

Newsletter

Mary MacKillop Memorial School

Term 4 Week 2

Friday, 25th October 2024

Reception to Year 6 Co-Educational Catholic Primary School

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UPCOMING DATES

October

- 28 Early Learning
Year 6 Camp
- 29 Early Learning
- 30 Joey's Jumpstart
Hot Shots Tennis Year 3, 4, 5
(Millicent)

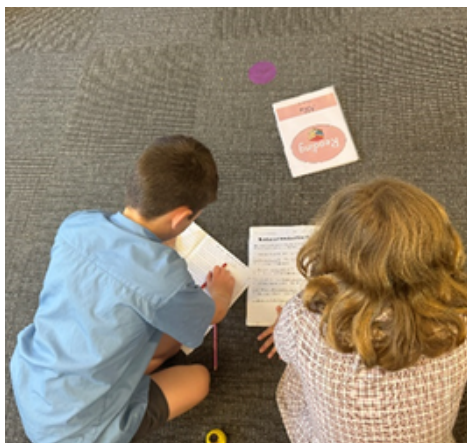
November

- 1 Playgroup
All Saints Day (whole school
Mass) (9:15am)
Year 4 Assembly
- 4 Early Learning
- 5 Early Learning
Year 2/3 Class Mass (9:15am)
- 6 Joey's Jumpstart
- 8 Playgroup
R/1 Assembly
- 11 Early Learning
Remembrance Day - Choir/Liturgy
- 12 Early Learning
Finance Meeting
YELP EXPO (Robe)
- 13 Joey's Jumpstart
- 15 Playgroup
Sport's Day
- 18 Early Learning
- 19 Early Learning
- 20 Joey's Jumpstart
School Board Meeting (7:00pm)
- 21 Carnevale Day
- 22 Playgroup

Class News

Year 2/3 Class

The 2/3 students have been working hard on developing their reading fluency skills through daily practice sessions. Each day, students pair up with a reading partner, taking turns to read aloud and with a focus on improving their fluency and expression. This partner approach not only builds reading confidence but also encourages teamwork and collaboration, as students support each other in becoming more expressive and fluent readers.



**RAISING HEARTS
AND MINDS**

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from the principal

Dear Families and Friends of Mary MacKillop Memorial School,

Welcome to Term 4 - the last term for 2024! This term has been shaping up to be action packed, full of learning and adventures. There are many highlights to look forward to. All families will receive an outline of our end of year celebration dates. We ask that you add these to your personal Calendar.

We look forward to these special occasions with our community. Please also refer to the Term Calendar that was sent home at the end of last term and will be kept updated via Seesaw. Our Year 6s have an exciting term as they conclude their Primary Years of Schooling and set themselves ready for Secondary School. We are so very confident of our group of Year 6s and the success that they will have in the future due to their thorough preparation for secondary school.

New Fee Structure

All families should have received a letter via email and hard copy regarding our new fee structure for 2025 and into the future. Our new fee structure is in response to Catholic Education South Australia's commitment to accessibility for families who choose a Catholic education for their children. Our intent is to ensure that Mary MacKillop Memorial School is a school that is open and accessible for all in our community, as was St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Wood's vision. With increases to the cost of living we want to ensure every family in the Penola community still has this choice.

Our new 2025 fee for currently enrolled and new students is \$250 per student. Extracurricular activities, excursions, school camps and uniforms will be charged separately. In addition, we will maintain the Fundraising Levy, \$100 per family.

This new fee structure allows us to eliminate general fees, offering significant savings overall, providing financial benefits for our families.

We acknowledge the support of Catholic Education South Australia and South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools.

Communities of Practice

This Friday the Catholic Schools in the South-East will gather for our Communities of Practice Conference Day. (CoP24). This will be a celebration of collaborative inquiry conducted by teachers in 2024. The day will provide an opportunity for educators to share and reflect on learning challenges and celebrate the impact that they have had over the course of the year on students in their class through their inquiry.

World Teacher's Day

Today is World Teacher's Day, we say HATS OFF to all our teachers at Mary MacKillop Memorial School and to all teachers in the Limestone Coast region, and around the world! World Teacher's Day helps us to recognise and celebrate the staff at our school who are always caring for our students and the community.

I am sure that the whole Mary Mac community join me in saying a huge thankyou and HATS OFF to our wonderful teachers and staff. How very fortunate we are to have such passionate and committed people on the job! I count my blessings everyday that I work with such a fantastic group of people.

Festival of Music

On Wednesday evening our choir performed in the Festival of Music at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre. It was the culmination of nearly a year's work that the choir has been working towards. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend, however, from all reports our choir did an outstanding job, with particular special mention of Max in his solo performance - fantastic!

