

Newsletter

Mary MacKillop Memorial School

Term 2 Week 8

Friday, 23rd June 2023

Reception to Year 6 Co-Educational Catholic Primary School

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UPCOMING DATES

- June -

- 24 Birth of St John the Baptist
- 26 Early Learning (8:45am)
SAPSASA Netball
- 30 Playgroup (9:30am)
Winter Warmers Day
Year R/1 Assembly (2:30pm)

- July -

- 3 Early Learning (8:45am)
Reports to go home
NAIDOC Week
- 7 Playgroup
Last Day of Term 2
- 25 First Day of Term 3
- 28 Playgroup
Grandparents and Special Friends Day

- 31 Occasional Care (8:45am)
Aboriginal Artists in schools
- August -

- 01 Year R/1 100 Days of School
- 03 SAPSASA Basketball (Millicent)
- 04 Playgroup (9:30am)
- 07 Occasional Care (8:45am)
- 08 Feast Day St Mary of the Cross
MacKillop (9:15am)
2024 Tenison Woods College
Year 7 - 12 Pathways Expo and
Subject Selection Information
Night
- 09 YELP Forum
- 10 Aboriginal artists in schools

Class News

Year 2/3

This term we have been writing narratives. We have been focusing on showing our readers what we mean instead of telling them. Some examples include:

- The water was crashing against the rocks. My toes touch the shells on the sand. The dolphins are jumping out of the water. The waves are big. Where am I? - Paige
- The sun was going down, the sand was getting colder and colder. Where am I? - Henry
- There is a lot of trees and the leaves are blowing. The bears and bees are looking for food. The wind is blowing through my hair. Where am I? - Rylee
- It was hot and sandy, there was no rain or trees. There are snakes and lizards around me. Where am I? - Harry

Can you guess any of the places?

For HASS we researched what Indigenous communities can include. We designed our own and are in the process of creating them. We will then present these to the class.



**RAISING HEARTS
AND MINDS**

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From the principal

Dear Friends and Families of Mary MacKillop Memorial School,

This week we are celebrating all things Numeracy! We started the week by welcoming World of Maths where students embarked on an immersive journey of hands-on maths experiences, empowering all to think critically, collaborate, and conquer many different problems. The students got to challenge their analytical thinking, problem solving and teamwork skills while exploring the amazing world of maths. We continued the focus on numeracy with Board Games in the library at lunch, starting a Coding Club, playing number Bingo and finishing off the week with a shape scavenger hunt! What a wonderful focus on our love of maths and how it is utilised in our world. The way we are.... #wecare

Each individual's dignity and wellbeing is important at Mary MacKillop Memorial School, where we care. Respecting the desire and possibility for connection rather than disconnection in relationships is paramount. We do this through growth coaching conversations that strengthen the connections between relationships and learning. The principle of resilient impact assists us to respect relationships and encourage personal accountability without 'shame and blame; When the actions of a student or a group of students causes harm and upset, those involved in the particular problem are called to a process called a coaching conversation, where we focus on What's happened? What's important?, and How will we act? This conversation draws out people's stories surrounding the incident. Students are given a voice and asked to accept responsibility for their actions, make things right and make agreements about how things will be in the future. This practice is our culture and encompasses our Catholic ethos and Mission, Vision and Values statements.

Pulse Check-In

Over the past two weeks our students have had the opportunity to take part in an online survey which is designed to provide feedback to their class teacher and leadership as to how their wellbeing is tracking. We have been implementing this process over the past 3 years at the mid point of each term, therefore collecting quite a lot of data. This is just one of the many indicators/measures of keeping our students "well". If you have any concerns regarding your child's wellbeing, please contact your child's class teacher, Dale Domelo (School Counsellor) or myself.

Uniform

A fortnight ago I sent out information regarding our uniform expectations. Thank you to everyone for your diligence in ensuring that your children are wearing correct uniform and making the appropriate changes to accessories and other aspects detailed in the information provided. I appreciate the challenge that some of these requirements may bring, but in the end the purpose is to support children's learning and wellbeing at school, and the uniform expectations facilitate this.

Wishing all a wonderful weekend,
God Bless,



Nicole



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Community News

Mission Statement

Spirited by our Founders, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods, our community is a place of welcome, inclusion and kindness as we live out the Josephite Motto, *In All Things Love*

Vision Statement

Children, educators, families and the parish work in partnership to advance each individual's love of life and to experience learning through curiosity, discernment and endeavour and support them as they, *Learn to Flourish*.

"Find happiness in making others happy" (St Mary of the Cross MacKillop)

House Points

Cameron	204
McCormack	177
Woods MacKillop	169

Absentees

A reminder that if your child is absent from school, for any reason, it is important that this is communicated with the school. The Catholic Education system has advised all schools to follow up on unresolved absences with families. Your support and communication in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Text Absentee Number

When texting the Absentee Line to explain your child's absence from school please make sure you put both their name **and reason** so it can be recorded properly.

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Birthdays

We wish a Happy Birthday to Elizabeth (27th), Paige (27th).

We hope you have a wonderful day.

Flourishing Awards

Congratulations to Grace, Henna, Tait, Laura, Harry, Charlie, Vinnie, Elsie, Finn, Kenzo, Harley, Lilly, Paige, Jax, Jett, James who received Flourishing awards in the last two weeks.



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National Consistent Collection of Data

Every year all schools are required to collect data on students with a disability for whom the curriculum is adjusted in some way(s). The National Consistent Collection of Data on school students with disability reinforces the obligations schools have under the Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005. It counts the number of students who are supported under these obligations based on the professional judgement of teacher and their knowledge and understanding of their students', consultation with leadership and outside agencies and professionals. This also includes students with a Personalised Plan for Learning and individualised Education Plan. This is an anonymous process, and no student is identified by name or location of school. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me. More information can be found at the NCCD website.

