



# St Mary MacKillop School NEWSLETTER

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**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025 (Term 2, Week 9)**

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of SMMS,

## FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Feast Day – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June



The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a special Feast Day for us in our school community. The Feast day will be acknowledged with a special prayer time in the Sacred Heart Centre this Friday morning.

The Sacred Heart is a symbol of God's love,  
particularly the love of Jesus,  
for all of us.

It signifies the depths of compassion, mercy, and  
grace that Jesus shows towards us all, and this is an  
example for us to aspire to.

Our middle school building is named after The Sacred  
Heart of Jesus.

The Catholic Church in Kadina is named The Sacred  
Heart.

Mary MacKillop had a special devotion to the Sacred  
Heart. The full name of the Sisters is: Sisters of St  
Joseph of the Sacred Heart.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**TUESDAYS** - Mini Macs Playgroup 9am

### JUNE

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> P & F meeting 6.30pm

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> – Tue 1<sup>st</sup> July 4/5 Classes Camp

### JULY

Tue 1<sup>st</sup> Mid-year Reception transition visit  
8.45am-12.00pm

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Casual Day – team colours or casual clothes  
Year 1 WP Assembly 9.00am  
Subway lunches  
Semester 1 Reports sent home

Term 2 concludes 3.00pm

Tue 8<sup>th</sup> Pop Up Playgroup 10.00am

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Term 3 commences

### JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS – OSHC CLOSED

**Parish Weekend Mass** – for Mass times, visit:

[coppercoast@ppcatholic.org](mailto: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

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## WELCOME MID-YEAR RECEPTIONS

Our mid-year Reception intake have had two transition visits and have one more to go next Tuesday.

We welcome: Mia Andrews, Carter Pierson, Harvey Baddams, Grace Simpson, Hayden Nelligan and Poppy Taylor and their families.

We have loved having them here and look forward to them joining us next week and in Term 3.

## OUR STAFF

**Lisa Hanson** was on Long Service Leave last week to enjoy some time away in Queensland, then due to unforeseen circumstances was unable to fly home. Lisa has had to travel back home by bus, so it has been a long journey! Lisa has been away this week too and we look forward to welcoming her back next week.

**Chelsi Harris** (Miss Harris) has been appointed to the position of mid-year Reception teacher 0.6 – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Chelsi has started with us already on Mondays and Tuesdays, meeting the mid-year Reception children who will be in her class, their families and our staff.

Welcome Chelsi!

Chelsi and the mid-year Receptions will work closely with Lisa Hanson and our other Reception students, joining together for various lessons, activities and events.

**Georgia Flowers**, one of our most reliable and excellent OSHC workers has moved to Adelaide and therefore is no longer available for OSHC. We may see Georgia for some Vacation Care shifts if she comes back home for a period of time. Georgia will be missed as she developed an excellent rapport with the children while still having strong boundaries and expectations around children's behaviour, she communicates well with parents and is a great worker using initiative. Thank you and best wishes Georgia.

**Sue Wharton** concluded her ESO role with us last week. Sue will be greatly missed. Sue has been instrumental in contributing to setting up and continuing the day-to-day administration of our middle school and working with the middle school students and staff. There have been many highs and lows; challenges and celebrations, and Sue has been steadfast, committed and generous through it all. Sue's extensive experience in working with students with special needs has seen some amazing progress and achievement with students in the Sacred Heart Centre. Sue has always had the learning and wellbeing needs of the students at the heart of all she has done.

Thank you Sue, for your contribution to our school community over 4.5 years and we wish you all the very best for the future.

**Carol Burford** has taken on a change in support role as of this week. Carol will support in the Sacred Heart Centre Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, in addition to her usual Friday.

**Bec Venning** has accepted increasing her work days, so Bec will work Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in the Year 6 classroom.

I am thankful to Carol and Bec for their generosity and openness to the 'new', in taking on these different roles and extra days.

**Jane Owen** has tendered her resignation from her teaching role with us, this will be effective following Long Service Leave in Term 3. We may welcome Jane back in the different capacity as TRT, from Term 4 onwards.

