



# St Mary MacKillop School NEWSLETTER

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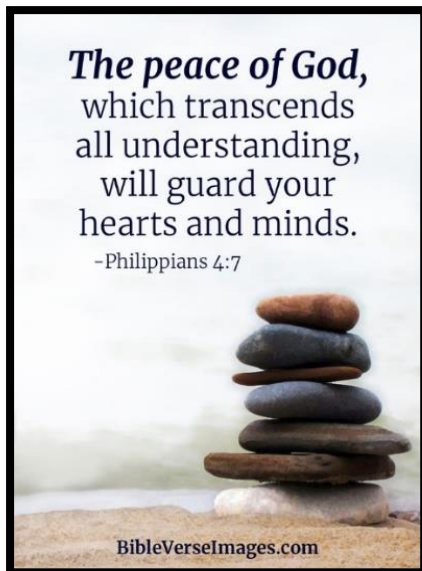
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**Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 (Term 3, Week 1)**

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of SMMS,

Welcome back for Term 3. I hope that you all enjoyed the holiday break from school routine and that students are refreshed and ready for the new term.



*With thanks for our holiday break,  
we begin our new term.  
Best wishes everyone for the term ahead.*

**May you *know* the presence and peace of God,  
and may you *be* the presence of God for others,  
throughout this coming term.**

On Monday, teaching and curriculum ESO staff were involved in professional learning facilitated by Catholic Education Advisors in curriculum and assessment and by Annette Morphett our Leader of Learning. A new Literacy and Numeracy Strategy has been released by CESA and we had time to break open the document which will guide us in the teaching and learning for these key curriculum areas.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### JULY

Wed 26<sup>th</sup> National OSHC Educator Day

Feast of St Joachim and St Anne

Mass 11.45am in MPLA

Grandparent's Picnic Lunch 1.00-1.40pm

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Teddy Bear Hospital Outreach (Reception  
And Year 1 students)

Mon 31<sup>st</sup> UP Choir to Yorketown

### AUGUST

Tue 1<sup>st</sup> Mini Macs Playgroup 9.00am

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> 5/6 Basketball Carnival  
6-9 Bottle Drive

Tue 8<sup>th</sup> Feast of St Mary MacKillop  
Mass 11.45am in Church  
Beach Afternoon

**Parish Weekend Mass – for mass times, visit:**

[coppercoast@ppcatholic.org](mailto:coppercoast@ppcatholic.org)

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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Following the over-arching big picture direction, we drilled down to what is happening in our school, continuing our learning around teaching writing using The Writing Revolution as a whole school strategy.

We have also commenced looking at reading, developing shared understandings about the Science of Reading, what is necessary to provide the best learning environment for students to develop lifelong reading skills and enjoyment.

We were also able to begin reviewing our Behaviour Education policy and approach and were involved in learning more about a whole school approach to Positive Behaviour strategies. We are looking forward to learning more about this and being able to share future learning with you.

### THANK YOU – OSHC STAFF

On the last Wednesday in July each year, National OSHC Educator Day is celebrated. This year, Catholic Education SA would like to celebrate and acknowledge our OSHC educators in the month of July.

On Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> July, two staff from the Catholic Ed SA Early Years Team: Melissa and Juliana, visited our OSHC facility, met with Lisa and myself and passed on their thanks to all of our staff.

Thank you to our OSHC staff:

Lisa, Carol, Maddi, Tamika, Mackenzie, Amy, Jayden and Alain 😊.

And everyone who helps out in other ways: Paul and Michael driving the bus; Francesca, Annette, Lisa C jumping in and helping with supervision.

These people all make such an important contribution to our school community, this is a wonderful opportunity to have a focus and say “thank you” for all that you do caring for our students and families.

### CESA LEADERSHIP TEAM

On the last day of Term 2 we were excited to have a visit from members of the Catholic Education Office Leadership Team. It was a pleasure to show them around and our School Captains: Adelaide and Ashton and Vice-Captains Amani and Riley, did a magnificent job in guiding our visitors around our school.

Thank you to all staff and students for the teaching and learning taking place in various areas, sharing what we do so well. Everyone’s preparations ensured that our learning environment was sparkling.

Thank you to Sue, Lisa, Marcus and Amie, and all of the 4-9 students for their cooking and preparations of the delicious morning tea and preparing the Sacred Heart venue.

I wish every single one of you could have been part of the touring party to enjoy and celebrate all that is excellent about our school.

