

St Mary MacKillop School NEWSLETTER

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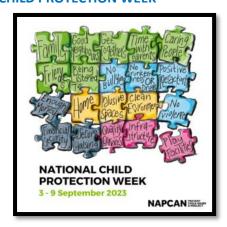
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Wednesday, 6th September, 2023 (Term 3, Week 7)

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of SMMS,

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK



Overarching message: 'Every child in every community needs a fair go'

This year National Child Protection Week has 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.

Where we start our lives in terms of where we live, the resources available to us, and the opportunities presented to us make a significant difference to our life outcomes.

Of course where we start doesn't have to be where we finish.

The aim of Child Protection Week is to bring together partners to focus on addressing the significant harms being experienced by children in Australia. By working collectively to change the trajectory of these children and families, we can reduce the number of children who may come in contact with the child protection system. The time to act is now.

Child protection is everybody's business, we are committed to this at our school.

IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER

Wed 6th Year 6-9 Fundraising Dinner
Tue 12th Finance Committee meeting 7.00pm
School Board meeting 7.30pm

Fri 15th Rec MP & Rec H Assembly 9.00am

Wed 20th Dance Concert dress rehearsal

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

<u>Parish Weekend Mass</u> – 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.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

THANK YOU

Thank you Lucy, Kristy and 2/3 N for a fantastic class Assembly last Friday, combined with Father's Day celebrations, it was a wonderful community day. Thank you everyone!

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the day.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FUNDRAISING DINNER

This evening the Year 6-9 students will present a culinary delight for our staff. We have been invited to the Middle School restaurant. We have been able to choose from an impressive menu and throughout this week and today the students and staff have been busily cooking and preparing the venue in the Sacred Heart Centre.

This is a major fundraiser for the Year 6-9 student camps later this year: Year 6 – aquatics camp at Port Vincent and Year 7-9 Canberra.

I wish the Year 6-9 students, staff and volunteer helpers Belinda White, Lynne and David Caffyn all the best for this exciting venture.

PAT TESTING

Students in Years 2-9 have been participating in annual testing for Maths and Reading. We use the results, in combination with NAPLAN and all of the other data we gather, to monitor student progress and plan teaching and learning to target areas for development.

DANCE CONCERT PREPARATIONS

As our Dance Concert is drawing near there are a couple of important preparation dates we would like you to be informed about:

This week - Week 7:

All costumes must be at school, named and labelled. Thank you so much for your support with this.

Thursday

- 9am-3pm Main Characters (years 5-9) full rehearsal at Town Hall
- Students will be transported by our school buses to the Town Hall

Friday

Full Dress Rehearsal in school hall with dances

- Main characters will be called over for a rehearsal in the School Hall as it gets to their scene.
- Classes will be called over to run through their dance <u>in their costumes</u> when we get to their part of the
 play.
- Rough timeline:
- 9:00 R Murphy/Parker
- 9:20 1 Bacher
- 10:00 Year 4/5

Reception Hanson

- 10:40 Year 2/3 Norton
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 Year 2/3 Wehr
- 11:50 Year 3/4
- 12:20 Year 6-9

Whole School Dance

1:00 Lunch Break



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Week 8 and 9:

- Tuesday 12th September (Week 8): 9am-1pm **FULL SCRIPT REHEARSAL** Year 4/5 RP and Year 6-9 students at Town Hall all day (Year 4 Kotz students will be taken to Town Hall as needed)
- Wednesday 13th September (Week 8): WHOLE SCHOOL DRESS REHEARSAL in Town Hall
- Friday 15th September (Week 8): 9:30am-1pm **FULL SCRIPT REHEARSAL** Year 4/5 RP and Year 6-9 students at Town Hall all day (Year 4 Kotz students will be taken to Town Hall as needed)
- Monday 18th September (Week 9): WHOLE SCHOOL REHEARSAL NO COSTUMES in Town Hall
- Wednesday 20th September (Week 9): WHOLE SCHOOL DRESS REHEARSAL in Town Hall
- Thursday 21st September (Week 9): 10:30AM MATINEE PERFORMANCE 7:00PM NIGHT PERFORMANCE

Parents may collect students early from school following the matinee performance - more information on this in Newsletter.

