



St Mary MacKillop School

NEWSLETTER

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Thursday, 24th August, 2023 (Term 3, Week 5)

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of SMMS,

THANK YOU

We are committed to enabling our students to have many great experiences that complement their classroom learning, as we say, we educate the whole child. These experiences usually require extra of our staff and I thank all staff for giving over and above to enable these experiences. Thank you for recent experiences for students:

- Bernie and Sue taking UP Choir to Yorketown for rehearsal for the Catholic Schools Music Festival
- Lisa, Hannah and Sue taking 6-9s to Adelaide for their excursion to Parliament House, the Planetarium and the Museum; connecting to learning in Civics and Citizenship, Science and History
- Agatka, Lisa, Jenny, Tania and Paul taking the Reception classes to Redwing Farm
- Laura, Lucy, Alex, Marcus and Hannah for the very successful Year 2 and 3 sleepover on Friday night, developing personal and interpersonal General Capabilities

WELCOME NEW STAFF AND STUDENT

This week we have welcomed new staff member, Lisa Miller, commencing in the role of Finance/Administration Officer. Lisa will be working in our office Mondays – Fridays 8.30am-4.00pm. Lisa will have significant induction, training and handover in this important role in the first few weeks; thanks in anticipation of your understanding while this takes place. Congratulations and welcome to our school community Lisa.

We welcome Zarah Bown, Year 4, who has commenced in Laura Kotz's Year 4 class. Welcome Zarah and parents, Michelle and Jason. We wish you every happiness for your time in our school community.

IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST

- Fri 25th Book Week Dress Up Day
Sausage sizzle lunch (no lunch orders)
- Sun 27th School Tour 2.00pm
- Mon 28th Olympics Unleashed visit by Nicholas Timmings
- Tue 29th UP Choir rehearsal at Loreto College

SEPTEMBER

- Fri 1st Year 2/3N Assembly 12.30pm
Father's Day Picnic 1.00-1.40pm
- Tue 5th P & F meeting 7.00pm
- Wed 6th Year 6-9 Fundraising Dinner
- Tue 12th School Board meeting 7.30pm
- Fri 15th Rec MP & Rec H Assembly 9.00am
- Wed 20th Dance Concert performance 10.30am
- Thu 21st Dance Concert performance 10.30am & 7pm
- Fri 22nd PUPIL FREE DAY (OSHC CLOSED)
- Tue 26th up Choir Catholic Schools Music Festival
- Tue 26th – Thu 28th YP Field Days
- Thu 28th School photos
- Fri 29th SUBWAY Lunches
Term 3 concludes 3.00pm

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

RAISING HEARTS AND MINDS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN WEEK 2023

This week Catholic schools across South Australia are celebrating everything that is good about our schools. We have opened our doors and invited families to come and see and experience our school.

For our existing families, last night we held our very successful Learning Expo. Classrooms were open for students to visit with their families. The students led learning conferences, sharing their work in English, Maths, Religion and other curriculum areas. The students and teachers had written about the learning intention of the tasks were and how they knew if they were successful in achieving the intention; the students had the opportunity to speak to this last night.

Families enjoyed browsing, wandering, playing, having a snack and celebrating learning opportunities together.

School tours were offered for prospective families to come along and see and experience what we have to offer in our school.

The night was so enjoyable and successful and had a special community feel. Thank you to all staff and students for their great preparations, they have been working on this since the beginning of this term and to see it all culminate last night was fantastic. Thank you to all parents, carers and family members who attended last night, your children would have loved having you here.

Further school tours will be held this coming Sunday, 27th August at 2.00pm. Please let anyone know that might be interested and invite them to come along on Sunday.

BOOK WEEK - READ, GROW, INSPIRE

Sharon has the Library looking a treat with lots of books, colour and plants to reflect the theme of 'Read, Grow, Inspire'. We are enjoying the activities this week.

