



St Mary MacKillop School

NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday 26th February 2025 (Term 1, Week 5)

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of SMMS,

AQUATICS CAMP

Congratulations, well done and a very big thank you to Fiona Piscioneri, Heather Griffiths, Carol Burford, Shaun Miller (parent volunteer) and David Piscioneri (volunteer cook) for all of the planning, preparations and facilitation of the Year 6 Aquatics camp. What a wonderful experience for all of our Year 6 students, I hope they will remember it always.

Everything came together with perfect weather, having the campsite and beach to themselves (this week there are 80 students at the Aquatics activities!), respectful, courageous and grateful students.

SPORTS DAY INFORMATION

We are looking forward to a fantastic Sports Day on Friday, 7th March at the Wallaroo Football Club oval. Students are busily involved in practising team games and athletic events, and taking part in sprint and long-race run-offs, they are practising their House chants and marches.

TEAM GAMES FOR SPORTS DAY

Students will be coming out of classes to practice Team Games over the coming days.

800 METRE RUN-OFFS

800 metres run is open to students in Years 2-9, interested students have run-offs this morning (boys) and tomorrow morning (girls) at the football oval.

LONG JUMP FOR YEARS 3-9

As there is no long jump pit available at the football oval and it would be very difficult to set this up for one day at the oval, we run our Long Jump event here at school. Therefore, we invite parents to come in and watch the students doing the Long Jump at our school oval.

Students in Years 3-9 will have the opportunity to compete in Long Jump on Monday, 3rd March at 11.45am.

Students who are the top long jumpers will compete in the Championship Long Jump on Monday, 3rd March at 1.45pm.

IMPORTANT DATES

TUESDAYS - Mini Macs Playgroup 9am

FEBRUARY

Wed 26th SUBWAY orders due

Swimming training (for participating students)

Fri 28th Schools Clean Up Australia Day

MARCH

Tue 4th Shrove Tuesday – gold coin donation for pancakes

Wed 5th Ash Wednesday
Liturgy 12.30pm

Fri 7th Sports Day

Mon 10th Public Holiday

Thu 13th 4/5 classes Book Stall fundraiser

Tue 18th School Board AGM 7.00pm

Fri 28th PUPIL FREE DAY

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



RAISING HEARTS AND MINDS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Your child will be able to let you know if they are participating in the Long Jump and would like you to come and watch.

Student attendance is always important, we cannot stress this enough. Students who are not present at school may miss out on opportunities for Sports Day run-offs and practices. We do not have the time or staff to constantly catch up students who are not present when opportunities are offered.

So that students are ready for practices over the next week and a half, we ask that they wear uniform as follows:

UNIFORM WEEK 5

Sport uniform all week

UNIFORM WEEK 6

Sport uniform Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

Formal uniform Thursday (so that sport uniform can be washed and ready for Sports Day)

SPORTS DAY – FRIDAY, 7th MARCH

- Students to arrive at the Wallaroo Football Club oval (between 8:35-8.45am), meet the class teacher at the House tents. Parents are to leave children at the tent and find a place to sit so that teachers are able to start getting students organised.
- Programme starts at 9.00am with House marches followed by the official opening.
- 800m run is the first formal event; girls and boys will be run together, running times recorded separately.
- R-2 tabloid events are novelty games that are based on fundamental movement skills in the Australian PE curriculum.
- R-2 students will be in class groupings for tabloids.
- Year 3-8 students will be split into age groups: 9 Years, 10 Years, 11 Years, 12 Years, 13-15 Years.
- 9 Years and older tabloid events are athletic skill based and will combine tabloid style and championship events.
- A recess break has been built into the program (tabloid events); students need to have recess with them.
- R-2 students (junior primary) will be dismissed at lunch time. Students must be dismissed by the class teacher into the care of a parent; the class teacher must complete a dismissal roll.
- **Reception – Year 2 students will be dismissed to their family at 12.50pm.**
- Year 3-8 student events continue into afternoon.
- The day will conclude at 2.00pm. Class teachers must complete a dismissal roll.
- Students MUST have their water bottles and recess on the day. Students will be advised by their teacher if they are to bring their school bags with them.
- HATS will be collected by classroom teachers on Thursday afternoon and taken to the oval for Friday morning.
- Programmes will be sent home on Wednesday, Week 6.
- Our P & F have purchased two shades that will be erected opposite the students House shades. These shades are available for family. Family members, please do not gather in the student shades, there is not enough room and this makes organisation very difficult.
- The football clubrooms will be open for those who genuinely need a cool, shaded place to sit for a while.