Parents are asked to notify therapists and tutors (eg. Speech pathologist, OT, Physio, Music Tutors) who visit the school to work with students of the times students will be in rehearsals and work out alternative arrangements.

Student attendance is always required and important, this also applies to these weeks in the lead up to our concert.

We are looking forward to this amazing event. We are proud of all the work the students have been doing in preparation for our concert. SMM School staff thank you for your support.

DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS. TICKETS TO THE EVENING PERFORMANCE ARE SELLING FAST!

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 pupil free days for the remainder of this year will be:

TERM 3 - Friday 22nd September (OSHC closed)

TERM 4 - Friday 15th December (OSHC available)



Blessings for the week ahead.

Ms Michelle Miller PRINCIPAL



School fees for 2024

We are pleased to inform our school families that there will be no increase in school fees for the 2024 school year.

Catholic Education SA has announced it will freeze tuition fees at its 84 Diocesan schools for the 2024 school year.

"We recognise that cost-of-living increases are putting significant pressure on families," says Dr Neil McGoran, Executive Director, Catholic Education SA.

"Growth in enrolments across the State in our 101 Catholic Schools, together with prudent financial management, puts us in a position where we are able to hold tuition fees at this year's level."

Dr McGoran said the fee-freeze will not impact the quality of education.

"We're committed to keeping school fees as low as possible and ensuring a Catholic education is affordable and accessible to all."

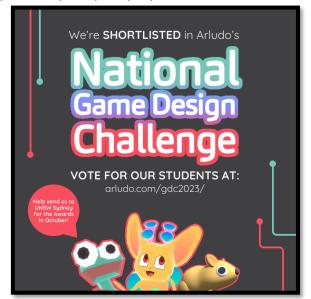
Since 2019, Catholic Education SA has been implementing the *Making Catholic Education More Affordable Initiative* to ensure Catholic schools are accessible to any family who wants their child to have a Catholic education.

In addition to the fee-freeze, further fee remissions are available to any family who is struggling to pay school fees due to financial difficulties. Families should contact Lisa Miller or Michelle Miller for more information.

VOTE FOR TEAM CHEMISTRY COOL!

In Digital Technologies, the Year 4/5 class has been designing video games as part of the Arludo National Game Design Challenge. Team Chemistry Cool (Eloise, Isabelle C, Madi Wall, Amani and Haliah) is one of just 36 short-listed to be a top 10 finalist and flown to Sydney!

It is now up to public vote, please help by clicking this link https://arludo.com/gdc2023/. Click on vote now and scroll down to Team Chemistry Cool with the black smoke cloud image. Voting is open for 2 weeks and you can vote for the girls' design once per device per day every day!



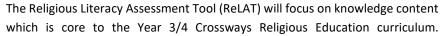


FROM THE REC



ReLAT

Next week, the year 4 students will participate in the Religious Literacy Assessment Tool (ReLAT). This annual assessment has been developed by the Catholic Education Office.



Students in Year 4 in 2023 have been engaging in the new Religious Education curriculum for two years. As a basic knowledge test, ReLAT complements the continuous, fuller, and deeper assessment of learning that occurs in the RE Curriculum. The assessment is not a measure of a child's faith nor their participation in the broader life of the Catholic community.



The data from the ReLAT assessment will be collated and used by the school to inform whole-of-school professional learning needs and the continuous improvement of teaching in Religious Education.

SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

It's hard to forgive others, especially close friends. This Sunday's Gospel is from Matthew 18:15-20. It shows us that God has a plan for repairing broken relationships. Even when our closest friends sin against us, the Gospel provides grace for repentance and restoration.

Friendship is important for children. Relationships will always be coming and going, at any age, but it's very important to establish positive practices for children so that they understand the care and keeping of friends. Children are likely to encounter conflict, and they need to be prepared to handle it, with help if needed.