### REPORTS – THANK YOU!

A big thank you to our staff for working through the new reporting format and process last term. A special thank you to Francesca, Lisa Caffyn and Karen Westlake, who had some previous experience and for overseeing the whole process and for all of the background work for us all.

It certainly was a good learning curve.

Please keep in mind that much of the process and requirements are driven by CESA and there are majority of things that we cannot actually change but we can certainly consider feedback for what is within our control. If you have any feedback regarding the new reports, please pass this on.

### STAFF NEWS

We welcome Hannah Cotter back from her term of leave. It’s great to have Hannah back in the Sacred Heart Centre.

### TRAMPOLINES

At the beginning of the holidays the two in ground trampolines were installed. The purchase of the trampolines was made possible with a \$24,000 Schools Upgrade grant from the Federal Government. We are very thankful for receiving this grant. Thank you to Annette for completing the majority of the writing and submission for the grant.

A big thank you to Annette and Emily who did all of the background work, getting quotes for trampolines, working out WHS and compliance and to Emily for finding the best supplier and working with them to arrange installation so quickly and working on the rules for use and signage.

Thanks to Universal Play for the supply of the trampolines and to Ayden Excavations for the installation.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The trampolines meet guidelines for disabled access, therefore a student in a wheelchair is able to enjoy bouncing on the trampoline, with a carer. There are specific rules that apply to the trampolines that class teachers have discussed with students and a roster for use to structure and guide this.

We hope that students are able to enjoy the trampolines for years to come



### WELLBEING BOOST FUNDING

We have also been fortunate to receive additional funding of just over \$12,800 from the Federal Government as a one-off 'Wellbeing Boost'. This will be used to fund further support, for the remainder of the year, in the area of counselling and mentoring of students. The funding will be used directly to support the social and emotional wellbeing of students.

### JOSEPHITE FORMATION DAY

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September, we will be hosting a day here at our school (using the SHC) for anyone interested in Josephite spirituality and formation. We will have visitors from Adelaide and other areas. The day is still being planned and will consist of spiritual formation/reflection sessions, shared meals, tour of our school and the local Copper Coast area.

All parents and friends of the school and community, anyone you think of who may be interested are most warmly welcome to attend. Save the date for now and more information will be coming.

### HOLIDAY – THANK YOU

During the holidays we continued to have many things happening, a big thank you to all staff and contractors who continued to work during the holidays and keep our school humming:

- Our OSHC staff and helpers
- Bus drivers for OSHC bus excursions, cleaning and servicing to ensure our buses are ready to go
- Julia, Karen and Emily, in and out at various times and coordinating various contractors
- Grounds (Paul and Ron) for keeping grounds nice and tidy, mowing, chooks fed and bins emptied
- Staff setting up classrooms, planning and programming here and at home
- Cleaning staff: Richard and Kate for school cleaning

Thank you everyone. We were ready to start the term!

### BABY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mel, Ben and Scarlett on the birth of Ella, a baby sister for Scarlett (end of last term). We wish you every happiness for the future.



### DEEPEST SYMPATHY

It is with sadness that we heard of the passing of Gary Whitford. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Gary. Gary, a past staff member of our school only just retired around this time last year.



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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### TERM 3 STUDENTS

**Welcome to our new Reception students:**

Flynn, Liam, Lucy, Lailah, Mackenzie and Harry



We have some significant celebrations of Saints over the next few weeks. Saints are important as role models to us as they are ordinary people who did extraordinary things. We are all capable of this every day with the help of God and our faith.

We give thanks for the following Saints for their example to us all:

### FEAST OF ST JAMES – TUESDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY

St James was one of Jesus' special friends, he was a disciple called by Jesus. James was a fisherman and he and his brother Simon left their work to follow Jesus. He was known as St James The Great. James did a lot of his travelling and missionary work in Spain and he is the Patron Saint of Spain.

### FEAST OF ST JOACHIM AND ST ANNE – WEDNESDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Joachim and Anne are the parents of Mary and therefore the grandparents of Jesus. They are the patron saints of grandparents.

### FEAST OF ST IGNATIUS – SATURDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST

St Ignatius founded the Society of Jesus or as we know, the Jesuits. Ignatius wants us to find God in all things, he teaches about finding and knowing God in our everyday world.

