

# Newsletter

## Mary MacKillop Memorial School

Term 3 Week 8

Friday, 15th September 2023

Reception to Year 6 Co-Educational Catholic Primary School

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### UPCOMING DATES

- September -

- 18 SAPSASA Athletics Day (Adelaide)
- 19 Musical Performance - Matinee  
Musical Performance - Evening
- 20 Musical Performance - Evening
- 22 Playgroup  
R/1 Big Day Out
- 25 Early learning
- 26 Year 4/5 Class Mass
- 29 Playgroup  
Last Day of Term 3

- October -

- 14 Mount Gambier Youth Group Retreat
- 16 First Day of Term 4  
Early Learning
- 20 Staff Professional Learning Day  
**STUDENT FREE**

- 22 Pilgrim Dinner
- 23 Early Learning
- 24 Choir - South East Festival of Music Festival **TBC**
- 27 Penola Show  
Playgroup  
Festival of Music - Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre

- 30 Early Learning

-November -

- 01 All Saints Day Whole School Mass **TBC**
- 03 Sports Day

## Class News

### Year 2/3

I can't believe I only have one week left until my time at MMMS comes to an end. During my final placement, I have had the most rewarding experience getting to know everyone in the community and especially the beautiful students in the 2/3 class. We have spent some time exploring all things money during our Maths lessons this term.

We have been learning about how to round money and the three steps for solving a problem which are multiplication, addition and subtraction. - Harry

My favourite thing is learning about how to carry money. - Levi  
I learnt how to double values when you buy two of the same item. - Sophie

My favourite thing was learning how to use columns in my working out. - Robert



**RAISING HEARTS  
AND MINDS**

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# From the principal

Dear Families and Friends of Mary MacKillop Memorial School,

Spring is most certainly in the air this week. A few days of sunshine makes the heart sing for joy! Finals football, netball and soccer are also picking up the pace and I wish all those who are playing in finals or have a team from their club in finals, the very best of luck!

## Regional Reflection Day

Last Friday was a significant event for each of the Catholic schools in the South-East. The Reflection Day provided the opportunity for the three Catholic schools to come together as one, to connect, collaborate and support one another through head, heart and hands. The theme for the day was 'Nourishing The Garden' allowing us to deeply reflect on and learn about our Catholic faith, be inspired and informed, and take these learnings and inspiration to our students and communities. We were lucky to have special guests from Catholic Education South Australia, Dr Jill Gowdie and Mr Julian Kluge who facilitated the plenaries and spoke fondly about our role in our young people's lives.

## Musical

The Musical has kicked off this week with important dress rehearsals so that we are performance ready for next week. There will be plenty of thank yous once the musical is over, however, a special thank you today to the staff of Mary MacKillop Memorial School for supporting one another in the preparation of this momentous occasion and to Kaitlyn Lusty for the mountain of extra time and work that she has put in so far to make everything 'just right'.

Tickets went home to families who had ordered them on Tuesday. If you have not yet secured tickets, I suggest you do so as soon as possible. Due to low numbers on Wednesday matinee – there will only be the Tuesday matinee.

Please also refer to the letter that went home this week outlining the logistics of both next Tuesday and Wednesday evening.

## R U OK Day

R U OK? A conversation can change a life. This week classes engaged in the conversation of how to have conversation with others. They learnt how to follow the four steps.

1. Ask R U OK?
2. Listen
3. Encourage action.
4. Check in.

R U OK? Day has inspired and empowered everyone to connect with the people around them and to start a conversation with those in their world who may be struggling.

As part of our values and pastoral care at MMMS, every day in every way we look out for those around us. It is in our natural interactions with our friends, family and those who are important in our lives.

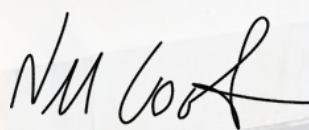
To signify the importance of caring for others our Occasional Care children made yellow cupcakes for everyone to enjoy.

## Long Service Leave

Mr Sam Baxter begins his long service leave next week.

We are sure that he will enjoy his time away from school with his family for Weeks 9 and 10 this term and all of Term Four. While Sam is on leave, he will be covered by Mrs Gerry Matheson and Miss Sasha Reilly. We wish Sam a time of relaxation, renewal and rest, and precious family time. We also hope he gets a few jobs ticked off his list! We will look forward to welcoming Sam back at the beginning of 2024.

God Bless,



Nicole Coote.