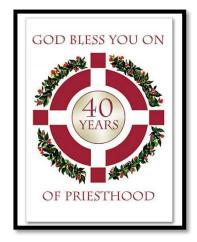
It is important to maintain positive relationships with friends, particularly after a problem or disagreement. We are not meant to take out revenge on others, but to pray for them and "build bridges" to mend broken relationships.

This Gospel reading compliments one of our school values. This value is, 'relationships grounded in trust and respect'. At Assemblies there is a focus on our Christian values.

FR CHRIS KOWALCZYK SDS - CONGRATULATIONS FR CHRIS

Fr Chris will be celebrating 40 years of religious life this Friday, 8th September. He will be celebrating it with the parish with Mass at the Kadina Church at 11:00am. There will be a shared lunch in the hall afterwards. All welcome.





JOSEPHITE FAITH FORMATION DAY

This Sunday, 10th September, we will be hosting a formation day around the Josephite faith tradition. Josephite sisters and other guests will be attending. If you would like more information and to join us, please let Michelle or I know by Friday.

"Real friends are the ones you can count on no matter what. The ones who go into the forest to find you and bring you home. And real friends never have to tell you that they're your friends."

Mrs Francesca Tully
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

RAFFLE

We have some wonderful prizes for our raffle. Thank you to families who have sold have sold and returned their raffle books for our major fundraiser. Books are to be returned by Wednesday, 18th October.



THE PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE OF ST MARY MACKILLOP SCHOOL WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE GENEROUS DONATIONS AND SUPPORT FROM THE FOLLOWING LOCAL BUSINESSES TOWARDS OUR 2023 FUNDRAISING RAFFLE:

Beauty & Body by the Bay Café Capella's Copper Club - The Dunes Cornucopia Hotel Country Times Cracked Pepper Café Earths Essence Enfield Furnishers Kadina Jewellers Murray Pest Control Newbery Chemists Office for Frasier Ellis

BC Beauty

Peninsula Nursery
Podiatry Central
Port Hughes General Store
Redwing Farm
Retravision
Spencer Gulf Searoad
Sunny Hill Distillery
Taste the Yorke
The Smelter
33 on Owen
Vennings
Vivian Frank
Wallaroo Treasures &

THANK YOU

2023 ST MARY MACKILLOP SCHOOL PARENTS & FRIENDS RAFFLE

1st Prize

Oval Hotel Adelaide overnight accommodation for 2, welcome drink, roof climb for two and three course dinner valued at \$669

2nd Prize

Ferry Voucher donated by Spencer Gulf Searoad (\$270) plus \$100 cash donated by Murray Pest Control total value \$370

3rd Prize

Gift Voucher donated by Redwing Farm (\$250) plus Café Capella Voucher (\$50) total value \$300

4th Prize

Voucher for pair of Frankie4 Shoes donated by Podiatry Central valued at \$274.95

5th Prize

Tour of Parliament House and dinner for 4 people donated by Office for Frasier Ellis plus gift voucher donated by Peninsula Nursery (\$50) total value \$250

6th Prize

Copper Club - The Dunes Port Hughes - Golf for 2 Players Inc. Cart Hire (\$150) plus Café Capella Voucher (\$50) total value \$200

7th Prize

Copper Club - The Dunes Port Hughes - Golf for 2 Players Inc. Cart Hire (\$150) plus Kadina Jewellers voucher (\$50) total value \$200

8th Prize

Copper Club - The Dunes Port Hughes - Golf for 2 Players Inc. Cart Hire (\$150) plus Port Hughes General Store Merchandise Pack (\$50) total value \$200

2023 ST MARY MACKILLOP SCHOOL PARENTS & FRIENDS RAFFLE

9th Prize

Grazing Board donated by Enfield Furnishers (\$119) plus Limoncello donated by Sunny Hill Distillery (\$60) total value \$179