### FEAST OF ST MARY MACKILLOP – TUESDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

St Mary MacKillop is of course our special Patron Saint. Mary MacKillop had a passion for doing all that she could for people in poverty and difficult circumstances. We will be celebrating the Feast Day of St Mary MacKillop as a whole school on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> August with Mass at 11.45am, followed by a sausage sizzle lunch and an afternoon of fun activities at the beach (weather permitting).

### LIVING LEARNING LEADING SURVEY

Every year, parents, students and staff are invited and strongly encouraged to participate in the LLL (Living Learning Leading) Surveys which give very valuable feedback on satisfaction with various areas of our school. With the Newsletter today, families will receive a hardcopy of a flyer with information about how to participate in the survey. We are not sending this information electronically or putting it on Facebook as anyone would then be able to access the code used to enter the survey. The survey participants are de-identified.

Please take some time to complete the survey over the next few weeks, your time and feedback will be appreciated.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### ANNUAL REPORT

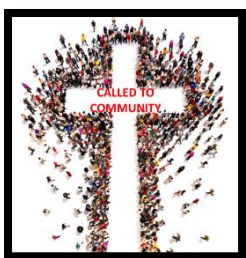
As per government and system requirements, each year we provide an Annual Report covering various aspects of our school. The report is on the previous year and released by the end of the financial year. Our 2022 Annual Report is available on our school website and a hard copy is available upon request (please ring or email Karen for a copy).

The findings from the LLL Surveys are reported on in the Annual Report, so you are able to see a collation of the responses we received last year.

Blessings for the term ahead.

*Ms Michelle Miller*  
PRINCIPAL

## FROM THE REC



Welcome back to our St Mary MacKillop School community and welcome to our new Reception families. I hope you had a wonderful vacation and are ready for an exciting school term ahead. A lot of exciting things are awaiting you all!

Today we celebrated the Feast Day of Saints Anne and Joachim, Jesus' grandparents, and the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. Thank you to Fr Chris for officiating the Mass and to the readers who did a marvellous job. The photo PowerPoint of our grandparent and elderly friends was fantastic. This was enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to everyone who sent in their photos. The classroom visits and picnic were enjoyed by many, and the weather was perfect.



The Semester 1 class representatives and I went to Star of the Sea this afternoon to deliver each resident a card to celebrate the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. The Year 2 to 5 students did some beautiful drawings to decorate the cards.



## FROM THE REC



This term, the students will be taught the *Made in the Image of God* Human Sexuality Curriculum (MITIOG) curriculum. MITIOG is the official program for sexual education in South Australian Catholic Schools for years Reception to Year 12.

Along with today's newsletter is a letter explaining the content to be covered in the MITIOG Human Sexuality Curriculum for each year level.

We acknowledge that families are the first educators of their child's sexuality and that it is the role of the school to support families in this area. We are committed to supporting and enriching these partnerships.

If you have any questions or queries, I invite you to please contact me on 88 215 800 or via email, francesca.tully@stmm.catholic.edu.au

***May your week be filled with good thoughts, kind people and many blessings.***

***Mrs Francesca Tully***  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

## ICT SHARING



Over the last few months, Michelle Miller, the CESA IT team and myself have been discussing the benefits of starting to use Teams and OneDrive to store our files. During the holidays, the IT team moved the Year 2 to 9 student files onto their individual OneDrive accounts. This was a huge task, so I thank Jason and Levi (our IT support teamed based in Pt Pirie) for doing it.

The top 3 benefits of using OneDrive are: availability, accessibility, and security. There is no need for your child to use a USB anymore as they will now be saving onto their OneDrive and able to access files anywhere and on any device, using their login details.



Students access OneDrive by using their school email address.

***Mrs Francesca Tully***  
ICT COORDINATOR

## ICAS ASSESSMENTS



This is the last call for ICAS 2023 entries. Parents and caregivers, you only have 5 days left to order to avoid disappointment. Our shop will close on **Monday, 31st July (midnight)**.



If you wish for your child to participate in ICAS this year, please:

1. read about ICAS subjects and prices [here](https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas): (icasassessments.com/products-icas)
2. read the terms and conditions [here](https://www.icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Parents-PPS-TsCs_final.pdf): (icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Parents-PPS-TsCs\_final.pdf)
3. go to Parent Portal to purchase tests [here](https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps): (shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps)
4. enter our school's access code – TIH428
5. enter your child's details, select the tests you would like to purchase, then proceed to payment.



## WHAT'S UP DOC

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### The CESA Literacy and Numeracy Strategy

At Monday's Pupil Free Day, staff spent time reading and discussing the new *Literacy and Numeracy Strategy* document provided to us from Catholic Education SA office.

