



Mini-Newsletter – Week 8

Wednesday, 13th September, 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

CONGRATULATIONS HANNAH COTTER

Hannah Cotter has been successful in winning a permanent teaching position commencing 2024 at St Joseph's School, Tranmere (Adelaide). St Joseph's School will be very fortunate to have Hannah join their staff. Hannah is in her fourth year with us and has demonstrated warmth, compassion and excellence in her teaching in this time. We will formally thank and farewell Hannah at the end of this year. We wish her all the best for the coming term and preparations to finish up with us and move to her new school and home.

CONGRATULATIONS DR ANNETTE MORPHETT

Our very own, Dr Annette Morphett is one of 22 remarkable teachers from across Australia who have been recognised at the 2023 Commonwealth Bank Teaching Awards. These incredible teachers have been honoured for their innovation and commitment to create opportunities for children to thrive in school and beyond.

Among the recipients, Annette is one of 12 outstanding teachers who has also been awarded a prestigious 12-month Teaching Fellowship. This includes funding for our school to amplify the impact of a one-of-a-kind professional learning program. Annette will share more with us in months to come about the professional learning program that she will work on with us, with a focus in positive behaviour. This will directly improve outcomes for students and staff.

Annette travelled to Canberra early this week for the awards which were presented Monday evening at a very prestigious event at Parliament House. Announcements had to be kept 'under wraps' right up until the evening. Jessica Rowe was MC and in attendance were local representatives in Rowan Ramsey, MP Member for Grey and Nichii Mardon, Director of Catholic Education Port Pirie Diocese and others present at Parliament House.

To be in the running for the Awards, Annette prepared a significant application and participated in an in-depth interview. Right from the start Annette has made it clear though that in her own humble way, she applied for the Award for the benefit of the students and staff of our school and to be able to have funds to put towards implementing a program that will make a difference.

Thank you and congratulations to Annette!



WELCOME ARUM

We welcome new student Arum Darling who has joined Lisa Hanson's class in Reception. Welcome Arum and his family, Samantha Ford and Kevin Darling. We hope you will love your time with us at St Mary MacKillop School.



MIDDLE SCHOOL DINNER

Thank you and congratulations to Lisa Caffyn, Sue Wharton, Hannah Cotter, Lynne and David Caffyn and Belinda White and the 6-9 students: Blake, Adelaide, Mileah, Riley, Luke, Lukas, Jordan, Logan and Ashton, on their Middle School fundraiser dinner that was held last Wednesday evening. It truly was high quality in every way. Preparations in weeks preceding and then very much more preparation on the day and evening truly paid off. The Middle School team can all be very proud of the standard of meal and dining experience. It was quite a magical evening by the River Seine and Eiffel Tower! We look forward to sharing with you how much was raised on the evening. Thank you to our staff for supporting the students in this hospitality experience.



RECEPTION CLASS ASSEMBLY

Reception Parker/Murphy and Reception Hanson are combining to host Assembly this Friday 15th September at 9.00am in the MPLA. They have been practising hard to present a celebration of their learning for their families and other classes. We are looking forward to their Assembly. Families are welcome to join us for Assembly followed by morning tea.

STUDENT NEWS

Congratulations to Amani S who has been selected for Sapsasa tennis and to Lucas F who has been selected for Sapsasa cricket.

Congratulations and good luck to the student team from 4/5 Ryan/Price: Eloise, Isabelle C, Madi Wall, Amani and Haliah on their Arludo National Game Design Challenge entry. Please make sure you vote for them, check our facebook page for details.

Congratulations to Isabelle and Eloise who competed in the State Final 12 & Under School Golf tournament at West Beach on Thursday and Friday. The girls played a great tournament in very wet conditions.



R U OK? DAY 2023

Thursday, 14th September is a National Day of Action when Australians are reminded that every day is the day to ask, 'are you OK?' and start a meaningful conversation whenever they spot the signs that someone they care about might be struggling with life.

