

# Newsletter

## Mary MacKillop Memorial School

Term 2 Week 4

Friday, 10th June 2022

Reception to Year 6 Co-Educational Catholic Primary School

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### UPCOMING DATES

- June -

- 12 Trinity Sunday
- 13 Queen's Birthday  
**Public Holiday**
- 14 Soccer  
R/1 Parent information (3.30pm)
- 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)  
Year 4/5 Assembly (2.30pm)  
MacKillop Market Playgroup (9.30am)  
Joey's Jumpstart (9.00am)
- 21 Soccer  
Combined School Board Meeting (5.00pm)
- 24 Occasional Care (8.45am)  
Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass (9.15am)  
Footy/Netty Colours Day  
Red Cross Refugee Sessions  
Reports go home
- 26 Body and Blood of Christ
- 27 Playgroup (9.30am)  
Joey's Jumpstart (9.00am)  
SAPSASA Hockey and Netball

### Class News

#### Year 6

It's been all about sport in the year 6 class the past few weeks! We have been learning some basketball skills with Pete, hockey skills with Miss Delaney, our pre-service teacher and practising our soccer skills with Guy Detot. We have also played some netball with Mrs O'Connell in between.

We congratulate the students on their positive outlook throughout these sporting activities and value these opportunities to keep fit and learn new skills.



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Dear Families of Mary MacKillop Memorial School,

We are already at Week 6 and officially over halfway through Term 2. Quite incredible the learning that has taken place already this term and is still to come.

Teachers are currently busy writing reports. They spend many hours collating data, re-reading anecdotal notes and observations, going through assessments and making notes. This work comes together in the form of a report with grades and comments. The Learning Conversations, that will take place in Week 9, will complement the end of Semester 1 report and teachers look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's learning and to set goals for Semester 2.

Next week you will receive a letter outlining days and times for Learning Conversations and asking to select three time slots. Please ensure that you return these as soon as possible. If you do not return your form, you will be allocated a Learning Conversation time/day with your child's teacher.

Our learning conversations will take place face to face.

I also would like to let the MMMS Community know that I will be taking Long Service Leave from Week 1 to Week 5 next term. I will inform the community of my replacement during this time once it has been finalised.

### **Building Project**

What a wonderful day it was on Monday as our R/1 and 2/3 classes enjoyed their first day in their new learning spaces.

The look of joy and excitement on faces and the laughter and chatter coming from each room was very animated and spoke volumes of how special it was to be finally in.

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the amazing staff at MMMS for your hardwork, flexibility and support during the last three terms. It has been

Incredible the way in which you all made learning work while we were in the middle of a building project. Thank you for helping each other out to move in and thank you in advance for the mammoth tidy up that still needs to happen!

'So great is the strength we possess in our unity.  
Mary MacKillop.

Thank you also goes to the MMMS School Board for your vision and commitment to providing 21st century learning spaces for our students. You have been open minded and forward thinking and so supportive!

To Edge Architects, particularly Matt Whyte, a huge thank you for your professionalism and innovative thinking to create spaces that will generate excellence in learning and teaching. Many thanks to Dycer Constructions for superb craftsmanship and eye for detail in construction.

There is still much that needs to be completed, including the nature play space at the front of the 1936 building, which will be undertaken by Climbing Tree later next term. We look forward to the development of the space and once this is finished the official opening of our building project.

Please pop in and have a look, we are excited to share the spaces with all.

### **Family Mass**

On Sunday we celebrated Pentecost in the Church, it was also our first family Mass for the year. Thank you to the Flint and Baxter families for taking a special part in the Mass. Thank you also to Mr Baxter for organising the Mass and to Fr Olek for being our celebrant on the day. We enjoyed a cuppa and biscuit after Mass in the new Woods Learning Centre back at school.

We will have more family Masses coming up and encourage all – whether you are Catholic or other, to come and be a part of the Mass on a Sunday. It is a

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wonderful way to gather together as a community.

### Professional Learning Days

This Thursday 9th June and Friday 10th June are professional learning days for staff. The school will be closed on both days.

On Thursday staff will engage in further learning with the Life Buoyancy Institute as we craft and master growth action plans for our students. This work has a real focus on the wellbeing of each and every child and is driven by our observations of learners and the data that we gather through our wellbeing surveys.

On Friday we will collaborate with St Anthony's and Tenison Woods College focussing on moderation of writing tasks, using a common rubric and further professional learning on classroom strategies in writing, including bump it up walls and anchor charts. We look forward to being together and sharing experiences and knowledge.

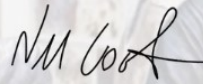
### Enrolments

We are taking enrolments for children commencing Reception in 2023 and beyond and for any other families who are considering enrolling their child at Mary MacKillop Memorial School in 2023. While it seems a little way off at this point we have begun planning in earnest for 2023. Our enrolment interest remains steady and as such, it is important that we know of any changes to student enrolments as soon as possible. If you have a child starting with us next year, we would ask that if you have not yet completed an enrolment form please do so as soon as possible and if you know of anyone who is interested in beginning with us next year that you let them to know to contact us for a school tour and enrolment pack.

Wishing everyone a wonderful long weekend, whether you are going camping (a little bit chilly) or staying home and enjoying some quiet family time, may it be a time of rest and relaxation.

