



St Mary MacKillop School

NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday 12th February 2025 (Term 1, Week 3)

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of SMMS,

I hope that everyone is able to keep safe and well in this very hot weather that we are experiencing.

Our Meet and Greet Evening is going ahead this evening, our classrooms are well air-conditioned and comfortable.

We will move supervision of children inside to air-conditioned rooms: the Outback Room and depending on how many children we have at any one time we may need to use the Red and Yellow rooms in the Sacred Heart Centre.

SPORTS DAY FRIDAY 7TH MARCH

R-2 9.00am – 12.40pm

3-8 9.00am – 2.00pm

Included in today's Newsletter is the Sports Day Assistance, and Bus booking forms again, please return them if you are able to help out or require bus transport on Sports Day.

Food and Drinks available on the day:

Subway – pre-orders

Chunky Boys (food and drinks)

Lions Barbecue (food)

YP Donuts (food and drinks)

Copper Grounds Coffee Van

Families are most welcome to bring a picnic lunch as well.

**SPORTS DAY R-2 STUDENTS DISMISSED AT LUNCH TIME
(APPROX 12.40PM)**

A reminder that Reception – Year 2 students Sports Day events conclude at the time of the lunch break. At this time, the R-2 students are dismissed to parents or family members. They can remain at the

IMPORTANT DATES

TUESDAYS - Mini Macs Playgroup 9am

FEBRUARY

Wed 12th Meet and Greet

Tue 18th School Board meeting 7.00pm

Wed 19th – Fri 21st Year 6 Aquatics Camp

MARCH

Tue 4th Shrove Tuesday

Wed 5th Ash Wednesday

Liturgy 11.30am

Fri 7th Sports Day

Mon 10th Public Holiday

Parish Weekend Mass – for mass times, visit:

coppercoast@ppcatholic.org

St. Francis of Assisi, Moonta

Sacred Heart, Kadina

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Wallaroo - 6pm Saturday

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.

RAISING HEARTS AND MINDS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

oval, however supervision is the responsibility of the family.

This is in response to parent feedback on previous years that the whole day is too long for the younger students.

R-2 teachers will be required to assist at other events from lunch time onwards.

NO OSHC AVAILABLE ON SPORTS DAY AFTERNOON

NAPLAN

With today's Newsletter, parents of students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will receive a pamphlet produced by ACARA with information about the NAPLAN testing.

Students will have a practice test session on Tuesday, 25th February between 9-10am, this will include all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students. The practice test is an omnibus test, meaning it has samples of questions across all of the areas of testing: reading, language conventions and maths. The test is held in test conditions however teachers also have the flexibility in this time to explain to students the various tools on the computer they can use, how the questions are presented and ways they answer the questions (type in a response, choose an answer from multiple choice etc.).

Teachers will continue to do writing practice in the genres of narrative and procedure with students. We do not receive any results from the practice test, the purpose is experience for the students.

The ACTUAL NAPLAN testing window is from 12TH - 24TH March. We have planned our main testing days for Wednesday 12th, Thursday 13th and Friday 14th, with the following days available for catch up testing with students who are away.

If parents have any questions about the NAPLAN testing, I encourage you to have a conversation with your child's teacher.

Any requests for student withdrawal from NAPLAN testing are to be discussed prior to the testing commencing.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Next week on Tuesday, 18th February we will have our first School Board meeting for the year.

Our AGM will be held on Tuesday, 18th March at 7pm and is open for all to attend.



PERSONAL PLANS FOR LEARNING

Personal Plans for Learning for students with a diagnosed or imputed disability are currently being revised and written. The PPLs will be sent home to parents at the beginning of Week 6, this will give parents the opportunity to read them in preparation for parent/teacher interviews which will be held in Week 10 of this term. Parents and Carers are asked to then bring the PPL along to the interview for discussion with the class teacher/s. PPLs will then be signed. The PPL is not a static document but is constantly referred to and reviewed in consultation between school and home.

