



St Mary MacKillop School

NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday 12th March 2025 (Term 1, Week 7)

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of SMMS,



PROJECT COMPASSION DURING LENT

As you know, we commenced Project Compassion fundraising last week with the pancake day. Thank you to our Year 6-9 students and staff, and the support of everyone who bought a pancake, we raised \$202.

The next fundraiser, to be held tomorrow (Thursday, 13th March), hosted by the two Year 4/5 classes. The 4/5 students are building up a lovely collection of books, book marks and loom bands that will be sold. We encourage students to bring along their coins and support the fundraising.

ST JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY

Saint Joseph is a very important person to our school community. We know St Joseph as the foster-father of Jesus, he cared for his family of Mary and Jesus. St Joseph can be looked to as a role model for all father figures, he demonstrated qualities of strength, joy, compassion and deep faith.

When Saint Mary MacKillop established the group of sisters who would follow her, she chose St Joseph as their patron saint. The full name of the sisters is, Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. Mary chose to follow Joseph because of the qualities he showed in his life.

Our school was started by the Sisters of St Joseph, therefore St Joseph's Feast Day, or the special day that we celebrate St Joseph, is a day that we will attend Mass together and have some treats and fun activities.

IMPORTANT DATES

TUESDAYS - Mini Macs Playgroup 9am

MARCH

Wed 12th P & F AGM 6.30pm

Thu 13th 4/5 classes Book Stall fundraiser. Gold coin donation to Project Compassion

Mon 17th St Patrick's Day – wear green

Tue 18th School Board AGM 7.00pm

Wed 19th St Joseph's Day – wear House tops
Mass 11.45am

Sausage sizzle lunch and games afternoon

Fri 21st Harmony Day – wear orange

Fri 28th **PUPIL FREE DAY – OSHC available**

Mon 31st – Thu 3rd Apr - Parent/Teacher Interviews R-6

APRIL

Wed 2nd – Fri 4th Yr 7-9 Camp

Mon 7th – Thu 10th - Parent/Teacher Interviews Yr 7-9

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

On Wednesday, 19th March, we will celebrate:

- 11.45am Whole school Mass with Fr Steve in Star Of The Sea Church (families and parishoners welcome to join us).
- 1.00-1.40pm Sausage Sizzle and Zooper Dooper lunch (no cost – bring own lunch if preferred)
- 1.00-1.45pm Lunch time games hosted by House Captains

We look forward to celebrating this significant day.



SPORTS DAY THANK YOU

I cannot thank you all enough for our absolutely fantastic Sports Day. It is a massive effort which our whole school can all feel so very proud of. There were so many positive comments from family who attended, all in high praise of the organisation, preparations and running of Sports Day and enabling this experience for students.

Special thanks to our Sports Day committee for the extra hours and dedication: Marcus, Lisa Caffyn, Lisa Hanson, Alex, Jody, Sue Wharton and Josh.

So many lovely stories from the day and one of the best has to be the look of overwhelming joy on Natalie's face when Joseph were announced as winners of the Spirit shield! So very deserving!

Big in effort and big in reward. Everyone was a winner on the day! Thank you everyone.

CHAMPIONSHIP SHIELD WENT TO MACKILLOP HOUSE

The championship shield is determined by the number of points accumulated by each team over all Sports Day events on the day and the Long Jump and 3-9 Team Games held at school earlier in the week.



Congratulations
MacKillop!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

ST JOSEPH SPIRIT SHIELD WENT TO JOSEPH HOUSE

The Spirit shield is very prestigious and is awarded to the House that has accumulated the most points over Sports Day and the weeks leading up to the day. Points are awarded for good sportsmanship, encouraging and supporting team mates, giving effort over and above what is expected, graceful winning and losing, determination and resilience.



Congratulations
Joseph!

WELCOME NEW STUDENT AND FAMILY

This week, we have welcomed, Layla Kartibani, commencing with us in Year 1 in Abbey and Sophie's class. Welcome to Layla and her parents Hanna and Zaki and little brother, Phillip.