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# Community News

## Flourishing Awards

Congratulations to Jimmy, James C. Anna, Eddie, Patrick, James P., Sidney and Henna and who received Flourishing awards at assembly this week.



## Birthdays

We wish a Happy Birthday to Elsie (20th), Sophie (23rd), Tait (29th) and Camilla (30th). 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@mms.catholic.edu.au

## House Points

**Cameron** ★ 291

**McCormack** 282

**Woods MacKillop** 252

## 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**

**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

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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)**

# Community News

## Well being as an Imperative

Recently all students undertook Catholic Education South Australia Classroom Pulse Check In. Every term every child undertakes this survey. It asks students questions about wellbeing, feeling supported, feeling like they belong and having agency of their learning. This data is then compared to the previous terms data and analysed by staff. It is important that as a school we continue to grow and develop and be accountable for providing a learning environment that makes all children feel safe, supported and feel like they are thriving. If not, why not? From the data we are able to highlight those students that require intentional growth action plan to improve outcomes for them. It is an important part of our accountability as educators.

## Scholarships for 2024

Mary MacKillop Memorial School is committed to a policy of providing an excellent Catholic education for young people, and in so doing, keeping fees to a minimum.

As a school we believe and share St Mary of the Cross MacKillop's vision, that no child should be turned away if they wish to attend a Catholic school. Our school provides an education for all children in the community and surrounding district, free from discrimination.

Following the vision of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop the Mary MacKillop Memorial School Board will be offering Scholarships (full or part) to two students each year for two years. We believe that by providing the opportunity for a Catholic education to all we are encompassing the vision of our founder, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

If you wish to apply for a Scholarship for your child please visit our website or contact the front office, Janice, for more information.

## Wearing Hats

We are a Sunsmart School acknowledged by the Cancer Council Foundation. In accordance with our Sunsmart policy as of Monday 4th September, all children will need to wear their hat when playing outside. Please ensure that your child has their hat as children without hats will need to play in the shade.

## School Fees

A reminder that all school fees for 2023 are due by the end of September unless you have a payment plan in place. Please contact the Office if you are unable to finalise your fees by the end of September. Thank you.

## Sport

### SAPSASA Cricket trials

This week we had a number of boys trial for SAPSASA cricket. We wish them all the very best in gaining selection.

### SAPSASA Athletics

Next Monday our athletes, Sophie, Ellie, Ben, Jimmy, Tait and Alex the very best as they compete in Adelaide for SAPSASA athletics!

## Sports Day

Practice has commenced with Mrs Tincknell dragging out the high jump mat this week for classes to refresh their skills in this area. As a school each class will have the opportunity to practice over the coming weeks for their events in sports day, which will take place on Friday 3rd November.



# Catholic Identity

## MITIOG - Made In The Image of God

The Made In The Image of God (MITIOG), Human Sexuality curriculum is mandated for South Australian Catholic Schools, for Years R-12. Each year our students engage with age-appropriate curriculum content regarding sexuality through the MITIOG curriculum.

Catholic understanding is that all humans are made in the image of God and therefore deserving of the utmost dignity and honour. Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in discussions with their child about the work that has been covered at school.

## ReLAT

Catholic Education SA has developed the Religious Literacy Assessment Tool (ReLat) to assist with reporting and evaluation in Religious Education. The Religious Literacy Assessment Tool's primary purpose is to provide a snapshot of Year 4 students' basic religious literacy. This week, all Year 4 students completed the assessment.

Families will receive a student assessment summary in the coming weeks.

## Liturgies and Masses

TERM 3

**Week 10 - Tuesday 26 September**

4/5 Class Mass @ 9.15am

## Season of Creation

The Season of Creation began on September 1, World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. For this year, the theme is: "Let Justice and Peace Flow" with the symbol of the mighty river.

Prophet Amos cries out: "But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5: 24) and so we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity.

As the people of God, we must work together on behalf of all Creation, as part of that mighty river of peace and justice.



## Condolences

Our sincerest condolences to the Rymill family on the passing of Tom's Dad, Tom and to the Kuchel family on the passing of Erin's Mum, Sue.

May God's love wrap firmly around you and your family and give you comfort during this time.



# photo gallery

## RUOR Day Cupcake Making



MARY MAC SRC PRESENTS....

# FINALS FEVER

## DAY

**GOAL!**

**WEAR YOUR FAVOURITE  
TEAM COLOURS**

**SKILL SESSIONS IN  
DIFFERENT SPORTS**

**THURSDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2023**

HAVE A GREAT DAY SUPPORTING YOUR TEAM!