

# Newsletter

## Mary MacKillop Memorial School

Term 2 Week 4

Friday, 27th May 2022

Reception to Year 6 Co-Educational Catholic Primary School

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### UPCOMING DATES

- May -

- 27 Occasional Care (8.45am)
- 30 Reconciliation Week
- Joeys Jumpstart (9.00am)
- Playgroup (9.30pm)
- SAPSASA Football Starts

- June -

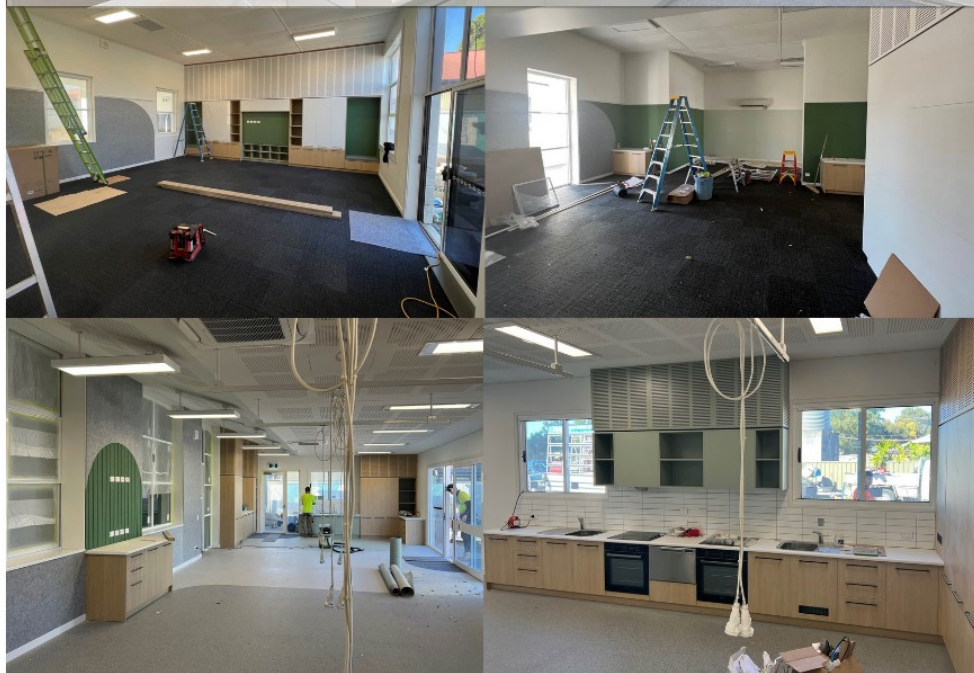
- 01 St Vinnies Appeal Begins
- 02 Year 4/5 Class Mass (9.15am)
- R/1 Liturgy (10.30am)
- 03 Reconciliation Day
- Occasional Care (8.45am)
- Year 2/3 Assembly (2.30pm)
- MacKillop Market**
- 05 Pentecost Sunday (Family Mass)
- World Environment Day
- 06 Playgroup (9.30am)
- 07 R/1 Parent Info Session (3.30pm)
- 09 Staff Professional Learning Day
- Student Free Day**
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- Student Free Day**
- 12 Trinity Sunday
- 13 Queen's Birthday
- Public Holiday**
- 15 School Tour for Prospective Parents (9.15am)
- 16 Year 6 Class Mass (9.15am)
- Year 2/3 Liturgy (10.30am)
- 17 Winter Warmers Day
- Occasional Care (8.45am)
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### Class News

#### BUILDING PROJECT

The past fortnight has certainly flown by so very quickly. Next week we hope to move our Junior Primary classes and our Occasional Care into their new learning spaces. This will bring much excitement to both learners and educators! Keep an eye on facebook for updates next week. The new learning spaces will complement our learning programs and the way in which we nurture and encourage our students to be thriving people, capable and competent learners and leaders for the world God desires.

I would like to thank and acknowledge the way in which both staff and students have been flexible and supportive as we negotiated a building project. It has been epic!



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Dear Families and Friends of Mary MacKillop Memorial School,

### **Volunteers Week**

Last week we recognised the people in our community and thanked them for the vital role that they play in our lives.

Our helpers in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program, volunteers to supervise school excursions, our Parent Club and School Board members, volunteers who help to cook BBQs, coach a sport team, score our games of sport, and generally help with anything that needs to be done.

Plus, our wider Penola Community volunteers who co-ordinate events, volunteer with the CFS and ambulance and other important services to our community. You are all one in a million.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts! And we give you a wave in gratitude!

All parents and friends of the school community are welcome to become involved in the Mary MacKillop Memorial School community. The following steps are to be completed to become a volunteer.

