

Newsletter

Mary MacKillop Memorial School

Term 4 Week 6

Friday, 24th November 2023

Reception to Year 6 Co-Educational Catholic Primary School

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UPCOMING DATES

-November -

- 27 Early Learning
- 28 Year 2/3 Class Mass
Year R/1 Liturgy and Morning Tea
Joey's Jumpstart

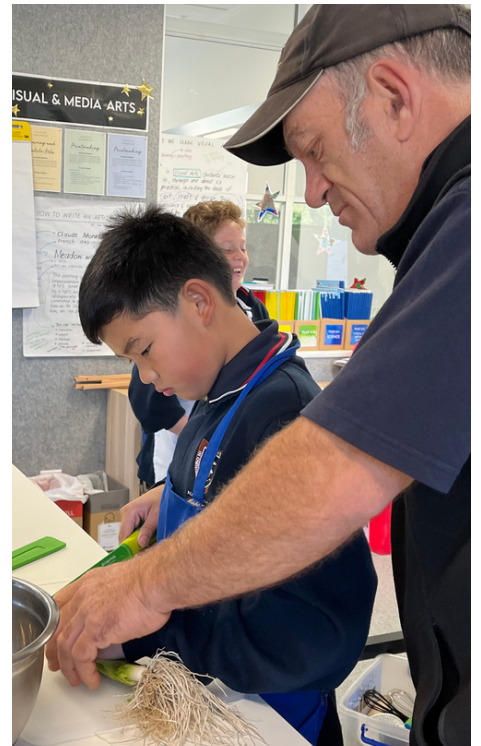
-December -

- 1 Playgroup
Year 5/6 Assembly
- 3 First Sunday of Advent
- 4 Early Learning
Year 7 2024 TWC Orientation Day
- 5 Year 7 2024 TWC Orientation Day
Joey's Jumpstart
- 6 Christmas Carols and Community
BBQ
- 8 Playgroup
Beachport Surf Lifesaving Day
- 10 Second Sunday of Advent
- 11 Year 6 Class Mass (11:30am)
Year 6 Luncheon at the Prince of
Wales Hotel, Penola (12:30pm)
Class swaps
- 12 End of Year Thanksgiving Mass,
Awards, farewells and Graduation
Presentation (5:30pm)
- 13 Last Day of Term 4
Assembly (2:30pm)
- 14 **Student Free Day**
Staff professional Learning
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Class News

Year 4/5

This week marked the culmination of the 4/5/6 learning community's SAKG cooking sessions as they engaged in their last culinary class. In honour of their concluding lesson with Mrs. E, the students joyfully prepared an assortment of Christmas-themed slices, cookies, and treats. This final cooking session served as a noteworthy moment for the students, acknowledging and celebrating the culinary skills they acquired throughout the year. Throughout the year, there were numerous other highlights, providing students with opportunities to cultivate and enhance various kitchen skills.



**RAISING HEARTS
AND MINDS**

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From the principal

Dear Families and Friends of Mary MacKillop Memorial School,

This Sunday, 26th November is the Feast of Christ the King. When Jesus was on earth, many of His followers thought that He was going to be a normal sort of King, with a kingdom and soldiers and everything. Before He died, Jesus said that His Kingdom was not in this world. The Kingdom of Heaven is in the soul of every person who follows Jesus.

Jesus, you are my King and my God and I love you. Help me to be your good servant! Amen.

We are now moving into Year B of the Liturgical Year of the Church and next Sunday will mark the start of the Advent Season.

On Monday 27th November we will gather for Morning Gathering in the Hall where we will have a short liturgy for the First Week of Advent. Parents are welcome.

The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is ready for gifts to be placed beneath it. We ask that in lieu of students buying cards and candy canes for their friends they purchase a little gift for The Giving Tree. If students would like to do something for their friends, homemade cards are always a popular option.

Reports

Over the past couple of weeks children have been undertaking tests in literacy and numeracy to gauge their level of growth over the year. The assessment analysis has been used by teachers to inform report writing, along with data collected from students over the course of the year. Reports will go home on Monday 11th December.

Communication of Learning

This year Mary MacKillop Memorial School has introduced a 'Loop of Assessment' document which outlines how as educators we are informing families of their child's progress in learning. Part of this loop has been co-constructed learning goals each Semester, Learning Conversations and uploaded work samples and assessment tasks to Seesaw.