10th Prize

Copper Club - The Dunes Port Hughes - Golf for 2 Players Inc. Cart Hire total value (\$150) plus Taste the Yorke voucher (\$25) total value \$175

11th Prize

Meal voucher and bottles of wine donated by the Cornucopia Hotel \$150

12th Prize

Canvas Bag and Sunset Necklace donated by Vivian Frank (\$110) plus 2 ceramic reusable coffee mugs donated by The Smelter Wallaroo (\$30) total value \$140

13th Prize

Cobb & Co Leather Clutch donated by 33 on Owen (\$70) plus Wallaroo Treasures and Treats Café Voucher (\$20) plus BC Beauty voucher (\$15) total value \$105

14th Prize

Candle and Scarf Gift Pack donated by Newbery Chemists (\$70) plus Wallaroo Treasures and Treats Café Voucher (\$20) plus BC Beauty voucher (\$15) total value \$105

15th Prize

Gift Voucher donated by Beauty and Body at the Bay (\$30) plus Organic Moisturiser donated by Earths Essence (\$37.50) total value \$67.50

2000 tickets, printing donated by Vennings

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

Thank you to all our parents and grandparents who have volunteered to work at our Greens Plains Track stall.

We require just one more person on Tuesday, 26th September, 11.30am-1.00pm to complete the roster. Volunteers receive free admission to the event.

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.

Date	Time	Name
Tuesday 26 th Sep	9.30-11.30	Emily Donnell, Katie Crawford
	11.30-1.00	Damian Adams ?
	1.00-2.30	Danie Miller
Wednesday 27 th Sep	9.30-11.30	Alicia Wall, Stacey Penney
	11.30-1.00	Stacey Penney, Min Sawyer
	1.00-2.30	Sarah Clifford,
Thursday 28 th Sep	9.30-11.30	Jane Owen Kylie Depledge
	11.30-1.00	James & Joy Thomson

SUBWAY LUNCHES



SUBWAY LUNCHES - FRIDAY, 29th SEPTEMBER (LAST DAY OF TERM 3)

Subway orders are to be placed no later than Wednesday, 20th September.

SCHOOL VALUE AWARDS

Congratulations to students who were recipients of the School Value Award at assembly on Friday and Monday morning notices. The awards include RESPECT, TEAM WORK, TRUST, COURAGE and COMMITMENT.







WHAT'S UP DOC



The Arts

With our annual school concert fast approaching, students have been busy rehearsing with their class. The concert is such a big part of their school year, and one which offers a lot of opportunity for learning.

Engaging with The Arts provides students with significant learning opportunities including relationship building, connections to the curriculum, and also the creative process which 'develops and fuels the imagination' (Price et al. 2023). 'In order for creativity to flourish and imagination to take hold, we need to expose our children to the arts from a very young age' (Michelle Obama, 2009).

The Australian Curriculum states that students in all year levels will engage in The Arts to develop knowledge, understanding and skills to design, produce, present and perform artworks.

Indeed, our school concert provides opportunity for students to learn across all five Arts subjects of the curriculum: – Dance; Drama; Media Arts; Music; and Visual Arts. We look forward to presenting our concert to you in Week 9.

Price, D., MacGill, B. and Carter, J. eds., 2023. Arts-based Practices with Young People at the Edge. Springer Nature.

Dr Annette Morphett LEADER OF LEARNING

PAST SCHOLAR NEWS

Karen Clayton

Class of 1988 (Year 7)



What ignited your passion for your career choice?

I have been in the hairdressing industry for 30 years now. It all started when I used to love cutting all my dolls' hair, and then moved on to my sister's dolls (much to her disgust). We would also braid and all sorts at school, to a point where a friend and I would curl our hair up with perm rods and sleep with them in overnight (very uncomfortable) but we would have curly hair for days after... so, totally worth it!!

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

There have been plenty: good, bad and really horrible, but one of my favourite times was when I eventually got to backpack overseas. I never thought I would get the chance to see things with my own eyes. To stand at the foot of the pyramids of Giza in Egypt and to sit with the lowland gorillas in Rwanda, Africa were life-long dreams of mine. So, I'm very lucky.

