



Newsletter

Mary MacKillop Memorial School

In All Things Love

Reception to Year Seven Co-Educational Catholic Primary School

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Term 1 Week 4

Thursday, February 24th 2022

UPCOMING DATES

FEBRUARY

- 25 Occasional Care
8.45am
- 28 Playgroup 9.30am

MARCH

- 1 Shrove Tuesday
- 2 Ash Wednesday
- 4 Occasional Care
8.45am
Clean up Australia
Day
Year 2/3 assembly
2.30pm
- 7 Playgroup 9.30am
- 7-11 Swimming lessons
- 11 Occasional care
8.45am
Year 6 assembly
2.30pm
- 14 Playgroup 9.30am

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

The building project is progressing well. The new learning space is taking shape and will be known as The Woods Learning Centre.



Fr Julian Tenison Woods had great public speaking skills and keen interests in geology, environmental management, and indigenous education. His journeys across the district heightened his interest in the geology of the region. Fr Julian Tenison Woods was the first scientist to chart much of the sub-terrain of the South East. His scientific genius, artistry in recording flora and excellent communication skills earned him a strong reputation for his expertise in this field. Father Woods' theories and opinions in the area of botany, geology, marine biology, geography and paleontology are widely respected, even today.

It is our responsibility at Mary MacKillop Memorial School that we nurture students' values, character traits, skills, dispositions and knowledge after Fr Julian Tenison Woods and endeavor that they will be truly inspired by him while learning in The Woods Learning Centre.

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from the principal

Dear Parents and Friends,

As I walk around the classes I have been asking students five critical questions:

What are you learning? Why?

How are you doing in what you are learning?

How do you know?

How can you improve?

Where do you go for help?

These questions give insight into the effectiveness of explicit teaching and learning and assists students in being engaged in their own learning and how they are going with it. As a school we continue to seek ways to co-construct with students so that they experience agency of their learning.

LENT 2022

Lent begins next week. It lasts for the 6 weeks before Easter and is a time when we practice being quiet and thoughtful. During this time, we pray, give money to charities and give up some things that we might otherwise do for pleasure. As a school community we commit to helping those less fortunate than ourselves. One way in which we do this is through Project Compassion. Project Compassion is Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal which brings thousands of Australians together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. The theme this year is: For All Future Generations.

COVID UPDATE

Next week we have the easing of some of our current restrictions. A more detailed letter was emailed out to all families at the beginning of the week and can also be found on Schoolstream. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Vaccination status of volunteers

From Week 5, volunteers approved by the Principal may return to the school (including in classrooms). To protect our staff and students, volunteers approved by the Principal to attend in person (including Board Members) must be vaccinated.

Noting that volunteers supplement and support the

work of our staff, the requirement for volunteers to be vaccinated arises from the Emergency Direction in relation to mandated vaccination of persons working in South Australian education and care settings.

Volunteer vaccination data will be recorded in the Data Collection at our site.

Parents who visit the school, who are not volunteering, need not provide evidence of their vaccination status. I ask that all parents volunteering ensure that they contact Janice and pass on their vaccination status.

SCHOOL BOARD AGM

The Mary MacKillop Memorial School Board AGM will be held on **Wednesday 16th at 6pm**. It will be held under cover of the basketball stadium. We invite all families to attend.

Please consider nominating for school board. Nomination forms have been sent home.

Being a School Board member is a commitment to Mary MacKillop Memorial School and requires attendance at each monthly meeting (3rd Wednesday of each month) at 5.30pm. If you would like to nominate to be a School Board member, please complete the nomination form that was distributed to all families today or call the Front Office and ask for a nomination forms to be sent home. Nomination forms are to be returned to the Front Office by Friday 11th March.

MARY MACKILLOP MEMORIAL SCHOOL PICNIC DAY

The MMMS School Board invite all families to our beginning of year school picnic. It will be held on the school oval on **Sunday 20th March**, beginning at 11.30am. Come together to enjoy each other's



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company while the children have a play. It is a wonderful opportunity for new families to connect with current families. Please support this event.

A separate flyer can be found in today's newsletter.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY

On March the 15th staff will be engaging in Professional Learning as a region. They will continue their work on moderation, developing rubrics and collaboration of planning. Please mark this date as student free in your diaries.

God bless,



Nicole

2022 MID-YEAR RECEPTION ENROLMENTS - NO FEES

Mid year enrolments are now open for all children who turn 5 on or before the 31st October.