Some uploaded pieces of work have been accompanied by the Learning Intention, Success Criteria, a rubric and a feedback comment from the teacher.

Our communication of learning forms part of the reporting process over the year.

We look forward to:

Christmas Carols and Community BBQ on Wednesday 6th December at 6pm. All welcome.

Beachport Surf Lifesaving Day as a whole school on Friday 8th December. Please ensure that all three notes are filled in and sent back to school.

Our End of Year Thanksgiving Mass, Awards, Farewells and Graduation Ceremony at 5.30pm on Tuesday 12th December.

God bless.



Nicole Coote.

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Community News

Flourishing Awards

Congratulations to Cameron, Kira, Josh, Lola, Angus, Sophie F. Grace, Leila, Winnie, Indi, Lilly, Chloe, Niamh, Jimmy, Charlie, Freya, Max McF. Mathew, Elsie, James P., Anais and Levi D who received Flourishing awards at assembly the last two weeks.



Birthdays

We wish a Happy Birthday to Miss Lusty (25th) and Mika (04). We hope you will all have a wonderful day.

An advertisement for 'EARLY LEARNING' service. It features a bee icon, the school crest, and text: 'An early years service for families of 3 - 5 year olds.' It lists 'MONDAYS 9AM - 3PM', 'Full Day \$25', and 'Half Day \$15'. It also states 'Led by a Qualified Educator'. Contact information: 'Contact Us 8737 2902 jcoote@mmms.catholic.edu.au'. There are small photos of children in the background.

House Points

Cameron	★ 263
McCormack	241
Woods MacKillop	276

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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Community News

Awards

Every year our community celebrates the success of each and every child. Part of our Thanksgiving Mass is the acknowledgement of students who have flourished in certain areas and therefore received special awards for their efforts. Please see below the awards that will be presented at the End of Year Thanksgiving Mass:

The RSL Young Achiever

The RSL Young Achiever is awarded to a student from Reception to Year 2 who displays the attributes of a successful learner.

The Lions Club Encouragement Award

The Lions Club Encouragement Award is awarded to a student from Reception to Year 6 who demonstrates persistence and the willingness to give of his or her best, even when the activity is challenging. The recipient has made a substantial improvement in his/her level of achievement.

Rita Mulligan Award

The Rita Mulligan Award is awarded to a student from Reception to Year 6 who has displayed attitudes of citizenship and demonstrated a growth mindset.

The Damian Flint Family Award

The Damian Flint Award is awarded to a student in Year 6. The student has displayed excellence in sporting achievement, attitude and leadership.

McPherson Family Award

The McPherson Family Award is presented to a student for living our school motto, "In Omnibus Caritas" (In all things Love) and applying the values of the Josephite Sisters; dignity, compassion, stewardship, relationship, courage, love, mission, faith and justice.

Marjory Glynn Award

The Marjory Glynn Award is presented to a student in the Upper Primary Years who displays excellence in academic and/or artistic abilities.

MacKillop-Woods Award

The MacKillop-Woods Award is presented to two students, one in Upper Primary and one in Junior Primary, who have demonstrated attributes of being stewards of our common home.



Music Lessons 2024

PIANO | BASS GUITAR | DRUMS

Expressions of interest are now open for music lessons with local professional musician Rod Ennis.

Rod is a Melbourne University Conservatorium of Music graduate with over 25 years experience in teaching, lecturing, directing ensembles, composing, arranging and performing. He has played with Guy Sebastian, David Campbell and Rhonda Burchmore to name a few, and is available for instrumental music lessons next year for the whole year, except for term 3 due to previous commitments.

Please contact Rod at rod@rodennismusic.com for more information, and find out more about Rod at <https://www.rodennismusic.com/>

2023 School Fees Reminder

A reminder that all family accounts should be finalised by the 30th November 2023, unless you have a payment plan in place. Please contact the Office if you are unable to finalise your fees.



Community News

Sports SAPSASA Cricket

Last week Jimmy, Finn and Sid were up in Adelaide playing cricket for Mid-South East at the SAPSASA Cricket Carnival. The boys had a great time and the all did an amazing job coming fourth overall! Well done!