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from the principal

I would like to acknowledge and thank Miss Kaitlyn Lusty for leading our choir again in 2024. Kaitlyn has prepared the students for the performance and also led them in a number of other performances throughout the year - our Opening and Blessing being one very significant event. All students have refined and developed their skills and abilities, and this is due to Miss Lusty's dedication to all students to be the best that they can be - and have some fun at the same time! Well done all!

Pilgrim Dinner

Last Saturday and Sunday night we hosted over 20 pilgrims for dinner. This is a wonderful fundraiser for our community, and it is also a significant way to assist the parish and the Interpretative Centre. A very special thankyou to our volunteers who helped with preparation and serving the group. The Pilgrims were very grateful and sincerely enjoyed the two evenings at our school.

School Uniform

It has come to our attention that many children are not wearing the correct uniform on the correct day or are wearing a hybrid between the winter and summer and in addition are not wearing the correct shoes.

PE uniform is to be worn on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This includes PE t-shirt, navy trackpants or shorts, rugby top, white socks (no logos) and sneakers appropriate for physical activity.

On the other days, the summer uniform is to be worn. Please refrain from wearing leggings or tights under the summer dress or skort, in addition the skort should not be of PE t-shirt material, it should be the tailored version - available from the front office.

Black school shoes are to be worn when wearing the summer uniform - not sneakers. Please refer to the policy.

Please check the policy on earrings, bracelets, rings and necklaces. These are to be plain. Any child wearing jewellery not adhering to our policy will be asked to remove it and place it in a safe place in their bag - sealed envelopes will be available - to take home. (earrings included).

You will receive a uniform reminder note if your child is not in correct uniform.

You are able to find our Uniform Policy on our website, should you need to check. We are currently in the review process of our policy, with a small working party working on our uniform into the future.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in attending to your child's uniform. The Mary MacKillop uniform is worn with pride.

Staffing 2025

Staffing 2025 is yet to be finalised, and will be communicated to the school community within the next five weeks. However, I am able to inform the school community that Mrs Alison Smith has resigned from her permanent position here at Mary MacKillop Memorial School and Catholic Education South Australia. Alison has been a valued staff member for over 20 years and has always demonstrated commitment to the teaching and learning of all students. We will miss Alison's contribution to the Mary Mac Community.

I am able to inform the community on the appointment of permanency to Kaitlyn Lusty and also her continuation in the Position of Responsibility role of Inclusion and Wellbeing Coordinator in 2025.

Congratulations Kaitlyn.

Wishing all a wonderful weekend.
God Bless,
Nicole.

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Catholic Identity

October is 'World Mission Month'

Inspired by the Pope's message for World Mission Sunday, this year the Catholic Mission theme is "Go and Invite Everyone to the Banquet."

Throughout 2024, Catholic Mission aims to encourage everyone to engage in both a physical and spiritual journey, to share the message of love and hope not only through their words, but also through their actions, building up momentum for the celebration of World Mission Month in October. Building on the inclusive message from Matthew 22:09, Pope Francis invites us to extend the invitation to the banquet far and wide, building bridges of solidarity and unity. To know more, check out the website:

<https://www.catholicmission.org.au/worldmissionmonth>

All Saints and All Souls Day

The month of November begins with All Saints Day, 1st November, followed by All Souls Day, 2nd November. Traditionally during this month of November, the Catholic Church honours and remembers the Saints and heroes of the Church and relatives and friends who have died. We are reminded that living or dead, we belong to the Communion of Saints, that those living on earth and those who have lived before, are all united by the Body Of Christ. Everyday we commit ourselves to evolving vibrant faith tradition in a way that honours the past, with excitement for the future, and confidence in a life beyond what we know. On Friday November 1st our school will lead the Parish Mass at 9:15 am for All Saints Day. Everyone is welcome.

At this time, let us ask that those who have gone before us intercede on our behalf and pray for our needs and the needs of the Church and the world.

O glorious Saints of heaven, who lived and died in the love of God and in the service of others, we come to you today asking for your intercession. We ask that you pray for us, that we may be faithful to God's will and that we may follow your example of holiness and virtue. Help us to be true disciples of Christ, and to spend his love and mercy to all those we meet.

Amen.

Prayer at Home: The Examen

The Examen, is a reflective practice developed by St Ignatius of Loyola. You are able to be guided in reflecting on the day's events and becoming more aware of the presence of God in your lives. Responses can be in the heart and mind or written reflections. Try it this week with your family.

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 Wednesday 11th December

End of Year Thanksgiving Liturgy at 5:30pm

Penola Parish

Parish Priest: Fr Peter Zwaans

SUNDAY 27th October at 9:00am

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

GOSPEL - MARK 10:46-52

Community News

Birthdays

We wish a Happy Birthday to Swaye and Lola who will be celebrating their birthdays this weekend. Swaye on the 26th of October and Lola on the 27th.

