



St Mary MacKillop School

NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday, 9th August, 2023 (Term 3, Week 3)

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of SMMS,

*Celebrating The Feast Of St Mary MacKillop -
Tuesday 8th August*

*Patron And Namesake Of Our School and our
Parish*

**God of Vision,
we thank you for Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods
who loved this land and its people.
May we live simply, love tenderly and walk humbly,
following the example of Mary MacKillop.
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen**

ST MARY MACKILLOP FEAST DAY

Yesterday we celebrated the Feast day of St Mary MacKillop as a whole school. The Mass, also attended by parishioners and family was a fitting way to focus on Mary and her deep faith and trust in God. Thank you to Fr Chris our celebrant for Mass and to Francesca for all of the preparations towards the Mass, the lunch and the Beach afternoon.

Thank you to Paul for cooking our barbecue lunch and to Sue and Heather for preparations and serving.

We enjoyed a magnificent afternoon at the beach with cross-age activities to just enjoy being thankful and together on this special day.

THANK YOU AND FAREWELL JULIA

Julia Hammill has been a much valued and treasured member of our school community for 20 years, as a parent and as a staff member. Julia's time with us is now drawing to a close as she finishes up in her position with us as our school Bursar. Julia will continue to work with us in Finance one day a fortnight for the remainder of this term, during which time a replacement staff member will be appointed.

This is an opportunity to sincerely thank Julia for the personal and professional gifts she has shared with this community as a parent, a

IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST

Tue 15th P & F meeting 7.00pm

Sat 19th – Fri 25th Book Week

Catholic Schools Open Week

Wed 23rd Learning Expo 3.30-5.30pm

School Tour 5.00pm

Fri 25th Book Week Dress Up Day

Sun 27th School Tour 2.00pm

SEPTEMBER

Fri 1st Year 2/3N Assembly

Father's Day Picnic

Wed 20th Dance Concert performance 10.30am

Thu 21st Dance Concert performance 10.30am & 7pm

Fri 22nd PUPIL FREE DAY (OSHC CLOSED)

Thu 28th School photos

Parish Weekend Mass – for mass times, visit:

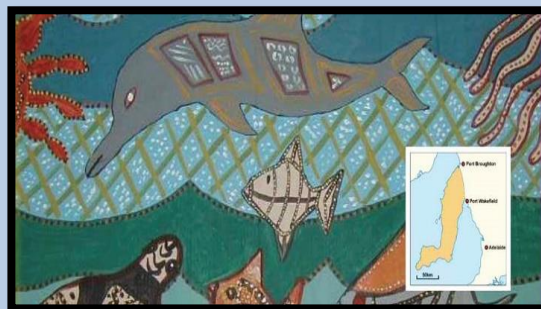
coppercoast@ppcatholic.org

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

colleague and friend. Julia's highly professional approach and meticulous attention to detail in all matters, as you would appreciate, is essential in school finance and administration. Julia is incredibly hard working, putting in many hours above and beyond with great effort into organisation and planning and is committed to seeing tasks through to the end.

Julia has been key in contributing to the leadership of the school and has been the steady and consistent lynchpin through the changes of leadership, working with 3 substantive Principals as well as several Acting Principals.

Julia's son Luke attended our school, therefore Julia has always brought the understanding and perspective of parents to her role. In the time that Luke was here as a student, Julia was a very active, supportive parent of the school. It was wonderful to have Luke back here in recent years, working in our OSHC and also as tennis coach, proud moments for Julia.

Julia is the friendly, compassionate, bright, positive person that students, parents and members of the public have met, in the front office, on the end of the phone or email, assisting with enquiries, taking messages, administering First Aid, organising, planning and reassuring. Likewise, with staff, always ready and able to help us out.

Julia has an easy bubbly laugh and brightens anyone's day, always having time for a conversation with a child, parent, staff member or visitor. Julia has come to know so well, so many members of our community, being the face and hands of our compassionate God for families and staff during many difficult times. Julia is gracious, kind-hearted, strong, always putting the needs of others before her own.