I am not sure where to begin in saying enough about Jane's extensive and excellent contribution to our school community.

Jane has been at Kalori/St Mary MacKillop School for 26 years, commencing in 1999. In this time Jane has held the roles of classroom teacher across primary year levels; Religious Education Coordinator; Literacy Coordinator; Numeracy Coach; Senior Teacher/Leadership Support; Adaptive Education/Intervention; Student Wellbeing; Reading Recovery. As you can see wide and varied experiences and contributions, and I apologise if I have missed some!

There is a history and connection with so many past and present, students, families and staff associated with Jane and this is irreplaceable. Jane's own children attended the school too and this brings another layer of connection and relationships.

Jane's extensive experience in working with students with a wide range of needs has seen some amazing progress and achievement with students, through solid hard work, consistency, organisation, dedication, and strong teaching borne out of experience. Jane has always had the learning and wellbeing needs of the students at the heart of all she has done and has always gone above and beyond to ensure this.

Thank you, Jane, for your contribution to our school community over 26 years and we wish you all the very best for the future.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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**Lisa Caffyn** and her partner have announced some very exciting news, they are expecting a baby in September. Lisa will be taking Leave as of the end of Term 3. We wish Lisa and their baby good health and Lisa and Dylan best wishes for the exciting months ahead.

A replacement Year 7-9 teacher position is being advertised.

**Lucy Norton** will be taking four terms leave, commencing Term 4 this year and all of 2026. Lucy will be travelling and living overseas. We wish Lucy all the best as she prepares for this exciting time.

A replacement Year 2/3 teacher position is being advertised.

**Michael Dennis** has been one of our faithful bus drivers for over six years. Michael has driven our Kadina run, been a relief driver for other runs and helped driving the bus for camps, sporting events and excursions. Michael has volunteered in a parent capacity for many camps and excursions and sporting activities. Michael has also put his cabinet maker trade to good use around the school on various projects for us, fixing, making and installing cupboards and shelving. One of his most famous projects being Shrek's toilet for our Shrek Dance Concert in 2023!

Always ready with a smile and the dad jokes, Michael has been a cheerful presence around our school, and nothing has ever been too much trouble. Thank you, Michael and best wishes, for the future

**Replacement Principal** - We do not have any news yet of the Replacement Principal for Term 3 and 4. We will certainly let the community know as soon as we do.

**Relief Staff:** Our school could not run without our amazing relief teachers and relief ESOs. We are so blessed to have several reliable, skilled relief staff who are able to come in when staff are away and sometimes this is planned and sometimes not so planned and at short notice.

Thank you to our fantastic relief teachers and relief ESO who help us out frequently: Casey Dolan, Nikki Edwards, Judith Barker, Shane Ryan, Amy Sparks and Debbie Heysen (ESO).

They come into our school seamlessly and positively. Thank you!

### REPORTS

Student reports are progressing with final adjustments to formatting and editing; adding in student days late/absent and printing final copies.

Student reports will be sent home with the eldest child on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> July, no reports will be distributed prior to this. If students are away on the day, reports will be posted out or they can collect during the holidays by appointment with me (Michelle) or wait until Term 3 commences.

Thank you to staff for all of their efforts and hard work in writing and producing the Semester 1 reports.

### WEEK 10 UNIFORM

The SRC would like to invite students to wear casual clothes on the last day of term, Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> July. There will be a theme of dress in your Team Colours. As I said to the students, this could be in Hawthorn colours but that did not go down too well! This could be footy, netball, soccer, cheer, golf, House – any team colours at all. This is optional and if preferred students can wear regular casual clothes, abiding by our usual requirements of dressing suitably for the weather, enclosed footwear (no crocs, thongs, slip-on footwear).

### CLASS HOSTED ASSEMBLIES

On Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> July, at 9.00am we will have our first class Assembly for the year, hosted by Year 1 Whitehead/Parker. The class will present various items about their learning across Term 2.

Parents and family members are welcome to attend and support the Year 1 class and stay for a light morning tea following the Assembly.

The next class assembly will be Term 3, Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> August at 9.00am, hosted by Year 2/3 Wehr.

