



Mini-Newsletter – Week 8

Wednesday, 19th March, 2025

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

HAPPY ST JOSEPH'S DAY

The phrase "In St Joseph's care I leave you" is a legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop, who co-founded the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart and often referenced St. Joseph's humble and hidden life as an example for the sisters.

Today we have celebrated the person of St Joseph and reflected on the qualities he displayed in his life. Thank you to Francesca Tully and Fr Steve Ardill for our Mass and to all students and staff who helped with readings, singing and processions. A special thank you to the Year 6 students for their play about St. Joseph. Our Masses and Liturgies are always a moving experience when we come together as a faith community.



We especially wish all Sisters of St Joseph a very blessed Feast day today and thank them for the ways they have contributed and continue to contribute to our school and all schools that share the Josephite tradition.

THANK YOU

A very big thank you to all staff, students and families for your wonderful efforts last Friday on what was a day with a difference for all of us on the Yorke Peninsula when the power was out. Thanks for your cheerfulness, resilience, patience, creativity on a day when we were challenged to do things differently. It was hot and uncomfortable however staff used their creativity and sense of fun to get through, they supported each other and kept students and colleagues as safe and comfortable as possible. Once again, I witnessed how our staff rise to every occasion with grace and good humour.

Thank you to our amazing parents for your understanding in the difficult time and when communication was so limited.

It certainly reminded us how fortunate we are to have power, lights, devices, air-conditioning at our finger tips, and power network staff who worked in extreme conditions to restore the power for us.

SCHOOL BOARD AGM

Last night we held the School Board AGM. Thank you very much to the parents and staff who gave their time to attend and showed their support for our school. Thank you to staff and parents unable to attend but registered their apologies.

Reports on the 2024 school year were presented by:

Chairperson

Principal

Finance Report

Tristan Graham

Michelle Miller

Liz Reid

- **St Mary MacKillop School**
 - Finance Report 2024 Year
 - Draft budget for 2025

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Catholic Identity & Mission

Outside School Hours Care/Vacation Care

Work, Health & Safety (WHS)

Parents & Friends Committee

Middle School

Leader Of Learning R-9

Francesca Tully

Lisa Cooper

Emily Donnell

Danie Miller

Lisa Caffyn

Annette Morphet

An extensive amount of thought and work goes into all of these reports and I am grateful to Tristan, Liz, Francesca, Lisa Cooper, Emily, Danie, Lisa Caffyn and Annette for writing and presenting them. Thank you for these excellent summaries of all that was achieved in 2024. It's amazing when you look back at what everyone contributed to and achieved together.

A copy of the AGM report booklet (excluding the Finance report) is available upon request from the Front Office. Please let Karen know if you would like a copy.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Following is the composition of our School Board from March 2025:

Tristan Gaham: concluded 2 x 2-year terms; accepted another 2 year term. Tristan accepted the nomination to continue as our Chairperson.

Richard Crosby: concluded 1 x 2-year term; accepted nomination for another 2 years. Richard accepted the nomination to continue as Vice-Chairperson.

Melissa Reid: accepted nomination for 2-year term.

Katie Crawford: continuing 2-year term.

Sarah Clifford: accepted nomination for another 2-year term. Sarah is the P & F rep.

Amie Price: accepted nomination for another 2-year term. Amie is the staff rep and also accepted nomination to continue in the role of Secretary.

Fr Steve Ardill (Parish Priest), Francesca Tully (Religious Education Coordinator) and myself are automatically appointed on the Board.

Thank you to all of the members of our School Board, we are looking forward to another great year.

We would love another 2-3 parent reps to join us on the School Board, if anyone is interested, have a chat to an existing Board member or I am happy to have a chat and let you know what is involved. It is a great experience and you learn so much about our school and contribute to your child's learning environment.

PARENT-CARER-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parents will receive the allocated times for interviews today. Thank you for sending in your replies and to Karen for collating these. We look forward to welcoming you for these important conversations in the last two weeks of this term.

NAPLAN 2025

We had hardly recovered from our excellent Sports Day and it was into NAPLAN! A big thank you to Francesca Tully for all of the behind the scenes preparations that have been going on for the last month: technical readiness and ensuring students are registered, have log-in etc., it is a huge task. Francesca worked out the timetable for the testing and has been running the catch up tests with students as required.

We all contribute to, and have responsibility for, the student learning outcomes as we see in NAPLAN and all of the other forms of testing we do with students. This is all to track student progress and identify areas that we need to revise, re-teach, provide intervention. It gives us insight into our students as learners.