We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday.

God Bless,



Nicole



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## BIRTHDAYS

We wish a Happy Birthday to Sidney (30th), Milly G (1st) and Oscar (11th). We hope you had a fantastic day!

## FLOURISHING AWARDS

Congratulations to Anna, Henry, Kenzo, Robert, Harper, Rylee, Alice, and Eleanor who were awarded with a Flourishing award during the year 2/3 Assembly.



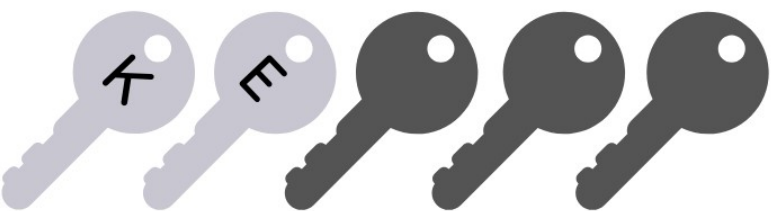
## STORY ABOUT TWINS

Wednesday we welcomed the Paperboat Theatre to perform a 'Story About Twins'. The performance was about twins celebrating their 6th Birthday, one super ready and one not ready at all to become 6. There was barely talking from the twins, the actors used a lot of facial expressions and body moments to show how they were feeling, which our students found interesting.



## YELP CAMP

On the 30th and the 31st of May Evie, Alice, Poppy, and Jackson went to Naracoorte for a YELP camp. "It was really fun, we had an activity book and a diary to write in throughout the camp. We found time capsules, it took us a while to find them. We went in one cave, it was very small. We met heaps of new people" said Evie. Each were given their first two keys; K and E.



## WINTER WARMERS DAY

When: Friday the 17th of June 2022

What to wear: Pyjamas, comfy clothes, Ugg boots, slipper, dressing gown, oodie, etc.



We are having warm Milos and Biscuits in the hall in class groups at recess time, please bring a gold coin donation for Vinnies

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## SAPSASA FOOTBALL

Congratulations to Will, Josh, Charlie and Finn on a successful SAPSASA Football week and super congratulations to Annabelle and Emalee who were members of the winning Mid-South East Girls Football Team – a wonderful achievement.



## SAPSASA NETBALL

Well done to Poppy who has been selected in the Mid-South East SAPSASA Netball Team which will compete in Adelaide later this term.



## SAPSASA CROSS COUNTRY

We wish our SAPSASA Cross Country runners all the best for this Thursday as they compete in Adelaide. Run fast, stay strong Alex, Will, Josh, Sophie and Chloe.



## SOCCER

The MMMS students gave soccer a go on Tuesday. They learnt some tricks with the ball, such as bouncing the ball with their feet and knees. They all had a go at kicking goals and played some soccer based game. It was great to see everyone having a go.



## HOUSE POINTS

Cameron	1136
McCormack	850
Woods MacKillop ★	1205



## “LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME”

Last Thursday I was lucky enough to attend a Mass hosted by 4/5 class and Liturgy for the R/1 class. The theme for the R/1 Liturgy was that of ‘belonging’. As part of this liturgy Father Dev shared the story from Marks Gospel (Mark 19:13-16). In this Gospel we hear that Jesus is teaching and some people brought children forward to meet Jesus. Jesus’ disciples scolded these people and sent the children away. This is where we hear Jesus utter the words ‘Let the children come to me’ and he blessed them. Later in the Liturgy when Father Dev was giving his homily to explain what belonging in the Church means there were several young children keen to share their questions and stories. These questions were quite deep. One child asked ‘Why did Jesus have to die?’ A questions that is not easy to answer for a 5 year old. This was then followed by several more questions . Instead of ignoring these questions Fr Dev made a time to visit the children later that day. It was a reminder to me that the inquisitive nature of children is one that must not be ignored. When we **give** our young people a voice they will, more often than not, astound us with their thoughts and questions. We must all remember to “let the children come to us” and see what happens.



## CLASS NEWS—YEAR 6

This term the Year 6 class has been exploring moral conscience as part of their Religious Education classes. They have had a specific focus on Christian values and Catholic Social Teaching. Students have been aligning these to the stories shared by Caritas as part of their Project Compassion focus. Students are studying parables and analyzing how these stories teach about values. Students are then connecting these values and how our moral compass helps to inform our decisions

## LITURGIES AND MASSES FOR TERM TWO

### 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

## PENOLA PARISH

Parish Priest: Fr Arul Dev

## SUNDAY 15th May

John 13:31-35

## PENTECOST FAMILY MASS

Last Sunday we hosted a special Family Mass to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost as part of the usual Sunday celebrations. We were lucky enough to have newly ordained priest, Fr Olek, join us from Mt Gambier and celebrate the Mass for us. It was lovely to have some of our families join for Mass. After Mass we were joined by several parishioners from the Penola Parish for a chat and cuppa in our new Woods Learning Centre.

We plan on hosting another Mass next term and would love to see more Mary MacKillop Memorial school faces joining us.

A big thank you to Poppy, Sophie, Lilly and Ben for leading the readings at Mass.



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*photo gallery*  
*Year 2/3 Assembly*



*New Building*



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