At Monday morning Assembly, to kick off the week, Sharon read the book 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and Paul Northeast and Karen McCulloch acted out the story. The book fits so well with the book week theme!

Yesterday classes were invited to join in with Book Week craft activities such as making and decorating their own beautifully designed butterflies. You can see these on display throughout the Library and classrooms.

Classes have enjoyed reading, listening to, and doing activities related to, all of the new shortlisted books for the Book Week awards.

To top our week off tomorrow we will have our Dress Up Parade and Dance Party. Parents are welcome to join us at 9.00am at the basketball courts. We have been keeping the staff costume under wraps and there will be a big reveal tomorrow. Excited children and adults! are looking forward to the dress up day!

There will be a free celebration lunch for Book Week tomorrow; sausages and bread and a fruit box.

Book Week is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the enjoyment and benefit of books for all ages. Reading and books can help us to learn, stimulate creativity, transport us to other places and other times, make us cry, make us laugh and this has not been diminished at all by the expansion of technologies. There is nothing like holding a book, reading a book, listening to a book being read, sharing a book with others. Happy Book Week!



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

CLASSROOM PULSE SURVEY

Students R-9 will participate in the classroom pulse survey conducted over this week and next week. The students do the online survey every term. The surveys provide a snapshot of information about the child for the staff to be aware of and respond to if needed.

Students respond to statements such as:

- My teacher cares for me
- I feel safe at school
- I have friends at school
- My teacher helps me when I have problems
- I can have a say in my learning
- I feel I belong in this school
- I currently feel I matter to my teacher
- I have positive relationships in this school
- I currently feel I am thriving in this school
- When asked, my teacher helps me manage friendship issues
- I feel my learning needs are being met
- I am actively involved in co-constructing my learning

Positive relationships are key for children to feel comfortable to then be able to learn to potential. It is important for our staff to know our students really well and the surveys are one tool that assists with this. Students express their thoughts and feelings in so many different ways and this provides an opportunity through the survey format. Students may express something in a survey format that they do not feel comfortable talking about in person. Participating in these surveys also allows for building longitudinal information about the child, or information over a period of time.

FATHER'S DAY

CELEBRATING FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day is coming up soon, Sunday 3rd September!

We will be celebrating Father's Day on Friday, 1st September 12.30-1.40pm.

We invite Dads, Grandpas, Uncles in to visit classrooms, enjoy a picnic lunch and then play a game or two.



YEAR 2/3 NORTON CLASS ASSEMBLY

Year 2/3 Norton will host their class Assembly on Friday 1st September starting at 12.30pm. The Assembly will lead into our Father's Day celebrations.

Parents are welcome to attend the Assembly and Father's Day celebrations.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SUBSIDISED TRANSPORT COSTS FOR SCHOOL BUSES

We are always pleased and thankful to be able to provide significantly subsidised transport costs for our families who access our school buses.

Catholic Education South Australia continues to work with State Government to enable equitable access to school buses for children attending Catholic schools in regional South Australia.

Families who access a school-managed bus service and who reside more than 5km from their nearest regional Catholic school receive a subsidy worth 60% of the annual cost of accessing the school bus, thanks to a grant from the government.

Our school will ensure that any family who has children attending this school who qualify for the bus subsidy will receive this discount.

Wherever possible, funding will also be allocated to address issues that may exist for individual families in order to support their children in accessing transport to and from school.

KADINA AFTERNOON BUS SERVICE

Michael Dennis and I have been in conversation about the CCSLC Kadina bus stop. Michael has noticed that where he usually parks for drop-off at the CCSLC, it is getting busier. At times Michael is unable to park there so pulls into the first row of car parks and then stops.

This however is not ideal, and the bus then obstructs traffic and parents wanting to leave asap. Parents cannot leave until Michael leaves. We feel this is not ideal for parents and potentially unsafe.

There is a designated bus zone area located in the middle of carpark and we would like to propose that this be the drop off area. Michael's observation is that the designated bus area generally is always very quiet therefore much safer for everyone.

