

Newsletter

Mary MacKillop Memorial School

Term 2 Week 10

Friday, 7th July 2023

Reception to Year 6 Co-Educational Catholic Primary School

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UPCOMING DATES

- July -

- 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 at Tenison
- 09 YELP Forum
- 11 Playgroup
SAPSASA Basketball
- 14 Occasional Care
National Science Week Learning Conversations
- 15 Feast of the Assumption
Whole School Mass (9:15am)

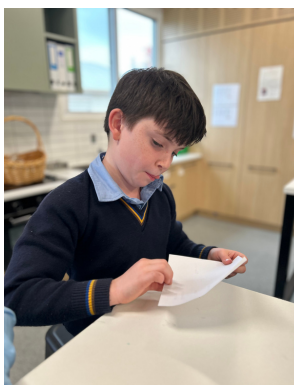
Class News

Arts/Science

We have had a very busy term in Science and the Arts! Across the school in Science, we have explored the Chemical Sciences, with students investigating materials, their properties, and states of matter.

In Visual/Media Arts we have created lots of different artworks, with the R/1 class exploring the elements of art, the 2/3 class working on weaving and the 4-6 finishing off their unit on printmaking.

In Performing Arts, we have been very focused on preparing for our whole school musical next term, we hope to see you all there!



**RAISING HEARTS
AND MINDS**

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From the principal

Dear Friends and Families of Mary MacKillop Memorial School,

What a wonderful term of learning has taken place! I am consistently proud of the enthusiasm that all students at Mary MacKillop Memorial School have for learning. It is a thirst that runs deep!

Reports

All families should have received their child's report. As previously communicated, students reports now have a different look to them. If you have any questions regarding your child's report, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Staffing Term Three

We wish Janice all the best as she takes long service leave from the beginning of Term Three until the end of Week 6. We look forward to hearing all about Janice's adventures on her return.

Rachel will capably step into the administration and finance role in Janice's absence. We also congratulate Jack, Ebonie and Kathy on their continuing roles as Educational Support Officers until the end of the year.

We welcome Alison back from long service leave at the beginning of Term Three and look forward to hearing about her time away. We thank Amy for taking on Ali's teaching responsibilities in the Year 4/5 class and thank you to Sasha for taking on the 5/6 class on Wednesdays. Both Amy and Sasha have focussed on continuation of learning for all students with professionalism and dedication.

Preservice teachers

We are very excited to welcome two preservice teachers who will be spending the majority of Term Three teaching at Mary MacKillop Memorial School. Alana and Brianna are both 4th Year students from Adelaide studying with the University of South Australia. Brianna will be working in the Year 2/3 class and Alana with the Year 5/6s. If you happen to see them around the school or out in the community, please introduce yourself! Both students received the Catholic Education South Australia scholarships to be able to do their last placement within Catholic country schools!

Peter Pan – The Musical

The musical is really starting to take shape with students practicing 'blocking' – how you come on and off of the stage! Lines are being learnt, songs are being sung and costumes are being organised! Lock in the following dates:

Tuesday 19 September (matinee and evening shows)

Wednesday 20 September (matinee and evening shows)

It is going to be epic!

Professional Learning Day

The first day back next term, Monday 24 July is a Professional Learning day for staff and therefore is a student free day. Staff will continue their learning and engagement with the LEAP levels, finetuning their craft with the explicit teaching of writing.

We will welcome all students back on Tuesday 25 July.

Attached with the newsletter today is our Term 3 Calendar. I remind families that this calendar is correct at the time of printing. If there are any updates to the calendar you will be notified via the Newsletter or Schoolstream app.

As the term draws to a close, I would like to acknowledge the hard-working students at Mary MacKillop Memorial School, who are always seeking to be the best version of themselves each and every day.

I would like to thank the amazing staff for their continued support to all students and for providing rigorous learning experiences, and assisting each individual to be able to flourish.

And thank you to all families for your support of our beautiful school!

In this first half of the year we have certainly enacted Mary MacKillop's words; 'Find happiness in making others happy.' I wish all families a relaxing and rejuvenating holiday period. I look forward to seeing everyone at the beginning of Term Three, ready to revisit and set new learning and personal goals for the second semester.

Take care and 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	232
McCormack	193
Woods MacKillop	188

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.

