



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 10

Thursday, April 7th 2022

UPCOMING DATES

APRIL

- 08 Occasional Care (8.45am)
- 13 Last Day of Term 1
Assembly Yr 4/5 (2.30pm)
- 14 **Pupil Free Day**
- 15 Good Friday
Pupil Free Day

MAY

- 02 **Pupil Free Day**
- 03 First Day of Term 2
Athletics Day
- 06 Mother's Day
Celebration
Occasional Care (8.45am)
- 09 Catholic Education
Week
Playgroup (9.30am)
- 10 NAPLAN starts
- 12 Penola/Coonawarra
Arts Festival
- 13 Assembly Yr 6 (2.30pm)

YEAR 4/5 CLASS NEWS

This term the Year 4/5 class have had the opportunity to work with the Reception and Year 1 class on a weekly basis. They have buddied up and read stories to each other. Comments from the Year 4/5 children include: 'this is so much fun, I love reading to them!' "Wow, they are very good at reading and so little too!" "Can we go over more than once a week?" This program offers friendship building, leadership for the older children and rich conversations relating to the text.



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from the principal

Dear Parents and Friends

Life is busy, we always seem to have problems or things that need to be fixed. As we head towards the end of a busy and hectic term, there seems to be things coming at us from all angles. Too often in our days we tend to look for complex solutions to life's problems. The following thoughts are constant reminders that might help us keep things in perspective and bring a sense of peace to our busy lives.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

We find what we look for in people. If we look for God, we find God. If we look for bad qualities, we find them. We, in a sense, select what we expect and we receive it. A life without challenges would be like going to school without lessons to learn. Challenges come not to depress or get us down, but to master and to help us to grow. In God's wise and loving plan for us, no burden can fall upon us, no emergency can arise, no grief can overtake us, before we are given the grace and strength to meet them. We are happy or unhappy because of what we think and feel.

During our last week of Term 1, let's be about living and responding to the moment. We are who we are, and we are defined by the way we respond to those around us, especially those closest to us.

IMPORTANT

STAFF PREPARATION/PUPIL FREE DAYS

Please refer to the letter sent home last week and on schoolstream for updated information from Catholic Education SA regarding additional pupil free days.

In brief, pupil-free days:

Thursday, April 14 - Last day of Term 1 (refer to the letter, school student supervision available)

Monday, May 2 - First day of Term 2 (refer to the letter, school student supervision available)

If you are requiring your child to be supervised on one or both of these days, please register your child by calling the front office as soon as possible.

COVID UPDATE

If your child is symptom free, please send them to school. It is important for their own wellbeing and the continuation of their learning that they attend. Our school staff are incredibly diligent in following the educational processes to mitigate any spread.

If your child is in isolation/quarantine due to being a close contact outside of school, please contact me and we will do what we can to provide learning for your child.

If your child is unwell with cold symptoms, they need to remain home. They need to rest, recover and return to school when they are well.

If a positive case is reported to us, you will be notified via email. As a small community we feel that it is essential to keep open lines of communication with families. Presently, there have been a number of increased cases reported in surrounding towns. We are keeping a careful eye on these reports. If this impacts any up and coming events, including sport trainings, namely SAPSASA, we will communicate this to families as soon as possible.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Our building project is nearly complete. The expected move in date is May 19. We have been able to have a sneak peak and it is looking fantastic. Walls are up and plastered. The new Woods Learning Centre is also close to lock up stage. Climbing Tree have provided a detailed plan of our Nature Play area, which will be undertaken after the classes move back into their learning spaces.

We look forward to a completely transformed space in the not too distant future.



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PENOLA-COONAWARRA ARTS FESTIVAL

We will once again host the Sunday Kids Program on our oval for The Penola-Coonawarra Arts Festival, which will take place on May 15th. On this day we will run a BBQ, and sell zooper doopers. We will also run a free art activity, which will be badge making and the MacKillop Markets will be open.

For the MacKillop Markets the SAKG group are hoping to make beeswax wrappers. To do this we are looking for donations of pieces of material, which needs to be cotton. If you have any random pieces of cotton at home that you are able to donate can you please send it into school asap. Thank you in advance.

As this is the last newsletter for the term, I take this opportunity to thank the entire school community, students, parents and staff for a wonderful start to the 2022 school year. Thank you for your ongoing commitment and support throughout Term 1 to the life of Mary MacKillop Memorial School. We are certainly lucky to have a wonderful and supportive school community.

Wishing you all a blessed Easter and well-earned rest over the holidays and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 3rd May to begin Term 2.