We would only make this change for ease of traffic and safety of students. If you would be affected by this proposed change, we would appreciate your feedback about it. Please have a quick chat with Michael or call me or respond by email with your thoughts as to whether you would find this still convenient and safe for the students.

We will work towards commencing this as of **Monday, 4th September**, pending responses from families.

LUNCH ORDERS THROUGH QKR

No orders will be available this Friday, 25th August (Book Week) ; Friday, 22nd September (pupil free day) and Friday, 29th September (Subway).

PUPIL FREE DAY – NO OSHC

Friday, 22nd September (Staff Reflection day)

DANCE CONCERT – SHREK

Excitement is building for our Dance Concert, there is still lots to learn for dances and script and the students are working hard.

Thank you to all staff and parents who are working on costumes and props for the concert. Your help is much appreciated. Our Dance Concert is always a huge endeavour and we could not do it without everyone's help. Thank you!

**Tickets are available for the Concert from our Front Office for performances on:
Thursday 21st September 10.30am and 7.00pm**

Ms Michelle Miller
PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL TOURS

Families interested in finding out more about our school are invited to join Michelle Miller on a Principal's tour of our school on Sunday, 27th August at 2.00pm.

See our wonderful facilities and what we have to offer. Enrolments available from 2024 onwards.

Please register at <https://www.stmm.catholic.edu.au/> info@stmm.catholic.edu.au or phone 8821 5800.



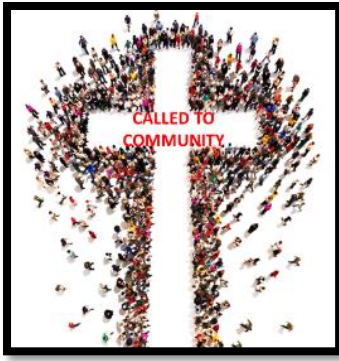
CLASS CAPTAINS

The Semester 2 Class Captains received their badges and were commissioned to lead their classmates at our Assembly on Monday, 14th August. Congratulation: Milla, Kieran, Hayley, Levi, Alexis, Nate, Ruby, Bronik, Macy, Tate, Lucy, Rylee, Eloise and Max.



Back: Macy, Tate, Max, Rylee, Lucy, Eloise, Ruby
Front: Kieran, Alexis, Nate, Milla, Hayley
Absent: Levi and Bronik

FROM THE REC



A school resource that the staff have access to is Ritual Liturgy Prayer. It has daily prayers and other useful resources that can be used. Today's prayer is:

The Lord is near to all who call ... (Psalm 145: 18) God is closer to you than your heartbeat!

God knows all your joys and sorrows. When you bring your sorrows to God, you don't have to carry them alone.

Sometimes you might have painful stuff in your life that's hard to handle. Maybe a friend has hurt you, or you were blamed for something you didn't do. But God is with you, helping you through rough times.

Pray for God's help whenever you need it. That's how you begin to feel God's peace.

Lord, help us be patient and peaceful, even when things don't go our way. Amen.

Today I will ...

Please help me ...

CALLED TO COMMUNITY WITH STAR OF THE SEA

When it was the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, students created cards for all the residents at Star of the Sea. It was wonderful to be able to go back there as COVID restrictions have lifted. Danielle Price, the Social Coordinator, and I have organised for classes to visit on the last Friday of every month.

As it is Book Week and students and staff will be in their costumes, it is a great opportunity to visit this Friday. Mrs Bacher's class will do a musical recital and Mrs Hanson's class will use their Buddy Time with Miss Wehr's class to visit in the afternoon. It will be wonderful to see the enjoyment of the residents.

Thank you, Mrs Bacher, Mrs Hanson, Miss Wehr and students, for making the residents day and something they will be able to share with their families.