FOOD AND DRINK

Subway lunches for students who have pre-ordered: Kadina Lions Club will be cooking steak and onion sandwiches and sausages throughout the day: Chunky Boys will be providing food and cold drinks: YP Donuts will also be providing food, hot and cold drinks: Copper Grounds Coffee will be providing coffee. Please bring your own lunch if you prefer.

FAQS

My child is in Reception – Year 2: do they need to stay for the presentations?

No, R-2 children are dismissed into the care of their parents at lunch time. If you have a child in an older year level you may choose to stay until the end. There is no expectation for R-2 student to be present for the presentations.

Will my child be in a Team Game?

All R-2 students will take part in at least one team game (*some may be placed in more than one if team numbers are lower e.g. Joseph or if students are absent on the day another student replaces them).

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

All Year 3-8 students will take part in separate team games after lunch.

My child won a sprint and did not receive a ribbon – how is that fair?

In age groups where there is more than 8 boys or girls, run-offs take place at school prior to sports day. All students then run in a sprint race on sports day in their 'heat groupings'. We think it is important that every child gets to run a race in front of their families and peers; they run a 'fun' race with the crowd cheering them on. Students who achieve fastest times in the run-offs run in the 'championship sprints' and these championship races are timed and placegetters receive ribbons.

This is modelled on typical athletic meets that we compete in with other schools. Heats are commonplace in athletic meets as a means of determining who will run in the final. Our championship races are our finals where students are competing to break records.

How will I know if my child is competing in a championship event such as high jump or discus?

All championship events (except for the sprints) are run for 10-year-old and up.

The 9-year-old grouping events are not championship events, once again this is modelled on athletic meets. The 9-year-old group get to build up their experience in these events.

Long jump championship is held at school prior to Sports Day. This is due to no long jump pit available at the Football oval. Results are announced at Sports Day.

Will the school bus run on sports day?

The Moonta and Kadina buses will not run on Sports Day.

Will OSHC still run on sports day?

OSHC will not be offered 3.00-6.00pm, Friday, 7th March, after Sports Day.

Please remember we are a school sports day, we do our very best to run to the times in the programme and offer opportunity for all students to shine. Please allow a margin of 5-10 minutes either side of the times stated in the programme. We appreciate your understanding with this.

We are looking forward to a great family day!

Thank you to all volunteers who have offered their time and support on the day. Following is our list of helpers

SET UP OVAL – MORNING – 7.30am

Maris
Nelligan
Crosby
Lynch
Whelan
Sawyer
O'Brien

More volunteers greatly appreciated

PACK UP OVAL – AFTERNOON 2.00pm

Lockwood
Nelligan
Clifford S
Davey
Lynch
Quin
Sawyer
Cooper/Tieste
Walker
Adams
Hall

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS

Everyone is invited and welcome to attend our School Board AGM on Tuesday, 18th March, 7.00pm in the MPLA.

We have vacancies on our School Board this year. We encourage parents to consider joining the School Board. If you wish to nominate someone for School Board you must have had a conversation with them, they must be willing and available to commit and they must sign the nomination form as well.

The School Board meets twice a term, joining by Teams is available for the occasions when members are not able to attend in person. We report on and discuss matters under Catholic Identity, Teaching and Learning, Operations and Management, Finance, ratify Policy and Procedure and continually strive for school improvement in all areas.

Following is a brief outline of what is required:

- Be available for two meetings per term (usually second Tuesday of the month)
- Be willing to contribute to the roles such as: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary
- Be willing to contact school families and offer your support as a Board member (Board Buddy)
- Be willing to represent our school positively within our community and in the wider community
- Be willing to share your expertise and skills (the different skillsets parents bring enriches our Board)

I am happy to chat with anyone considering nomination for School Board, as I am sure our current Board members would be.

**With today's Newsletter there is a nomination slip.
Please return by Friday, 14th March**

SHROVE TUESDAY

Next Tuesday, 4th March we observe as Shrove Tuesday. We celebrate the tradition of having pancakes on the day, which comes from people using up the milk and eggs in their pantry before the time of Lent commences (a time of fasting which may be observed).

Our Year 6 and Year 7-9 classes will be making, cooking and serving the pancakes for the rest of the school.

We would appreciate donations of toppings for the pancakes such as: lemons, jam, maple syrup. If you are able to contribute, please send your donations in between now and next Tuesday morning.

We ask for a gold coin donation towards the pancakes, all donations will go towards our Caritas Project Compassion fundraising which takes place during Lent. Please see the donation return slip in this Newsletter. Thank you.