Premier's reading Challenge at Mary MacKillop Memorial School

The Premier's Reading Challenge is runs from March until the beginning of September and is designed to encourage students to read a variety of books to deepen their love of reading. What do we need to do? Your child will have a PRC form to complete – they need to read 12 books between now and September 8! How do we know what books to read? You can use the handy PRC stickers to identify suitable books. This year students can also complete the 20th Anniversary Challenge! Students read 20 books instead of the usual 12 to receive a 20th Anniversary Certificate, as well as their usual PRC Award. This is an optional, voluntary challenge. If you have any questions pop into the library and ask Mrs E or check out the website

<https://premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/>

Bus Reminders

Families of bus students please note the following important points.

- If your family will be away for an extended period during term time and your child(ren) will not be travelling on their normal bus route, please make sure you notify the bus driver of the dates your child will be absent so the bus is not waiting at your stop unnecessarily.
- Also, as a courtesy, please keep your bus driver informed if your child(ren) will be not be travelling on the bus on the afternoon run if they are attending after school commitments or the morning run if they are absent due to illness etc.
- Parents are reminded to please be at your stop at least 5 minutes before your allocated pick up time in the morning so that buses are not kept waiting and the timetable can run to time. Drivers are not obliged to wait for students in the morning if they are not at their stop at their designated time.

Mid-Year Intake 2023

If your child turns 5 on or before the 31st October, they are able to start mid-year. If you are interested in your child starting mid-year, please contact the school as soon as possible. All Reception mid-year intakes are fee free.

New Enrolments for 2024

As planning begins for 2024 I strongly encourage all families considering Mary MacKillop Memorial School for their child's education in 2024 to contact the school today! You are able to book a tour with either the Principal, Nicole Coote or with our school captains, Sophie and Sidney.

For families already at MMMS, if you have a little one starting in 2024 Reception, please complete your enrolment form and return to school.



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Playgroup

Playgroup is held every Friday morning from 9.30 – 11. We have a new playgroup coordinator, Kathy Dempsey who is looking forward to meeting our families and any new families who would like to come along. All you need is yourself, your children and a gold coin donation. Come and enjoy the inviting learning environment where experiences are set up for you to engage in with your child.



Early Learning at MMMS

Early Learning takes place on a Monday with the option of a half or full day. Ashlee Fensom, a qualified educator in early years, plans new and exciting experiences from the Early Years Framework for all children aged 3 – 5.

A full day begins at 8.45 with pick up at 3pm and only costs \$25. Half day is \$15, with pick up or drop off at 11.45 – 12 noon. Children need to bring a water bottle, morning and afternoon snack, lunch and a hat.

Call the school today to secure your child's spot next week.



Sport Basketball Sessions

Recently all classes have enjoyed fine tuning their basketball skills with Scott Ryan from the Millicent and District Basketball Association. There has been much fun and excitement as students have passed, dribbled, shot and defended all across the basketball court.

SAPSASA Soccer

Congratulations to Annabelle, Juliet, Ellie, Sophie, Kira and Chloe who have all been selected in the girls SAPSASA Soccer team, which will compete in Adelaide next term.

SAPSASA Cross Country

Congratulations to Alex, Finn and Ben who all did an amazing job at the recent SAPSASA Cross Country event at Oakbank.

SAPSASA Hockey

We wish Chole all the best. She will be competing in SAPSASA Hockey in Adelaide this week.

SAPSASA Netball

We wish Sophie, Ellie and Lilly all the best for next week competing in Adelaide for netball.

Catholic Identity

Catholic Identity Special Visitors

Last week we welcomed 15 Catholic Secondary and Primary school Principals from around Australia and New Zealand. They were on a special pilgrimage retreat and Penola was one of the places that they were drawn to because of our rich history. While in Penola they visited the Interpretative Centre and prayed in St Joseph Church. Sidney and Sophie gave them a fantastic tour of our school and our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden students made our visitors lunch – yummy soup, bread rolls, pinwheels, sausage rolls and slices. The Year 6 students helped to set up and pack up and serve food to our visitors. It truly was a wonderful exhibition of the value of hospitality!

Feast of the Sacred Heart

Last Friday, 24th June, was the Feast of the Sacred Heart. On this day we devote our thoughts and prayers to the heart of Jesus, which is viewed as the symbol of 'God's boundless and passionate love for humankind.' At Mary MacKillop Memorial School our boundless love for all humankind is displayed in our actions and words, centred on St Mary of the Cross MacKillop's quote which we are inspired by in 2023 "Find happiness in making others happy."

First Holy Communion

This Sunday, 25th June the sacramental group will be celebrating their first Holy Communion. This is the final step for this group as they receive the body of Christ. We pray for this special group of young people that they will know and feel the love of Jesus through the Eucharist.

Altar Serving

Recently some of our children have been attending altar serving training. We thank these students for their commitment and ministry to the Church and look forward to them serving at Whole School and Class Masses in the future.

St Vinnies Winter Appeal – Winter Warmers Day

To support Vinnies Winter Appeal we will dress up in our winter gear, pyjamas and oodles on the 30th June. Milo and biscuits will be served in the hall to each class. If we can continue our winter appeal by donating basic non-perishable food to our collection and a gold coin donation this will assist those in need this winter.

Liturgies and Masses

TERM 2

WEEK 9 Tuesday 27th June

Year 2/3 Class Mass @9.15am

Reception/Year 1 liturgy @ 10.30am

Friday 30th June

Year 4, 5, 6 Class Mass @ 9.15am



photo gallery

World of Maths