FR ADRIAN RETURNED TO GOD

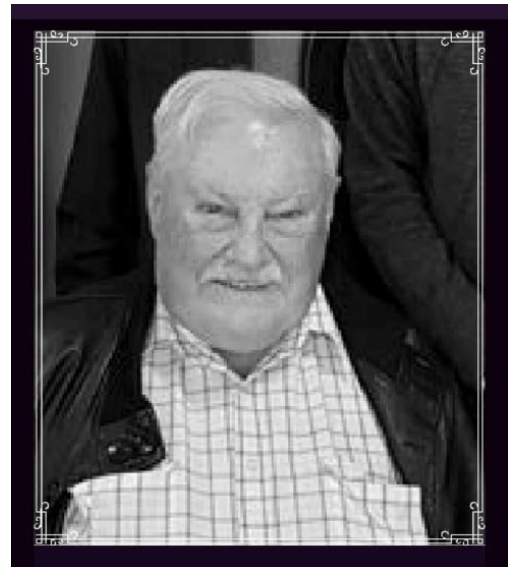
On the 16th August, Fr Adrian Noonan entered eternal life. Fr Adrian served through many decades in the Diocese, including our parish for 10 years. He was also in some of the hardest parishes, given their circumstances at the time of his service. Fr Adrian was a beautiful man who touched everyone with his infectious laughter. You knew if he was near if you could hear his laugh.

Let us keep Fr. Adrian and his family in our prayers, with gratitude and love.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life; whoever lives and believes in me shall never die." John 11:25

Blessing.

Have a great week ahead.



Mrs Francesca Tully
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

P & F NEWS

2023 PARENTS AND FRIENDS RAFFLE

Please find enclosed a pack of 10 raffle tickets for your family to sell to support this year's Parents and Friends major fundraiser. The books need to be returned to school by Wednesday, 18th October. The major prize is being donated by Parents and Friends valued at \$669 – Oval Hotel Adelaide – overnight accommodation for two people, welcome drink, roof climb for two and three course dinner.

We thank your family and friends for your support of our fundraiser.

The Parents and Friends Committee would like to acknowledge the generous donations and support from the following local businesses:

BC Beauty
Beauty and Body by the Bay
Café Capella
Copper Club The Dunes Port Hughes
Cornucopia Hotel
Earths Essence
Enfield Furnishers
Kadina Jewellers
Murray Pest Control
Newberry Chemist
Office for Fraser Ellis – Member for Narungga
Peninsula Nursery
Podiatry Central
Port Hughes General Store
Redwing Farm
Retravision
Spencer Gulf Seaside
Sunnyhill Distillery
The Smelter
Vennings
Vivian Frank
Wallaroo Treasurers and Treats Café
33 on Owen

SUBWAY LUNCHES



SUBWAY LUNCHES – FRIDAY, 29th September (last day of Term 3)

Subway envelopes are included with today's mini newsletter. Orders are to be placed no later than Wednesday, 20th September.

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK WEEK 19th – 25th AUGUST

Tomorrow is our annual Dress Up Day!

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

Mrs Sharon Steer
LIBRARIAN



Critical Literacy

This week is Book Week where we celebrate quality literature and of course, the pure joy of reading!

As students become more skilful readers, the school curriculum requires them to develop their critical literacy skills. To be critically literate means being able to consider more than the surface-level meanings of texts (Duggan 2020). This means students need to read texts from others' perspectives to understand different points of view even if they disagree (Janks 2019). The Australian English curriculum requires students to develop their critical literacy abilities throughout their school years, starting in Reception. The following examples of student outcomes are taken directly from varying year levels of the English curriculum. Students are required to:

- Understand that texts serve different purposes (to inform, persuade, entertain etc),
- Understand ideas in texts can be conveyed from different viewpoints and can be interpreted in different ways,
- Understand how texts relate to their contexts and reflect the society and culture in which they were created,
- Create a personal response to the ideas, characters and viewpoints in texts, including relating texts to their own experiences, and
- Analyse strategies authors use to influence readers.

