



## Mini-Newsletter – Week 2

### Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

#### FROM THE REC

#### CATHOLIC MISSION MONTH AND COIN DRIVE THANKS

Thank you to the families who donated money towards our Catholic Mission Month Coin Drive. The students and staff had fun putting the coins out. The Coin Drive raised a fantastic sum of \$572.35. This money will be given to the Catholic Missions who will be able to pass it on to the less fortunate in Timor-Leste.





## FROM THE REC







## WORLD TEACHERS' DAY - Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> October

This Friday we will be celebrating World Teachers' Day. This year's theme is Hats off to Teachers. It is a day when we offer gratitude to our teachers as we show them the love and gratitude they deserve for helping us in all that we do.

Let us pray,  
Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of the teachers here at St Mary MacKillop School. They work hard to help elevate our knowledge, and with this prayer, we hope our appreciation for them reaches their hearts. Thank you for



blessing our school with teachers who are not only selfless, but motivators who help our children find purpose and meaning in school. As much as the St Mary MacKillop School teachers look after our children, bless the students with the heart and desire to also care for them. This we pray with utmost gratitude, Amen.

## ALLHALLOWTIDE – 31<sup>st</sup> October to 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Allhallowtide is a kind of triduum: three days of commemoration that includes All Hallows Eve (October 31, shortened Hallowe'en), All Saints Day (All Hallows Day, November 1), and All Souls Day (November 2). As with other major feasts, celebration of All Saints Day begins on the vigil, which is why secular culture celebrates Halloween on the night of October 31st, but then does nothing on the actual feast days that follow.

Halloween gets its name from "All Hallows Eve" and is the vigil of All Saints Day. The spooky imagery of Halloween reminds us of the evil that is defeated when we gain eternal life in heaven.

All Saints Day is when we celebrate the Communion of Saints in heaven who pray for us and look to them for encouragement in our own journey to salvation. All Souls Day is when we are invited to pray for the souls of those in our community who have died.

As this is such an important observance in the Catholic Church, it is known as a holy day of obligation, and the faithful are expected to attend Mass on the day.

Parish Mass will be celebrated in Wallaroo Church at 11.45am on Wednesday, however we will not be attending as a whole school. If you would like your children to attend, please let me know as we will make this possible.

I am part of a few Catholic social groups, and they are sharing that many families are celebrating in a way both faithful and festive by ditching costumes of ghouls and goblins in favour of their favourite Saints. It's a festival with deeply religious roots and today being resurrected as a time of remembering Saints and departed souls.

## CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN COMPETITION



The Southern Cross and Catholic Education SA is calling for students in the Adelaide and Port Pirie Dioceses to use their artistic skills to design Archbishop Patrick O'Regan's 2023 Christmas card.

Entries are open in the following categories: Reception to Year 2, Years 3-5, Years 6-8 and Years 9-12. The images should be no larger than A4 size and can be created by hand or computer-generated.

The winning entry for each category will be published in the December issue of The Southern Cross and on the Archdiocesan website. Category winners will also receive a Wallis Cinemas pass.

All entrants will receive a certificate of participation.

Entries are required to be at school by Friday, 17th November (Week 5) to send off to the Archdiocese office.

*Wishing you a week filled with smiles, laughter and love.  
May every day be a blessing and bring you closer to your dreams.*

**Francesca Tully**  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

## TERM 4 CURRICULUM LETTERS

With the Mini-Newsletter today, you will receive Term 4 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.

### BABY NEWS

Congratulations to the Turrell family, Bonnie, John, Zeke, Cohen, Harlow and Parker, on the birth of baby boy Huxley, born at the end of Term 3.

### DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Deepest sympathy to Taya Dennis and family on the passing of her Dad.

Deepest sympathy to Hannah Cotter on the passing of her Pop.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

### WHAT'S UP DOC



## Gifted and Talented

St Mary MacKillop School (SMMS) is committed to providing a learning programme which caters in different ways for students' diverse range of unique talents, interests, abilities and capacity to learn. The Australian Curriculum aims to develop each student's academic, intellectual, social, emotional, spiritual and physical abilities including for those students with additional learning needs such as the gifted and talented.

'There is no universally accepted definition of students identified as gifted and talented. A common understanding is that giftedness and talent in students result in their displaying a selection of characteristics at home and school that are significantly above the average for their age' (Australian Curriculum 2023).

The Australian Curriculum adopts the *Gagne Model of Giftedness and Talent* (ACARA 2023). This model defines giftedness as an individual possessing untrained superior natural abilities, in at least one ability domain (intellectual, creative, socio-affective, sensorimotor), which places them in at least among the top 10 percent of his or her age peers' (Gagne 2000). In contrast, talents are those which develop when these natural abilities are developed into skills characteristic of a particular field of human activity or performance (language, science, puzzles, mechanics, arts, social action, athletics, sport). Hence, talent is defined as the superior mastery of systematically developed abilities (or skills) and knowledge in at least one field of human activity to a degree that places an individual at least among the top 10 percent of age peers who are or have been active in that field or fields. Gagne explains that talent is developed from an individual's giftedness.