The fees for mid-year Reception enrolments will be free for the two terms of schooling, as advised by Catholic Education South Australia. If you have a child who is to begin Reception in Term 3 2022, please complete an enrolment form and return to the front office. If you know of any families who are thinking about enrolling their child at Mary MacKillop Memorial School for Term 3 2022, please let them know about our mid-year enrolment intake or alternatively, they can contact the school on 8737 3902 at any time. We welcome all new families!

Joey's Jumpstart Program

The Joey's Jumpstart Program will begin at the beginning of Term 2 for 7 weeks. We have available the Joey Jumpstart Program flyer that you are able to access through the school or our website.

TEXT ABSENTEE NUMBER

If your child is absent you are able to text their absence on the following number: 0459799596

Please text: child's name and **reason for absence**.

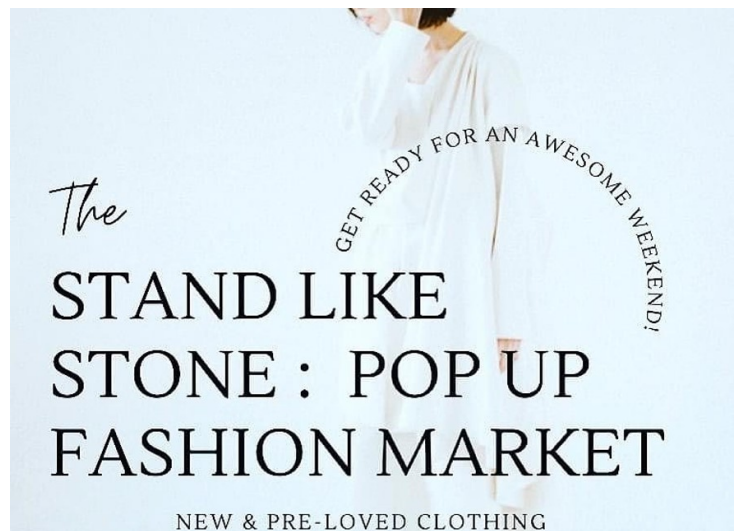
HELLO WORLD

Woohoo! We welcome **Henley James Tinknell** to the world on the weekend. A huge congratulations to Kimmi and Sam. Henley is adorable and he is such a lucky boy to have such amazing people as parents.

We are looking forward to meeting Henley when he settles into the world.



STAND LIKE STONE POP-UP MARKET



FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2022, 4PM at RSL Hall
It's on again... the Fashion Pop-up Market raising funds for Penola Coonawarra SLS Sub Fund... New & Pre loved clothing, come along for what is fast becoming a popular night with plenty of bargains to be snapped up. There is even some brand new clothing with tags!!

BOOK CLUB

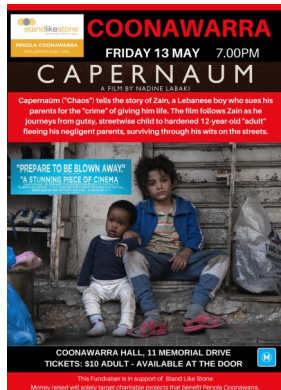
All Book Club orders are due to the front office by Tuesday March 1st.

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STAND LIKE STONE MOVIE NIGHT

The Stand Like Stone Penola Coonawarra Sub Fund recently announced a local grant of \$3450 to the Penola Coonawarra Arts Festival. Their initiative to



further engage school parent clubs from six local primary schools / kindergartens to facilitate activities for their Family Program in May was a great opportunity to access all children from throughout our immediate district.

We also look forward to the festival as we will be holding our next Movie Night, Capernaum.

STAND LIKE STONE GRANTS

ONE FORTY ONE GRANT OPEN ROUND

Stand Like Stone and OneFortyOne are continuing their partnership to support local community groups with their \$50,000 grants program. Applications opened on 15th of February, not for profit groups in the Limestone Coast region are encouraged to apply for a funding boost.

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP ROUND OPEN

We would like to announce that we are holding an additional scholarship Round, opening on 15th February 2022 and closing on 31st March 2022.

Lorry Humphreys Trades and/or Arts Scholarship - The scholarship is valued at \$5000 and is open to students who are undertaking either Trade based study or study in the Arts. One (1) x \$5,000 scholarship is available this round.

LE & NC Myers Educational Scholarship Sub Fund - The scholarship supports young people under the guardianship of the Minister or who have exited the guardianship of the Minister to achieve their goals in vocational and tertiary education.