Julia will be very greatly missed, however we gradually let her go with our deep appreciation best wishes and many blessings for her move to her new home and community.

We are thankful that we will see Julia and be supported by her for a few more Wednesdays this term.

Thank you Julia, for all you have done over 20 years, for the students, families and staff of St Mary MacKillop school and parish. Everyone you meet in the future will be blessed to know you as we have been.

CELEBRATION FOR JULIA

A celebration for Julia was advertised for 2.15pm on Thursday, 10th August, we will move this to a later date this term when Julia finishes her Wednesdays with us. We will share details with parents soon.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN WEEK

Catholic Schools Open Week is celebrated annually. This year we will be celebrating during Week 5. As well as it being Book Week, we will also have our Open Week celebrations. SA Catholic Schools Open Week is about celebrating everything that is excellent about our schools: personalized care and learning for your child.

In last Saturday's Advertiser was a pull-out magazine about all Catholic schools in our state and there was a feature photo of Travis in the magazine. Well done Travis!



On Wednesday, 23rd August between 3.30-5.30pm, we will have our Learning Expo evening, this is for our existing families. During Open Week I will be offering School Tours for prospective new families, anyone interested in coming along to see what we are able to offer.

School Tours will be available on Wednesday, 23rd August at 5.00pm and again on Sunday, 27th August at 2.00pm.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

REPORTING TERM 3 – LEARNING EXPO

We aim to provide reporting to parents in various ways. One way that engages the students in this process and gives students more voice or agency and therefore developing personal responsibility, is to have them share their learning achievements with parents and family.

The Semester 1 report you received at the end of Term 2, provided a detailed summary of your child's progress, we want to provide you with a complementary experience to this towards the end of this term.

In Week 5 of this term, we ask all families to attend our compulsory Learning Expo.

The Learning Expo will be on Wednesday, 23rd August between 3.30-5.30pm.

All classrooms will be open with student learning and work samples displayed.

Reception and Year 1 students will take their family to their classroom and proudly share their work and learning. class teachers and specialist teachers will be circulating and available to chat with you.

Year 2-9 students will engage their parents and caregivers in a conference where they will share a prepared reflection on their goals, what they have achieved, what they are going to continue to work on. Your Year 2-9 child will have some questions to ask of you as well.

Our whole school will be open for you to come along and enjoy wandering through.

There will be a sausage sizzle available between 4.30-5.30pm.

We look forward to welcoming you – put the date in your diary!

TERM 3 CURRICULUM LETTERS

With the Newsletter today you will receive Term 3 Curriculum Letters from Class and Specialist teachers. You are invited to contact teachers if you have any questions about the curriculum outlines for this term. We have so much planned for a busy, exciting, and fulfilling term ahead.

LIVING LEARNING LEADING SURVEY

The Living Learning Leading (LLL) Framework guides us in all that we do to help drive excellence in Catholic schools, and give life to the vision, values and mission of Catholic Education.

Students, Staff, Parents and Caregivers are invited to contribute via a survey that will help find out about the performance of this school. Taking part in the survey offers an opportunity to tell the school staff how things are going for you and your children.

Your feedback is valued and every attempt will be made to try to respond to the information you provide. The feedback does not include the data of individuals, rather the feedback involves graphs based on the collective feedback from all parents and caregivers.

It is your first impressions that we are seeking and there are no right or wrong answers. The response format requires you to consider the school's performance for each statement on a scale from 1-6 (with 1 being the lowest or worst score and 6 being the highest or best score).

Further information is provided in an accompanying flyer and the flyer includes the web address for the survey and the code to enter the survey. The survey will be open until Friday 25th August.

Information for parents to access the survey is included again with today's Newsletter.

The same opportunity is being offered to students in Years 2-9 in school and teaching staff.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

2023 DANCE CONCERT

Last term, your child brought home a note about their Dance Concert costume and what they will be wearing. Some of the items we ask you to source at home and some items the school will provide. Please send your child's costume requirements to school as soon as possible, thank you to everyone who has done this already. Let us know as soon as possible if your child does not have, or you cannot buy a particular item, and we can help out.

Please don't hesitate to ask for help with this, the more notice we have the better – thank you!