We hope to see you at our Assemblies.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### KISS AND GO ZONE

**A NO PARKING rule applies to the Kiss and Go Zone at drop-off and pick-up times (identified by the signs on the fence at the beginning and end of the zone).**

**You can be within 3 metres of your vehicle but cannot stay for more than 2 minutes in the zone.**

**Please DO NOT park in the Kiss and Go Zone and proceed to walk your child/children into school.**

**This helps ensure that drivers can safely assist passengers when loading bags, helping a child to enter a vehicle.**

Child safety is very important to us. Please drive slowly on the roads near our school. As you know, our school zone is busy with vehicles parked near the school and in adjacent streets and we have traffic coming and going.

When you are crossing the road with children, please use the designated crossing so that you are reinforcing the safety rules with them.

### SCHOOL CROSSING MONITOR TRAINING

School Crossing Monitor training took place last Wednesday with police officer Michael from SAPOL Adelaide. Thanks to students who have volunteered for this role and are already showing commitment and enthusiasm: Piper, Jack O, Jack R, Rylee, Miranda, Amaya, Natalie, Madi, Jhett.

You will notice a few changes to the way we have been instructed to do the school crossing monitoring in the morning and afternoon on Bagot Street.

- When we have three monitors there will be two on the stop signs and one with the whistle and commands.
- When we have two monitors there will be two on the stop signs and the staff member will also have the whistle and make commands.
- When there is one staff member on there will be the whistle and commands only.

The commands are simple and consistent for:

- Raising the stop signs "signs up"
- "Safe to cross"
- Lowering the stop signs "signs down"

We aim to keep the flow of traffic and not stop it too much while still allowing students, parents and carers to cross safely. We are to avoid stopping buses, trucks, police and ambulance vehicles.

Our crossing on Bagot Street will have crossing monitors including students as often as they are available in the morning and the afternoon.





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### WORK EXPERIENCE

Lilly Dunstan (past student), is here for Work Experience this week. Thank you to Year 2/3 Wehr and Year 2/3 Norton for hosting Lilly's placement. It has been lovely to welcome Lilly back. The students have loved having her here and she has fitted back in beautifully in another role. Thank you Lilly.

### SEMESTER 2 SRC

Voting for Semester 2 SRC has commenced this week. R-6 classes will vote for two representatives and we will announce these next week. There will be an induction and presentation of badges at the Term 3 Beginning of Term mass (date to be confirmed).

### 4/5 CAMP

Our two Year 4/5 classes head off to camp next Monday and Tuesday. They will be enjoying the AFL Max camp. They enjoy all sorts of sport and adventure activities and sleep overnight there. Have a great time!

### PLAYGROUND REMOVAL / CONSTRUCTION

Thank you to Emily Donnell who coordinated the removal of the second section of old play equipment on the oval side and is coordinating the installation of the new equipment this July holidays.

Thank you to Hayden Donnell, Nathan Clifford and Lauchlin Duif for spending a big day on Sunday to remove the old equipment. Some students were sad to see their favourite monkey bars gone but hopefully will be happy with the new equipment!



### LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure that all of your child's items – jumpers, hat, lunch box, water bottle – are labelled with their name. We have many items in our lost property that cannot be returned as they are not labelled.

Any items not claimed from Lost Property by the end of the term will be donated to charity.

### REMINDER - OSHC CLOSED

Our OSHC/Vacation Care service will be closed over this coming July school holidays. Families have been given notice of this since the beginning of this term.

There will be continuing plastering work done on the Hall in the holidays and the playground installation, along with the change in leadership, this has been necessary. We will be back to 'normal' for the October holidays for Vacation Care.

### FREEMASONS FUNDING FOR SHADE SAILS

Thank you to Carol Burford, Annette Morphet and Emily Donnell who applied for a grant with Freemasons of South Australia and Northern Territory to be used to purchase and install shade sails over the play equipment on the oval side. We received notification that the application was successful and we will receive a grant of \$29,425.

We are quite blown away that we were successful and very thankful to the Freemasons. There will be a visit from Freemasons representatives to do a handover of 'the cheque'. Very exciting news!