UNIFORM

WEEK 7:

Back to 'normal' uniform for this week.

WEEK 8:

MONDAY ST PATRICK'S FEAST DAY: Wear green casual clothes or uniform with a touch of green

WEDNESDAY ST JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY: Wear House tops and sports shorts

FRIDAY HARMONY DAY: Wear orange casual clothes or uniform with a touch of orange

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY: 'normal' uniform

NAPLAN TIMETABLE FOR WEEK 7

This morning we have commenced NAPLAN testing with students participating in the Writing test, online for Year 5, 7 and 9 and on paper for Year 3.

All students are to be commended for giving this their best effort. Thank you to all other students and staff in our school during the testing times, being quiet and respectful helps everyone to concentrate and do their best.

Catch up testing as required Week 7 and Week 8– tests must be completed in the following order:

	Year 3	Year 5	Year 7	Year 9
WEDNESDAY				
Writing	40 mins	42 mins	42 mins	42 mins
THURSDAY				
Reading	45 mins	50 mins	65 mins	65 mins
Conventions of Lang	45 mins	45 mins	45 mins	45 mins
FRIDAY				
Numeracy	45 mins	50 mins	65 mins	65 mins

Best of luck to all of our NAPLAN students.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

P & F

Everyone is welcome to attend any of our P & F meetings. You can attend in person or by Teams (just let me know and I can send you a link to join any of our meetings). We discuss and plan community events that provide opportunities for families to come together and enjoy being with each other. The P & F plan our Friday Lunches, this is one of our highest fundraisers for the year. We also plan other fun, fundraising events for our school. The main goal for our fundraising this year is to raise funds to be able to erect shade over the playground equipment on the oval.

Come along, socialise, and support, we would love to welcome you.

SCHOOL BOARD

Our School Board AGM will be held on Tuesday, 18th March at 7.00pm in the MPLA. This is an open meeting and everyone in our school community is invited to attend and hear about the great things that were accomplished over 2024.

We welcome nominations for new School Board members, please see the nomination form included in this Newsletter.

PUPIL FREE DAY

Please remember that we have a Pupil Free Day coming up on Friday 28th March.
OSHC will be open on this day, bookings essential.

PARENT/CARER/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Communication between home and school is essential for student wellbeing and learning to thrive. As well as the invitation to make a time to meet with teachers at any time throughout the year, we offer set, formal parent/teacher interviews in Term 1.

Parents/carers of Reception – Year 6 students are invited to interviews in Week 10 of this term and parents/carers of Year 7-9 students are invited to interviews in Week 11.

Please look for the booking sheets with today's newsletter.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Ms Michelle Miller
PRINCIPAL

P&F NEWS



P & F FRIDAY LUNCHES

PASTRY DAY

FRIDAY 14 March

Pick a pie /
pastie or sausage roll +  + 

\$9

ORDERS CLOSE 9AM 14TH MARCH

 Select **SPECIAL FOOD DAY** on **QKR APP**

NOTE: Normal Menu NOT available



Project Compassion 2025

This Lent, we are called to **Unite Against Poverty** through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. This year our fundraising will be through the class fundraisers. By giving a donation, you'll be answering the Gospels' call to care for our global family and walk alongside the most vulnerable.

If you would like a **Project Compassion box for home**, please contact me and I will send one to you.

Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to communities facing poverty, food insecurity, lack of education, and water shortages, while building resilience against future challenges. Together, through faith and action, we can bring hope and opportunity to those most in need.

This Lent, we're invited to **Unite Against Poverty** with Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. This year is especially significant as we celebrate the Jubilee Year - **a time of renewal and solidarity**.



Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet **Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) a young student from Samoa who faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her school now has a 10,000 L water tank improving hygiene and allowing the teachers to prioritise education.

We'll get to know **Lam** from Vietnam, born with short stature, Lam faced social exclusion and limited employment opportunities – through the I-SHINE program, Lam is now a freelance graphic designer.