R U OK? Is calling on all of us to let the people we care about know that we are here to really hear them.

By taking the time for an R U OK? Conversation and genuinely listening with an open mind, we can all help the people in our world feel supported and connected.

really
Are they OK?

**Ask them
today**

Learn how to ask at ruok.org.au

R U OK?TM
A conversation could change a life.

SHREK DANCE CONCERT NEWS

At the evening performance of the Shrek concert, on Thursday, 21st September, the P & F will have their major raffle tickets for sale at \$2 each.

The Middle School will have their fundraising chocolates (to subsidise camp costs) available for sale at \$1 each.

Please support our fundraisers for a good cause.

Bring your coins – cash only please.

DANCE CONCERT REHEARSALS AND PREPARATIONS

This week – Week 8:

Thursday 14th September

9:00am-1:00pm

Main character script rehearsal in the **Town Hall** (no costumes, no dances).

Friday 15th September

(Rec Assembly 9.00-9.30am)

9:30am-1:00pm

Main character script rehearsal in the **Town Hall** with **props** and **backdrops**. No costumes.

Next week – Week 9:

Monday 18th September

9:15am: all **main characters** to the **Town Hall** for **sound check**

Recess will be at 10:15-10:45am on this day to allow students time to get to the hall.

11:30am: All classes to arrive. **Full whole school** rehearsal with dances included **in school uniform only**. Classes will stay for whole run through. Teachers to determine if students bring lunch to eat after run through.

Return to school

Bus order:

1:00pm R Hanson + R PM

1:20pm Year 2/3 Wehr + 1 Bacher

1:40pm Year 3/4 Kotz + Year 2/3 Norton

Tuesday 19th September

Free day – rehearsal only if needed (TBC by end of Week 8)

Wednesday 20th September

From 8:30am: students get into costumes as they arrive

Morning play in MPLA

*if parents drop off students, they can help **their child get changed in disabled access toilet or SHC toilets**

9:00am: bus main characters to town hall. They will stay at the hall all day.

Bus down to hall:

9:00am Year 3/4 Kotz + Year 2/3 Norton

9:20am Year 2/3 Wehr + 1 Bacher

9:40am R Hanson + R PM

Take fruit/recess snack and water

10:30am-12:00pm: Full **dress rehearsal** with sound (invited audience)

Return to school, get changed out of costume into school uniform

Bus order:

12:00pm R Hanson + R PM

12:20pm Year 2/3 Wehr + 1 Bacher

12:40pm Year 3/4 Kotz + Year 2/3 Norton

Normal lunch time

*Year 4-9 to stay at hall (TAKE LUNCH), run through any scenes as needed.

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Thursday 21st September

From 8:30am: students get into costumes as they arrive

*if parents drop off students, they can help their child in disabled access toilet or SHC toilets

9:00am All main characters bus to the hall.

Bus down to hall:

9:00am Year 3/4 Kotz + Year 2/3 Norton

9:20am Year 2/3 Wehr + 1 Bacher

9:40am R Hanson + R PM (plus Haliah and Isabelle if needed)

By 10:00am All classes arrive at the hall.

10:30 Matinee Performance.

Return to school, get changed out of costume into school uniform

Bus order:

12:00pm R Hanson + R PM

12:20pm Year 2/3 Wehr + 1 Bacher

12:40pm Year 3/4 Kotz + Year 2/3 Norton

Normal lunch time at school

***Parents may collect students early from school, signing out through the office. No collection from the Town Hall.**

*In the morning, students **come to school in uniform and get changed at school.***

After school, students take their costumes home ready for the night performance.

7:00pm Night Performance (students – in costume - to arrive 6:30-6:45 and check in with their class teacher)

Parents, please notify any therapists/specialists who come to school to see students, of these times that students will not be available. Thank you.



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

Orders are due at school no later than Wednesday, 20th September (Week 9)

Blessings for the week ahead.

Michelle Miller

Principal

