

Newsletter

Mary MacKillop Memorial School

Term 3 Week 10

Friday, 27th September 2024

Reception to Year 6 Co-Educational Catholic Primary School

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and courage*

UPCOMING DATES

October

- 14 Term 4 Commences
Early Learning
- 15 Early Learning
Finance Meeting
- 16 Golf Sessions
School Board Meeting
- 18 Playgroup
- 19 Pop Up Fashion Shop
Pilgrim Dinner
- 20 Pilgrim Dinner
- 21 Early Learning
- 22 Early Learning
PPC Meeting
Festival of Music Rehearsal Day
- 23 Festival of Music Choir
Performance
Joey's Jumpstart
School Board Meeting (7:00pm)
- 25 Staff Professional Learning Day
Communities of Practice
STUDENT FREE DAY
- 28 Early Learning
Year 6 Camp
- 29 Early Learning
- 30 Joey's Jumpstart
Hot Shots Tennis Year 3, 4, 5
(Millicent)

November

- 1 Playgroup
All Saints Day (whole school
Mass)

Class News

Specialist Classes



**RAISING HEARTS
AND MINDS**

go on with strength and courage

from the principal

Dear Families and Friends of Mary MacKillop Memorial School,

As we come to the end of a busy term, I would like to extend a very big thankyou to the students for being so diligent in their learning, for displaying a positive attitude towards all facets of school life and for exhibiting the values in which we hold dear, being present, having courage, giving service, acting with love, and striving for excellence. I wish each and every one of you a fantastic holiday!

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thankyou to all families for your continued support and to the hardworking staff for your flexibility and innovative thinking regarding education and providing the most engaging experiences for all students.

Attached with the Newsletter today is the Term 4 Parent Calendar. It is up to date at the time of printing. Any changes to events will be communicated to families via email and/or seesaw.

Staffing 2025

As we prepare for Term 4 I wish to communicate with you all some staffing changes.

Firstly, Sasha Reilly will be taking leave as she prepares for the arrival of her first baby. Tuesday 5th November, Week 4 will be Sasha's last day with us. We thank Sasha for her commitment and enthusiasm of taking each class for PE/Health and ensuring that all students have the opportunity to thrive in this area. As of Week 5 Sam Baxter will take PE/Health. We thank Sam for taking on this position to finish the term off.

As we know Amy Boyd is also having a baby and there will be some alternative arrangements for the 5/6 class beginning at the start of the term. We are very happy that Leah Kuiper has accepted the position to work in the 5/6 class in Term 4.

From Weeks 1 - 5 Leah will work on a Thursday in 5/6 and Amy will work in the 5/6 class on the other 4 days.

Friday 15th November will be Amy's last day (also Sports Day) and as of Monday 18th November Leah will work full-time. We thank Leah for taking on this very important position as of next term and thank Amy for her amazing contribution to Mary Mac and the young people who have been fortunate to have Amy as their teacher.

I am sure that you will join me in wishing both Sasha and Amy the very best! We will miss them dearly. We congratulate Leah on completing her final placement - so very close to being officially a teacher - and thank her for her work in our Occasional Care and look forward to her returning as a teacher in the 5/6 class.

Ebonie Moulton will continue her fantastic work with our littlest learners next term, providing continuity for all.

Communities of Practice - Student Free Day

At the end of Week Two (Friday 25th October) we have a Student Free Day. On this day staff will be engaging in Communities of Practice at Tenison Woods College.

It is a day of presenting our research that we have been conducting over the year.

We look forward to sharing our research with our colleagues in the South east in our Communities of Practice Day.

I wish everyone a wonderful holiday filled with much fun, laughter and relaxation.

God bless,

Nicole.

go on with strength and courage

Catholic Identity

International Day of Peace 21st
September 2024

The International Day of Peace ("Peace Day") is observed worldwide each year on 21st September. Established in 1981, the United Nations General Assembly has declared this a day devoted to "commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples." The International Day of Peace provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace.

The theme this year Cultivating a Culture of Peace.

Pray for Peace

Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth;
lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust;
lead me from hate to love, from war to peace.

Let peace fill our heart, our world, from war to peace.

Pray for Peace and a Restful Break

Pray that we each have a peaceful and relaxing break after a very busy term. Be grateful for the work we have covered and the friends and family that have kept us safe and well.

