

Newsletter

Mary MacKillop Memorial School

Term 2 Week 2

Friday, 13th May 2022

Reception to Year 6 Co-Educational Catholic Primary School

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UPCOMING DATES

- May -

- 12 Penola-Coonawarra Arts Festival
- 13 Occasional Care (8.45am)
Year 6 Assembly (2.30pm)
Art Exhibition (5.00pm) Katnook
- 15 pARTy (11.00am)
MacKillop Market (11.00am)
- 16 Playgroup (9.30am)
Joey's Jumpstart (9.00am)
- 18 School Board Meeting (5.30pm)
TWC yr 7 interviews (8.00am)
- 19 Basketball Sessions
- 20 Occasional Care (8.45am)
Naracoorte Cross-Country
NAPLAN finishes
- 22 Millicent Gala Day
- 23 Joey's Jumpstart (9.00am)
Playgroup (9.30am)
- 24 Mary Help of Christians Feast Day
and Whole School Mass (9.15am)
- 25 National Sorry Day
National Simultaneous Story
Time (11.00am)
- 26 Basketball Sessions
- 30 Occasional Care (8.45am)
Year 2/3 Assembly (2.30pm)
MacKillop Market

Class News

YEAR 2/3

The year 2/3 class have been involved in reading, analysing and following a set of instructions to make sensory play dough. They learnt to measure, stir, combine, change colour by applying food colouring to the liquid component of the recipe and kneading the dough to make it silky smooth. They enjoyed the aroma coming from the play dough while they were kneading it. They created three aromatic tubs, lemon, rosemary and lavender. The play dough will be sold at the Arts Festival this Sunday.



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Dear Families and Friends of Mary MacKillop Memorial School,

Welcome back to Term 2. I trust that you enjoyed some rest and relaxation with family and friends.

Ella Hutchesson, our Admin trainee, has revamped our newsletter – we love the new look. Ella's skills in marketing and advertising, managing our social media posts and the likes, has been outstanding. Thank you Ella! Enjoy the new newsletter format!

This term we look forward to authentic learning, with a focus on student agency and co-construction. As a staff we have formed a Community of Practice with our research project being; **How might we deliberately promote student agency to our learners through co-construction?** From analysis of data, observations and dialogue with students we have formulated our plan by using the process of What – What – How.

What is happening?
What is important?
How do we act?

Our research will be shared with educators from the three Catholic Schools in the region at our Community of Practice day in October. We want to deliberately encourage agency for our learners in their learning and make this transparent – watch this space – it is exciting!

Catholic Education Week

This week we are celebrating being part of Catholic Education South Australia. The focus this week is on saying 'thank you' to all the staff, students and community members who contribute to Catholic Education. We celebrate and acknowledge quality teaching and learning as we actively endeavour to raise the hearts and minds of the learners who fill our schools.

Please check our social media sites – Facebook and Insta pages for our thank you messages and how we as a learning community go about our business here at Mary MacKillop Memorial School.

NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and 5 students are currently sitting the National Literacy and Numeracy Assessment tests. Thank you to all Year 3 and 5 students for demonstrating a positive attitude and trying to do your best on all assessments. Also thank you to the teachers for helping to prepare the students so that the experience is a positive one and to Sam Baxter for coordinating and supervising the tests.

Mother's Day

Last Friday 6th May we celebrated Mother's Day with a beautiful liturgy, and then some wonderful presentations by the students. I hope that all women who care for and love a child had an amazing day on Sunday.

Throughout the month of May we also honour Mary, Jesus' mother. We reflect on the great love that she had for her Son and the many sacrifices she made for Jesus so that he could spread the word of God to others.

Building Update

We are nearly there. Finishing touches are being made and the moving in day is just around the corner – at this stage estimated to be Monday of Week 4, all going well.

Bark has been spread over the dirt patch which will be our nature play space. This is scheduled to be completed in August. Thank you to Ash Braun, Tom Pearce and James Gosse for spreading the bark on Wednesday – much appreciated!

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The Penola Coonawarra Arts Festival

Every year we open our school and school grounds up for the Sunday Kids Program. This year the theme is P_ART_Y. Come and enjoy a day full of children's free activities, coordinated by the inspiring Penola Coonawarra Arts Festival Committee.

