

Newsletter

Mary MacKillop Memorial School

Term 3 Week 4

Friday, 18th August 2023

Reception to Year 6 Co-Educational Catholic Primary School

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UPCOMING DATES

- August -

- 21 Early Learning Book Week
Catholic Schools Open Week
School Tours
- 22 TWC 2024 Year 7 Subject Finalisation
- 24 Dress Up Day Book Week Parade
- 25 Playgroup
SAPSASA Regional Gold Day (Naracoorte)
- 25 School Tours
Year 4/5 Assembly
- 28 Early learning

- September -

- 01 Playgroup
Father's Day/Special Persons Breakfast
MMMS Quiz Night
- 04 Early learning
- 05 Footy Colours Day

Class News

Year 4/5

The year 4/5 class have been preparing a beautiful menu to cater for the Pilgrims visiting next week. They made spicy pumpkin soup, focaccia, silver beet and herb frittatas and lemon yoghurt cake. The students have been using electrical appliances, whisking, stirring, slicing and dicing skills. They learnt that a little chili goes a long way and cutting and slicing onions is a very tricky skill to master.



**RAISING HEARTS
AND MINDS**

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From the principal

Dear family and friends of Mary MacKillop Memorial School,

This past fortnight we have celebrated two major feast days within the Church calendar. Last Tuesday we celebrated the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and earlier this week we had a Mass for the Feast of the Assumption. As always gathering in the church, as part of the wider community, was an uplifting way to begin the day.

On the 8 August our celebration of our founder, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, was a day of special activities. We began with a whole school Mass led by Fr Olek with the support of our students. There were many people who were at the Mass, and it gave us all a chance to reflect on St Mary MacKillop and what her values were and still are today. We welcomed students from both St Anthony's in Millicent and Tenison Woods College, Mount Gambier, who assisted in helping us to celebrate. After Mass we went back to school to learn about the life of Mary MacKillop. I was once again so proud when I visited classes and students were telling me and our visiting teachers the meaning of the Josephite symbol, showing us art being created and sharing facts and details about Mary's life. The rotation of activities that students participated in included a visit to the Interpretative Centre led by Sr Loreto, and singing songs about St Mary.

A special thank you to Sr Loreto, Marie and the staff at the Interpretative Centre for welcoming us and showing us around. This was a wonderful rich experience for all students.

At lunch we were treated to a shared BBQ lunch, cooked by our fantastic school parents. A big thank you to Mick, Amanda and Sarah for giving up their time to help out! It was gratefully appreciated.

CESA Living, Learning, Leading Survey

Thank you to the families that have already completed the Living, Learning, Leading survey. This survey will remain open to parents and families until the 25 August. Please know that your feedback is valued and important for continued improvement of our school.



To respond the LLL Parent and Caregiver Survey at Mary MacKillop Memorial School in 2023 go to www.NSIPartnerships.com.au and enter the code MMPLLL in the 'Start Questionnaire' field



NSI
Partnerships

LLL Parent and Caregiver Survey
(Available from 24 July to 25 August 2023)

Requested Learning Conversations

In Week 4 and 5 teachers will be requesting learning conversations with some families to follow up with specified learning goals for students and to communicate progress and to set new learning goals. The meeting times and requests will be managed by the classroom teacher.

Should you wish to request a time to meet with your child's classroom teacher in Week 4 or 5, please contact them directly.

Peter Pan – the Musical

Set the dates into your calendar...

Tuesday 19 September – 11.30am and 6pm

Wednesday 20 September – 11.30am and 6pm

Open Week

During Week 5 all schools in Catholic Education are celebrating Catholic Schools Open Week (and Book Week!). Throughout this week schools will open their doors and provide extra tours, open days, and special events to showcase the excellence of their schools. We, here at Mary MacKillop Memorial School, have some exciting things planned to showcase our fabulous school. Please see below for a list of what we will be offering.

- Free Come and Try Early Years Program for 3 – 5 year olds on Monday 21 August – all day. Come for an hour – stay for the day!
- Come and Play at Playgroup on Friday 25th August.
- Coffee and Craft for new prospective Reception families: Tuesday 22 August 9.30 – 11
- Open Day Wednesday 23 August 9.30 – 11 Come and visit your child learning in their learning environment.
- Prospective Parents Information Evening – all Year Levels Wednesday 23 August 5.30pm

School Tours led by our School Captains:

Tuesday 22 August 2.30pm

Thursday 24 August 9am

Wishing all families, a fantastic weekend.