- Obtain a Working With Children Check.
- Complete the personal information form, available from the front office
- Complete the Reporting Abuse and Neglect Training for volunteers online

Further information is available on the website

### **National Simultaneous Storytime**

On Wednesday we came together for National Simultaneous Story Time. At 10.30am Miss Lusty read via Teams to each class the book Family Tree by Josh Pyke and Ronojoy Ghosh. The picture book is a sweet story with a heartfelt celebration of family, community and the season of life to cherish and share.

Reading at Mary MacKillop Memorial School is an area of learning that we excel at, which we see

through our NAPLAN results and other forms of assessment. Our reading program identifies areas of growth for each cohort and individual, and areas of competencies. We use CARS (Comprehensive Assessment of Reading Strategies) and STARS (Strategies to Achieve Reading Success). CARS is used to assess the understanding of each strategy at the determined level and STARS is the direct instruction of reading comprehension and provides differentiation, explicit teaching, immediate feedback, ongoing assessment, student data, development of metacognition skills and builds self-assessment for students for future goal setting.

We have been using this method of teaching reading for 4 years and the results in improvement for our learners have been outstanding!

### **Professional Learning Days – Student Free**

Thursday 9th and Friday 10th June are Professional Learning Days for staff. These days are extremely important in building the capacity of our staff in Resilient IMPACT Training and Literacy professional learning. The Resilient IMPACT training will be facilitated by David Kelly who is part of the Life Buoyancy Institute Foundation. The training will provide staff with a deeper knowledge and skills to nurture student's wellbeing and resilience.

The Literacy Professional Learning will support staff in developing a regional approach to literacy learning, including the opportunity to conduct task moderation. It is an exciting initiative for our region to come together to align our understanding of assessment.



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from the principal

Early Years

**Pentecost Sunday**

On Sunday June 5 the Catholic Church celebrates Pentecost. Pentecost is a time when we celebrate and acknowledge the gift of the Holy Spirit given to us by God. One way to think of the Holy Spirit is of the words and actions of Jesus being lived out through others today. During Pentecost, classroom Religious Education programs will be centred on the Holy Spirit at work in our lives today. Our weekly communal prayer will also reflect upon the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

On Pentecost Sunday there will be a family Mass at 9am celebrated by Fr Olek. Mr Baxter is looking for children to read during the Mass. There will be morning tea for all parishioners and families after Mass in the new Woods Learning Centre.

If your child is able to help out on Pentecost Sunday please let Mr Baster know. We hope to see you there.

God Bless,  
*NM Cool*  
Nicole



**MARY MACKILLOP MEMORIAL SCHOOL**  
**PLAYGROUP**  
MONDAYS 9.30 - 11.00AM

COME AND ENJOY TIME TO PLAY AND  
EXPLORE WITH YOUR CHILD GUIDED BY  
OUR EARLY YEARS COORDINATOR.



BRING A GOLD COIN DONATION  
AND A PIECE OF FRUIT

**MARY MACKILLOP MEMORIAL SCHOOL**

**OCCASIONAL CARE**



An early years service for families of 3 - 5 year olds.  
Enrolment can be either on a casual or permanent basis, for 3 hours with an early years coordinator.

**FRIDAY MORNINGS**  
**8.45 - 11.45**  
\$15



We provide children the tools to develop, explore and learn in an environment which is safe, supportive and challenges their abilities whilst aiding their development. We allow children to live, love, learn, flourish.

We are raising hearts and minds.



**MARY MACKILLOP**  
**PENOLA**

To book Call the school (87372902) or email Janice (jcoote@mmms.catholic.edu.au) for more information

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## BIRTHDAYS

We wish a Happy Birthday to Amelia P (16th), Jensen (20th), Kira (23rd), Anna (24th) and Leila (26th). We hope you had a great day.

## FLOURISHING AWARDS

Congratulations to Poppy Charlie, Henry, Jack, Mika, Paige, Matthew and Cameron who were awarded with a Flourishing award during the year 6 Assembly.



## RUNNING FESTIVAL

Registrations for the inaugural Coonawarra Running Festival is now open!

This event is raising awareness & support for the **Breakthrough Mental Health Foundation** @breakthroughmhr with 21km, 10km, and 5km races available as well as races for the mini speedsters. Register now at [coonawarrarunningfestival.com.au](http://coonawarrarunningfestival.com.au) or click the image below.



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**BE  
BRAVE.  
MAKE  
CHANGE.**



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 27 May - 3 June

To celebrate National Reconciliation week we invite all students to wear the colours of **THE ABORIGINAL FLAG** Friday of week 5, June 3rd



This may be a t-shirt, some socks, a hair tie etc.

Costs a Gold coin donation

Proceeds to go towards purchasing a flag pole to fly the Aboriginal flag.