### BREAKFAST BITES – WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

Breakfast Bites takes place quietly every Wednesday morning from 8.20-8.45am. Thank you to Ali Ryan who does the shopping, prepares and sets up, to Lisa Murphy who supervises and packs up and to the students who help out. Two of the most reliable student helpers have been Piper and Victoria. Thank you all for making sure that Breakfast Bites keeps on going.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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### TREAT FROM SR SHIRLEY (SISTER OF ST JOSEPH)

As you know, Sr Shirley keeps in touch with us and thinks of us, prays for us, sends us cards and gifts. This school is special to Sr Shirley as she is a past principal of the school and she lived here in the Wallaroo community before moving to her community in Adelaide.

Sr Shirley sent us some money recently, to be used on a treat for students and staff. Students and staff enjoyed some special chocolates from Sr Shirley to celebrate St Joseph.

Thank you Sr Shirley, so generous and thoughtful. We hope you are keeping well.

### PBIS (Positive Behaviour Intervention Strategies)

Over the last four weeks the Positive Behaviours we have had a whole school focus on, have been:

- Following instructions – respectfully and first time
- Courtesy – using our manners, walking around people who are speaking, holding the door for others, taking turns
- Uniform – wearing our uniform correctly and respectfully
- Eating Time – using our manners, sitting down to eat, rubbish in the bin, give thanks for your food

You can follow these behaviours up with your child/children at home. We are focusing on having the seemingly small everyday behaviours explicit and positively in place.

### DANCE CONCERT PREPARATIONS

Our preparations for the Term 3 dance Concert are very well underway.

Your child's costume note went home a few weeks ago, if you did not receive this, please let your child's class teacher know as soon as possible. We are asking that the costume to be supplied from home, be brought to school by the end of Week 1 Term 3. If you are having any difficulty sourcing any items please let us know.

Parents are welcome to come in on any Wednesday to assist with backdrop painting and prop making. There are some props that can be made at home so if there is anyone who would like to help but not able to come in, just let us know and there would be a little project you could assist with at home.

### SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT – 2024

Each year a report is published on areas of school activity, it is a summary of the previous school year. Our 2024 School Annual Report will be available on our school website, and will be available in hard copy upon request (contact our front office staff), as of tomorrow. The information is also covered at our AGM held in March of each year.

### SACRED HEART CENTRE NEWS

The students and staff are preparing to host a dinner for the staff. Over the last two years, dinners have been held with a French and Italian theme. We are wondering what the theme and cuisine will be for this year.....Mexican, Indian, Thai?

This has become an annual fundraiser organised by our middle school and is always a wonderful treat to see the room decorated, the students in their waiter outfits and the meal does not disappoint.

The dinner will be next week on Wednesday evening. Lucky staff!

Our Year 6 students are going to experience 'a day in the life of a middle school student' next Monday. The Year 6 students will have their lessons for the day in the Sacred Heart Centre with Lisa Caffyn, Josh Champion and Carol Burford. They will experience the facilities and lessons that they can look forward to for Year 7.

The Year 7-9 students will be hosted for the day by Fiona Piscioneri and Michelle Miller – we will make sure they have some fun too!

### ORDINARY TIME – CHURCH YEAR

Following several significant Sundays in the Church Liturgical year, we are now in what is known in the Church as 'Ordinary Time'. Green is the Liturgical colour for Ordinary Time. The priest will wear green garments at Mass and we have green prayer cloths in our prayer spaces.

Colours reflect the special times in our Church year.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### 5 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR ALL WHO ARE IMPACTED BY DROUGHT – 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE – 4<sup>th</sup> JULY

In collaboration with our parish, we will commence a period of time, when in solidarity, we will pray specifically for all who are impacted by drought. This is our farmers and their families, support businesses, sporting clubs etc, the ripple effect is wide.

There has been some rain recently but this is certainly not enough and we need further and continuing soaking rains. Our farmers are still feeling the impact of a couple of years of lack of rain, limited harvest for most last year and some areas still have not had any of the rains at all.

We have many staff members, students and families who are farmers, have family members who are farmers and friends who are farmers.