The MacKillop Market will be open with produce to sell along with sensory playdough, slime and beeswax wrap, all of which the children have made. Mary MacKillop Memorial School will also be running the BBQ and we thank those who are on BBQ duty throughout the day.

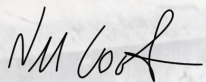
We will be offering the free activity of badge making as well!

A big thanks to Rachel for her assistance and organisation of the day. Also special mention to the staff of MMMS, who have rallied together to coordinate our part in the day.

Tonight we warmly invite all families to Katnook Estate between 5 and 6.30pm to view our school Art Exhibition titled 'South Australia Through The Eyes of Children'. Drinks and nibbles will be available. Every child has created a piece of art work for the exhibition, with some beautifully constructed artist plaques explaining the piece.

The exhibition will be on display throughout the month of May. We wish to thank Katnook Estate for their generosity and kindness in allowing this exhibition to take place.

God bless and I look forward to seeing you at The Penola Coonawarra Arts Festival



Nicole

SCULPTURE BY JUDITH
ADELAIDE 2009

SAPSASA SOFTBALL

At the end of last term Poppy, Evie, Mawson, Charlie and Will went to Adelaide for SAPSASA Softball.

The boys had their work cut out for them as they competed in Div 1. They enjoyed the week and improved in many areas the more games that they played.

The girls were in Div 2 and came away with 3 wins and 1 tie, finishing 3rd overall.



ATHLETICS DISTRICT DAY

On the first day back this term 38 students travelled to Millicent to take part in the Mid-South East SAPSASA District Athletics Day.

All participants demonstrated outstanding athletic ability and encouraged each other to do their very best. Many students gained places in their event and we congratulate all place winners.

The following students will now head to Adelaide to participate in the SAPSASA Athletics Competition. Sophie Pearce, Jackson Bowen, Tait Kidman, Charlie Pearce Ava Briggs and Sophie Flint.



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SAPSASA SWIMMING

Recently we had a number of students take part in SAPSASA Swimming. We congratulate the following students on their success.

Chloe Bullock, Lilly Flint, Tait Kidman, Charlie Pearce, Alida Brokken, Mawson Kidman and Sophie Pearce.



BOOK CLUB

Please return your Book Club orders by Week 3 Wednesday (18th May).

GALA DAY

Next Sunday is Gala Day! This will be held at the Millicent Football and Netball Club facilities. We have entered a senior and junior netball team and a football team. It is always a fantastic day and we look forward to showing our prowess on the court and oval and sportsmanship towards our team mates and opposition – in the Mary Mac way.

FLOURISHING AWARDS

Well done to Milly, Indi, Josh, Oscar, Robert, Henna, Leila and Louis who received a Flourishing Award last Term.



SAPSASA FOOTBALL

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing Mary MacKillop Memorial School at the SAPSASA Football carnival in Adelaide later this term.

Girls: Annabelle Baxter and Emalee Dowdell-Savejec
Boys: Charlie Pearce, Will Harris, Josh Manninen and Finn Malone



A special mention to Sophie Flint who stopped to check on her class mate when she was finding the race difficult and then once knowing that her class mate was going to be ok to continue on with the race, finishing well after the other competitors.

Sophie received a special award at Monday morning gathering in front of the whole school *The Kindness Award*.

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BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Ryan, Henry (22nd), Finn (28th), Levi (2nd), Jackson (7th), Alice (7th), Robert (8th), and Eleanor (11th). We hope you all had a great day.

MOVIE NIGHT

The Penola Coonawarra Stand Like Stone Sub Fund presents as part of the Penola Coonawarra Arts Festival another Movie Night.

'Capernaum'

An Oscar nominated film from Lebanon. Cannes Film Festival 'Jury Prize' winner and the 'Audience Award' winner at the Melbourne International Film Festival.



COONAWARRA

FRIDAY 13 MAY 7.00PM

CAPERNAUM

A FILM BY NADINE LABAKI

Capernaüm ("Chaos") tells the story of Zain, a Lebanese boy who sues his parents for the "crime" of giving him life. The film follows Zain as he journeys from gutsy, streetwise child to hardened 12-year-old "adult" fleeing his negligent parents, surviving through his wits on the streets.