We wish a Happy Birthday to Freya who will be celebrating her birthday in Week 3 on the 31st of October.

We also wish a Happy Birthday to Chloe who will celebrate her birthday on the 6th of November in Week 4.

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

2025 Year 6 Leadership Program

In Year 6 students have the opportunity to take on roles as formal leaders and work side-by-side with their peers, students, staff and leadership. The 2025 Year 6 Leaders undertake a wide range of responsibilities and roles, including, but not exclusive to:

- School Captains
- House Captains
- Choir Leaders
- Environmental Leaders

In the coming weeks these opportunities will be outlined to the students. The Year 5 students will be supported to consider and apply for these roles. A more detailed letter has been distributed to all Year 5 students.

The School Captains and House Captains for 2025 will be announced and presented at the community Christmas Celebration.

House Points

Cameron	543
McCormack	622
Woods MacKillop	530

Key Dates

Key Dates for Term 4 2024

Wednesday 4th December - Christmas Celebration and Community BBQ

Thursday 5th December - Beachport Surf Lifesaving Day - whole school excursion

Friday 6th December - Year 5/6 Class Mass and Year 6 Luncheon

Tuesday 10th December - End of Year Thanksgiving Liturgy, Awards and Farewells

Wednesday 11th December - Last Day of School: Final Assembly and Guard Honour

Key Dates

Key Dates for Term 1 2025

Monday 20th January - School Office Opens

Monday 27th January - Australia Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 28th January - R - 6 to commence Term 1 2025 and Welcome Back Morning Tea

Community News

Counsellor's Corner

Welcome Back to Term 4!

As we enter Week 2 of Term 4, we're approaching the final stretch of the school year. This period is often filled with exciting activities, projects, and anticipation for the holidays, but it can also be busy and demanding.

Here are some simple tips to help your family manage the busyness:

- **Stay Organised:** Use a family calendar to keep track of key dates and assignments. Encourage your child to use checklists, helping them take responsibility for managing their school tasks alongside parental support.
- **Prioritise Well-Being:** Make sure your child gets enough sleep, eats well, and stays active. Schedule downtime for relaxation to keep stress in check.
- **Set Goals:** Help your child set realistic goals for the term. Breaking big tasks into smaller steps makes them more achievable and less stressful.
- **Keep Routines:** Daily routines provide stability. Maintaining a consistent homework, meal, and bedtime schedule helps children stay calm and focused.

Let's work together to make this a successful and enjoyable final term!

Regards,

Bec Baker.

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.

Early Arrivals

Please ensure that your child does not arrive prior to 8:25am, when yard supervision begins. There is a significant number of children arriving before this time and this is causing a challenge with our duty of care requirements and the front office. If, at times, you do need to drop your child to school earlier than 8:25am, please contact the school office to arrange this.

Enrolments 2025

Enrolments at Mary MacKillop Memorial School are welcome at any time. If you are interested or know of someone considering Mary Mac in 2025, we would love to show them around our beautiful school and share with them our excellent teaching and learning programs and specialist areas.

Condolences

Our sincere condolences to David, Ange, Lacey and Chloe on the passing of David's Dad Terry, and to Cath, George, Camilla and Vinnie on the passing of their nephew/cousin Louis, and to Tom, Eloise, Freya, Darcy and Archie on the passing of Tom's Dad Rohan. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.

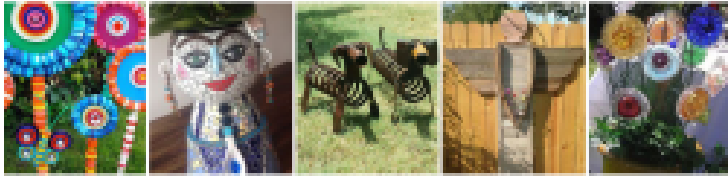
Welcome to the Mary Mac Community

We extend our big welcome to Bonnie and her family. We are excited to be in partnership with the learning journeys for Bonnie.

Community News



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 3.00pm. For further details and entries, please see the Penola Terra Rossa CWA Facebook page or contact Janet Brodie on 0400 028 666.

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.

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

TO BOOK CONTACT
LIZ RYMILL 0401 854 638

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MOUNT GAMBIER CHESS CLUB ANNUAL JUNIOR SWISS TOURNAMENT

Sunday 10 November 2024
10:00am - 2:00pm
Mount Gambier Library
Free entry

Format: 7 rounds Blitz, 10 minutes + 2 second increments per move.
Trophies will be awarded and free refreshments available.

Register via Val Pilypenko 0419 957 470 by Thursday 7 November 2024.





photo gallery

Early Learning Week 2 Term 4 Bubbles