In discussion with Fr Steve Ardill and representative parishioners, our parish are going to commence a 9-day period of prayer and practical support, on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June. As a school, we will join in with this for Week 10, from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June until Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July. We will launch this at Assembly on Monday afternoon 30<sup>th</sup> June at the 2.40pm Assembly.

A letter will come home with some further explanation and a prayer card. Families will be invited to join in with our school and parish for the '5 Days Of Prayer', praying for soaking rain.

We often feel helpless in these big situations so this is something we feel we can do and do well.

### CONGRATULATIONS LISA HANSON

Over a considerable period of time, Lisa Hanson worked towards a professional recognition within teaching that is known as 'Highly Accomplished and Lead Teacher' (HALT). The HALT classification is nationally recognised across education sectors and is a way of recognising and rewarding teachers who want to grow professionally while still teaching in the classroom.

Nationally certified HALT teachers are highly regarded by their colleagues and should be seen as teachers who achieve great outcomes for their students learning and wellbeing. They support the development of colleagues and are viewed by others as contributing positively and respectfully to the community and to the work of the school and more broadly the sector. They demonstrate the values of the Catholic ethos, maintain high ethical standards and exercise sound judgement in all school and community context.

Lisa has achieved this over many, many years of teaching experience across classroom and specialist areas and Reception through to Year 7, forming strong relationships with families and colleagues, demonstrating excellence in practice, holding various coordinator and leadership roles (eg. literacy coordinator, early years team), mentoring colleagues, facilitating professional learning opportunities for colleagues, and hosting students for professional placements (in teaching, ESO, and work experience studies).

Achieving HALT certification is a rigorous process, over a few years. Lisa has been documenting in great detail, various aspects of her teaching and professional practices, undergone observations and attended workshops. The final steps were two consultants from Catholic Education SA visiting our school, observing Lisa teaching in the classroom and conducting interviews with Lisa and Michelle.

All of the gathered evidence is then submitted to a Board for approval. It was with great celebration that it was announced that Lisa was awarded Highly Accomplished and Lead Teacher status. This is really something to celebrate with Lisa and we really are fortunate to have teachers of this high calibre in our school. There are not many HALT teachers particularly in our country schools.

Being awarded this classification is a much-deserved professional accomplishment and recognition for Lisa.

*Congratulations and well-done Lisa!*



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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### LAST DAY OF TERM 2

The last day of Term 2 for our students will be Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> July, with usual dismissal of 3.00pm. Students are invited to wear casual clothes on the last day of term and we will have our treat of Subway lunches.

### FIRST DAY OF TERM 3

School will commence for Term 3 on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> July.

Blessings for the week ahead,

*Ms Michelle Miller*

PRINCIPAL

## CATHOLIC IDENTITY AND MISSION

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### FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

This Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> June, is the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is one of the most important feast days in the Church's liturgical calendar. It is also significant to the Sisters of St Joseph.

To celebrate this significant feast day, I look forward a Liturgy with the Middle School students and staff.

The Feast Day reminds us how deep God's love is for each one of us. We cannot measure the amount of love God has for us because it is endless and has no boundaries. God loves us deeply and truly.

The name "Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart" is derived from the original emphasis Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph's devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in their spirituality and mission, particularly regarding the indwelling presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

St Mary MacKillop's life and spirituality were deeply connected to the Sacred Heart.

The emphasis "of the Sacred Heart" reflects the profound devotion to the loving Heart of Jesus, which was a foundational aspect of their charism and spiritual lives from the Sisters.

The connection to Joseph honours Saint Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus, and reflects the order's dedication to living in partnership with those who share their charism of friendship, prayer, and service.

### THE SACRED HEART

The celebration of the Sacred Heart is associated with the physical heart of Jesus Christ and the wound it received when Jesus was dying on the cross. The heart is seen to symbolise Jesus Christ's divine love for humanity.

The Feast of the Sacred Heart falls 19 days after Pentecost, on a Friday.