God bless



Nicole



DIBELS

The school has recently begun to use whole-school data to track the progress of students' literacy skills on an individual basis. DIBELS stands for the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills and is a set of procedures and measures for assessing the acquisition of literacy skills. They are designed to be short fluency measures that can be used to regularly detect risk and monitor the development of early literacy and early reading skills from Year 2 to Year 6.

The research-based tasks focus on early literacy skills that are foundational to students' reading proficiency and later reading development. The tests are informative to teaching practices and allows teachers to monitor individual targeted needs for students.

The first set of testing was conducted within the first part of the term with the information being analysed by classroom teachers.

If you would like further information on the whole-school data being collected to inform teaching and learning, feel free to contact our Leader of Learning, Sam Baxter or your child's classroom teacher.

PE

Physical Education is valued at MMMS as an integral aspect of every child's development. There is a strong emphasis on skill development through a physical education program that is based on fine and gross motor skill development. The skills taught in the PE area comprise one of three strands in the Health and Physical Education Curriculum. Miss Amy Boyd is our qualified PE teacher (she is an enthusiastic sports person herself) Amy conducts lessons with all classes to develop a range of skills and our students are encouraged to have a healthy and positive attitude towards participation and competition.

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MILLCENT UNITED SOCCER CLUB
COME & TRY

Inviting all **BOYS and GIRLS**
8-17 years old

5 PM
12TH APRIL
Millicent Soccer Pitch, McLaughlin Park

Enquiries to Ian Lines P: 0407 399 014
Season starts 1 May 2022

'Come and join our friendly club'

MCDONALD'S MAGIC HOOPS BASKETBALL

Do you want to be involved in Millicent Basketball?

Millicent Basketball provides children with the opportunity to stay active, make new friends, learn new skills and have fun.

The new Term 2 Hoops Season commences on Monday 9th May or Tuesday 10th May and plays through until almost the end of the term.

More information and registration attached.

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CONDOLENCES

Our sincere condolences to Jen and Romi on the passing of their treasured father and Pop. And to Danni on the passing of her beloved Nan.

May God's love wrap firmly around you at this time of sadness and grief.

FLOURISH AWARDS

Congratulation to the students who received a flourishing award last week. You have followed our school motto for 2022 where 'We must teach more by example than by word.'



SCHOOL UNIFORM TERM 2

The 'Uniform Shop' at school is open every day except Wednesdays. A reminder that with the holidays approaching and moving into Term 2 all students will need to change over to their winter uniform. I strongly suggest a winter uniform try on this weekend in case there are items that need to be ordered by Janice Coote.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Max (2nd), Mrs Schinckel we hope you both had a wonderful day.

YOUNG CARERS

Come and join the fun during the holidays. A brochure with details about Carers SA is attached at the end of the newsletter.



WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE HOLIDAYS

Wattle Range Council has arranged fun activities all over the limestone coast during the holidays. More details and event schedule are attached.

MILLCENT Community Market

NEXT MARKET
Saturday, 23 April 2022
9 am to 1 pm

VENUE
Jubilee Park
North Tce, Millicent

FEATURING
CRAFT & PRODUCE STALLS • LIVE ENTERTAINMENT • KIDS ACTIVITIES + MORE
BY MUSICIAN JON PETERS

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Millicent Visitor Information Centre on 08 8733 0904
millicent@watterange.sa.gov.au

FOR FUTURE MARKET DATES VISIT:
www.watterange.sa.gov.au/tourism/all-events
or Find us on Facebook
/MillicentVisitorInformation
/watterangecouncil

Future opportunities are available for Market Hosts & Stallholders

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Millicent Community Market

BE ACTIVE CHALLENGE

Reminder if your child is participating in the Premier's be active challenge that they finish their booklets ready to be handed up during Week 1 Term 2.

It is also not too late to sign up! See Ella in the front office to negotiate a timeline for completion, receive a new permission slip and their booklet.

Millicent (and surrounds) New Residents and Friends presents....

Kalangadoo Guided History Walk

Sunday 10th April at 11am

Meet at the **Kalangadoo Store** on John Street and grab a coffee for the walk

A **guided walk** including a look at the **Railway Museum**.

Lunch at the **Kalangadoo Hotel** afterwards for those who wish to stay on for a chat (at own cost)



Pets Welcome!

For more info, follow Millicent (and surrounds) New Residents and Friends on Facebook



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FANTASY MEDIEVAL FAIR

The inaugural Fantasy Medieval Fair for Mount Gambier is happening on April 23 & 24.

We will have

- The Confession combat arena
- The Thistle Meadery tavern
- Craiola's Artisan alley
- Armour to try on
- Activities to try
- Many, many stalls selling wares and food and beverage at the SE Voice Medieval marketplace
- A costume competition.