Performance dates will be:

Wednesday, 20th September 10.30am – full dress rehearsal (no tickets sold for this performance)

Thursday, 21st September 10.30am and 7.00pm

Tickets for the Thursday evening 7pm performance will be prioritised for families of our Year 5-9 students.

Tickets will be going on sale next week.

PUPIL FREE DAY

A reminder that following our Dance Concert, on Friday, 22nd September there will be a pupil free day. **There will be NO OSHC service available on Friday, 22nd September** to enable our OSHC staff to attend the staff formation day that will be held. Our OSHC staff miss out on the majority of the professional learning held on pupil free days so it is very important to have this day available for them to attend as well and be included with our whole staff.

Our student free days for the remainder of this year will be:

TERM 3 - Friday 22nd September (OSHC closed)

TERM 4 – Friday 15th December (OSHC available)

STUDENT LEADERS SEMESTER 2

Congratulations to students who have been elected to represent their class for Semester 2 on our Student Representative Council:

Reception Parker/Murphy	Milla Wall Kieran Gilfillan
Reception Hanson	Hayley Rowan Levi Hall
1 Bacher	Alexis Wall Nate Duif
2/3 Norton	Ruby Thomson Bronik Carter
2/3 Wehr	Macy Venning Tate Boundy
3/4 Kotz	Lucy Atkinson Rylee Mattin
4/5 Ryan/Price	Eloise Crosby Max Donald

THERAPY AND SPECIALIST APPOINTMENTS

We are fortunate to be able to provide many opportunities for our students to go on excursions, outings, walks, camps and such activities.

If your child has a regular appointment through private arrangement with a Speech Pathologist, Physiotherapist, Psychologist, Counsellor etc, please ensure that you notify them when your child will not be there for an appointment due to such activities.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

In regards to the privately arranged appointments between family and the therapist or specialist, it is the responsibility of the family to notify absence from an appointment for any reason.

Thank you for your assistance with this.

PLANNING FOR 2024

Our planning and preparation is well underway for 2024.

This term I will be meeting with families and children commencing in Reception Term 1, 2024. The children will have their transition visits on Thursdays of Weeks 3 to 6 in Term 4.

Enrolment enquiries are most welcome for other year levels as well.

We are employing staff and working out class structures and student placements for next year.

Please use the slip in this Newsletter to inform us if your child/children will not be attending SMMS next year.

Alternatively, send a confidential email to michelle.miller@stmm.catholic.edu.au

When we are informed of students leaving, this greatly assists with our future planning.

Blessings for the week ahead.

Ms Michelle Miller

PRINCIPAL

2024 ENROLMENT RETURN SLIP

My child/children: _____

WILL NOT be attending St Mary MacKillop School in 2024.

Parent name: _____

Signature: _____

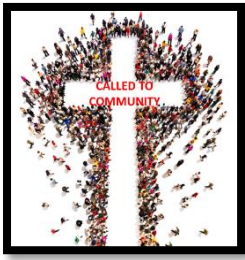
P & F NEWS

The next meeting for the Parents and Friends committee is on Tuesday, 15th August at 7.00pm. Any parents wishing to be a part of the Colour Run committee are encouraged to attend the meeting. The Colour Run promises to be lots of fun.



REMINDER: No Friday Lunches in Book Week: Friday, 25th August. Book Week sausage sizzle lunch will be provided.

FROM THE REC



Yesterday was a wonderful celebration for the Feast Day of Saint Mary MacKillop. We started with a Mass celebrated by Fr Chris. I thank the wonderful readers who read so beautifully. People have shared how wonderful the singing was, which makes the church come alive.

At the Feast Day of Saints Joachim and Anne and the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, Fr Chris taught us to sing, Only to be with You, at the beginning of the Homily. It is an action song so we decided that it would be great to have it again. It was on the PowerPoint so everyone could join in. Fr Chris led us on his guitar.

After Mass we enjoyed a sausage sizzle, cake and drink. We then went down to the beach area at the Wallaroo Sailing Club. The Middle School students had organised some games for everyone to join in. Students from all years interacted with each other.