God bless,

Nicole

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Community News

Flourishing Awards

Congratulations to Frank, Kenzo, Saige, Lilith, Oscar, Mathew, Mika, Swaye who received Flourishing awards at assembly this week.



Birthdays

We wish a Happy Birthday to Vinnie (4th), Annabelle (7th), Lucas (12th), Micheal (13th), Indi (15th), Anais (16th). We hope you will all have a wonderful day.

PLAYGROUP
FRIDAY 9.30AM-11.00AM

- Come and enjoy a time to play and explore with your child.
- Guided by our Early Years Coordinator
- Bring a gold coin and a piece of fruit for a healthy snack

Contact the school for more information
8737 2902
lmiller@mmms.catholic.edu.au

House Points

Cameron	★ 175
McCormack	147
Woods MacKillop	139

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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EARLY LEARNING
An early years service for families of 3 - 5 year olds.

MONDAYS 9AM - 3PM

- Full Day \$25
- Half Day \$15
- Led by a Qualified Educator

Contact Us
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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 individuals 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)



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Science Week

This week is National Science Week and we have been engaging in many different activities to bring science to life. The theme has been Innovation: Powering Future Industries. In our investigations as scientists we have explored how wheels help to make things move, built insect traps, improved our paper plane and made balloon rockets. It has been a joy to bring science to the spotlight during lunchtime activities and in our regular Science lessons with Miss Lusty.

Book Week

Book Week is next week with the theme being Read Grow Inspire.

On Tuesday we will be having a PJ, milo and reading evening on Tuesday at 5.30pm. So come along and listen to stories read by upper primary students, teachers and special guests!

The dress up day will be Thursday, with a parade first thing in the morning at 9am. So come dressed up as your favourite book character. All are welcome.

The Book Fair will be open before school, 8.30 – 8.45 and after school 3.10 – 3.30pm. The fair will NOT be open during school time. Cash and Eftpos payments will both be available.



YELP Forum

The recent school excursion to Mount Gambier as part of the YELP program left a profound impact on us. Attending the second forum of the year, we passionately discussed our school's environmental project, focusing on the critical issue of single-use plastic and microplastic pollution on beaches. Receiving the Y key symbolized our dedication to environmental stewardship. Unlocking a secret message at Valley Lakes added an exciting twist to the day. Participating in a native tree-clearing effort with the council brought us together, wielding hand saws and loppers with a sense of unity and purpose. The experience heightened our commitment to sustainable practices. As we look ahead, the memories of the day fuel our excitement for sharing more about our project and competing for the school sustainability cup. This excursion catalyzed a collective determination to be agents of positive change, motivating us to translate newfound knowledge into impactful actions for a more sustainable future.

School Bus

Families of bus students please note the following important points.

- If your family will be away for an extended period during the 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
- As a courtesy, please keep your bus drive informed if your child(ren) will not be travelling on the bus in the afternoon 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.

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Youth Group

Our next session will be on Friday the 25th of August, please RSVP to Sam Baxter on either 0402915911 or sbaxter@mms.catholic.edu.au by Wednesday the 23rd of August. All school aged children from years 2-6 are welcome to attend.



ST JOSEPH'S PENOLA YOUTH GROUP



SMALL SNACK PROVIDED

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

Mary MacKillop Memorial School Hall

Friday 25th August from 5:45-7:30pm

\$2

Open to all children from Year's 2-6

Please RSVP by Wednesday 23rd August to Sam Baxter on 0402915911 or sbaxter@mms.catholic.edu.au

Please bring \$2 to cover snacks and craft materials

MMMS Quiz Night

FEED YOUR HEAD

WITH VERY AWESOME TRIVIA MADE FOR VERY AWESOME PEOPLE.

QUIZ NIGHT
FRIDAY 1ST SEPT

6.30pm for a 7pm start at Mary MacKillop Memorial School
\$20 per person or book a table (8-10people)
BYO Drinks & Nibbles or grazing platters available to order
Remember to bring coins for games

Book NOW!
Reserve a your table or we will allocate you a table, its up to you
email Lauren - lmiller@mms.catholic.edu.au or call 08 8737 2902

Sport

SAPSASA Soccer

This week 10 students from our 5/6 classes attended the SAPSASA soccer carnival in Adelaide, representing the Mid-South East. With the competition wrapping up today it is great to hear that our students have had several wins and, more importantly, are enjoying their time in Adelaide.