It will be lots of fun for the whole family, including Highland Cattle, Puppet Theatre, Jousts, Re-enactors, Henna, and more



tickets are available online now.

<https://www.facebook.com/fantasymedievalfair>

www.fantasymedievalfair.com

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EASTER FOIL CHALLENGE

The Easter Foil Challenge is back on this year.

Did you know? We can save 95% of energy used to make aluminium foil by recycling our foil wrappings.



EASTER MASS TIMES

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, PENOLA (Portland St, PENOLA)

Holy Thursday: 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 10pm

Good Friday: 11am Stations of the Cross

3pm Liturgy of Good Friday

Easter Sunday: 9am Mass

ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH (2 Hagen St, ROBE)

Good Friday: 11am Liturgy

Easter Sunday: 12 noon Mass (Outside, bring own chair)



PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK

This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week with the celebration of Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday is when Catholics remember Jesus entering into Jerusalem to the crowds cheering and welcoming Him as 'King'.

Holy Week then helps us to prepare for the events of Holy Thursday and Good Friday. We remember the Last Supper and the events of Good Friday, culminating in the Passion and crucifixion of Christ.

This week students will be undertaking a series of classroom liturgies and activities to remember the events of Holy Week and eventually Easter in Term 2. Through these liturgies and reflections we are able to explore in more detail the love and compassion that Jesus has for us all.



Holy Week

SHANIELLA

This week through Project Compassion we learn about Shaniella who is attending a vocational school in the Solomon Islands supported by Caritas Australia Solomon Islands (CASI).

Not long after Shaniella started, the school was hit by a landslide, flooding, and a cyclone, all in quick succession.

With your kind support, CASI helped install water tanks, restoring clean water access to nearby schools, health centres and the wider community. Training was held in agricultural skills to help boost the school community's food security, as well as in environmental risk management and emergency responses.

Now, Shaniella can complete her skills training, with enough water and food to eat, and improved sanitation. She is improving her ability to earn an income, learning skills which will expand her job opportunities. Students are also better prepared to respond when disaster strikes.

Watch a short film about Shaniella's story [here](#).



BEGINNING OF YEAR LITURGY

Last week we joined together as a school to celebrate the new school year through a liturgy held outside on our school grounds.



PENOLA PARISH

Parish Priest: Fr Arul Dev

SUNDAY 10th APRIL:

PALM SUNDAY

Luke 23:14-23:56

EASTER EGGS

The Easter egg is a popular and much loved symbol of Easter, the celebration of the resurrected Christ. So what is the connection? The Easter egg, being a hollow egg is reminiscent of the tomb that Jesus was placed in after His death on the Cross. This tomb was found empty by His disciples on the Sunday morning. The opening of the empty egg and the cracking of the outer 'shell' is much like the opening of the empty tomb, revealing the resurrection of Jesus on the morning of Easter Sunday.

Due to this connection we ask that during Holy Week, before Easter Sunday, that no easter eggs are sent in or brought to school.



Don't forget that you can donate to Project Compassion on behalf of our school using the link below.

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

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photo gallery

MACKILLIOP MARKET



**BEGINNING OF
YEAR MASS**

R/1 ASSEMBLY



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FULL THROTTLE IN WATTLE

School Holiday Program

Autumn 2022

WEEK 1

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

COME & CATCH RIVOLI BAY JETTIES JUNIOR FISHING WORKSHOP

Learn how to cast, tie a knot, bait a hook, fish ecology, species ID, competition registration available and more
11.30 am to 1.30 pm | Beachport Recreation Centre
No bookings required

COME & CRAFT @ MILLICENT

'Fun on the run' craft activities for all
10.30 am to 11.30 am | Millicent Library

COME & COMPETE MARIO KART COMPETITION

Compete in a Nintendo Switch Mario Kart Competition
2.30 pm to 4.30 pm | Millicent Library

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

COME & CRAFT @ MILLICENT

'Fun on the run' craft activities for all
10.30 am to 11.30 am | Millicent Library

COME & WATCH A MOVIE @ MILLICENT

Catch a PG rated movie
2 pm to 3.30 pm | Millicent Civic & Arts Centre
Popcorn & water supplied

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

COME & CRAFT @ KALANGADOO

VR goggles, Green Screen & Animal crafts (Bird whistles & ceramic bird feeders)
10 am to 12 noon
Kalangadoo Institute, Eliza Street, Kalangadoo
Bookings at the Kalangadoo Shop 8739 3074

COME & PICK YOUR OWN APPLES

Visit Coorara Estate and pick apples to make juice
1 pm to 3 pm
Coorara Estate | 1580 Mt McIntyre Road, Kalangadoo

THURSDAY, APRIL 21 CONT.