Thank you to everyone who helped making the Feast Day so much fun. I am sure your children came home a little more tired last night.



The yellow scarf in picture on the right is from our past staff member, Jaki Jakomis, who went to Rome to experience Mary MacKillop being canonised by Pope Benedict XIV on October 17, 2010, to become a Saint.



FROM THE REC



“Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you all your life. God will reward you as only He can. Find happiness in making others happy.” Mary MacKillop

Mrs Francesca Tully
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK WEEK 19th – 25th AUGUST



On Friday, 25th August, we will be having our annual Dress Up Day!

There are no limits as to how the students interpret the theme into their costume.....Let your imaginations inspire you!

On the morning of the 25th August between 9:00-9:30am, we will be holding our annual dress up parade where each class will get a chance to display their costume followed by a Dance Party! (We have decided against having individual prizes for best dressed this year.)

At lunch time, students will gather for a free BBQ sausage lunch on the oval prepared and supplied by the Parents and Friends.

There will be other Book Week related activities for the children during the week leading up to the dress up day.....more details to follow....watch this space!!

The Scholastic Book Club order form was included with last week's newsletter. Please return orders by Friday, 11th August.

Mrs Sharon Steer
LIBRIRIAN



The Learning Expo

On Wednesday, 23 August, we will be holding our annual *Learning Expo* after school. This is one way of reporting student learning to you. Students are looking forward to sharing their learning with you.

The key purpose of reporting student achievement and progress is to improve student learning. Parents/carers need regular reports to help them understand how well their children are performing in relation to the learning expectations of the Year level they have been taught. Schools should provide opportunities for students to demonstrate their achievement from a range of learning (curriculum content), in a variety of ways (assessments techniques) and in a range of situations (assessment conditions) over the reporting period (Authority 2012).

Research tells us that students must have *agency* in their learning. This involves students developing a sense of self control (Dewey 1938) by forming their own goals and taking risks. Leadbeater (2017) describes four components of agency where learning is purposeful, and requires effort and responsibility, and is reflective. Notable scholar Friere (1974) believed that learning should be participative, interactive and dialogic, and should lead to reflection. Through dialogue and discussion, personal growth and learning can be fostered. The Learning Expo is an opportunity for your child/ren to engage in dialogue with you to share aspects of their learning from this term. We hope it continues to be a powerful method to develop agency in their learning and an important part of their 'education ... a deeply personal journey for young people to grow and develop their sense of identity and capability, who they are, what matters to them and what gives them a sense of achievement' (Leadbeater 2017, p. 7).

Authority, Q.S (2012) Reporting student achievement and progress in Prep to Year 10: Advice on implementing the Australian Curriculum.

Dewey, J (1938) Experience and Education, Touchstone, New York.

Freire, P (1974) Education for Critical Consciousness, Continuum, London.

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Dr Annette Morphet

LEADER OF LEARNING

PAST SCHOLAR NEWS

Emma Borlace

Class of 2011 (Year 7)

What ignited your passion for your career choice?

I've always loved animals and helping people, so I found myself in the veterinary profession quite naturally! The diversity of the job means no two days are the same and that was really important for me!

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

Some defining moments in my life would have to be the day I found out I had been offered a position at Charles Sturt University's vet school after years of applying to transfer from Animal Science, and my current and ongoing battle with cancer (acute lymphoblastic leukemia) and life after a stem cell transplant! I had to defer my studies due to the above, but I go back in Feb next year to finish my final year of uni before jumping into the workforce! It's been a long but very worthwhile journey!

What advice would you give our current students?

It's okay to not know what you want to do right now. There's so much pressure to narrow down on a career field really early but as long as you apply yourself to all your subjects and find something you enjoy doing you keep as many doors open as possible!

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

My favourite memories would have to be all the sports days, the Tournament of Minds competition and croquet on Fridays for PE!



IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVE

Last Friday four Middle School students Ashton, Lachlan, Logan and Adelaide went on the can and bottle drive which was a major fundraiser for our end of year camps. The students visited many houses and collected and sorted the cans and bottles and took them to YP Recycling. Mr Murphy gave tour through the recycling depot and explained the processes involved in recycling various items. A huge thank you goes out to all the families who donated cans and bottles and to Mr Northeast and Mr Sherriff for helping us on the day.