SAPSASA Tennis

This week Tait, Sid and Josh went to Adelaide to play SAPSASA Tennis. The boys had lots fun and encouragement and it was a great opportunity for them.



Good Luck Sophie!

We wish Good Luck! To our talented Sophie as she has made the trip to Tasmania to compete in the State Athletics Competition representing SA in the 100m, 200m and Relay!
Go Sophie! We are so proud of you!

Key Dates

Key Dates for Term 4 2023

Wednesday 6th Dec:

Christmas Carols and Celebration: Carols and Community BBQ @ 6pm

Friday 8th Dec:

Beachport Surf Lifesaving Day – whole school excursion

Monday 11th Dec:

Reports go home

Yr 6 Class Mass @ 11.30 followed by luncheon
Class swaps for 2024 @ 2pm

Tuesday 12th Dec

End of Year Thanksgiving Mass, Awards, Farewells @ 5.30pm, St. Joseph Church

Wednesday 13th Dec

Last day of School

Final Assembly and Guard of Honour @ 2.45pm
Dismissal @ 3.10pm

Key Dates for the Commencement of 2024 to assist with planning.

Monday 23rd January:

School Office Opens

Tuesday 24th January:

All teaching staff commence.

Friday 26th January:

Australia Day Public Holiday

Monday 29th January:

R – 6 Students commence Term 1 2024 and Welcome Back Morning Tea in Woods Learning Centre

Catholic Identity

Feast of Christ the King

This Sunday, 26th November the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of Christ the King. This celebration is special for two reasons, it marks the end of the Church Year and the beginning of a new one as we enter into the season of Advent. It also reminds us that Jesus is the King of Heaven.

Advent

Next Sunday marks the beginning of Advent and the start of the new Church year. Advent is an exciting time where we start to look towards the birth of Christ and the celebrations associated with Christmas. Advent is a time of waiting and preparing for the birth of Jesus, the word itself is derived from the Latin word, *adventus*, which translates to 'coming'. This act of waiting can often be seen as a difficult one. I know that I am often not keen on waiting, especially in the lead up to Christmas! I have however learnt to find the 'joy' in waiting. The anticipation of the event can often be more exciting than the event itself! By finding 'joy' in waiting we can extend the wonder that is Christmas. Preparing for Christ is the other aspect of Advent. Catholics do many things to prepare for Christmas. One of the most well known traditions is the Advent wreath in which we light a candle each week. Each candle signifies a different week of Advent and often includes a white candle in the middle. The candles' meanings can change, depending on your source, but they generally represent hope, peace/faith, joy and love with the white middle candle representing Christ Himself.

This year we will be holding a short, but special Advent prayer as part of our morning gathering each Monday for the remainder of the term. This will begin at 8.45am and be held in the Hall. We invite all families and friends to join us for the prayer time.

Condolences

Our sincere condolences to Janice, and the Tilby family on the passing of their Dad, Grandad and great Grandad, Barry. May you be comforted by the love of our God at this time.

Sacramental Program

The Sacramental Program will be offered again in 2025. Moving forward the Sacramental Program will be run every second year alternating with St Alphonsus in Millicent. Should you wish your child to celebrate the Sacraments in 2024, you are welcome to join the Millicent or Mt Gambier program. Should you have any questions regarding the Sacramental Program, please contact Fr Peter Zwanns.

Census

Our Parish is conducting a census over the coming few weeks. The aim is to get up-to-date contact details of existing parishioners and give new families an invitation to be inscribed in the parish. If you would like to fill out the form online, please visit mtgatholic.org.au/census or you can collect a paper copy of the form from the school office.

The Giving Tree

The Vinnies Christmas Appeal commences this week at Mary MacKillop Memorial School. In the front office the 'Giving Tree' will be put up and it is the perfect place to leave donations for those who are less fortunate in our community this Christmas. This year we will be collecting non-perishable food items for Christmas Hampers, Christmas Day essentials and new toys which will be distributed to families through our local Vinnies conference.

Liturgies and Masses

TERM 4

Week 7 - Tuesday 28 November

Yr 2/3 Class Mass @9.15am

R/1 Liturgy @ 9.15am

Week 9 - Monday - 11 December

Yr 6 Class Mass

Week 9 - Tuesday 12 December

End of Year Thanksgiving Mass - @ 5.30pm



photo gallery

Year 2/3 Camp