The teaching program at SMMS provides all students with challenge and stretch, to think critically and creatively, to develop a life-long enthusiasm and love of learning, and to develop a global perspective and the ability to adapt to change. We provide a learning environment that is challenging, with appropriate interventions in and out of the classroom. Gifted and talented students enjoy a differentiated curriculum that may provide extension, withdrawal and acceleration experiences as appropriate for each student. This allows them to learn at their optimum rate, maximising opportunities for self-fulfilment and development.

Additional activities are provided to ensure gifted and talented students are extended by participating in rigorous and stimulating learning opportunities across the learning areas, for example in the disciplines of STEM, Critical Literacy and Design Thinking. Opportunities are also provided to put their learning to the test through competitions and other external stretch activities.

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**Dr Annette Morphet**  
**LEADER OF LEARNING**

### Eloise Crawshaw Class of 2003 (Year 7)

#### ***What ignited your passion for your career choice?***

I'm working as a doctor and training to specialise in psychiatry (mental health). Lots of different factors led me to this choice, including some of my earliest memories of the strong [St Mary MacKillop] Kalori community, where we all knew and looked out for one another.

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

- 1) moving to Brisbane to do my honours year and have an adventure
- 2) taking the plunge and deciding to study postgrad medicine
- 3) meeting my partner and having more adventures together
- 4) moving to Tasmania and starting psychiatry training.

#### ***What advice would you give our current students?***

Be kind to one another and make the most of the tight-knit Kalori community - Know your core values and your strengths and let these guide you - Dream big!

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

I have so many great memories! Beach days at the end of the year, swimming lessons at the jetty and office beach, sausage sizzles with the lovely P+F volunteers, handball, dance lessons with Karen, fantastic school camps, NYPSASA, the old wooden playground, and most importantly the nurturing teachers and staff who always made every student feel special, included, and excited about learning.



## LIBRARY NEWS

### BOOK FAIR – HATS OFF TO READING!



#### **WEEK 3**

**Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> October – Viewing Only**

Students will view the book fair and complete their wish lists to discuss with parents.

**Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> October to Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November - 8:30 am – 9:00 am - Open and available to make purchases**

The Book Fair will be held in the Atrium area near the Front Office.

This year the Book Fair theme is Hats off to Reading! There is a “Most Creative Hat” competition where students are encouraged to create their own themed hat. Entries need to be brought to school by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October to be judged and the winners will receive prizes selected from the Book Fair.

A Book Fair worksheet has also been distributed to each class for students to complete for a second chance to win a voucher to spend at the Book Fair. These need to be returned to the class teacher by Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> October.

The Book Fair is always an exciting time for students and a great opportunity to get started on your Christmas shopping!

All purchases benefit the school so join in the fun and we hope to see you there!

**Mrs Sharon Steer**  
LIBRARIAN

## P & F NEWS

The 2023 Parents and Friends Raffle was drawn recently by President Danie Miller and student leaders Eloise and Amani. The Parents and Friends would like to thank our local sponsors for all of the generous donations.

Prize Winners:

- 1st Farlie Marks
- 2nd Armani Donnellan
- 3rd Meryl
- 4th Bryden Crabb
- 5th Phil Kearney
- 6th Rhiannon Noll
- 7th Rosa Volpe
- 8th Bec Venning
- 9th Craig Simpson
- 10th Ellie Treacy
- 11th Ben Thomas
- 12th Danielle Stoodley
- 13th Christine Frost
- 14th Richard Ralston
- 15th Lynne Caffyn



Thank you prize donated by Retravision awarded to the Crawford Family for selling an amazing 180 tickets.

## ANNUAL MUSIC RECITAL

Music students of Michele Giesecke and Paul Boakes will hold a celebration of their year's learning with a Music Recital evening on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November in the MPLA, followed by refreshments. Students to wear their school uniform. Parents, grandparents and friends welcome. We are looking forward to this celebration of our young people's music talent.

## 2024 ENROLMENT

We are planning now for our finances, staffing and enrolments for our 2024 school year.

To assist with our forward planning it is very helpful to know if your child/children will be leaving us at the end of this school year. If we are not informed, this can impact significantly on class structures and student placement.

Please indicate if it is your intention for your child/children to be leaving our school at the end of 2023.

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### RETURN SLIP

My child/children: \_\_\_\_\_

WILL NOT be attending St Mary MacKillop School in 2024.

Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