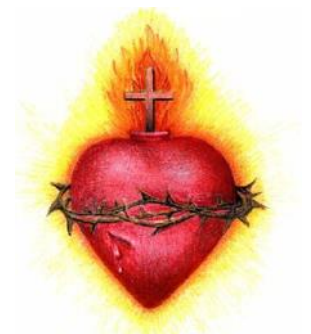
The symbol of the Sacred Heart of Jesus has:

Cross: The crucifixion, the greatest sacrifice of Christ.

Flame: The burning love of Jesus that purifies and transforms.

Crown of thorns: The pain and agony of Jesus on the cross, which he endured to save us.

Wound and blood: His pierced side and the blood shed for our redemption.





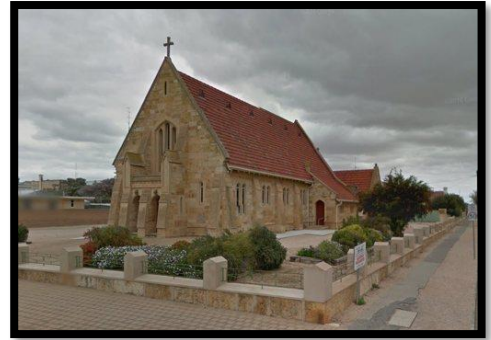
# CATHOLIC IDENTITY AND MISSION

## THE SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SACRED HEART CENTRE

Our Kadina Parish Church is called the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. This church is part of the St Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish of the Copper Coast and the Diocese of Port Pirie.

The present church building was opened on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 1937.

During the building of the Sacred Heart Centre, after a lot of discussion, it was decided that we would honour the legacy of St Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart to name the 7-9 building the Sacred Heart Centre and Joseph as one of our sports teams.



## A Daily Cuppa with Mary and Julian

*May the Sacred Heart of Jesus fill you all with love,  
that you burn and glow with it more and more.*

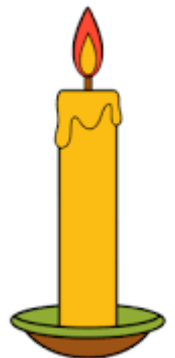
*Father Julian Tenison Woods 1879*

We know that what is offered from the heart has a life of its own. The heart full of love is like a flickering candle, the candle each of us is asked to light in our own situations. The *burn* and *glow* of this candle can be enough to banish doubt and fear. Its light can enable us to walk a loving mile through the darkness with those who are lost or seeking answers. We need to remind ourselves that we may be the only ones who have a candle or the faith to light it.

Saint Francis of Assisi adds:

*All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the life of a single candle.*

Today would be a good time to take your candle down from the shelf, trim its wick, and allow it to burn brightly.



**Arise, shine, for your light has come!** Isaiah 60:1

Rejoice in Hope,

*Mrs Francesca Tully*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

## IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

### Science

Chemical Science continues with lots of hands-on experiments. The Year 7s have been looking at what is a mixture and the different properties of mixtures. They have made emulsions and learnt about suspensions and colloids.

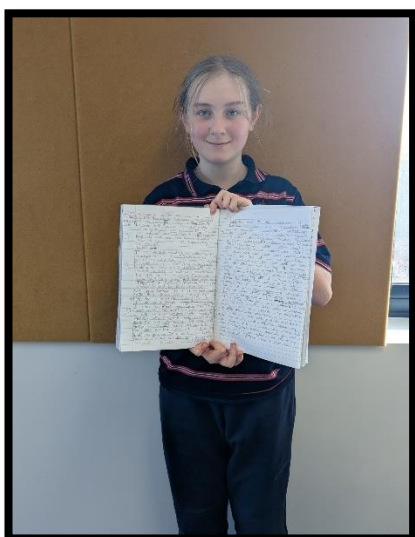
The Year 8s have been exploring the law of conservation of energy and taking part in experiments which demonstrate this principal.

The Year 9s have been making models of elements showing their atomic features and are now delving into radioactive decay and learning about its uses and application.



### Wood Technology

Students have been very focused in the workshop, with a number having completed their wooden boxes. Next step is to design the decorations on the outside.