COME & CRAFT @ MILLICENT

Make decoupage tiles and decorate wooden flowers
2.30 pm to 3.30 pm | Millicent Library
Under 8 yrs Wooden flowers | 8 yrs & over Decoupage tiles

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

COME & ENJOY STORYTELLING & LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Enjoy stories and fun at the library
10.30 am to 11.30 am | Millicent Library

COME & PLAY MILLICENT

IT4KIDS & Youth | VR Goggles, Nintendo Switch & Green Screen
2 pm to 8 pm | Millicent Library

COME & BUILD @ LEGO CLUB

Join Millicent's own Lego Club at the library
4 pm to 5 pm | Millicent Library

WEEK 2

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

COME & BUILD A WOODEN TREE HOLLOW FOR BIRDS

Learn from the local Men's Shed how to make a bird habitat
10 am to 11 am | 11 am to 12 noon
Must be aged 8 years +
Millicent Mens Shed, Fifth Street, Millicent

COME & GIVE TO YOUR LOCAL BIRDLIFE

Help install wooden tree hollow boxes made in the morning and chat with a bird & wildlife expert about local fauna
1 pm to 3 pm | Millicent Domain Parklands Ridge Terrace, Millicent
Meet at the Civic & Arts Centre Carpark

TUESDAY, APRIL 26 CONT.

COME & CRAFT @ MILLICENT

'Fun on the run' craft activities for all
10.30 am to 11.30 am | Millicent Library

COME & COMPETE 'SUPER SMASH BROS' COMPETITION

Compete in a Nintendo Switch Super Smash Bros Competition
2.30 pm to 4.30 pm | Millicent Library

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

COME & COLOUR RUN @ COONAWARRA

Celebrate the opening of the Rail Trail in a non-competitive colour run
10 am start | Meet at the Coonawarra Rail Siding
You can run, walk, cycle, skip, hop or fancy dress
Wear a white shirt & appropriate footwear.
Sunglasses or goggles are also strongly recommended.

COME & TRY GRAPE STOMPING @ BRANDS LAIRA

Put your feet to the test in the age-old tradition of grape stomping
11.30 am to 12.30 pm | Prizes for top teams
Brands Laira Winery, 14860 Riddoch Highway, Coonawarra

COME & TRY PETANQUE

Come along and learn Petanque from an Australian national coach
2 pm to 4 pm
Coonawarra Petanque Club
Coonawarra Park, Memorial Drive, Coonawarra

COME & CRAFT @ MILLICENT

Come along to the Millicent Library for crafting fun
10.30 am to 11.30 am | Age Under 8 yrs | Dangly foam animals
2 pm to 3 pm | Age 8 yrs & over | Paper plate weaving & more

ALL EVENTS FREE BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

CONTACT MILLICENT VISITOR CENTRE
ON 8733 0904

OR EVENTS@WATTLE.RANGE.SA.GOV.AU

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

COME & CRAFT @ HATHERLEIGH

VR goggles, Green Screen & Animal crafts
10 am to 12 noon
Hatherleigh Sports & Recreation Club, Calcootall Tce, Hatherleigh

COME & PICNIC @ HATHERLEIGH

Bring along a picnic lunch and enjoy it in nature
12 noon to 1 pm | Meet near the playground
Hatherleigh Sports & Recreation Club, Calcootall Tce, Hatherleigh

COME & HUNT TREASURE

Can you find the hidden treasure? Join the hunt on the golf course
1 pm to 3 pm | Hatherleigh Golf Course
Hatherleigh Sports & Recreation Club, Calcootall Tce, Hatherleigh

COME & CRAFT @ MILLICENT

Make a ceramic bird feeder and bird whistle or butterfly jewel magnet
2.30 pm to 3.30 pm | Millicent Library
Magnets under 8 yrs | Bird feeders & whistles 8 yrs & over

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

COME & CELEBRATE RIVOLI BAY JETTIES JUNIOR FISHING COMPETITION PRESENTATION

Come along and congratulate this seasons successful fishers
5.30 pm for a 6 pm start | Bompas of Beachport
Awards, lucky door prize and more...

COME & ENJOY STORYTELLING & LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Fun with treasure chests for older kids
10.30 am to 11.30 am | Millicent Library

COME & PLAY MILLICENT

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2 pm to 8 pm | Millicent Library

COME & BUILD @ LEGO CLUB

Join Millicent's own Lego Club at the library
4 pm to 5 pm | Millicent Library

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McDonald's

MAGIC HOOPS BASKETBALL



Do you want to be involved in Millicent Basketball?