Staff were pleased to see that the work they have completed this year using *The Writing Revolution* has proven particularly useful and appropriate in meeting the writing aspect of the Strategy document.

Additionally, staff discussed the document's information around the six components of the teaching of reading – oral language, phonemic awareness, vocabulary, phonics, comprehension, and fluency.

Staff then spent time viewing a presentation by Dr Wiley Blevins, a leading scholar in the *Science of Reading*. Dr Blevins shared the latest research into different models of reading and the role phonics and decodable texts play for beginning readers.

This information is vital for our staff to ensure we are teaching using the most up-to-date and evidence-based methods.

*Dr Annette Morphet*  
LEADER OF LEARNING

## PAST SCHOLAR NEWS

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### Monica Dayman

Class of 2003 (Year 7)



#### What ignited your passion for your career choice?

I was always interested in science, with my favourite subject being biology. I wanted to work in the medical field but didn't want to be a doctor or a nurse. I discovered radiography (medical imaging) and never looked back.

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

The first time that I identified a potentially life-threatening diagnosis on a CT scan by myself and was able to inform the doctors so they could act quickly.

#### What advice would you give our current students?

Have lots of fun at school but also make sure that you do your homework.

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

The end of year concerts were always a highlight for me. I loved performing and dancing and the year that I was the lead in the play was a real highlight.

# OSHC/VACATION CARE NEWS

## VACATION CARE PHOTOS



## 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



## MIDDLE SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

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### CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVE

We hope you've been busy saving your cans and bottles for our Middle School camp fundraiser!

Next Friday (Week 2), our students will come and collect all your cans and bottles.

We will be in touch via Seesaw to work out collection.

Thank you for your support.

### CADBURY FUNDRAISER

We still have a number of outstanding payments for chocolate boxes.

Please return the money to school as soon as possible.



There are still a few boxes available if anyone would like to sell a box. Please contact Karen Westlake or complete the reply slip below.

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### MIDDLE SCHOOL CADBURY CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

YES – my family would love to sell a box

YES – I will buy a box upfront (\$60) – please bring the money to school and collect your chocolates.

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### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



Curtis – Year 2/3W	27 <sup>th</sup> July
Bella – Year 1	27 <sup>th</sup> July
Fletcher – Reception H	1 <sup>st</sup> August
Kye – Year 4/5	2 <sup>nd</sup> August



### **NEWSLETTER INSERTS/ ATTACHMENTS**

1. NAPLAN results (Year 3, 5, 7 & 9 students)
2. LLL Parent and Caregiver Survey
3. MITIOG Parent and Caregiver letter

*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.



**BreastScreen SA's Mobile Screening Unit is visiting Wallaroo from mid-August to early November 2023.**



**Wallaroo**

We're inviting all women aged over 40, especially 50 to 74 years, to come along for their 2-yearly screening mammogram (breast X-ray).

- It's FREE and quick – it can take as little as 10 minutes
- You can make a booking with a friend, family member or group
- It's the best way of detecting breast cancer early (before symptoms start to show), giving you a greater chance of successful treatment.

Call us on 13 20 50 to book or visit [www.breastscreen.sa.gov.au](http://www.breastscreen.sa.gov.au)

You'll find us at the old railway station  
John Terrace, Wallaroo



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Screen  
SA**



Government  
of South Australia  
SA Health

**Book now!**

Scan QR code to  
request a call back  
or call 13 20 50







Catholic School Parents SA is pleased to present:

### Tricky Behaviours

presented by Andrew Fuller,  
Clinical Psychologist

**Thursday August 10 2023**  
**6.30pm - 8pm** (in person or online)

**Loreto College**  
**Performing Arts Centre**  
**316 Portrush Road, Marryatville**

This Parent Engagement Evening is hosted by Catholic School Parents SA.

Young people with tricky behaviours don't need to be "fixed" because they are not broken. However, they do need help in finding ways to use their strengths and learn different ways to engage with the world. They need guidance on how to thrive and parents are the best ones to provide that support. This session will help you understand the tricky behaviours and learn strategies to increase motivation and strengthen positive family cultures.

Andrew Fuller is a clinical psychologist, family therapist, author, speaker, and creator of Learning Strengths™.

Register via the CESA Registration Centre or go to the [Events page](#) on the CSPSA Website.

**[cspsa.catholic.edu.au](http://cspsa.catholic.edu.au)**