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed, kindle in the hearts of all men the true love of peace, and guide with Your pure and peaceable wisdom those who make decisions for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity Your kingdom may go forward, till the earth be filled with knowledge of Your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

World Day of Migrants and
Refugees

The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) since 1914. It is always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers. Every year the WDMR is the last Sunday of September, in 2024 it will be celebrated on 29th September. As the title for his annual message, the Holy Father has chosen "God walks with His people." We pray for all migrants and refugees on this day and everyday.

Memorial of St Vincent de Paul

Vincent de Paul died in Paris on 27th September 1660 at the age of 79. He was canonised on 16th June 1737 and, in 1883, the Church designated him as the special patron of all charitable associations. The society was named after Saint Vincent de Paul and follows along his teachings and compassion for people in need. Saint Vincent de Paul is the international patron of the Society. At Mary MacKillop Memorial School we have a strong connection to the volunteer work of our local St Vinnies group and place the needs of others before those of our own.

Masses and Liturgies for Term 4

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

WEEK 3 Friday 1st November
All Saints Day Whole School Mass at 9:15am

WEEK 4 Tuesday 5th November
Year 2/3 Class Mass at 9:15am

WEEK 7 Tuesday 26th November
Year 4 Class Mass at 9:15am

WEEK 7 Tuesday 26th November
R/1 Liturgy at 10:30am

WEEK 8 Friday 6th December
Year 5/6 Class Mass at 11:30am

WEEK 9 Tuesday 10th December
End of Year Thanksgiving Liturgy at 5:30pm

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Birthdays

We wish a Happy Birthday to those who will be celebrating their birthdays in the first week of the holidays. We wish a Happy Birthday to Camilla (30th September) and Fred (1st October)

We also wish a Happy Birthday to James, who will be celebrating his birthday on the 11th of October in the second week of the holidays.

Text Absentee Number New Phone 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.

0488 280 771

House Points

Cameron 516

McCormack 579

Woods MacKillop 498

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.

End of Year Celebrations Key Dates

Early next term all families will receive a letter outlining the end of year celebrations. The decisions made on how we navigate the end of year is one which is made with great discernment.

Enrolments 2025

Parents and caregivers are advised that all new enrolments for Reception 2025, including mid-year, or in other year levels are welcome.

Please contact the school to arrange a tour or drop in to the office for an enrolment form. You are also able to download them from our website.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club happens every morning at MMMS. This Breakfast Club has been inspired by the words of St Mary MacKillop - 'Never see a need without doing something about it.'

We continue to see a need for some of our students here at school as they may be eating breakfast early in the morning due to long distances travelling. Breakfast Club runs from 8:30am until 8:45am and is supported by FoodBank. Students attending Breakfast Club have access to cereal, toast and fresh fruit.

Pilgrim Dinner

On Saturday 19th October and Sunday 20th October MMMS will be hosting a group of 20 pilgrims for dinner in our School Hall. The menu is set and the set up will take place on the Saturday afternoon. Families who have nominated to assist have been contacted. We look forward to welcoming the pilgrims and hosting this event for them.

Community News

Counsellor's Corner

We made it through Term 3!!

As we reach the end of Term 3, it's a great time to reflect on the progress and achievements made over the last few months. As parents we can take a moment to celebrate our child's successes, and for students, they can think about what they've learned and what they'd like to accomplish in Term 4.

Holiday Wellbeing Tips

- **Stay Active:** Keep moving with fun activities like walking, riding bikes, or playing outdoors. Parents can join in for family fun!
- **Screen Time Balance:** Balance screen time with offline hobbies like reading, drawing, or exploring new interests. Encourage a healthy routine that everyone can enjoy.
- **Relax and Recharge:** Practice mindfulness, deep breathing, or journaling to mentally reset. A calm mind is key for a fresh start in Term 4.
- **Connect with Friends:** Use the break to catch up with friends, either virtually or in person, to maintain strong social connections.

Gratitude and Kindness

We could also try a gratitude challenge as families. Each day, write down three things you're thankful for or find small ways to show kindness to others, or when sitting down for a meal together have the same discussion. It's a great way to stay positive during the holidays.

I hope everyone enjoys their break and see you in Term 4 😊

Regards,

Bec Baker.

Sport

Last week, Tait, Ben, Ruby, and Jim proudly represented the Mid South East SAPSASA team at the State SAPSASA Country Carnival. The athletes thrived in the competitive environment, setting personal bests and reuniting with friends. The Mid South East team excelled, finishing second in Division 2, with several of our students earning podium finishes.

** Gold Medals **

- Ruby Williams - Discus
- Ben Baxter - 100m
- Ben Baxter - 800m

** Silver Medals **

- Ben Baxter - 200m

** Bronze Medals **

- Jim Manninen - Long Jump
- Jim Manninen - Relay
- Ben Baxter - Relay

It was an outstanding performance, showcasing their dedication and talent!