0459 799 596

Birthdays

We wish a Happy Birthday to James Preston-Hill (8th), Harry Davidson (12th), Harry Gosse (14th), Jett (15th), Alfie (16th), Henna (19th), Abby (25th), Lilly(1st), Juliet (1st), Max Mulligan (2nd), Vinnie (4th) . We hope you all have a wonderful day.

Flourishing Awards

Congratulations to Belle, Lilith, Ellie, Winnie, Will, Max, Abby and Jax who received Flourishing awards in the last week.



Community News

Lions Mad Minute Regional Championships

It was a cold and foggy morning on the 28th of June. The three boys, Ben, Louis, Josh and I were eagerly waiting in class to head off to something very special, the Lions Mad Minute! We drove an hour to Lucindale Town Hall where the competition was held. When we got there it was already 10 o'clock, just in time for some food! We then found our seats and a man called Rory McEwan explained the rules and then we started! The first person that went was from Rendlesham Primary School. More students went up to speak and everyone was doing an amazing job. The boys got more and more nervous and finally, after 11 schools, it was our turn. Ben went first. He pulled out of the super challenge bucket, and he got: boxing is the best sport. His speech was so funny. He was amazing and he even used his hands! Then it was Josh's turn next. He also pulled out of the super challenge bucket and he got: we should have a birthday party every year and he did extremely well. He was loud and his voice was clear. Last it was Louis's turn. He pulled out of the super challenge bucket as well and he got: my favorite clothes. He said he liked to wear jeans and a simple top. He also did great. Then 3 more schools went and then it was time for the awards! We were all nervous as they read them out. We knew we did great, but we didn't know how great. Finally, they said "in third place from Naracoorte south primary... ALEXIS FLINT!" The boys got nervous. "In second place from Naracoorte Primary... MATILDA DOOLAN!" Oh no, will one of the boys win, or will we come back without a trophy? "...and in first place...From Mary Mackillop memorial School in Penola ... Ben Baxter!" Ben's jaw dropped and we were all so excited for him.

Next up was the overall winner for Division 2 (which are were in). We knew that were a good chance of winning because all three of our boys did an amazing job. But, it was still a surprise when they called out "the winner of division 2 is Mary Mackillop Memorial School!" Our boys jumped up with joy.

It was a great honor to be a part of this experience and watching Ben, Louis and Josh do such an amazing job was inspiring. Hopefully I will be back next year as a competitor to help defend our title.

- Camilla



Community News

NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week holds immense significance in schools as it provides a valuable opportunity for students to learn about and appreciate the rich history, culture, and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. In classes this week children learned about NAIDOC week and how we can foster more inclusivity. We created this heart with the Aboriginal flag and everyone's handprints.

International Mud Day

We celebrated International Mud Day this week. This aims to connect children around the globe through the earth, by playing in the mud! International Mud Day is children celebrating nature, outdoors, and mess by getting really muddy.



FOOTBALL IN SCHOOLS

FOOTBALL SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Fun, friendly and safe

Football in Schools is a fun, welcoming, primary school program for kids keen to have a go at football. Held before or after school, Football in Schools runs once a week for eight weeks, with sessions of 60 minutes. The program is run by a qualified coach who creates a positive environment for kids to develop their skills through fun football activities. To find a school running a program, visit <https://www.footballs.com.au/footballinschools>. Apply code 'SVoucher23' to use your government Sports Voucher for this program. For any enquiries, contact christian.fleetwood@footballs.com.au



Community News

Youth Group

On the 22nd of June 15 children joined in for our first St Joseph's Youth group session. It was a fantastic evening with some games, catechism and crafts. We were even treated to some delicious pizza scrolls for snack time. A huge thank you to Bec Baxter for making the snacks and leading us in the catechism and Liz Rymill for supporting on the evening.

Our next session will be on Friday the 28th of July. All school aged children from years 2-6 are welcome to attend. Please see the flyer for more information.



