



St Mary MacKillop School

NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 27th March 2025 (Term 1, Week 9)

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of SMMS,

THANK YOU

Thank you to our school community for the way we celebrated special days last week: St Patrick, St Joseph, Harmony Day, it was just the lift we needed following Sports day and NAPLAN.

Thank you to Francesca and Fr Steve for our St Joseph's Day Mass celebration; to Emily and Ali who stayed behind to organise the distribution of lunches.

Thank you to classes and Francesca for the display of student art work in the Church, Fr Steve asked for it to be left up and on Saturday evening at Mass there were many lovely comments from parishioners appreciating the brightening up of the Church. One parishioner, a teacher of 51 years, commented very appreciatively on the standard of the art work by the students which is lovely.

Sr Shirley (the last Josephite Sister to have lived in Wallaroo), rang and left a message for us on the day too, wishing us all a very happy St Joseph's day. This is such a special connection with Sr Shirley and our school.

Thank you to all families for your positive support of the NAPLAN testing; thank you to our staff for their organisation, preparation, facilitation, patience and positive support of the students; thank you to staff who supported the students in the testing and to staff who supervised the non-NAPLAN students. Special thanks to Francesca for the overall coordination (a very big job). The blackout and IT challenges we faced affirmed for us the importance of starting NAPLAN testing as soon as it is available in Week 7 and not leaving it until Week 8, we would have been under pressure if we had not completed as much as possible on Wednesday and Thursday Week 7.

UNIFORM

Back to regular class uniform days of formal uniform and sport uniform (no House tops unless notified).

IMPORTANT DATES

TUESDAYS - Mini Macs Playgroup 9am

MARCH

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

Wed 2nd Ice cream fundraiser \$1.00 donation

Thu 3rd Boy's Football Carnival

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

Wed 9th Yr 6 class attending Chrism Mass in Port Pirie

Thu 10th NYP District Athletics Carnival

Fri 11th SUBWAY lunches

Term 1 concludes 3.00pm

Fri 18th Good Friday

Sun 20th Easter Sunday

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

BOY'S CRICKET THURSDAY, 20TH MARCH

Congratulations and thank you to our boy's cricket team, who participated in the Knockout competition against Maitland Lutheran school last week. Despite the rain and lightning at the start of the day (who would have thought!) the game went on. Well done: Trae, Kye, Bentley, Connor, Jack R, Lachlan D, Ryda, Rylee, Tate, Cody, Jack O; Marcus Kerin and Paul Northeast. The team lost by only 20 runs, a very good result. There were fantastic reports of good team spirit and all players giving their best, experienced or not, and wonderful reports of students giving it a go.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SWIMMING CARNIVAL FRIDAY, 21ST MARCH

Congratulations and thank you to our Dolphins swimming team:

Amaya, Trinity, Eloise, Zara C, Isabelle C, Cody, Miranda, Scarlett, Harriet, Jordy, Ava S; staff Lisa Hanson and Jody Duif for coaching and preparing the team for the Carnival and on the day; Lisa Caffyn for driving the bus and supervising/assisting on the day.

The team did very well against tough competition, coming in fourth, with every team member winning a place ribbon. A team of 11 won 29 ribbons! The Year 6s won their Age Championship!

A fantastic day with great reports of behaviour, sportsmanship and team spirit. Well done!

SECONDARY SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to Nevayah who competed in the Secondary School Athletics carnival in Moonta on Tuesday. Nevayah did very well, competing in: javelin, long jump, high jump, shot put and discus. Well done Nevayah. Thank you to Sophia T who supported Nevayah and supporting staff, Carol Burford and Lisa Caffyn.

P & F FUNDRAISER

The P & F Online Auction was launched on Monday. Thank you everyone for your support and bids so far! It's been exciting to watch the progress of our fundraiser.

STAFFING AND SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

Jane Owen has been away and will be for the remainder of Term 1, caring for her husband Mark as he recovers from significant knee surgery and rehabilitation. We wish Mark and Jane all the best for this time and keep them in our prayers and thoughts. Thank you to Ali Ryan (who has generously come back from Leave) for picking up Jane's role and will continue this for the remainder of Term 1.

Our Kadina afternoon bus run has been contracted to Moonta passenger Service, Tim is providing a bus and driver for the afternoons for the remainder of Term 1 and all of Term. Thank you to all families for your patience as we have been settling into a slightly different routine. Thank you very much to Lisa Caffyn who gave up many hours after school over the last eight weeks to drive the Kadina afternoon bus.

REMINDER:

PUPIL FREE DAY – FRIDAY, 28TH MARCH

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

We look forward to meeting with parents and carers over the next two weeks for parent/teacher interviews. We appreciate the time given to come and meet with us to discuss your child/children's progress and learning goals.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Ms Michelle Miller
PRINCIPAL



SUBSIDISED TRANSPORT COSTS FOR SCHOOL BUSES

Catholic Education South Australia continues to work with State Government to enable equitable access to school buses for children attending Catholic schools in regional South Australia.

Families who access a school-managed bus service and who reside more than 5km from their nearest regional Catholic school will receive a subsidy worth 60% of the annual cost of accessing the school bus, thanks to a grant from the government.

