. In time to come, our school community will acknowledge and thank Julia as she richly deserves, and farewell her with our every best wish for the future.

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

Over the period between now and the end of this term, the position of Finance/Administration officer for our school will be advertised in the YP Country Times, on our school website and Facebook page and on the CESA positions vacant website.

WAY2GO PROGRAMME

This year our school will be involved in the Way2Go programme. The programme works with school communities to increase road safety awareness. It would be much appreciated if you could give some time to complete the initial survey that was emailed out a couple of weeks ago. The link will be emailed again. The survey does not take very long at all and you have until this Friday, 16th June. Thank you.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

COLOUR RUN FUN

As you know we are busily planning a Colour Run to be held later this year. There will be a brief get together for anyone interested in helping out to plan and run our Colour Run, next Tuesday 20th June 6.30-7.00pm. You can attend in person or I can send you a Teams invitation and you can join us that way. We would love as many ideas as possible to run our Colour Run for our students.

COME ALONG

Our next P & F meeting will be held Tuesday, 20th June 7.00-8.30pm. It's a great way to come along and find out what is happening at school. Come along and bring a friend. Our meetings are relaxed and everything we do is for the benefit of the students.

Please let me know if you would like to join either of these meetings by Teams and I will send an invitation.

We hope to see you there!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

YP FIELD DAYS – A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO EARN \$400 FOR OUR SCHOOL

We have been offered to run the Green Plains Track stall at the YP Field Days this year. Participants pay a small fee to receive a map and a bag and then visit the various stalls along the track, collecting samples and goodies.

All you have to do is:

- Say hello and have a chat
- Collect money
- Hand out Green Plains Track maps

Please phone the front office on 8821 5800 or email kwestlake@stmm.catholic.edu.au if you would be able to help out for a couple of hours:

Date	Time	Name
Tuesday 26 th Sep	9.30-11.30	Emily Donnell
	11.30-1.00	
	1.00-2.30	
Wednesday 27 th Sep	9.30-11.30	Alicia Wall, Stacey Penney
	11.30-1.00	Stacey Penney
	1.00-2.30	Danie Miller
Thursday 28 th Sep	9.30-11.30	Jane Owen
	11.30-1.00	

Blessings for the week ahead,

Ms Michelle Miller
PRINCIPAL

ROAD SAFETY PRESENTATION

Thursday, 8th June, Senior Constable David Garner visited the Year 4s from Miss Kotz's class and the Year 4/5s from Mrs Ryan/Mrs Price's class to talk about road safety and rules.

He covered topics such as:

1. Safe places to play
2. How to cross the road safely
3. Passenger safety
4. Bike safety
5. Public transport
6. Triple zero calls

The students learned some interesting facts, as did the teachers!

All students got to take home an activity book, wristband and bookmark.

Thank you David for your visit!



FROM THE REC



I hope everyone had a wonderful long weekend and were able to have some time with family and friends.

This Friday, 16th June, is the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is one of the most important feast days in the liturgical calendar of the Roman Catholic Church. The celebration of the Sacred Heart is associated with the physical heart of Jesus Christ and the wound it received when Jesus was dying on the cross. The heart is seen to symbolise Jesus Christ's divine love for humanity.



The Feast of the Sacred Heart falls 19 days after Pentecost, on a Friday.

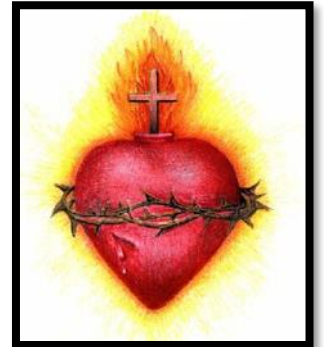
The symbol of the Sacred Heart of Jesus has:

Cross: The crucifixion, the greatest sacrifice of Christ.

Flame: The burning love of Jesus that purifies and transforms.

Crown of thorns: The pain and agony of Jesus on the cross, which he endured to save us.

Wound and blood: His pierced side and the blood shed for our redemption.



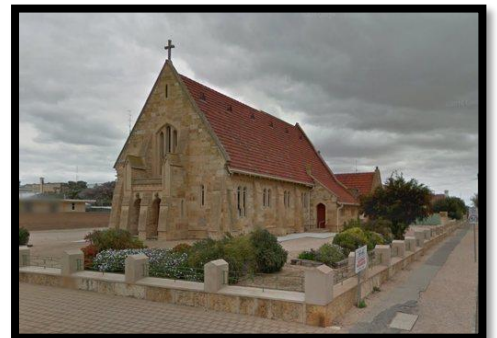
Did you know that our Kadina Parish Church is called the Sacred Heart Catholic Church?

This church is part of the St Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish of the Copper Coast and the Diocese of Port Pirie. It was established about 1866. The present church building was opened on 23/5/1937 by the Most Rev Andrew Killian, Archbishop of Adelaide. The stone work on the current church was sourced from the Wallaroo Mines which had closed a few years earlier. The second altar at the front of the original altar was also built from stone sourced from Wallaroo Mines. The architecture of the church reflected the early priests of the Diocese who came to this hot, dry area from snowbound Austria and Germany.