SAPSASA Basketball

We had some of our 5/6 students attend the SAPSASA basketball recently. The competition was fierce, and the students played hard all day. It was a great day out, filled with lots of basketball and lollies! Thank you to Jess Malone for coaching the boys team on the day.

Trading Cards

It has come to our attention that some students have been bringing trading cards to school. We ask all students to not bring trading cards to school and to do their trading out of school. We are not able to supervise this adequately. Thank you for your cooperation.



Catholic Identity

Feast of the Assumption

On Tuesday the 15th of August we celebrated a whole school Mass for the Feast of the Assumption. This day is one of only 2 'holy days of obligation' within the Australian Catholic Church calendar (the other is Christmas Day). We were extremely grateful for Fr Peter, who celebrated this Mass.

What is the Assumption of Mary?

On this special Feast Day we celebrate the fact that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was taken into heaven, body and soul, to be reunited with her son Jesus. We know that Mary is in Heaven and we also know that Mary is always with us and willing to intercede on our behalf. When we say the Hail Mary we ask Mary to 'Pray for us' because we know she is present in heaven with God and is always ready to hear our prayers.

This week we are focussing on Grace Before Meals.

Stopping to pray Grace before sharing a meal shows gratitude for what we have. Allow time for Grace every day. Make it a special time to pray.

Lead your children in a simple prayer of asking God to bless their food and giving thanks for the food they are about to eat. Pray a formal Grace, a spontaneous Grace or perhaps ask your child to compose a Grace before Meals or try the following website for not only ideas on ways to pray Grace, but other prayers.

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/prayer/prayers/>

Liturgies and Masses

TERM 3

Week 6 - Friday 1 September

2/3 Class Mass @ 9.15am

R/1 Liturgy @ 10.30am

Week 7 - Tuesday 5 September

5/6 Class Mass @ 9.15am

Week 10 - Tuesday 26 September

4/5 Class Mass @ 9.15am

Penola Parish

Parish Priest: Fr Peter and Fr Olek

SUNDAY 20 August

20th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

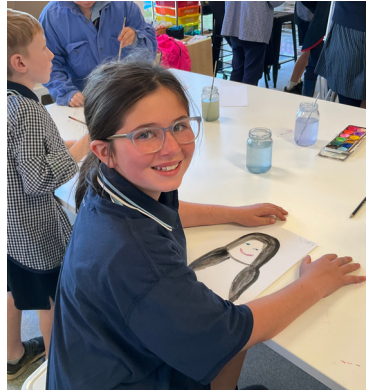
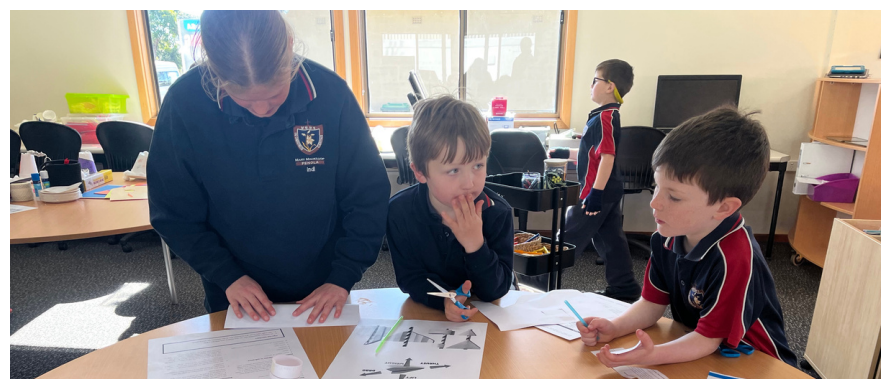
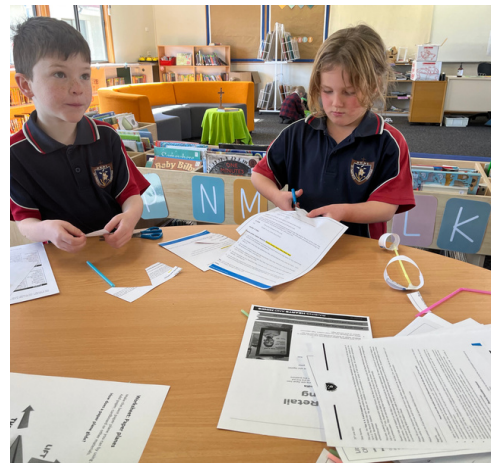
(4.30pm Saturday)

Gospel: Matthew 15: 21-28



photo gallery

Science Week and Mary MacKillop Feast Day



Charter for Parents in SA Catholic Schools



Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Adelaide and the Diocese of Port Pirie work in partnership with parents* and their school communities to promote a shared responsibility for the education of each child. This charter provides the principles and expectations to achieve this partnership.