ST JOSEPH'S PENOLA YOUTH GROUP

SMALL SNACK
PROVIDED

\$2

Please join us for an evening of catechism, craft and fun

Mary MacKillop Memorial School Hall

Friday 28th July from 6:00-7:30pm

Open to all children from Year's 2-6



Please RSVP by Wednesday 26th July to Sam Baxter on 0402915911 or sbaxter@mmms.catholic.edu.au

Please bring \$2 to cover snacks and craft materials

Sport Soccer Representation

Earlier this term Chloe, Annabelle and Ben were selected to represent the Limestone Coast in the soccer State Championships in Adelaide. We congratulate all three on their commitment and hard work that led to their selection. Well done.



SAPSASA Soccer

Congratulations to Sidney, Ben, Tait, Josh, Kira, Ellie, Sophie, Chloe, Juliet and Annabelle who made it into SAPSASA soccer. They will be heading up to Adelaide in Week 4, Term Three, we wish them the best of luck.

SAPSASA Hockey

Congratulations to Chloe, for representing MMMS in Hockey in Week 8. Well done on a great achievement.

Basketball Round Robin

The Year 3 – 6 students from Mary MacKillop Memorial School participated in a round robin basketball day in Millicent, facing off against neighbouring schools. Their display of sportsmanship and mutual encouragement brought pride to our school. With the guidance of Scott Ryan's coaching sessions throughout the term, each student demonstrated significant improvement in their basketball skills.



Catholic Identity

Ordinary Time

No doubt you would all have noticed the change in prayer cloths around our classrooms and in the Church over the past several weeks. The changing of colours signifies a change in Church seasons, in this case a change to ordinary time. This title 'ordinary time' can conjure up thoughts of not being special or a 'boring time' in the Church. Ordinary time, however, is far from, well, ordinary.

Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word ordinalis, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word ordo, from which we get the English word order.

Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ.

Ordinary Time refers to all of those parts of the Catholic Church's liturgical year that aren't included in the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and

Easter. Ordinary Time thus encompasses two different periods in the Church's calendar, since the Christmas season immediately follows Advent, and the Easter season immediately follows Lent.

Condolences

Our deepest condolences to Jen and Romi on the passing of their loved Mum and Gran. We pray that you find comfort in God's loving arms at this very difficult time.

NAIDOC Week

National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth.

God of all wonder, We pause in the busyness of our days to listen deeply to the wisdom of this land and those who belong to it. May our minds be open to dialogue, May our hearts be open to transformation and May our hands do the work of reconciliation. We ask that the Spirit accompany us on our journey of healing on these lands, seas and waterways; We also ask the Spirit of peace be with all those who are living a life of fear, dispossession and distress. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus our brother and friend.
Amen.

As a school we acknowledged this week by creating a heart filled with our handprint outs. Each class contributed and learnt more about the First Nation people.

Catholic Identity

Can Collection

As we wrap up our Vinnies Winter Appeal, thank you to all who contributed to make a difference to those in need. As a school and parish we collected 213 non-perishable food items for donation and raised \$153.40 funds.



Winter Warmers Day

What a wonderful day it was last Friday! As we found comfort in our warm clothes, including oodles, pjs and ugg boots, and enjoyed a warm milo and biscuit we were reminded of those who are doing it tough this winter and are less fortunate than us.

The cans and money donated on this day and throughout our appeal will make a difference to those who are struggling this winter.



Liturgies and Masses

TERM 2

WEEK 3: Tuesday 8 August

Whole School Mass: St Mary of the Cross
MacKillop Feast Day

WEEK 4: Tuesday 15 August

Whole School Mass: Feast of the
Assumption

WEEK 6: Friday 1 September

2/3 Class Mass

R/1 Liturgy

WEEK 7: Tuesday 5 September

5/6 Class Mass

WEEK 10: Tuesday 26 September

4/5 Class Mass

First Holy Communion

What a beautiful celebration we had for our 21 students who received Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday 25 June. We thank each family for supporting your child or children in this special time in their lives and pray that a continued journey of faith nourishment is received.