Our Middle School is also named the Sacred Heart Centre, after the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This reflects our connection with the Kadina Catholic Church and with the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart.

The parish website is: <https://ppcatholic.org/parishes/kadina/> where you are able to sign up for the parish newsletter and find the mass times for the weekend as it is on a rotating roster.



Blessings to you all! May this week open the door of success for you. Wishing you a great week.

SAPSASA CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Jayden who was selected to represent NYP at the Sapsasa Cross Country at Oakbank on Thursday, 8th June.



WHAT'S UP DOC



The Writing Revolution

I wrote to you earlier explaining that this year our staff are updating their knowledge and understanding around the teaching of writing.

Training has been provided by the experts at *The Writing Revolution* and has thus far covered the explicit teaching of sentence-level strategies. Teachers have introduced our students to the following strategies:

- Sentences and fragments
- Scrambled sentences
- Sentence expansion
- Sentence types
- Developing questions
- Basic conjunctions
- Subordinating conjunctions
- Transitions
- Appositives
- Sentence combining

These sentence strategies are being taught to all students by all teachers, and across all curriculum learning areas.

You may have noticed a difference in what your child/ren are writing and you may notice them including some of the above sentence strategies in their writing now. Our younger students in the Early Years are also learning these strategies and applying them in their oral language. You may notice them speaking with more complete sentences.

In Term 3, we will be teaching skills to help students form paragraph-level writing. This continues to be exciting work.

Dr Annette Morphet
LEADER OF LEARNING

PAST SCHOLAR NEWS

Patrick Dare Class of 1976 (Year 7)

What ignited your passion for your career choice?

I think my passion came throughout schooling – my teachers all said that I could “talk to anyone about anything”. My career in Sales and Customer Management started after I finished my Fitter and Turner apprenticeship at Adelaide and Wallaroo Fertilisers in January of 1985. I moved to the Gold Coast (QLD) in 1988 and worked in the Motor Vehicle industry until 1993. I then joined the Telecommunications industry and have been part of the Brisbane Information Communication and Technology (ICT) industry until retirement in 2021. It was my father who always told me that “there is no such word as can’t”, and I used this to learn new skills and ideas over the years.

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

There are a few, the main one was the birth of my son in 1998, and another was when I was chosen in the top 1% of salespeople at Optus Australia. I have also been the Chairman of the QLD branch of the Australian Telecommunications User Group for 3 years and Chairman of the Queensland Telecommunication Industry Group for 3 years. These roles taught me how to work with others to achieve group goals. Currently I have a new challenge in my life in that I was diagnosed in 2019 with Frontal Lobe Dementia. This has made me realise that life can throw up some curveballs and it is how you hit them back that makes you stronger.

What advice would you give our current students?

To listen. Listening to someone before speaking is not only good manners but it shows that you care about what they are saying. Also, to live and enjoy every moment.

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

My favourite memory is a bit hard to remember. I actually joined St Mary’s School in 1969 as a five-year old as my birthday was in October and I graduated from Kalori in 1976. We were originally in the ‘little room’ at the end of the main building. We were able to move up to the ‘big room’ in grade 4, as the school only had one building. I also remember the nuns with Sister Veronica being the main one who taught me throughout this time. The friendships that were started at the school and being able to go back to Wallaroo and see people from then is special. Another fond memory is when Father Pope started in the Parish. He and my father were good friends and I vaguely remember going skiing (or might have been my brothers and sisters) on his boat out in Wallaroo bay.

OSHC/VACATION CARE NEWS

OSHC

At OSHC the children have been engaging in a variety of games and activities and focusing on Gross Motor activities and ball skills. The children have been working on their resilience with group games when getting out. The children have improved so much from the beginning of the year.

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 immensely with knowing where students need to be and with planning staff.

Miss Lisa Cooper
OSHC DIRECTOR

IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

English

Students have had a focus on narrative text throughout this term learning about the different conventions of this text type. They have participated in lessons where they analyze different narrative texts with a focus on descriptive language and characterization. They used their learnings to produce their own narrative text based upon an experience from their holidays. Students have also continued their word study program from Term 1, completing different activities looking at enhancing vocabulary and grammar skills.

Lucas: I liked writing stories and learning how the different things authors do to make their stories sound better.

Hope: I enjoyed writing my own narrative and learning about characterisation in narratives.



Religion

Students have been looking at Christian religions, researching the different traditions and beliefs. Each week they have learnt about a different world religion to compare the beliefs and traditions and observe similarities and differences between the two. This has culminated in an assessment piece involving students choosing one Religion to expand their research on and communicate the similarities and differences with other Christian religion beliefs and Catholic beliefs.

Ashton: I enjoyed learning about different religions around the world such as Islam and Judaism.

Luke: I enjoyed learning about the different spirits and beliefs of different religions

Civics and Citizenship

Students have been researching and completing tasks on different aspects of Australian politics. They looked at the different levels of government and what each level is responsible for. They have recently learned how a Bill is created and the process the bill must go through in order to become an act. They have also explored the Australian voting system comparing how we vote with other countries. They completed a mock vote for a back up Principal (for when Ms Miller is away) to show an example of how the Australian voting process occurs.