* Parents is a collective term that includes carers and legal guardians

A thriving relationship between parents and schools provides a powerful environment for the flourishing of each and every child. Within this relationship, both parents and schools have distinct responsibilities to nurture a strong ongoing partnership.

The Partnership recognises:

- The primary role parents play in their child's faith formation, learning and wellbeing
- The contribution that parents make by valuing the Catholic identity and mission of the schools
- The shared responsibility for the social, spiritual and emotional development of our students in our schools.

1 Parents

Our parents can expect their child's school will:

- Provide an excellent holistic education inspired by Catholic teachings and traditions
- Ensure high quality curriculum, pedagogy, assessment and reporting practices are delivered
- Strive to create an inclusive environment which values and respects the diversity of faith and cultures across the school community
- Model Christian values with all members of the school community
- Provide timely and accurate information on their child's progress
- Communicate clearly and effectively to enable a mutually supportive environment
- Provide staff with professional development opportunities to maintain currency and expertise
- Demonstrate respect for the privacy of families in all interactions, including through the use of technology and social media
- Encourage parents to ask questions and speak to their child's teacher or member of the school leadership team at a mutually convenient time
- Allow any concern to be heard and commit to ongoing respectful relationships
- Address parent concerns in accordance with the school's grievance procedure and the Complaint Response and Resolution Procedure (CESA).

2 Schools

Our schools can expect that parents will:

- Act as positive advocates and first educators for their children
- Work in partnership with schools and parishes to achieve the best possible outcome for each student
- Support the spiritual and faith culture of the school
- Support their child's learning at school and home
- Respect the skills, knowledge and experience of school leaders and teachers
- Model respectful behaviour within the school community in both real and digital worlds
- Listen, talk collaboratively and share relevant information with teachers and school staff to understand and resolve any issues and concerns
- Respect the privacy of every member of the school community - students, parents and staff
- Support the school expectations and guidelines that are in place for the wellbeing and effective learning of students
- Contribute to a safe school community where intimidation, bullying or harassment are not acceptable behaviours
- Adhere to the financial commitments made at the time of enrolment including payment of all fees and levies in a timely manner
- Promote and encourage a collective responsibility to support the Charter for Parents in SA Catholic Schools.



Driving greater safety.

Introducing a safe driving program for young drivers and their parents.

 Bendigo Bank Bigger than a bank.



A crucial session for all parents and learner drivers!

Your family and our school community need you to attend.

Over 600 teenagers are injured on our roads each year - You can do something about it! If your child has their Learners Licence (or is due to get it this year) then this will be an essential session for you as a parent or carer.

Parents are most likely to provide much of the driver education for their child, think about this;

- **Do you know how to develop and build their driving experiences?**
- **Do you know how to reduce the risk of crashing or change the severity of the outcome?**
- **Are you really prepared for the task of supervising a novice driver?**
- **Have you kept up-to-date with road rule changes?**
- **Do you know what to look for in a Driving Instructor?**
- **Do you know what to look for regarding your child's first car?**

Many South Australians believe that road fatalities and serious injuries are the result of risk taking or extreme behaviour. However, research shows that more than half of fatal crashes and 90% of injury crashes are due to mistakes, inattention or common lapses in judgement. **Researchers believe that too many young drivers are not being taught well enough or equipped with enough skills and knowledge to drive safely.**

Simply increasing awareness of the dangers of high risk driving does not necessarily lead to less risky behaviour. Save A Life Australia (an independent road safety company) has developed a longer-term approach, which we believe will help to make our families safer on the road.

This highly acclaimed program was originally developed with SA Police and is coming to our school. The program involves students AND parents and is presented by Darren Davis (ABC Radio road safety expert and Get Home Safe Foundation President).

It is essential that you attend our parents/supervising drivers evening session and help to make our whole school community more aware of how to make our new drivers better equipped for a safe driving future!

The parent's session will last for approximately one hour and is an informal discussion based session that could make a real difference to your family.

We do NOT sell lessons or advertise any driving school.

This session is to help parents with their choices.



Date: 24th August 2023
Time: 5pm start
Location: McCorquindale Park