ASH WEDNESDAY

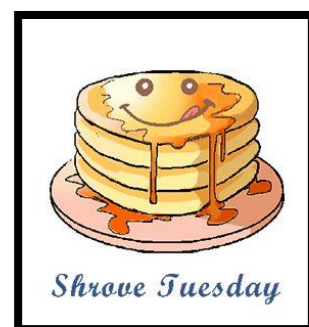
As a Catholic school we observe the commencement of the time known as 'Lent'. Lent is the time of six weeks leading up to Easter. It is a time of spiritual reflection, we reflect on our own relationship with God, our own thoughts and actions and our relationship with others. We focus on prayer, fasting (going without), and almsgiving (giving to the poor).

KERNEWEK LOWENDER

This is a Kernewek Lowender year and we enjoy participating in, and supporting the community events. Please look for the letter with this Newsletter which outlines Maypole and Furry Dance opportunities.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Ms Michelle Miller
PRINCIPAL



SHROVE TUESDAY DONATIONS

We thank you for your donation of toppings for pancakes.

Family name: _____

Donation: Lemons Jam Maple Syrup Honey

(Please circle)

Please return reply slip by Monday, 3rd March.

P&F NEWS

FRIDAY LUNCHES

We still require volunteers on Friday, 14th March and 21st March. If we do not have any volunteers, lunches will be cancelled for those days. Please complete the slip and return to the office or email emily.donnell@stmm.catholic.edu.au with your availability. Thank you

Week #	Date	2 X Volunteers Required
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

4/5 CLASSES BOOK STALL FUNDRAISER

Sharing the love of reading for a cause

The Year 4/5 Kerin/Price and Bates classes are organising a Book Stall fundraiser for Caritas Australia's Project Compassion during Lent.

Project Compassion invites us to unite against poverty and take action to make a lasting difference to those in need.

The Year 4/5 families are decluttering their bookshelves to find good quality, second-hand books which they can donate to the fundraiser. Students are also making bookmarks and loom bands to sell.

The stall will be held during recess and lunch on Thursday, March 13th (Week 7). We are hoping that families who are able can send along a gold coin or two for their child to pick some things from the stall. Pop a reminder in your phones to send gold coins on Thursday Week 7!



Maggie with some of the amazing books she has donated for the Year 4/5 fundraiser.

YEAR 6 AQUATICS CAMP

On Wednesday, 19th February, the amazing Year 6 class took part in the Port Vincent Aquatics camp. We arrived at Port Vincent at around 11 o'clock. We had recess, a play on the playground then were split into two groups for the first aquatic rotations. The instructors were Gaye, Gabe, Dan, Charlie, Robin, Julie, Maddi and a few others.

The activities for day 1, were knee boarding and kayaking. Back at camp we enjoyed the basketball courts, handball courts and games room. For dinner we had lasagne and potato bake made by Mrs. and Mr. P. To finish the night off we had fruit salad, yoghurt and home-made treats.

The next day we all had to wake up early to get down to the beach on time. The activities we did that day were Sailing, Knee-boarding, double Kayaking and Stand-up paddle boarding. After that we walked back to the caravan park and had showers. We played an intense game of basketball and the boys won. Mr. P was very generous with buying us all a Krispy Kreme donut. The games room was a hit with people winning prizes. For dinner we had delicious pasta and garlic bread. After dinner we had Milo and some dessert while watching a movie.

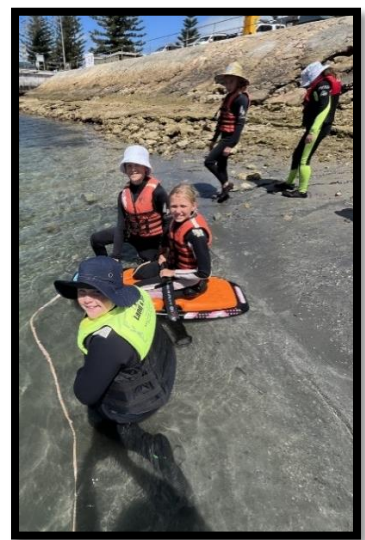
The next day we got up and headed down to the beach to the final two aquatic rotations, which were snorkelling and knee boarding. For lunch we had a barbecue, thanks to Mr Miller for cooking it. Then, unfortunately, we had to go back to camp and pack up the camp. Some of the favourite things were Knee boarding, the games room and the opportunity to try out new activities.