Well done to our Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students on their efforts in the NAPLAN tests. It's nearly over for another year!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

BOY'S CRICKET THURSDAY 20TH MARCH

Good luck to our boy's cricket team, taking part in a Knockout competition against Maitland Lutheran school tomorrow. They will play locally, coached and supported by Marcus Kerin and Paul Northeast:

Trae, Kye, Bentley, Connor, Jack R, Lachlan D, Ryda, Rylee, Tate, Cody, Jack O.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SWIMMING CARNIVAL FRIDAY 21ST MARCH

Good luck to our Dolphins swimming team:

Amaya, Trinity, Eloise, Zara C, Isabelle C, Cody, Miranda, Scarlett, Harriet, Jordy, Ava S.

Thank you to Lisa Hanson and Jody Duif for coaching and preparing the team for Friday and to Lisa Caffyn who will be the bus driver and assist on the day.

P & F FUNDRAISER

The P & F are holding a major fundraiser, an online auction, over Week 9. There are some fantastic prizes, the value of a prize is given and then bids are made with the prize going to the highest bidder at the close of the auction. Please keep an eye out for the auction, you request to be admitted to the auction support this fundraiser for our school. The goal for 2025 is to raise funds to instal shade over the playground equipment on the oval side.

STAGE 2 OF PLAYGROUND

The School Board has approved to finance Stage 2 of the Playground equipment to go ahead, construction will take place over the July school holidays. The next exciting phase of our playground development and fully funded by our school. This has been made possible by our ongoing fundraising!

Blessings for the week ahead.

Ms Michelle Miller

PRINCIPAL

P & F NEWS

Last Wednesday evening we held our P & F AGM, followed by our March meeting. Thank you to everyone who attended or sent apologies.

AGM:

- President: Danielle Miller
- Vice President: Sarah Clifford
- Treasurer: Liz Reid (Emily to present reports)
- P&F rep for school board: Sarah Clifford
- Staff rep: Jody Duif.
- Committee members: Emma Haylock, Emily Donnell, Min Sawyer, Katie Crawford, Taya Dennis, Alicia Wall, Gemma O'Brien, Sam Ford.

- We farewelled Sharne Thomson from the committee. We appreciate Sharne's support and contribution over the last few years.

News from our March General Meeting:

- P&F sponsored **gazebo**s for parents at sports day were a hit! A request for two more has been submitted that the committee will consider.

- The **Pop-Up Picnic** is set to be a lovely relaxed evening with live music and lawn games available. A save the date is published below.
- The **Online Auction** will be launched soon! Bidding will commence on the 24th March and conclude on the 30th March. Thanks, Emily, for coordinating this for the P&F. Please see our Facebook page for details and share the link with your family and friends. Thanks to everyone who has donated items, goods or services towards the auction.



- The online auction is raising money towards a new shade sail for the oval playground. The sail has been quoted at \$30 000 which will provide a 15m x 7.5m sail to help keep the kids shaded while using the oval playground.
- Thanks Dani and Amie from the **Cornucopia Hotal** for a substantial donation to kick off the fundraising for the sail.
- The **P&F Lunches** are in very capable hands thanks to Gemma and are in full swing. A new pie warmer has arrived which will replace the two existing warmers – well overdue!
- The P&F will be selling the maps at the **YP Field Days** for the Greens Plains Trail this year in September – this will raise \$400 to go towards the Shade Sail – A call out for volunteers will be sent closer to the date.
- We will hold a Blue Light Disco and Subway lunches this year.





WALLAROO FOOTBALL CLUB REGISTRATION INFORMATION

<https://www.playhq.com/afl/org/wallaroo/55ab4e41/register>

JUNIOR GRADES

UNDER 9'S - 01.01.2016 - 31.12.2018

UNDER 11'S - 01.01.2014 - 31.12.2015

JUNIOR COLTS - 01.01.2011 - 31.12.2013

SENIOR COLTS - 01.01.2008 - 31.12.2010

SPORT VOUCHERS : Please use your Government Sports Vouchers online when registering the player.

PLEASE NOTE FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES ALL PLAYERS MUST BE REGISTERED PRIOR TO THE FIRST GAME. DUE DATE FOR JUNIOR PLAYERS 20.03.25

Any enquires or you require a payment extension please contact

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YP SOCCER

2025 SEASON STARTING SOON!

SUNDAY 16TH MARCH 10am

REGISTRATIONS/COME & TRY

SUNDAY 23RD MARCH 10am

REGISTRATIONS/COME & TRY

SUNDAY 30th MARCH

SEASON BEGINS

AGES 5 -17

NEW PLAYERS ALWAYS WELCOME!

CNR PORT RD & DRAIN RD KADINA

BBQ WILL BE RUNNING FOR BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

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