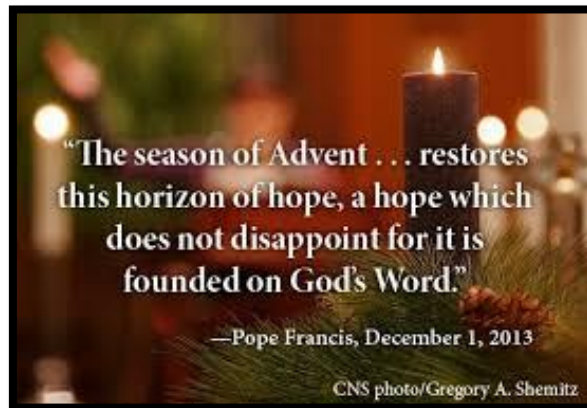




Mini-Newsletter – Week 6

Wednesday, 22nd November, 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers,



We began our observance of Advent on Monday morning at Assembly. Advent and our Vinnie's Christmas Appeal – preparing and giving - will be our Christian focus for the next four weeks.

This enables us to fit in four weeks of Advent celebrations and the Christmas Appeal before the end of this term. In the Church calendar, Advent will commence on Sunday, 3rd December.

FRIDAY LUNCH ORDERS – NO ORDERS THIS FRIDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER

The P & F are organising and running the Colour Run this Friday, therefore there will be no Friday Lunches available. The Colour Run fundraiser will be our volunteer focus this week. Thank you for your understanding.

PRAYER CARDS FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

In light of the unfolding situation in Israel and Palestine, Aid to the Church in Need has produced prayer cards for families. On the back of the card is a prayer you may wish to pray with your family.

A most extraordinary situation threatens the already diminishing Christian presence in the Holy Land and the stability of the entire Middle East.

The single most effective response Christians have is prayer. As Pope Francis said in his recent Angelus address encouraging prayer and fasting for the Holy Land, "Prayer is the meek and holy force to oppose the diabolical force of hatred, terrorism and war."

SUBWAY LUNCHES



SUBWAY LUNCHES – FRIDAY, 8TH DECEMBER (WEEK 8)

Envelopes are included with today's newsletter. Orders are to be placed no later than Friday, 1st December.

ICAS COMPETITONS

Drawing on 40 years of international assessment experience and academic rigour, ICAS (International Competition and Assessment for Schools) is a school competition that inspires, celebrates and challenges millions of school students across Australia, and internationally.

The competition questions are set in modern, real-world scenarios where students are assessed on their ability to apply classroom learning to new contexts, using higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills. The subjects offered are literacy (English, Writing and Spelling Bee) and STEM (Mathematics, Science and Digital Technologies).

This year several students at our school accepted the challenge, displaying our school value of "courage to work outside of their comfort zone" and sat the ICAS assessments. It was a pleasure to present their certificates to them on Monday morning. Congratulations to Zara Clifford, Nate Clifford, Eva Clifford, Eloise Crosby and Lucy Atkinson.



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.

RETURN SLIP

My child/children: _____

WILL NOT be attending St Mary MacKillop School in 2024.

Parent name: _____ Signature: _____



COLOUR EXPLOSION FUN RUN – FRIDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER

5.00-7.00PM

SCHOOL OVAL

Runners will be set off in groups from 5.00pm to take on the colour explosion fun run obstacle course. Sunglasses and headbands supplied for all registered participants. Blue Light will be providing music for the duration of the run. Children must be accompanied by an adult to the event.

What to wear: White t-shirt (yellow if you don't want to be squirted in colour), enclosed running shoes.

What to bring: Change of clothes and a towel for the car! Picnic rug to stay for dinner on the grounds in front of Middle School.

Food Trucks in attendance: Chunky Boys, YP Donuts & More, Rock'n Soft Serve and P & F Drinks Stall.



Parking: Bagot Street will be closed to traffic – please park in neighbouring streets taking care not to block our neighbours' driveways.

Donations close tonight 22/11/23. An announcement will be made on the night with our total amount raised!

We look forward to seeing you there!



MIDDLE SCHOOL MARKET DAY

The Middle School students spent Terms 3 and 4 engaging in Project Based Learning. This learning requires students to use their critical and creative thinking skills to create new ideas, problem solve and work within real world environments. Students were tasked with the requirement of running a market stall. The students worked individually and in groups. They used data collected from surveys to develop a business that they would run at the **SMMS Middle School Market Day**. Students had to plan out their business, budget, research products, loan money from the school, purchase products, make up advertisements and create their products in the lead up to the markets. We had the following stalls:

Slime Time – Mileah

JLR Snow Cones – Jordan, Luke and Riley

B&L Spiders – Blake and Lachlan

Grandos – Ashton

LP Caricatures – Lucas and Logan

All Scrunched Up – Adelaide

Reception – Year 5 students visited the Markets throughout the day last Wednesday. The Middle School students displayed excellent customer service, and our customers were eager to spend!

After paying back loans, the Markets raised over \$290! This will be donated to St Vincent de Paul as part of the Vinnie's Christmas Appeal.

Thank you to students, parents and staff for supporting the Middle School Students first business venture!

Miss Hannah Cotter
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