And we'll meet **Irene** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (*DRC*) who faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.

Watch our Introduction to Project Compassion film [HERE](#) - be inspired by 3 powerful stories of resilience and strength, and learn the impact that your support can have on vulnerable communities around the world.

Toefuata'iga - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) is a 13-year-old primary school student from Samoa. Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result.

Toefuata'iga's school community struggled without reliable access to clean water, which impacted students' education and hygiene. Teachers often had to leave the school to fetch water from nearby homes, disrupting lessons and adding strain to the community. When the water ran out at the school, students were sent home which meant they missed out on valuable learning time.

Thanks to the support of Caritas Australia in partnership with Caritas Samoa, Toefuata'iga's school now has a 10,000 L water tank through a Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) program. Teachers and students are now able to focus on education and improved hygiene.

"Now that we have the water tank, things are so much better, we can stay at school all day, and I get to spend more time learning and playing with my friends. I'm happy that we don't have to go home early anymore." – said Toefuata'iga.

This transformative story is just one example of how Caritas Australia's Project Compassion creates waves of change around the world.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY AND MISSION

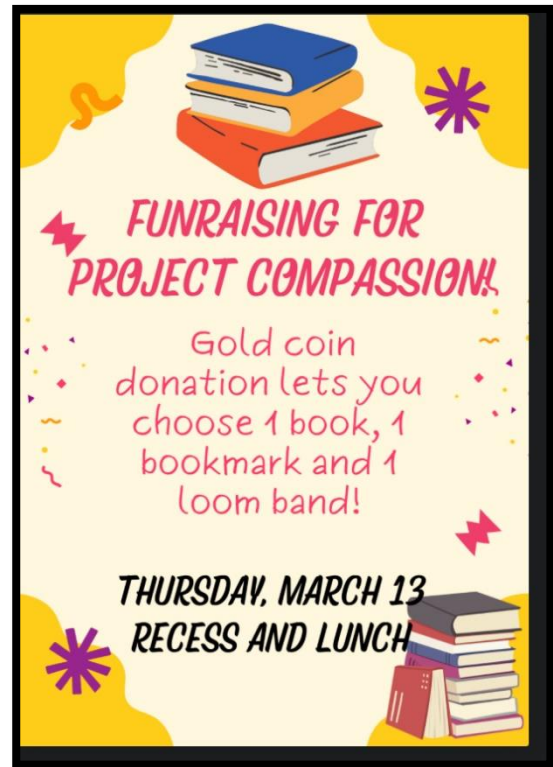
[Watch Toefuata'iga's story here.](#)

Will you stand with students like Toefuata'iga this Lent?

YEAR 4/5 BOOKSTORE FUNDRAISER

Tomorrow, the year 4/5 classes will hold their bookstore. With a **gold donation**, students will choose a book, bookmark **and** loom band. Great value here! These are just some of the books.

Thank you to the year 4/5 families that have donated these books – picture books, novels, cooking books just to name a few.



OUR SCHOOL LOGO



Did you know that our school logo is based on the original school emblem that Sr Fergus designed in 1926 for the borders and day students at St Joseph's School, Port Lincoln?

The emblem was adopted more broadly by the Sisters of Saint Joseph in other schools from then and is still used in some form with many Josephite schools today.

The emblem uses the Latin words to make a unique statement about the school's culture: In omnibus caritas: Love in everything.



The colour scheme was also significant in the design.

Gold: the Divine and human love referred to in the motto.

Blue: symbolic of Mary, the Mother of God and husband of St Joseph.

Brown: symbolises St Joseph. The word Joseph means 'growth'. The lily is often used in the emblems and in images of St Joseph, which represents integrity in life and character.

The three points at the top of the shield may be reference to St Joseph, Jesus at the centre and St John the Baptist.

Rejoicing in Hope,

Mrs Francesca Tully

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

SPORTS DAY RECORD BREAKERS AND SNAPS

Congratulations to students who were Record Breakers at Sports Day.