HISTORY

In History students have been learning about the skills required to be historians. We have been focussing on questioning and primary and secondary sources. Students have applied their skills across the content they are learning. Year 6s are learning about Colonial Australia and Federation; Year 7/8s have a focus on Medieval Europe and the Year 9s learning is all about World War 1. Students learning is guiding them towards their assessment task, including a museum display that we hope to share with the school community!

PBL – MAKER’S EMPIRE

Students have worked towards completing the Moonta Mines Challenge which they started in Term 2 after their excursion to the Moonta Mines Museum. Students picked an every-day item from the Moonta Mines Era and chose some improvements they could make to design and functionality of their item and sketched their new design before creating new design on the Makers Empire 3D app, which will be forwarded on to the Moonta Mines Museum to be 3D printed. Students are also making museum labels to go with their 3D design which will go on display in the Moonta Mines Museum (we will let you know when) and for a display at the Learning Expo in Week 5.



PBL: LIMITLESS OPPORTUNITIES

This term students have started our Limitless Opportunities social entrepreneurial program. The Middle School students are working together as a marketing company creating their own market experience. Students are learning about business principals in Business and Economics and will be creating their own market stall.

Miss Hannah Cotter & Ms Lisa Caffyn
MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS

SCHOOL PHOTOS – THURSDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER

Our annual school photo day is scheduled on Thursday, 28th September.

This year all orders are online. Instructions are below.

Students having a family photo are required to be at school by 8.25am, as the family photos are scheduled for 8.30am.

CORRECT SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM IS TO BE WORN: SHORT SLEEVE STRIPED POLO, NAVY GABARDINE SHORTS AND NAVY SOCKS WITH BLACK SCHOOL SHOES. NO PE UNIFORM OR SANDSHOES.



St Marys Mackillop School

HOW TO ORDER

Ordering online is quick and easy using the steps below!

Step 1.
Click here or go to our ordering portal

<https://stmarysmackillop-sa.msp.photos/>

Step 2.
Click 'Sign in with Student Details'

Online ordering closes
Thursday 28 September 2023
An archive fee applies after this date

Enter your child's surname and birthdate and you are ready to start ordering. Once logged in, you can also order for siblings and family photos.

Please note Sibling Photo orders must be placed BEFORE your last photo day.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Izack – Year 2/3N	14 th August
Jhett – Year 2/3N	18 th August
Oliver – Year 2/3W	22 nd August



NEWSLETTER INSERTS/ ATTACHMENTS

1. Curriculum letters
2. Year 2 and 3 Sleepover consent form
3. LLL 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.

OSHC NEWS

At OSHC we have been enjoying lots of outside time while the weather has been nice. The children have loved playing group games like Hide and Seek, Marks Up, Rabbits, Hares, and Foxes along with many others.

On Friday, 4th August, we had a special visitors. Karyn and Jaimi came to show the OSHC children a joey. The children each got a pat and cuddle and got to witness her jump around on the lawn and then how she got back into her pouch.



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

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.

A banner image showing a coastal scene with a rocky shore and turquoise water, a river flowing through a green landscape, and a road winding through a hilly area. The text "Caring for women from ocean to outback" is overlaid on the right side of the banner.

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

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

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

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

Breast Screen SA
Government of South Australia
SA Health

FAMILY DAY FOLLOWED BY

BURGER & BONFIRE Night



• BURGERS - DRINKS - BONFIRE - MOUSE CUP •

FAMILY DAY <ul style="list-style-type: none">• JUMPING CASTLE• ICE CREAM VAN• AUSKICK AT HALF TIME OF A GRADE• AUSKICK AWARDS	SATURDAY 12TH AUGUST 23
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BURGERS BY CHUNKY BOYS KITCHEN

WALLAROO FOOTBALL CLUB

MESSY CHURCH

Kadina Uniting Church Hall

Friday 18th August
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



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.

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