Riley: I have enjoyed learning about the Australian voting system so when I am older I will know how to vote.

Digital Tech

In Digital Technology, the students have been given the challenge to solve a real-world problem around transport or safety using the Lego Spike kits. Students have brainstormed a problem, ideated some ways to solve the problem, learnt about the Spike kits and how to use them, and are now in the process of prototyping their idea to see if it can solve the problem.

Ashton: You do creative things with the kits such as make moving cars and code them to get them moving. It is fun using them.

Hope: The kits are creative and we can build many things but it's a bit challenging.

IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Food Tech

Students have been designing a healthy snack which can be prepared in a short space of time (10 – 20 mins). The students then got to cook/prepare their healthy snack and of course eat them! They all did a great job preparing the snacks in such a short space of time and working together as a team to make the snacks.

Blake: We made scrambled eggs and a smoothie and I enjoyed eating my healthy snack.

Adelaide: I liked making acai bowls with Mileah and they were really yummy. I also thought it was fun making watermelon popsicles for the whole class.

Ms Lisa Caffyn & Mr Marcus Kerin
MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS



CHAPLAINCY - BREAKFAST BITES

Breakfast Bites happens on each Wednesday morning on the oval and all students in our school community are invited, every week, to start their school day enjoying what is provided. There are several perspectives to this important part of school social life.

There are no rosters organised by adults! Instead, students make the personal decision to participate in this service, selflessly giving to others for the benefit of all. They also decide when they will participate as a server. What an effective way to encourage personal responsibility and giving to others – the foundation of true community!

The students take responsibility for the cooking and the spreading of toppings on the toast, serving fruit (prepared earlier), and serving cereal and milk. Most importantly they present a happy and interactive connection with all the students who wish to enjoy the food being offered. Some students have chosen to take a regular, responsible leadership role in Breakfast Bites, helping and guiding other students to learn the thinking and skills required for successful involvement in this hospitality towards others.

The photos show the students who chose to be part of this service to others this morning. Thank you to all students who have chosen to serve the community in this way at some stage.

Mrs Bernadette Thomson
CHAPLAIN





HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Max – Year 4/5	15 th June
Isla – Year 2/3N	18 th June
Mia – Reception MH	19 th June
Kobi – Reception MH	21 st June
Lucy – Year 3/4	25 th June
Trae – Year 3/4	26 th June



NEWSLETTER INSERTS/ ATTACHMENTS

1. Year 4/5 Excursion note
2. Way 2 Go Survey

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.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

SWIM AND PLAY

TUESDAY 11TH JULY @ 10.30-11.30AM - AGES 0-5s
& 11.30-12.30PM - OVER 5s
TUESDAY 18TH JULY @ 10.30-11.30AM - AGES 0-5s
& 11.30-12.30PM - OVER 5s
FRIDAY 14TH JULY @ 2-3PM - ALL AGES
FRIDAY 21ST JULY @ 2-3PM - ALL AGES

KINDERFUN – AGES 0-5 YEARS

MONDAY 10TH JULY @ 10.30-11.30AM
MONDAY 17TH JULY @ 10.30-11.30AM

JUNIOR BOOTCAMP – AGES 5-12 YEARS

WEDNESDAY 12TH JULY @ 10.30-11.15AM
WEDNESDAY 19TH JULY @ 10.30-11.15AM
THURSDAY 13TH JULY @ 10.30-11.15AM
THURSDAY 20TH JULY @ 10.30-11.15AM

Swim & Play - Under 5's must have a parent in the water within arms reach at all times. Over 5's must have a parent in the water at all times unless the child can swim independently without a flotation aid.

Kinderfun & Jr Bootcamp - Parents must stay on premises or participate with children.

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL FOR ALL PROGRAMS
PLEASE CALL 88213106 TO BOOK!**

**\$7.50 per
child per
session**



MESSY CHURCH

Kadina Uniting Church Hall


Friday 16th June
3.15pm — 5.30pm



- Creative activities for Children
- Time for story and sharing what they have created
- Meal provided
- Donation towards costs appreciated


A time the Family can spend together

For more information call
Jane Gersch
0428 218 255




Give life. Give blood in Kadina.

Copper Coast Sport and Leisure Centre
3 July to 6 July



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

 **give blood**

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS SA PRESENT

A diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and its impact on your family presented by Mark Le Messurier

This Parent Engagement Evening is hosted by Catholic School Parents South Australia.

In this workshop you will learn some facts about ASD, but this isn't the primary goal. The workshop will explore how does that diagnosis feel, what does it mean and how do parents go about achieving connected and respectful behaviours in their children?

This will be a poignant workshop for teachers, parents and carers.

The event will have in person or online attendance options.

Cost : Free

Tickets link: https://registrationcentre.cesa.catholic.edu.au/Sys/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fsys%2fwebsite%2fsystem-pages%2f%3fpageld%3d1863584%26fbclid%3dlwAR1bApjTHR-4BMB_ZKAfC4VPAF7bYrEF4h5WIDDe-nXKmBlrgw4VlrEDOgA