RECORD BREAKERS

LONG JUMP

Boys – 14 years – Lucas P
Boys – 15 years – Ryder S

SHOT PUT

Girls – 11 years – Amaya R
Girls – 13 years – Nevayah K
Girls – 14 years – Sofia H
Boys – 15 years – Ryder S

HIGH JUMP

Girls – 10 years – Isabella D

JAVELIN

Boys – 10 years – Kye S
Girls – 13 years – Nevayah K
Girls – 14 years – Sofia H

DISCUS

Boys – 10 years – Eamon W
Girls – 10 years – Isabella D
Boys – 12 years – Connor D
Girls – 13 years – Nevayah K
Girls – 14 years – Sofia H
Boys – 15 years – Ryder S



SPORTS DAY RECORD BREAKERS AND SNAPS



TRINITY'S SURF LIFE SAVING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP 2024-2025

Trinity's results saw her beat her personal bests from the previous year and competed in all the Final heats except one where she missed out by one spot, in the semi-final.

Trinity not only won her first Gold Medal for 100m Sprints, she also ranked higher on the leadership board, meaning that next season she goes up divisions but also has higher stakes to maintain.

- Division 2 Board Rescue 7th
- Division 2 Distance Run 1km Soft Sand 10th
- Division 1 Flags 18th
- Division 2 Beach Sprints 100m 1st – Gold Medallist
- Division 2 Surf Boards 6th
- Division 2 Cameron Relay (team event) 8th
- Division 2 Beach Sprints Relay 5th
- Division 2 Board Relay (Team Event) 11th missed out on the Final 10– only made it to the semi

Trinity did not do her Iron Women or her Swim and Surf Team events this year at States, but off-season training for these for U13 will begin soon.

Trinity went from Ranked 71 with 889 points (2023/2024) to Ranked 36 with 3088 points (2024/2025), that is one huge jump in ranking, a lot of dedication and training throughout the off season has definitely paid off.



CONGRATULATIONS EAMON

On Sunday, 2 March, Eamon Webel as part of the Northern Yorke Peninsula Little Athletics Centre (NYPLAC), competed at the Little Athletics Yorke Peninsula Country Championships held in Kadina. Athletes from our home club as well as from Mid North Clare, Adelaide Plains Giants, Port Pirie, Port Augusta and Districts, and Whyalla Little Athletics Centres were invited to attend to compete for medals in their age groups, as well as for the Country Championships Shield which is presented to the Club/Centre with the highest points average.

Eamon competed in the U10's long jump, 60m hurdles, 200m, 400m and 800m races. He ran brilliantly and achieved PB's in the 200m and 400m races. He also achieved the full points score of 40, to be awarded the U10 boys champion gold medal winner. Northern Yorke Peninsula also took home the shield this year so there was double the celebration.

His sister, Shae, also competed in the U7's and achieved a big PB in her 500m race. It was a fantastic day.

Well done to them both.



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



Madeline – Year 6P	14 th March
Miranda – Year 4/5KP	18 th March
Ollie – Year 2/3W	19 th March
Spencer – Reception H	25 th March



NEWSLETTER INSERTS/ ATTACHMENTS

1. Parent Teacher Interview notes
2. School Board Nomination form
3. Catholic Schools Parents letter
4. Kernewek Lowender consent letters (if applicable)
5. Year 7-9 Camp letters (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.



We're coming to town

Give life. Give blood in Kadina
7 April to 10 April




We're popping up in Kadina
Copper Coast Sport and Leisure Centre
1 Doswell Terrace,
Kadina SA 5554

Book your donation now



📞 13 14 95
📍 give blood



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.



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 YETI!

Cash Preferred. Limited EFTPOS available.



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

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)



Blights REAL ESTATE

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PINGO

'Pink Bingo'

Friday 28th March
\$20 per person
Kadina Football and Netball Clubrooms | Doswell Terrace
7:00pm

Dress Code: PINK!

BYO supper
Bar open to purchase drinks

Tickets
Purchase through Eventbrite

<https://blightspingo.eventbrite.com.au>