PARKING

Nearby Young Street is one of the main areas for parking for school drop off and pick up. In consideration for the people who live in Young Street and everyone else who is trying to drop off and pick up children safely, please:

- Do not park across our neighbour's gateways and the laneway
- Do not park on the curbing where Young Street meets Bagot Street; this blocks the road and the footpath

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Ms Michelle Miller
PRINCIPAL

CATHOLIC IDENTITY AND MISSION

The St Mary Mackillop School vision is to create an educational environment that allows us, the students and our families to have a life-long, life wide love of learning. Our school works with our parish, the St Mary Mackillop Parish of the Copper Coast, to teach us the Catholic traditions and provide an invitation to encounter a love of God.

Every year the 14 schools in the Port Pirie Diocese have a theme. This year, the theme is **Seeds of Hope**. At our Beginning of Year Mass, we came together to ask for God's blessing as we begin our journey together as pilgrims to grow our Seeds of Hope and be of service to each other. God calls us to sow seeds of beauty and kindness wherever we find ourselves. This year, we are invited to spread the message of hope and awaken in every heart the joy and courage to embrace life, life to the full.

This year is a holy year in the Catholic Church and is called a Jubilee Year. A Jubilee Year happens every 25 years and has a theme. This year's theme is **Pilgrims of Hope**, hence our Diocesan theme **Seeds of Hope**.

Our logo for this year is of Luce (the mascot) thinking of **Seeds of Hope**. Luce is the "light" as luce means in Italian. It is intended to engage a younger audience and guide visitors through the holy year and will allow us to speak to younger generations about the theme of hope, which is more central than ever in the evangelical message.

Wearing a yellow raincoat, mud-stained boots, and a pilgrim's cross, Luce's mission is to guide young pilgrims toward hope and faith with her trusty dog Santino at her side. Shells glimmer in her eyes, recalling the scallop shell of the Camino de Santiago, an emblem of the pilgrimage journey.



What is a Jubilee Year?

- A Jubilee Year is a time of spiritual renewal, prayer, and pilgrimage.
- It's a time to experience God's mercy through repentance and spiritual renewal.
- It's a time to receive the plenary indulgence, which forgives sins for the faithful or deceased relatives.



What happens during a Jubilee Year?

- The Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica was opened on December 24, 2024.
- The Holy Door is also opened in the other major basilicas of Rome, including St. John Lateran, St. Paul Outside the Walls, and St. Mary Major.
- The Holy Door is sealed again at the end of the Jubilee.

What do people do during a Jubilee Year?

- Take a religious tour of the papal basilicas.
- Get a Vatican City Pass to access iconic locations.
- Visit the Holy Land to explore faith, history, and culture.

How is the Port Pirie Diocese contributing to the Jubilee?

- St Mark's Cathedral, Port Pirie and St Peter and Paul Church, Coober Pedy are the nominated churches for pilgrimage, worship, prayer, and hope.
- We look forward to taking our students on a pilgrimage to St Mark's Cathedral during this year to celebrate such a significant event in the Church calendar.

How will St Mark's Cathedral participate?

- The Cathedral opened the Jubilee Year in December.
- The Cathedral will dedicate each month to different prayers and intentions.
- The Cathedral will celebrate the Holy Eucharist on nominated Sundays and Holy Days.

I will finish with a quote from St Mary MacKillop:

If we have love in our hearts, we shall have God with us.

Mary MacKillop 1890

Rejoicing in Hope,

Mrs Francesca Tully

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

ICT USER AGREEMENT

At the beginning of the term, teachers have been explicitly going through the expectations around using ICT responsibly and safely with students. With the Newsletter today will be an agreement, we ask that you go through this carefully with your child/children, sign and return to commit to supporting this in our school. We are committed to providing good access to devices for students, and with this comes the responsibility to use the technology responsibly.

Mrs Francesca Tully
ICT/ADMIN COORDINATOR

P&F NEWS

FRIDAY LUNCHES

Welcome Gemma O'Brien, our new volunteer coordinator looking after Parents & Friends Friday Lunches! We thank Gemma for taking on this role for 2025. If you can spare some time on a Friday to assist with lunches, please complete the slip and return to the office or email emily.donnell@stmm.catholic.edu.au with your availability. Thank you

Families will need to login to the QKR app and update your child's profile or create a new profile for our new students to order lunch for this Friday. Remember cut off time is 9am Friday mornings.

We are very much looking forward to the return of Friday Lunches this week!