"PREPARE TO BE BLOWN AWAY."
"A STUNNING PIECE OF CINEMA"
CAN FAVORABLE BE COMPARED TO KAPOOR FROM BEHIND THE SCENES TO THE FRONT OF THE LINDOOD MILLIONAIRE? IT HAS TAKEN ONE FILM TO MAKE THE CANNES FILM FESTIVAL MEMPHIS BEYOND NATIONAL ELECTIONS. "CAPERNAUM" IS IT.



COONAWARRA HALL, 11 MEMORIAL DRIVE
TICKETS: \$10 ADULT - AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

This Fundraiser is in support of Stand Like Stone
Money raised will solely target charitable projects that benefit Penola Coonawarra.

THANK YOU!

This Catholic Education Week, say 'thank you' to staff and teachers on social media with **#LoveMyCatholicSchool**

Catholic Education Week
May 9-15



NUDE FOOD

The YELP group is planning to have nude food lunch boxes (wrapper free) in the upper primary. More information will be given out. The YELP group will also aim for the junior primary students to go wrapper free at a later date.

KEEP UPDATED THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA

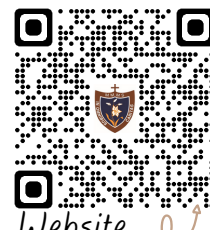
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ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN

Alleluia, He is Risen!

It seems like such a long time ago that we celebrated Easter Sunday on the first weekend of the school holidays. I am sure that there were some very excited young people waking up to celebrate this occasion with Easter eggs and chocolate bunnies.

Having Easter Sunday in the school holidays always makes it difficult to celebrate this as a school. Luckily the season of Easter in the church does not finish on Easter Sunday. There are 50 days (concluding at Pentecost) of Easter where we continue to celebrate and learn about Jesus being Risen and spending time with his disciples.

I wish you all a happy Easter and hope that you all managed to get some family time during the school holidays.

LITURGIES AND MASSES FOR TERM TWO

WEEK 4 Tuesday 24/5

Whole School Mass for the Feast of Mary Help of Christians at 9:15am

WEEK 5 (THURSDAY 2/6)

Year 4/5 Class Mass at 9:15am

Reception/One Liturgy at 10:15am

WEEK 7 (THURSDAY 16/6)

Year 6 Class Mass at 9:15am

Year 2/3 Liturgy at 10:15am

WEEK 8 (FRIDAY 24/6)

Whole School Mass for the Feast of the Sacred Heart

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Throughout last term we shared the stories of people that have been supported by Caritas Australia through the Project Compassion appeal. Caritas do such wonderful work that is enabled by the generosity of people throughout Australia (particularly in schools).

The time has come to start bringing in your boxes so we can send our donations to Caritas Australia. If we could please have all of these back by Friday of week 3(20/5) it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you to those families that have already returned their boxes.

Just a reminder about the online fundraiser that we are running on behalf of our school. It would be great if we could add some more funds to this by the end of next week. I have provided a link below for your convenience.



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

PENOLA PARISH

Parish Priest: Fr Arul Dev

SUNDAY 15th May

John 13:31-35

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

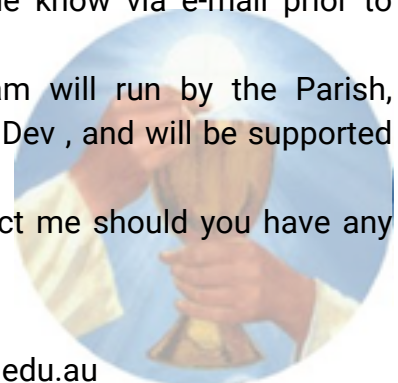
Last week I sent out an expressions of interest form for those children in years 3-5 that might be interested in participating in the Sacramental Program this year. If you are interested in your child participating in this program or you would like more information please let me know via e-mail prior to next Wednesday (18/5).

The Sacramental Program will run by the Parish, under the guidance of Fr Dev, and will be supported by the school.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any further questions.

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photo gallery

Slime Making with the R/1 class



Mother's Day Liturgy and Celebration



Basketball Sessions "MAGIC!"



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