### English

In Middle School English, students have been diving into a Film Study unit focusing on the beloved story, *Charlotte's Web*. As part of the unit, students have been analysing the film by exploring key elements such as plot structure, character development, themes, and moral lessons. In addition, they have been introduced to film techniques, including camera angles, lighting, music, and dialogue, to better understand how these elements contribute to storytelling on screen. This study has encouraged students to think critically about how films convey meaning, while also reinforcing their skills in comprehension, interpretation, and written reflection. The timeless message of friendship and kindness in *Charlotte's Web* has provided a rich and engaging foundation for these discussions.

### Digital Tech

In Digital Technology, students have been learning about the foundational language of computers—binary code. They've explored how information is represented using only 1s and 0s, and how this system underpins everything from text to images in the digital world. Through hands-on activities and coding challenges, students have begun to decode and even write simple binary messages, gaining a deeper understanding of how computers process and store information.



## IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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### History

Our Middle School students have been delving into some fascinating periods of history this term. Year 7s have been exploring the concept of *Deep Time* in Australian history, learning about the rich and enduring culture of Australia's First Nations peoples and how they have lived on and cared for the land for tens of thousands of years. Year 8s have recently wrapped up their study of the Khmer Empire and are now turning their focus to the *Polynesian expansion across the Pacific*, investigating how these skilled navigators explored, settled, and adapted to new environments. Meanwhile, our Year 9 students are continuing their in-depth study of *World War I*, focusing on key battles and their significant impacts on soldiers, civilians, and the shaping of modern society. It's been an engaging and thought-provoking time in the History classroom!

### Staff Farewell

Last Thursday, our students had a shared lunch to farewell our ESO Sue Wharton. Students enjoyed sitting around, chatting and eating while sharing stories and thanking Sue for her time working with us.



*Miss Lisa Caffyn & Mr Joshua Champion*  
MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS

## SAPSASA NETBALL

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This week, Isabelle and Eloise are competing in the SAPSASA Netball carnival in Adelaide. We hope you've had a great carnival.





## LIBRARY NEWS

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### **BOOK WEEK - TERM 3 WEEK 5**

**18<sup>TH</sup> – 22<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST**

#### **ADVANCE NOTICE**



Book Week is fast approaching and the theme this year is Book an Adventure....

On Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> August, between 9:00 and 9:30am, we will be holding our annual dress up parade where each student will get a chance to display their costume.

There are no limits as to how the students interpret the theme into their costume.....travel, survival, diferent lands, pirates /sea, Wizard of Oz, Narnia, hot air balloon...anything that you can relate to the theme....Let your imaginations inspire you!

There will be other activities organised on the day.....More details to follow....watch this space!!

*Mrs Sharon Steer*

LIBRARY ASSISTANT

## **PREMIER'S BE ACTIVE CHALLENGE**

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Please return your child's Premier's Be Active Challenge sheet if they have completed the challenge. Thank you to the families who have returned their sheets.





## BOYS KNOCKOUT SOCCER

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On Tuesday, the SMMS boys soccer team participated in the first round match of the SAPSASA Statewide Knockout Soccer tournament. They travelled to Kadina to take on Maitland Lutheran. The forecast rained held off throughout the match however the boys faced a howling breeze which made things difficult. The boys were determined and did not complain once about the conditions, showing some excellent defensive skills to hold off their opponent in the first half. The result did not go our way unfortunately, however the boys can be proud of their efforts and sportsmanship throughout the day.

Special thanks to Talia Nadich who volunteered her time to do umpiring duties, Claire from MLS who volunteered as referee, and our staff Marucs Kerin and Kristy Smith.



Back: Connor, Cody, Trae, Kye, Bentley, Jack O  
Front: Aarvin, Jhett, Tate, Lachlan, Jack R, Rylee

## FOOTBALL COACHING CLINIC

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Last Thursday, Will Schultz came back for part 2 of the Football Coaching Clinic for the 2 classes who missed out due to inclement weather.

Will put the students through their paces, learning the skills of footy. The sessions began with a warm up followed by some handball drills, kicking drills and lastly goal scoring games!

Both classes had lots of fun and enjoyed the sessions. A big thank you to Will for coming to our school and sharing his knowledge and passion for the game with the students.



## MINI MACS PLAYGROUP

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.