Also, just this year I finally took the courage to be my own boss. So, I now run my own hairdressing business. I'm very excited.

What advice would you give our current students?

Dreams are always possible if you work hard enough for them.

Also, be KIND not only to yourself but everyone around you... KINDNESS will get you everywhere!!

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

It was a small school, but that was great because I remember we would get a lot of help from the teachers.

I loved all the sports days especially the combined ones against other primary schools. I think I held the Long Kick record for quite some time. I managed to torpedo a football over the oval and cars into the carpark. I guess it helped to have a football loving teacher Mr Ray Higgins.

We all loved Shrove Tuesday – obviously the pancakes were a winner!! Most of all I just loved going to school at the time.

FATHER'S DAY PICNIC PHOTOS

We celebrated Father's Day with loved family members and friends on Friday with the Year 2/3 Norton class assembly, classroom visits and a picnic lunch. The weather was perfect for a picnic.

























FATHER'S DAY PICNIC PHOTOS













STORYS DOGS

Each Wednesday, we look forward to Mrs Donald and Loui visiting to listen to reading from students in Miss Norton and Miss Wehr's 2/3 classes.

Students love reading to Louie as she relaxes them, is such a good listener and she loves all the pats she receives.





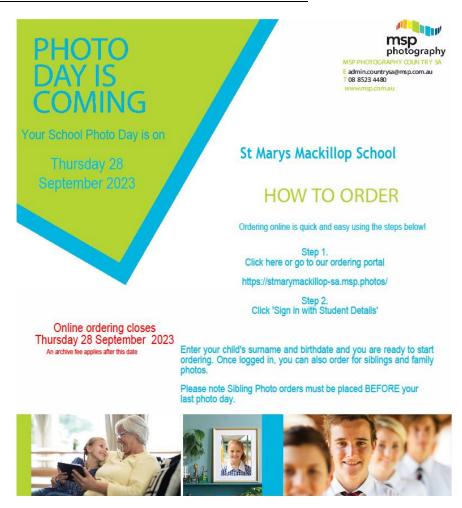
SCHOOL PHOTOS – THURSDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER

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, NAVY SOCKS WITH BLACK SCHOOL SHOES AND COLLAR-LENGTH HAIR TIED BACK. NO PE UNIFORM OR SANDSHOES.







HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Sophia – Year 4/5	8 th September
Daisy – Year 3/4	11 th September
Grace – Reception MP	11 th September
Alexa – Year 1	12 th September
Ivy – Reception H	12 th September
Maisey – Year 2/3N	13 th September
Sienna – Reception H	14 th September
Lucas – Year 4/5	18 th September
Bentley – Year 3/4	19 th September



NEWSLETTER INSERTS/ ATTACHMENTS

1. Nil

If you have not received any of the above handouts, 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.

NYP LITTLE ATHLETICS Interested in seeing what Little Athletics is all about.

Register for our first NYP Little Athletics come n Try for the season. Sunday 10th September from 2pm to 4pm, at the Kadina Memorial School Oval, home to NYP Little Athletics

This event is perfect for ages 3 to 17 who are interested in trying athletic events.

We haven't forgotten about our parents. We will be running a parent helper course to assist parents with understanding the role they play during our weekly meets.

The goal of this Family Fun Meet/ Parent Helper Course is to educate the parents in what role they play, develop further knowledge of the sport and ensuring the parents are confident to operate these roles at their club and pass on the information they have learnt to their Little Athletics community.

The children will have an opportunity to have a go at all events as their parents learn through the Parent Helper Course. It is important that all children are of participating parents in the Parent Helper Course.

This course will include all events and assist parents with developing their knowledge around :-

- Measuring
- Fouls
- Operating Each Event
- Result Taking
- Chaperoning

The link to register for the Yorke Peninsula events can be found here :- https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G7BNF77
It is important that all participants register before:-

7th of September

Canteen facilities will be available