Our school will ensure that any family who has students attending this school who qualify for the bus subsidy will receive this discount.

Wherever possible, funding will also be allocated to address issues that may exist for individual families in order to support their children in accessing transport to and from school.

Existing arrangements will continue for any children who currently access government school buses.

We hope that this confirmation of continued subsidy support, together with recent Catholic Education SA commitments to make Catholic schooling more affordable and accessible to all, will be well received.



P & F NEWS

SUBWAY LUNCHES – FRIDAY, 11TH APRIL (WEEK 11)

Envelopes are included with today's newsletter. Orders are to be placed no later the Thursday, 3rd April.



Only a few days left to bid on some fantastic items in our Online Action. See our Facebook page for more details.

PROJECT COMPASSION FUNDRAISER

The Reception and Year 1 classes are holding an Ice cream stall on Wednesday, 2nd April at recess. Please send \$1.00 along with your child. All funds raised will be donated to Project Compassion.



BOYS KNOCKOUT CRICKET

On Thursday, 20th March, the St Mary Mackillop School Cricket team participated in the first round SAPSASA Knockout match against Maitland Lutheran School. The game was held at Wallaroo and threatened to be abandoned early with some morning showers making conditions difficult to play. Mr Northeast and Chris Davey put in a lot of effort to sweep and dry the pitch to make sure a game could be played.

The boys bowled first and did an admirable job in very slippery conditions. Maitland ended up with a total of 99 from their twenty overs. Cody, Jack, Connor and Lachlan all took one wicket each while Trae and Connor were excellent in the field with two runouts. When it was SMMS' turn to bat, the boys applied themselves excellently with a highlight being the top 4 batters surviving the first 10 overs without losing a wicket.

In the end, SMMS fell 20 runs short of the target with Tate B top scoring with 10 not out and Jack R also contributing well with 6 before he had to retire. All players can be proud of the effort and attitude they brought to the game with both coaches commenting on the great spirit both sides played with.



SACPSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Eleven, St Mary MacKillop Dolphins headed to Clare last Friday for the SACPSSA Swimming Carnival.

Each swimmer gave their best showing persistence and courage. Every student obtained a ribbon, with six 1st places, eight 2nd places, seven 3rd places, seven 4th places and one 5th place. The Year 6 girls won the Year 6 Year Level Championship banner.

The most enjoyable parts of the day were seeing the great team and community spirit, the cheers, the happy dances, the hugs, Hi 5s and smiles on everyone's faces.

Thank you to all the parents who came to Clare and supported us today. Thank you to Rachael Haynes and Richard Crosby who assisted with timing and placing. Thank you to Rachael, Darren and Trinity M for your ongoing support of the Dolphin Swimming Team, this year supplying more swimming robes.

Thank you to Miss Caffyn for driving the bus and assisting the team. Mrs Hanson and Mrs Duif for coaching the team and their ongoing encouragement and organisiton.

Thank you everyone for your commitment and team spirit. Until next year, keep swimming Dolphins.

Mrs Lisa Hanson

SWIMMING COACH

Dolphins



**Year 6
Age Champions**

CLEAN UP THE SCHOOL

On Monday, Year 5 student Natalie organised a 'Clean Up the School' event. She had noticed the amount of rubbish in the yard building up the last few weeks and decided that something needed to be done.

Natalie organised rubbish bags and gloves to be used and put the call out to her fellow students to help out her cause. Many students volunteered their own lunch time to clean up the school and make it a better environment for all to enjoy.

Congratulations to Natalie on her initiative and organisation, with a special mention to Year 5 students, Piper and Miranda who assisted.



YP SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Tuesday, Nevayah in Year 7, represented our school at the Yorke Peninsula Secondary Schools Athletics Carnival in Moonta. There were 11 schools competing from across the Yorke Peninsula. Nevayah competed in a number of events including javelin where she placed 2nd, long jump (3rd), high jump (4th) as well as competing in shot put and discus.

Congratulations Nevayah on such great results.

Nevayah: My favourite event was javelin but it was hard because we were throwing into the wind. I made friends with students from other schools and one turned out to be my cousin. At the start of the day I didn't really want to compete but by the end of the day it was really fun and I was glad I went.



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



Noah – Year 2/3W	27 th March
Cameron – Year 2/3N	31 st March
Madison – Year 6P	31 st March
Rylee – Year 6P	3 rd April
Archie – Year 2/3N	5 th April
Scarlett – Year 4/5KP	5 th April
Bryce – Reception H	7 th April



NEWSLETTER INSERTS/ ATTACHMENTS

1. Subway envelopes

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



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give blood



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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WWTFC SCHOOL HOLIDAY COACHING CLINIC



- **EAGLES PLAYERS IN ATTENDANCE**
- **GIVEAWAYS** FREE CLINIC

EVENT DATE:
**WEDNESDAY
16TH APRIL
BALAKLAVA
OVAL** 10am - 12pm
BOYS & GIRLS ages 5-14

Registration: Scan QR Code

2025 WWT School Holiday
Regional Community Clinic Form