Being critical involves more than a student comprehending what they read. It involves students discussing texts in detail and teachers posing questions to direct students' thinking. Our teachers use varying approaches to encourage students to reflect on texts read at school. We ask questions such as 'What kind of person would agree with this text? What does the author want us to know? What do the illustrations suggest? How are children/refugees/elderly presented in the text? What knowledge does the reader need to have to understand the text? How would the text be different if it were told in another time/place/culture?' This sounds very complicated, so let me illustrate this using two of the current Book Week shortlisted books and share with you discussions students could participate in to develop a critical response to each text.

Runt by Craig Silvey is the winning text in the 8 to 12 year old category. It follows Annie and her dog Runt, who live in a country town and who must beat the odds to save the family farm. This text has themes of family, community, the Outback, sustainability, heroes and villains. On page 216, Susie explains aeroplane etiquette to Annie and Bryan. To lead a discussion around this, students could be asked 'What does this reveal about the characters and their experiences? What does this context (never being on a plane before) reveal about the Shearers' lives? Is this similar or different to students' own contexts?'

Farmhouse, a shortlisted picture book written by Sophie Blackall, is based on a real family and their farmhouse. This farmhouse has an exterior landscape depicting the work done on a farm. The interior reveals how this farming family relates to this landscape. Students could be asked 'What are the differences between this home and a city house?' Further, the squirrels, swallows, moths, raccoons, mice, bats, wasps and bear who invade the abandoned farmhouse are typical of the environment. Students could be asked 'If a house were abandoned in your local area, which animals might be likely to visit the abandoned house to take shelter there?'

Through ample discussion around the texts our students are reading, we develop their critical literacy skills and their ability to respond to what they read with opinion and criticality.

Duggan, J., 2020. Critical Literacy and Genre Pedagogy: Supporting Inclusion, Subverting Bias. In *Handbook of Research on Cultivating Literacy in Diverse and Multilingual Classrooms* (pp. 288-308). IGI Global.

Janks, H., 2019. Critical literacy and the importance of reading with and against a text. *Journal of Adolescent & Adult Literacy*, 62(5), pp.561-564.

IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

SCIENCE

This term the focus is on Chemical Science. Students have been learning about reversible and irreversible changes, the difference between a solution and a solute and chemical reactions. Students can light a Bunsen burner and know the difference between the two flames. They are learning how to conduct scientific experiments, controlling the variables and how to interpret their results.

Lucas: Its pretty cool because we use the Bunsen burner to heat water to see how quickly it will get to 100 degrees.

Jordan: It is fun because we get to use a Bunsen burner.

Adelaide: I like that we get to do heaps of pracs.



HISTORY

This term the Middle School students have been learning about perspectives and sources in History. They have learnt to find primary and secondary sources and how to evaluate sources. Students have taken on the perspective of individuals in different periods of history to write a diary entry. Year 6s have stepped into the shoes of convicts, governors and Indigenous characters in Colonial Australia; Year 7/8s have been peasants and kings in Medieval Europe; and the Year 9s have been exploring life during World War 1.

ADELAIDE EXCURSION

Last Wednesday the 6-9 students went to Adelaide for an excursion. First stop was the Planetarium where we were able to see images of the night sky and many of the constellations. We were shown constellations we can see in the sky at night and how the path of the sun changes. We also were shown the effect light pollution is having on the night sky.

Next we went to Parliament House, where we were lucky to have a guided tour by Fraser Ellis MP who explained the history behind the building, showed us the chambers, and explained what happens behind the scenes. He pointed out lots of things of interest along the way including an Orrery in the library.

Students were then able to purchase lunch from a food court in the Mall.

After lunch, we went to the Museum where we looked closely at how exhibits are set up. This was in preparation for the assignment this term in History. Students also had fun looking at various exhibits.



IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL



MICRO-CREDENTIALS

During Micro-Credentials, students have been working on their barista skills. Ashton and his classmates have been busy taking orders, making and delivering hot drinks to staff.

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.