Generous Donation

We would like to thank Mardi at Windara Bakery for purchasing for our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden four fruit trees and pots for them to go in.

We look forward to them producing fruit that we are able to use in our cooking sessions and for breakfast club. You are the best, Mardi!

Community News

Playgroup

Our community Playgroup takes place on a Friday morning from 9:30 am - 11:00 am. It is an opportunity for families to come together and play together, capably coordinated by our Playgroup coordinator Ebonie Moulton. Come and enjoy a cuppa and catch up, while your child has a number of playful learning activities to explore in a safe and welcoming environment.



Early Learning

Is your child 3, 4 or 5 years old and not at school yet? Our Early Learning Program is an opportunity for them to become familiar with the environment and how it operates. Hands-on structured learning experiences guided by the Early Years Learning Framework assist young children to explore and gain independence to prepare them for the future! Our Early Learning Program is offered Mondays and Tuesdays.

Weekly bookings essential.

ALL families from the Penola and wider community are welcome to attend.



The Big Day Out!

During Week 9, the Reception to Year Three students travelled to Mount Gambier for their 'Big Day Out'. The students enjoyed watching 'Harold and the Purple Crayon' at the Oatmill Cinema, before enjoying a bakery lunch at The Valley Lakes. The highlight of the day was bowling at 'Kaboom Entertainment' where the students showcased their AMAZING bowling skills!

The 2/3 Sleepover

After the 'Big Day Out', the Year 2/3 students continued their fun with a sleepover in the School Hall. They had a blast hosting a talent show, making homemade pizzas, and dancing the night away with a glow party!

Family Intentions

As we are now at the end of Term Three planning and preparation for 2025 is well and truly underway. If your family circumstances will change next year and you do not intend continuing at MMMS could you please inform us ASAP.

Jump Rope for Heart

Our students have been skipping and raising money for the Heart Foundation this term. On Thursday, we held our Jump Off - the culmination of our skipping program. We celebrated the skipping skills our students have gained and the fitness we have achieved for healthy hearts.

We thank Tara Batt for talking to us about her personal experiences with heart and disease and the importance of being active and supporting the Heart Foundation. We are so proud to announce that we have raised \$2,446.

Congratulations to everyone involved!

Term 4 Parent Calendar 2024

WEEK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	Oct 14 First Day Term 4 Early Learning	15 Early Learning Finance Meeting	16	17	18 Playgroup	19 4.30pm Mass St Joseph's Pilgrim Dinner	20 Pilgrim Dinner
2	21 Early Learning Festival of Music Week	22 Early Learning PPC Meeting Festival of Music rehearsal day	23 Festival of Music performance Joey's Jumpstart School Board Meeting 7pm	24	25 Staff Professional Learning Day COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE	26	27 9am Mass St Joseph's
	SAPSASA AFL GIRLS			MOUNT GAMBIER SHOW			
3	28 Early Learning	29 Early Learning	30 Joey's Jumpstart Hot Shots Tennis Yr 3,4,5 (Millicent)	31	Nov 1 Playgroup All Saints Day (whole school Mass) Yr 4 Assembly	2 4.30pm Mass St Joseph's	3
	YEAR 6 CAMP ADEL					PENOLA SHOW	
4	4 Early Learning	5 Early Learning 2/3 Class Mass @ 9.15am	6 Joey's Jumpstart	7	8 Playgroup R/1 Assembly	9	10 9am Mass St Joseph's
	SAPSASA CRICKET						
5	11 Early Learning Remembrance Day – Choir/Liturgy	12 Early Learning Finance Meeting YELP EXPO ROBE	13 Joey's Jumpstart	14	15 Playgroup Sports Day	16 4.30pm Mass St Joseph's	17
	PE WEEK AND HOUSE TEAM WEEK						
6	18 Early Learning	19 Early Learning	20 Joey's Jumpstart School Board Meeting 7pm	21 Carnevale Day	22 Playgroup 5/6 Assembly	23	24 9am Mass St Joseph's Feast of Christ the King
				SAPSASA TENNIS			
7	25 Early Learning Advent Liturgy 8.45	26 Early Learning Year 4 Mass @ 9.15am R/1 Liturgy @ 10.30am	27 Joey's Jumpstart School Board Dinner	28 Children's University Graduation	29 Playgroup 2/3 Assembly	30 4.30pm Mass St Joseph's	Dec 1 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	8	2 Early Learning Advent Liturgy 8.45 Year 7 2025 TWC Orientation Day	3 Early Learning Year 7 2025 TWC Orientation Day	4 Joey's Jumpstart Christmas Celebration and Community BBQ	5 Beachport Surf Lifesaving Day (TBC)	6 Playgroup Yr 5/6 Class Mass 11.30am +Lunch Class swaps	7
9		9 Early Learning Advent Liturgy 8.45 Reports Go Home	10 Early Learning End of Year Thanksgiving Liturgy Awards, Farewells and Graduation Ceremony 5.30pm	11 Last Day Term 4 Assembly @ 2.30pm	12 Staff Professional Learning Day	13 Staff Professional Learning Day	14 4.30pm Mass St Joseph's