Cornerstone Scholarship Sub Fund - Provides scholarships for reasons of equity or merit to benefit kindergarten, primary, secondary or tertiary students identifying with the greater Bordertown area.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Tess (23rd), Elijah (23rd), Josh (24th), Ben (4th), and Belle (19th). We hope you have a great day.

FAMILY WORKSHOPS

Autism SA presents family workshops and webinars that aim to develop participants' understanding of a variety of areas relating to autism and provide specific strategies that they can use in a range of environments.

Presented by experienced professionals from across our organisation, participants will have the opportunity to develop a greater understanding of autism through these interactive, engaging and practical workshops.

Autism SA family workshops are delivered both face-to-face and online. Anyone can attend Family Workshops at Autism SA. NDIS funding can be used to access workshops. Click the link to find out more.

<https://autismsa.org.au/training-consulting/workshops/family-workshops/>

HOCKIN 2 HOCKEY

The Lower South East Hockey Association is currently in the recruiting progress for new members who are interested in the club.

**FIRST SESSION IS FREE!
CALL OR EMAIL FOR DETAILS!
ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED!**

CLUB: Lower South East Hockey Association
VENUE: Blue Lake Sports Park, Jubilee Hwy East, Mount Gambier, SA, 5290
PROGRAM START DATE: Friday, 25 February 2022
TIME: 5:00pm – 6:00pm
NO. OF WEEK: 5 weeks
PRICE: \$35

COORDINATOR NAME: Ali Shephard
COORDINATOR EMAIL: isahajuniors@gmail.com
COORDINATOR PHONE: 0408 899 719

**TO REGISTER GO TO
WWW.HOCKEY.ORG.AU/HOCKIN2HOCKEY**

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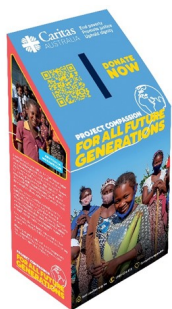
PROJECT COMPASSION

This coming week the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

The theme of Project Compassion 2022 is 'For All Future Generations' and reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. It invites us to make the world a better place by working together now and finding long-term solutions to global issues. We encourage you to put your compassion into action this Lent through your prayer, fasting and almsgiving by supporting Project Compassion. Each family will receive a Project Compassion box for their donations.

As well as the Project Compassion boxes Mary MacKillop Memorial school has set up a fundraising page through Caritas that parents and friends can use to make donations under our name. To donate click on the link below and follow the prompts. Let's aim to reach our target of \$1000 by the end of Lent!

<https://fundraise.projectcompassion.org.au/mmms>



LITURGIES AND MASSES FOR TERM ONE

All Liturgies and Mass times TBC.

Due to current restrictions on schools and Mass we are unable to have our Whole School Beginning of year Mass scheduled for Friday Week 5. Please keep an eye out for correspondence regarding rescheduling of this and future Masses.

Important upcoming dates:

1st March: Shrove Tuesday

2nd March: Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins)

PENOLA PARISH

Parish Priest: Fr Aru Dev

**SUNDAY 27TH FEBRUARY:
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Gospel: Luke 6: 39-45

LENT

Lent is a time that is super important in the cycle of the Church Year. It is the time in which Christians prepare themselves for the crucifixion and then the resurrection of Christ. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and finishes after 40 days later (not including Sunday's). But what do people DO during Lent?

Because Lent is a preparation time for such an important event the Church gives us direction of what we can do to prepare. The three ways in which we can prepare is through fasting, alms giving and prayer. One of the reasons Christians fast during Lent is to be reminded of Jesus time in the desert prior to His public ministry as well as a way of remembering the sacrifices Jesus made for us. Alms giving is a reminder to help those less fortunate than us and Prayer is an act that can bring us all closer to God.

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photo gallery

ARTISTIC WORK



RECEPTION AND YEAR 1 PURPOSFUL PLAY



SCIENCE WITH THE YEAR 2 and 3s



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MMMS PICNIC DAY



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SCHOOL BOARD AGM

WEDNESDAY 16TH MARCH 6.00PM
UNDER THE OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURT

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'The work of the School Board entails a detailed consideration of all manner of practical issue to ensure that the quality of education offered in the school achieves a high standard of excellence.'

Please consider nominating to be a member of the MMMS School Board in 2022.

PLEASE QR IN, HAND SANITISE AND SOCIAL DISTANCE.
WE ALSO RECOMMEND MASK WEARING.