We thank Mr Northeast, for the bus ride, all the instructors for teaching us, Mrs. P, Mrs. Griffiths and Mrs. Burford for organising and supervising us, Mr Miller for helping us, and Mr. P for making the time to drive down to make dinner each night. It was a memorable camp, and we are super grateful.

By Zara and Eloise with input from the Year 6 Class



YEAR 6 AQUATICS CAMP





The 2025 Premiers Reading Challenge is underway!

The challenge is to read 12 books. Year 2 to year 6: Students must read 8 books from the Premier's Reading Challenge booklist and 4 personal choice books.

There are over 8,900 titles on the Premier's Reading Challenge booklist to help you find 12 books that you will enjoy reading.
<https://premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/book-list/>

Each child has received a paper PRC reading record to complete and we would love for every child in the school to complete the challenge. The Premiers Reading Challenge finishes on the 5th September.

For more information or to download your own premiers reading record and book list please refer the following website.
<https://premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/>

Happy Reading!

Mrs Sharon Steer

LIBRARIAN

CONGRATULATIONS TRINITY

On Sunday, 23rd February, Trinity competed in Day 1 of State Championships for Surf Life Saving South Australia, which was held at Grange beach. Days 2 and 3 are this coming weekend at Seacliff.

Trinity's results so far have her ranked high in the States.

Division 2 – 1km Long Distance Soft Sand Run. Only 41 Under 12 girls qualified and the top 10 are only recognised for State Championship. Trinity's result – 10th.

Division 2 – Grey Board Rescue. Only 10 teams qualified and top 8 recognised. Trinity and partner – 7th. This was the first time ever doing this event at a State Carnival with a new partner.

Division 1 – Flags. Personal best was made. Top 43 qualified, this was then shorted to top 23. Semi final on Day 2. Trinity has made it to the semi finals.

Division 2 – 100m Sprints. Qualified 3rd. Semifinal 1st, and came first in the final, giving her instant gold medal and podium stand. Sprints only take the top 3 in States.

Season 2023-2024, Trinity was ranked 34 in the state, now with the results from Day 1, she has already passed her ranking. If Day 2 and 3 goes well, she may be ranked in the top 15. Fingers crossed!



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

OSHC PUPIL FREE DAY

Friday, 28th March, will be a Pupil Free Day. Outside School Hours Care will be available from 8.00am to 6.00pm. Light snacks are provided, children will need to bring packed recess and lunch. Child Care Benefits will be paid accordingly at a cost of \$60.00 per child. Please return the reply slip by **Friday, 7th March**, if your child/ren will be attending.

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OSHC BOOKING FORM – PUPIL FREE DAY – FRIDAY, 28th MARCH

Return by **Friday, 7th March**

Family Name: _____

Signed: _____

Children requiring OSHC _____ Year _____

_____ Year _____

_____ Year _____

Bookings

Priority 1 – Children who are permanent Friday after school.

Priority 2 – Children of parents/carers who work this day.

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



Claire – Reception H	2 nd March
Eamon – Year 4/5B	2 nd March
Eloise – Year 6P	6 th March



NEWSLETTER INSERTS/ ATTACHMENTS

1. NAPLAN 2025 information (if applicable)
2. Kernewek Lowender consent note
3. Catholic Schools Music Festival Choir (if applicable)
4. School Board Nomination form