**PLAYGROUP WILL NOT BE RUNNING ON TUESDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU FOR THE POP-UP NATURE PLAYGROUP ON TUESDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY OR IN TERM 3.**



**POP-UP  
NATURE  
PLAY  
PLAYGROUP**

*Nature based, sensory, messy and loose parts play for children birth - 5 years  
Shared fruit provided*

- Tuesday 8th July
- 10.00am - 12 noon
- \$5 first child, \$2 additional siblings
- 0-6 months Free
- St Mary MacKillop School  
10 Bagot Street, Wallaroo SA
- Dress for all-weather outside activities
- Bring your hats, sunscreen, change of clothes
- Older siblings welcome
- All children under supervision of parents/ caregivers

**REGISTER NOW**

Tickets at [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au)

**SPICE** Supported Playgroups in Catholic Education



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Trae – Year 6P	26 <sup>th</sup> June
Nate – Year 2/3N	28 <sup>th</sup> June
Cody – Year 4/5KP	29 <sup>th</sup> June
Edhen – ReceptionH	30 <sup>th</sup> June
Artie – Year 2/3N	6 <sup>th</sup> July
Olive – Year 4/5B	6 <sup>th</sup> July
Knox – ReceptionH	10 <sup>th</sup> July
Caleb – ReceptionH	16 <sup>th</sup> July
Harley – Year 2/3N	19 <sup>th</sup> July
Jack – Year 6P	19 <sup>th</sup> July
Liam – Year 4/5B	19 <sup>th</sup> July



### NEWSLETTER INSERTS/ ATTACHMENTS

1. Nil

*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.



**SCHOOL HOLIDAY  
ACTIVITY  
PROGRAM**

**MOONTA LIBRARY  
1-3PM**

- 3d Optical illusion drawing Tue 8<sup>th</sup> July
- Giant Games" (giant Draughts, Jenga, Dominoes and Connect 4) Tue 15<sup>th</sup> July

**KADINA LIBRARY  
1-3PM**

- Felt bag tags Wed 9<sup>th</sup> July
- Scratch art Thu 10<sup>th</sup> July
- Picture frames Wed 16<sup>th</sup> July
- Sand art Thu 17<sup>th</sup> July

**WALLAROO LIBRARY**  
Craft packs for collection during opening hours

**Bookings aren't required walk-ins welcome! Events are FREE!**

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TIMETABLE

All sessions \$8 per child

MONDAY 07/07	TUESDAY 08/07	WEDNESDAY 09/07	THURSDAY 10/07	FRIDAY 11/07
KINDERFUN 10.30-11.30 AGES 0-5 YEARS	SWIM AND PLAY 10.30-11.30 UNDER 5'S  SWIM AND PLAY 11.30-12.30 OVER 5'S	SWIM AND PLAY 12.00-1.00PM ALL AGES	LITTLE MOVERS 10-10.30AM UNDER 5'S  KIDS BOOTCAMP 11.00AM-12.00PM AGES 5-12 YEARS	SWIM AND PLAY 2.15-3.00PM ALL AGES
<p><b>*Swim and Play- ALL children under 5 must have an adult within arm's reach at ALL times.</b></p> <p><b>Bookings are essential for swim and play sessions, and recommended for other sessions. Call 88213106 to book.</b></p>				
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### Wallaroo Scouts

4 John Street, Wallaroo

For more information, please contact  
Sarina 0400 212 673  
1800 726 887  
<https://sa.scouts.com.au/>

#### JOEY Scouts

Ages 5 - 8  
WEDNESDAY 5.30 - 6.30

#### CUB Scouts

Ages 8 - 11  
TUESDAY 6.00 - 7.30

#### COME AND TRY

3 free trial visits  
Parents are welcome

#### Sports vouchers accepted

\$180 p/year  
\$35 p/term  
\*Subject to change



# We're coming to town

Give life. Give blood in Kadina  
21 July to 24 July



We're Popping up in Kadina  
**Kadina Pop-up Donor Centre**  
Copper Coast Sport and Leisure Centre,  
1 Doswell Terrace,  
Kadina SA 5554

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