## RECONCILIATION WEEK

This week is National Reconciliation Week and the theme is 'Be Brave. Make Change.' This is a challenge to all Australians to be brave and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so that we can make change for the benefit of all Australians. We are looking forward to next Friday - Reconciliation Day at MMMS - where we will recognise those in our community who identify as an Indigenous Australian or Torres Strait Islander. All children are invited to wear colours of the indigenous flag in recognition.

## WELCOME TO THE WORLD

Congrats to the Taylor-Hellyer Family on their new arrival, baby Axel.



## CROSS COUNTRY

Last Friday 30 students travelled to Naracoorte for our regional cross country day. All students participated well and encouraged one another. We congratulate all who took part and tried their best (the training certainly paid off!)

Fantastic results by Ben who came first in his age group, Lola who came second and Alex who came third. Also a special well done to Will, Josh, Chloe and Sophie who finished well placed to now compete in SAPSASA Cross Country in Adelaide later in the term.



## SAPSASA FOOTBALL



We wish Charlie, Josh, Will, Finn, Annabelle and Emalee all the very best for next week as they participate in SAPSASA Football in Adelaide!

## GALA DAY

What a fantastic day we had last Sunday. It was the first time in a few years that we have entered teams in Millicent and District Gala Day due to the Penola Coonawarra Arts Festival not clashing with this day. All Mary Mac children participated with enthusiasm and good spirits. Our footballers were joined by some students from Penola Primary and gelled well as a team. They won two games and lost two games. A huge thank you to Ben Harris, Sam Baxter, Justin Kain, Tim Malone and Jack for volunteering your time to help out on the day.

We also entered two netball teams – one junior and one senior. They had mixed success, and played together as a team and encouraged one another. A huge thank you to Bridgette Tilby and Daniel Flint for coaching, thank you to our umpires and our scorers. It was an absolute delight to see the joy that each netballer and footballer displayed as they got to play with their friends.

A special thank you to Romi Eckermann for all her effort into coordinating the day.



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## WHOLE SCHOOL MASS

This week, for the first time this year, we were able to celebrate a whole school Mass in the church to celebrate the Feast of Mary, Help of Christians. This feast day is of particular importance to us here in Australia because Our Lady, under the title "Help of Christians", is a spiritual Patron of Australia, along with St Mary of the Cross. This means that Mary, under the title of Help of Christians holds a special place for Australians.



## LITURGIES AND MASSES FOR TERM TWO

### WEEK 5 (THURSDAY 2/6)

Year 4/5 Class Mass at 9:15am  
Reception/One Liturgy at 10:15am  
(SUNDAY 5/6)  
Pentecost Sunday Family Mass 9.00am

### 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

## ASCENSION AND PENTECOST

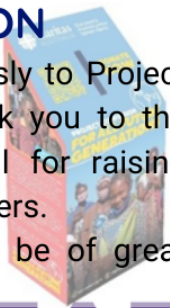
Over the next 10 days we celebrate two very special occasions in the Catholic Church. The Feast of the Ascension of Jesus and Pentecost. The Ascension of Jesus (26/5) occurs 40 days after the events of Easter Sunday and is the event when Jesus ascends to heaven, body and soul, to join God in heaven. This marks Jesus last time with his disciples as he passes on his work to them.

Pentecost occurs another 10 days after this event and 50 days after Easter. At Pentecost we remember the Holy Spirit coming down upon the disciples. After this the disciples went out to spread the word of Jesus. Pentecost is often referred to as the 'birthday of the church' as it marks the start of the disciples building the church upon Jesus teachings.

As a community we will be celebrating a family Mass, led by Fr Olek from the Myt Gambier Parish, at St Joseph's Church on the 5th of June. All are invited and welcome to attend.

## PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you to all that gave so generously to Project Compassion this year. A special thank you to the Year 6 students and Kathy O'Connell for raising money through the sale of Zooper Doopers. In total we raised \$670.10 which will be of great benefit to those in need.



## PENOLA PARISH

Parish Priest: Fr Arul Dev

## SUNDAY 15th May

John 13:31-35

## PENTECOST MASS INVITE



## PENTECOST SUNDAY

We invite all families to attend a Family Mass on Sunday the 5th of June at St Joseph's Church Penola

Join us for Tea and Biscuits in our new Woods Learning Centre after Mass



We would like to have children from the school support in the readings for the day. If you are planning on attending and have a young person interested in reading please let Mr Baxter know ASAP so we can support them in their preparation.

Email: [sbaxter@mmms.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sbaxter@mmms.catholic.edu.au) or Phone 8737 2902  
FR OLEK FROM ST PAULS CATHOLIC CHURCH IN MT GAMBIE WILL BE JOINING US TO CELEBRATE MASS

If you are planning on attending our family mass please let Mr Baxter know at [sbaxter@mmms.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sbaxter@mmms.catholic.edu.au) to help for numbers on the day.

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# photo gallery

## Year 6 Assembly



## Mary Help of Christians Feast Day // Whole School Mass



## Building Project



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