Community News

**Fabulous
Preloved &
New Clothing**



**Recycled
Fashion
Pop-Up**

**Fri Oct 18th. 4-8pm
Sat Oct 19th. 9-12pm**

**Mary MacKillop Memorial
School Hall. PENOLA**



PENOLA TENNIS CLUB PRESENTS

TERM 4 JUNIOR TENNIS COACHING

- TENNIS COACH - TAEGAN WHITE
- GROUP SESSIONS 6 WKS
- PLUS 2 WKS ROUND ROBIN

16TH OCT - 4TH NOV

5-7 Y.O. (RED BALL)
3.30 - 4.00PM
4.00- 4.30 PM

8- 17 Y.O. COACHING
4.30-5.30PM
5.30-6.30PM
6.30-7.30PM

**\$100/CHILD
INCLUDES 6
SESSIONS + 2 WKS
GAMES**

**TO BOOK CONTACT
LIZ RYMILL 0401 854 638**






Penola Terra Rossa
SACWA BRANCH PENOLA

Recycled Garden Art Competition for Women



Ladies! Show us your creative talents and construct some amazing garden art from any recycled materials for the next Penola Show.

Wood, plastic, glass, ceramics, metal...
Welding is NOT a requisite for entries.

Entries to be staged by 12.00pm Friday 1st November at the Penola Show Grounds. The winner will be announced at Rymill Hall, Saturday afternoon at 5.00pm. For further details and entries, please see the Penola Terra Rossa CWA Facebook page or contact Janet Brodie on 0400 028 566.

Cash prizes generously sponsored by Deland Engineering.
Open Section: Winner \$250, Novice Section: First \$250, Second \$100, Third \$50.
People's Choice Award kindly sponsored by Gallery 54. \$50 Gallery 54 Voucher.

TUESDAY 1ST OCT

COME AND CREATE

Millicent Library Craft Sessions

10:30am Japanese crafting - Blossom art, koi streamer kite, Kokeshi paper doll

2:30pm Paper bag creatures, lavender hangers, sticky art pictures

COME AND CRAFT

Penola School Community Library

2:30pm Paper bag creatures, sticky art fun, Koi streamer kite, VR play




Australian Government Mobile Service Centres



If you live in a rural area, you may need to travel greater distances to access government payments and services. To make it easier for you to access these services, we're bringing them to you and your community.

Mobile Service Centres travel extensively throughout rural and regional Australia and also to disaster affected areas to provide help and support.

Staff from Services Australia travel with the Mobile Service Centres and can help you with Centrelink and Medicare payments and services. Our Mobile Service Centres also have disabled access.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Wi-Fi is available for visitors to the Mobile Service Centre and staff will be able to help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Our staff will provide you with friendly face-to-face service, information and support. From time to time, representatives from other government agencies also travel with the Mobile Service Centres.

More information

To view the latest itineraries for the Australian Government Mobile Service Centres, visit servicessaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice

The stopping locations for Mobile Service Centres are promoted in each town and on social media before each visit.

Information and help you can access on board the Mobile Service Centres

We provide information, help and support to rural and regional communities, including:

- families
- older Australians
- students
- job seekers
- people with disability
- carers
- farmers
- self-employed people.

We can assist you with:

- registering and using the agency's online services
- new claims for Centrelink payments
- updating and confirming Centrelink and Medicare information
- information on how financial matters may impact on payments
- assistance with payment and service options
- rural payment entitlements for eligible farmers
- non-cash Medicare transactions
- enrolling for and issuing new Medicare cards
- updating and re-issuing Medicare cards
- social work support and referrals.



photo gallery

Early Learning Week 9



R/1 & 2/3 Big Day Out



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Class updates on Seesaw



photo gallery

2/3 School Sleepover



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Class updates on Seesaw



photo gallery

Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off Day



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