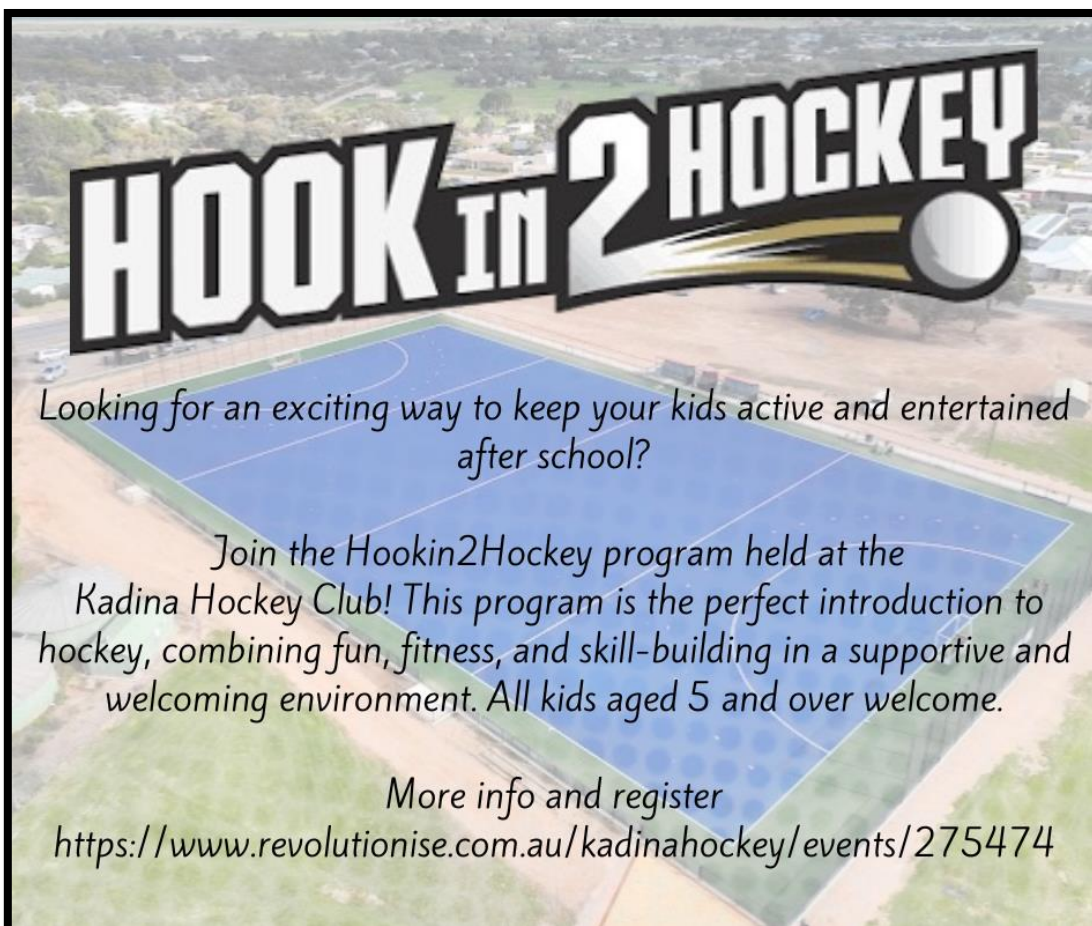
If you have not received any of the above hand-outs, please write a note in your child's diary for a copy to be sent home.

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.

COPPER COAST TABLE TENNIS CLUB is seeking junior and senior players for their winter competition which starts on Wed 2nd April. If you are interested in playing this fast paced, vibrant and family friendly sport the club is holding free Come N Try nights on Wed 19th and 26th of March from 7pm at the Kadina Showgrounds off Agery Road. No experience is required and the club has bats available if you do not have one.

Enquiries to Lyndon [0427892054](tel:0427892054) or Perry 0488240208



HOOK_{in}2HOCKEY

Looking for an exciting way to keep your kids active and entertained after school?

Join the Hookin2Hockey program held at the Kadina Hockey Club! This program is the perfect introduction to hockey, combining fun, fitness, and skill-building in a supportive and welcoming environment. All kids aged 5 and over welcome.

More info and register
<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/kadinahockey/events/275474>


FRIENDS OF THE WOMEN'S & CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

RUN, WALK OR CYCLE FUNDRAISER

Helping to purchase medical equipment that supports women, children and babies in South Australia and Beyond.

SUNDAY 23RD MARCH 2025

GATHER YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, OR TEAMMATES & JOIN US FOR A FUN RUN, WALK OR CYCLE ALONG THE KADINA - WALLAROO BIKE TRACK ALL WHILST SUPPORTING A GREAT CAUSE!

We kindly request that pets are left at home for this event. This is NOT a race or timed event it is a family friendly, all inclusive event.


Cash Preferred.
Limited EFTPOS available.







TIME

8:30 AM
Registrations

9:00 Start
@ Kadina Rotary Shelter Powell Tce

Registration form must be complete prior to participating.
Available on the day.



ENTRY

\$5 Per Person
\$10 Per Family

Entry includes 1 ticket per person into the raffle.
Additional raffle tickets can be purchased \$1 each



FOOD & DRINKS

Sausage Sizzle
Cans of Soft Drink & Fruit Boxes

Available for purchase



PRIZES TO BE WON!

On the Day Raffle with great prizes to be won!
Guess the number of Lollies in the YET!!

Start at Kadina or join us at any intersection along the track that suits you!
Finish at the grassed area across the Road from the Wallaroo Town Hall
(Next to the Wallaroo Adventure Playground / Helicopter playground)

For any enquiries please contact
Event Co-Ordinator Stephanie March
0407 390 836

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/kMmL12k7nM>



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



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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/kMmL12k7nM>

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



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