Week #	Date	2 X Volunteers Required
Week 3	14 th February	Melissa P & Brylee F
Week 4	21 st February	Katie C & Kristy F
Week 5	28 th February	Sarah C & Jenny D
Week 6	7 th March	SPORTS DAY - SUBWAY
Week 7	14 th March	??? & ???
Week 8	21 st March	Margaret S & ???
Week 9	28 th March	PUPIL FREE DAY
Week 10	4 th April	Sarah C & Gemma O
Week 11	11 th April	SUBWAY

SUBWAY LUNCHES – SPORTS DAY - FRIDAY 7TH MARCH

Envelopes are included with today's newsletter. Orders are to be placed no later the Wednesday, 26th February (Week 5)



OSHC/VACATION CARE NEWS

CANCELLATIONS

When cancellations are made at short notice this impacts on staffing, running costs and other families needing to use the service.

Any bookings for **OSHC** during the school term must be **cancelled seven school term days** in advance, thank you.

Any bookings for **Vacation Care** during the school holidays must be cancelled in advance **a minimum of fourteen days** during business hours.

Please phone or message the OSHC phone on 0437 659 137 for any bookings or cancellations. This helps immensely with knowing where students need to be and with planning staff.

Lisa Cooper

OSHC DIRECTOR – 0437 659 137

MINI MACS PLAYGROUP

Our Mini Macs Playgroup meets every Tuesday at 9:00am in our hall. The group caters for children birth-5 years for a weekly play and a lovely catch-up for the families!





HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Farlie – Year 1W/P	13 th February
Armani – Year 6P	18 th February
Xavier – Year 2/3W	21 st February
Harriet – Year 4/5KP	25 th February



NEWSLETTER INSERTS/ ATTACHMENTS

1. ICT Agreement
2. Subway envelopes
3. P & F Online Auction flyer
4. NAPLAN 2025 information (if applicable)

If you have not received any of the above hand-outs, 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 & SYP SAPSASA SWIMMING TRIALS

**TUESDAYS
4TH, 11TH & 18TH MARCH**

**6.30-7.30PM AT
CCSLC, KADINA**



ONLINE REGISTRION DETAILS (REGISTRATION CLOSE SUN 2ND MARCH)

NYP SCHOOLS: <https://forms.office.com/r/kMmLL2k7nM>



SYP SCHOOLS: <https://forms.office.com/r/kCFPNyN45s>



NYP Schools
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SYP Schools
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YP SAPSASA Softball Trials

When: Tuesday 18th, 25th Feb & 4th March
Where: Drain Road, Kadina
Time: 4-5pm
Age: Year 5 & 6 students




**18 & 25
FEB**

4-5PM

**DRAIN
ROAD,
KADINA**


Online Registration Details

NYP Schools
<https://forms.office.com/r/kMmLL2k7nM>



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SYP Schools
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Wallaroo Netball Club - call for players

Wallaroo Netball Club is on the lookout for junior AND senior players for the 2025 season!

E grade (20010/11)

F grade (2012/13)

G grade (2014/15)

H grade (2016/17)

Net Set Go (minimum age 5)

If you can help, call or text Rebecca Sinton on 0408 233 037 or email wallaroonetball@gmail.com



Why MyTime?

MyTime is for parents and carers of a child with a disability, chronic medical condition or other additional needs including developmental delay.

Unwind and share experiences with others who understand

FIND US AT:

Kadina Uniting Church Hall
Thursdays 9:30 – 11:30am
6 sessions per school term
(dates on next page)

CONTACT:

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DATES	GROUP ACTIVITY	CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY
(School week)		
30/1/2025 (Week 1)	Coffee and chat: welcome to Term 1, 2025	
6/2/2025 (Week 2)	Self-care: Craft time! (Supplies provided)	
20/2/2025 (Week 4)	Board games fun	Children's activities are planned according to the age and needs of children booked in with the Play Helper. Some activities include puzzles, vehicles, blocks, balls, drawing and other games.
27/2/2025 (Week 5)	Guest speaker – Kevin Kopfstein, Baptcare Kadina. NDIS Q&A	
13/3/2025 (Week 7)	Self-care: Massage session with Crystal Repec – Holistic Healing	
20/3/2025 (Week 8)	End of term celebration	