photo gallery

Winter Warmers Day



TERM THREE PARENT CALENDAR 2023

WEEK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	Jul 24 Staff Professional Learning Day STUDENT FREE	25 First Day Term 3	26	27	28 Playgroup Grandparents and Special Friends Day	29	30 9am Mass St Joseph's
2	31 Early Learning ABORIGINAL ARTISTS IN SCHOOLS	Aug 1 R/1 100 Days of School Class Party	2	3 District Basketball Day (Millicent)	4 Playgroup 2/3 Assembly	5 4.30pm Mass St Joseph's	6
3	7 Early Learning Finance Meeting	8 Feast Day St Mary of the cross MacKillop (whole school Mass)	9 YELP Forum	10	11 Playgroup SAPSASA Basketball (Mount Gambler)	12	13 9am Mass St Joseph's
4	14 Early Learning	15 Feast of the Assumption (whole school Mass)	16 School Board Meeting 6pm	17	18 Playgroup 5/6 Assembly	19 4.30pm Mass St Joseph's	20
SAPSASA SOCCER							
NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK							
LEARNING CONVERSATIONS - REQUESTED							
5	21 Early Learning BOOK FAIR SCHOOL TOURS	22 TWC 2024 Year 7 Subject Finalisation 4.30pm-5.30pm	23 Dress Up Day Book Week Parade	24	25 Playgroup SAPSASA Regional Golf Day (Naracoorte) SCHOOL TOURS 4/5 Assembly	26	27 9am Mass St Joseph's
BOOK WEEK – read grow inspire							
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN WEEK							
6	28 Early Learning	29	30	31	Sep 1 Playgroup Father's Day/Special Person Breakfast 2/3 Class Mass R/1 Liturgy MMMS QUIZ NIGHT	2 4.30pm Mass St Joseph's	3 Father's Day
7	4 Early Learning	5 5/6 Class Mass Footy Colours Day	6	7	8 Staff Retreat Day STUDENT FREE	9	10 9am Mass St Joseph's
SAPSASA STATE GOLF (ADEL)							
8	11 Early Learning ReLAT School Photos	12 Finance Meeting	13	14 RUOK Day	15 Playgroup R/1 Assembly	16 4.30pm Mass St Joseph's	17
9	18 WHOLE SCHOOL MUSICAL WEEK Early Learning SAPSASA Athletics (Adelaide)	19 PPC Meeting	20	21	22 Playgroup R/1 BIG DAY OUT tbc	23	24 9am Mass St Joseph's
10	25 Early Learning	26 4/5 Class Mass House Team Week Woods-MacKillop Day	27 McCormack Day School Board Meeting 6pm	28 Cameron Day	29 Last Day Term 3 Playgroup	30 4.30pm Mass St Joseph's	Oct 1



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FREE

Some events have limited places so be quick!

4 Fantastic EVENTS FOR YOUNG CARERS

in Mt Gambier

1

Mon 10th July 6pm
(18-25 year olds)
Dinner at Mac's Hotel



2

Wed 12th July 10.30am – 1.30pm
(9-12 year olds) Basketball Workshop with
KT Hoops and Flip Out. Lunch included.



3

Mon 17th July 10.30am – 1.30pm
(5-8 year olds) Basketball Workshop with
KT Hoops and Flip Out. Lunch included.



4

Wed 19th July 10.30am – 1.30pm
(13-17 year olds) Basketball Workshop with
KT Hoops and Flip Out. Lunch included.



To RSVP or if you have any questions
call Sam on 0491 066 939 or Email
samantha.benton@carerssa.com.au



Carers SA
Australia



FOOTBALL IN SCHOOLS



School: Mary Mackillop MS

Start Date: Tuesday, 8 August

Finish Date: Tuesday, 26 September

Time: 3.30PM - 4.30PM

Contact: christian.fleetwood@footballsa.com.au



JOIN TODAY!

CONTACT US

(08) 8340 3088



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Office for Recreation,
Sport and Diversity

SPORTS VOUCHERS

CLAIM your \$100

One voucher each calendar year for children aged 5 to 15 years old

I confirm my child has not already claimed a voucher in 2023

Child's information

First name: Family name:

Child date of birth: / / Gender: Male Female Gender diverse

Is this the first time your child has joined this sport / dance organisation? Yes No

Has your child been identified as living with a disability? Yes No

Is your child from a culturally and linguistically diverse background? Yes No

Is your child from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background? Yes No

Medicare information

Medicare number: Reference number:

OR Australian visa number:

Parent/Guardian information

First name: Family name:

Street address: Suburb:

Postcode: Contact number:

Email:

An email notification may be sent to the above email address (assuming it is correct) advising the authorisation of the voucher used for your child

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