

## St Mary MacKillop School

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## Mini-Newsletter – Week 6 Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

#### **CELEBRATING FATHER'S DAY**

Father's Day is coming up this weekend, Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September! We will be celebrating Father's Day on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> September 12.30-1.40pm.

We invite Dads, Grandpas, Uncles in to:

2/3 Norton class Assembly;

visit classrooms;
enjoy a picnic lunch and then play time.



#### YEAR 2/3 NORTON CLASS ASSEMBLY

Year 2/3 Norton will host their class Assembly on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

#### **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:

#### **REMINDERS**

#### **LUNCH ORDERS THROUGH QKR**

No orders will be available: Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September (pupil free day) and Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> September (Subway).

#### **PUPIL FREE DAY - NO OSHC**

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September (Staff Reflection day)

#### **AUSTRALIAN TEACHER AIDE APPRECIATION WEEK**

'Australian Teacher Aide Appreciation Week' (28 August – 1 September) is the perfect time to celebrate the wonderful work ESOs do in schools.

The week-long celebration is a time for us to acknowledge, appreciate and recognise the positive impact ESOs have on the lives of students, teachers and families.

Thank you to all of our amazing ESO staff at St Mary MacKillop School, we are grateful for all that you do for us, you underpin everything that happens in our school:

Administration, Student Support, Finance, Mini Macs Playgroup, Library, Bus Driving, OSHC, First Aid, Pastoral Care.

Dear wise and loving Father,

Thank you for the many you call to serve in positions often ignored.

Thank you for the patience, the discipline, and the loyalty of our ESO staff.

May they work with confidence that they do make a difference, not only for the students but the teachers. Hear their prayers for the students in their care. Hear their prayers for the teachers that they work alongside. Guide each of us to serve them, to lighten their load, and to thank them for their work.

We entrust them to you for their welfare. Amen



#### **NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK**

This year National Child Protection Week will continue to champion the message 'Every child in every community needs a fair go'.

This message captures the essence of National Child Protection Week which aims to promote a safe and supported life for every child, now and into the future.

We have a privileged responsibility to make sure that every child in our school community 'has a fair go'. We will be acknowledging Child Protection Week next week, commencing on Father's Day.



### **LEARNING EXPO – THANK YOU**

Thanks to everyone who attended the Learning Expo last Wednesday afternoon/evening or arranged another time to pop into the classroom. The students and staff did a fantastic job preparing learning conversations, classrooms and learning areas. Congratulations everyone on a wonderful community celebration.



















#### **BOOK WEEK**

Book Week 2023 - Read, Grow, Inspire What an amazing day students and staff enjoyed celebrating Book Week on Friday.



Reception Murphy/Parker



**Reception Hanson** 



### **BOOK WEEK**



Year 2/3 Norton



Year 2/3 Wehr



Year 3/4

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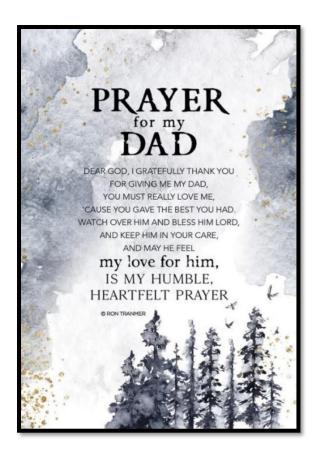
Year 4/5



Year 6-9



Staff



# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL DADS AND FATHER-FIGURES!

Blessings for the week ahead.

#### Michelle Miller

Principal

#### P & F ROSTER FOR FIELD DAYS

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

We are running 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

We have three spots to fill on the roster Please phone the front office on 8821 5800 or email <a href="mailto:kwestlake@stmm.catholic.edu.au">kwestlake@stmm.catholic.edu.au</a> if you would be able to help out for a couple of hours:

Date	Time	Name
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Sep	9.30-11.30	Emily Donnell, Katie Crawford
	11.30-1.00	? ?
	1.00-2.30	Danie Miller
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Sep	9.30-11.30	Alicia Wall, Stacey Penney
	11.30-1.00	Stacey Penney, Min Sawyer
	1.00-2.30	Sarah Clifford, Kylie Depledge
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> Sep	9.30-11.30	Jane Owen ?
	11.30-1.00	Sarah Clifford

#### **THANK YOU**



Thank you to Kathryn at *The Moonta Collective*, for donating the 'Brave and Able' Breathing Buddies to our school. Our School Counsellor, Kris, introduced them to Ms Norton and Ms Kotz's classes.

Inside the Breathing Buddies' tummy is a guided light which helps teach students slow, deep breathing skills so that they can calmly take control of their breathing, work through big feelings and help them regain focus.

Brave and Able are helping our students to calm their breathing and regulate their emotions.