Millicent Basketball provides children with the opportunity to stay active, make new friends, learn new skills and have fun.

The new Term 2 Hoops Season commences on Monday 9th May or Tuesday 10th May and plays through until almost the end of the term. **Monday sessions run from 4:15pm till 5:pm** and **Tuesday sessions run from 4:15 till 5pm** at the Peter Seebom Stadium. Sessions involve an introduction to basketball, as well as skill development while having fun. McDonalds Hoops is aimed at children between the ages of 5 – 7 who are interested in basketball.

Monday sessions will only be formed if there is enough interest.

Payment

Children who did not participate in 2021, the fee for the term is \$65, which includes a Hoops t-shirt and weekly training sessions. Children who did participate, the fee for the new term is \$50 (excludes t-shirt). Payment must be paid before the first session. To be a part of this season, fill out the form below. Then, take the attached form and payment to **Denton Sportspower by Thursday 5th May** or if its more convenient because you live out of town you can fill out and email the registration form to mdiba458@outlook.com and pay on the first night or use sports voucher.

Please ensure all details are filled out correctly. On the bottom of the registration form

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Peter Seebom on 0438 388 073

McDonalds Magic Hoops

Registration Form 2022 (Term 2)



If you wish to use your sports voucher, please attach the voucher to this form and pay nothing. This will be your payment for both terms.

PLEASE CIRCLE WHICH SESSION YOUR CHILD WILL BE ATTENDING: **MONDAY** / **TUESDAY**

Full Name.....

Age..... Date of Birth..... Sex: Male / Female

Address.....

Suburb..... Postcode.....

Contact Number.....Email.....

Please indicate payment method used:

Pay at Denton's Sportspower or **use sports voucher**

Please circle: Child **who have** participated in previous season \$50

New children **who have not** participated in the previous season \$65

I confirm my child has not already claimed a voucher in 2022 ☐

Child's information

First name:

Family name:

Child date of birth:

 DD / MM / YYYY

Gender: Male

☐

Female

☐

Gender diverse

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Is this the first time your child has joined this sport / dance organisation? Yes

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No

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Has your child been identified as living with a disability? Yes

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No

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Is your child from a culturally and linguistically diverse background? Yes

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No

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Is your child from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background? Yes

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No

☐

Medicare information

Medicare number:

Reference
number:

OR Australian visa number:

Parent/Guardian information

First name:

Family name:

Street address:

Suburb:

Postcode:

Contact number:

Email:

An email notification may be sent to the above email address (assuming it is correct) advising the authorisation of the voucher used for your child

To be presented at an approved Sports Voucher provider. To find your nearest provider or for more information please visit www.sportsvouchers.sa.gov.au. Not redeemable for cash, only a reduction to membership/registration fees. Redemption value not to exceed \$100.00. In presenting this voucher I give permission to the Sports Voucher provider to share my information with the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing (ORSR). The ORSR may share de-identified information with third parties (eg other agencies of government, research institutions, etc) to improve the administration, outcomes or effectiveness of the Program.

Who is a carer?



A carer is someone who helps a family member or friend with:

- emotional support
- administering medicine
- grocery shopping
- preparing meals
- personal care
- paying bills



Carers SA is committed to the safety, participation and empowerment of all of our children and young people.



Carers SA provide a number of services to young people in a caring role. Young Carers registered with Carers SA may be eligible for supports such as:

- Connecting with other young carers through peer groups and activities (online and face to face)
- Chatting things through with a professional Young Carer Counsellor with our counselling program (online and face to face)
- Linking Young Carers in with financial support packages that can assist them in their caring role.
- Providing short term 1:1 support with our goal setting/coaching program.
- Helping in a crisis with emergency respite if required.
- Supporting Young Carers in schools by advocating and providing training to teachers and wellbeing counsellors.

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Connecting carers to support services

**Services
are FREE**



**Emergency
support**

If something happens that stops you being able to care, you can call us 24/7.

**Advice and
information**

We can help you figure out what you need and where to find it.



Chat to someone

You can talk to our counsellors by phone, video chat or face-to-face.

Financial support

You can talk to us if finances are tough. We can help!



Talk to other young carers

You're not alone. We can put you in touch with other carers going through the same thing you are.

**DID
YOU
KNOW?**

- There are 2-3 carers in every classroom
- Student carers fall behind on NAPLAN by Year 9
- Young carers are often bullied at school

We Can Help



Carer Gateway

Our great team can help you figure out how to manage school and caring, where to get help, and give you lots of support.

carerssa.com.au

youngcarersteam@carerssa.com.au