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HOW TO ORDER

Ordering online is quick and easy using the steps below!

Step 1.

Click here or go to our ordering portal

<https://stmarymackillop-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.



RECEPTION CLASSES REDWING FARM VISIT

The Reception students combined for an excursion to Redwing Farm on Thursday, 17th August. We left school at 9am on the big bus and headed to Moonta. Once we were there, we broke into small groups and started exploring the farm. We were able to feed animals such as the donkeys, sheep and goats. We tested out our problem solving skills by getting through the maze. We were able to toast one marshmallow each on the fire. Farmer Damien showed us different seeds and grains and let us sit in the cab of his tractor. We had our lunch at the farm in the big shearing shed and then got back on the bus to go to Polgreen Park in Moonta. We had to leave the playground quickly as a big storm rolled in and it started to rain.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Damien and Nicola Adams, who very kindly invited us to visit their farm and waived the fee. We had such a wonderful time and can't wait to do it again!



RECEPTION CLASSES REDWING FARM VISIT



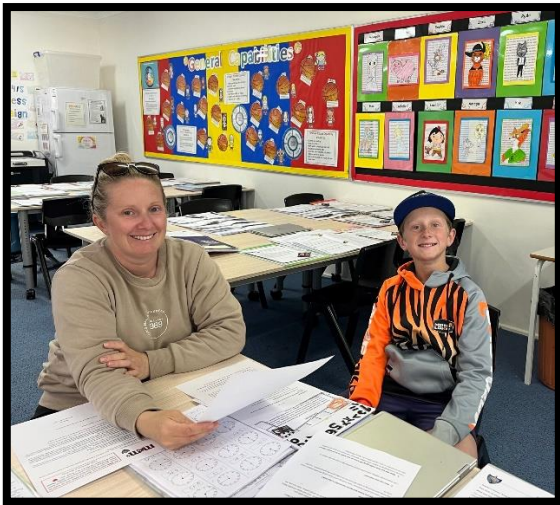
YEAR 2 & 3 SLEEPOVER

Friday, 18th August, Year 2 and Year 3 students enjoyed a sleepover at school. Well done to all students who had a fantastic time. A very big "thank you" to Miss Kotz, Miss Wehr, Miss Norton, Mr Kerin, Miss Cotter and Ms Miller for looking after everyone. It was a night of games, pizza dinner, a night walk, a movie, snacks, fun with friends, breakfast, morning play.....oh, and a little bit of sleep!



LEARNING EXPO PHOTOS

Thank you to students and families who attended our Learning Expo last night. More information from the evening was included in 'From the Principal' article.



OSHC NEWS

Included with today's newsletter is a Vacation Care booking sheet. Please return to school as soon as possible.

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Kieran – Reception MP	25 th August
Lucas – Year 6-9	26 th August
Lachlan – Year 6-9	26 th August
Ava – Reception MP	28 th August
Milla – Reception MP	28 th August
Oliver – Year 3/4	30 th August
Fynn – Year 1	31 st August
Nevayah – Year 4/5	3 rd September



NEWSLETTER INSERTS/ ATTACHMENTS

1. Year 4 ReLAT letter (if applicable)
2. P & F raffle book
3. Vacation Care booking sheet
4. Subway envelopes

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.



WALLAROO TENNIS CLUB

LOOKING TO HAVE FUN, KEEP FIT, MEET NEW
PEOPLE OR JOIN A CLUB?

**WALLAROO TC IS SEEKING JUNIOR &
SENIOR PLAYERS**

2023/2024 SEASON

**REGISTER YOUR INTEREST BY 1ST
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EMILY.DONNELL@BIGPOND.COM
OR
JULIE 0412 977 390



COMMUNITY NEWS

BEARS BASKETBALL CLUB Registration Night - Wednesday, 30th August 2023, 4.00pm-6.00pm. Copper Coast Sport & Leisure Centre. New players welcome. If you can't make it on the night, please email bearsbasketball75@gmail.com



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



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