

# Newsletter

## Mary MacKillop Memorial School

Term 2 Week 10

Friday, 8th July 2022

Reception to Year 6 Co-Educational Catholic Primary School

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### UPCOMING DATES

- July -

- 08 Occasional Care (8.45am)  
Last Day of Term  
Early Dismissal (2.15pm)
- 25 Playgroup (9.30am)  
First Day of Term 3
- 29 Occasional Care (8.45am)

- August -

- 01 Playgroup (9.30am)  
School Photos
- 02 R/1 100 Days of School
- 04 District Basketball Day
- 05 Occasional Care (8.45am)  
R/1 Assembly (2.30pm)
- 08 Playgroup (9.30am)  
Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
- 09 YELP Forum Day
- 12 Occasional Care (8.45am)  
Regional Basketball Day
- 15 Playgroup (9.30am)  
Feast of the Assumption Mass  
SAPSASA Soccer  
National Science Week
- 19 Occasional Care (8.45am)  
4/5 Assembly (2.30pm)
- 22 Playgroup (9.30am)  
Catholic Schools Open Week  
Book Week  
SAPSASA District Golf

### Class News

#### YEAR 4/5

The year 4/5 class started cooking this term in our new Woods Learning Centre.

They started the term by showing their culinary skills. The students cut, grated, sliced, diced and peeled veggies and herbs. They finally created a platter to display their knife skills.

They cooked carrot dip, Indian flat bread, fruit platter, savoury platter and cheese crackers.

This week, our final for the term, we cooked potato and rosemary, silverbeet and leek pizzas, poached apples with whipped cream and lemonade.

The students have demonstrated excellent skills, clean up has been amazing and everyone has enjoyed tasting.

Everyone is enjoying our brand new space in the Woods Learning Centre.



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## *from the principal*

Dear Mary MacKillop Memorial School Families,

I hope that you received my correspondence last Friday with information about next term. I am extremely excited about taking some long service leave; however, I am not sure how I will go 'letting go' over the five weeks. I plan to have some time away where it is warmer than the South-East, spend some quality time with my family and then perhaps read a book or two at home and tidy up the yard.

I congratulate Sam on his appointment as Acting Principal in my absence and know that all learners, families and staff are in very capable and caring hands. Sam has a deep understanding of the vision and mission of Mary MacKillop Memorial School and will lead with integrity, transparency and compassion.

### **What is our Culture at MMMS?**

Everyday we hear of more children experiencing anxiety. In our very complex world, it can be difficult for children to understand their worries and concerns. Our educators and support staff are trained in trauma informed practice and Resilient Impact. We employ a trained counsellor to work with students and families on an individual level and to run group sessions with students when required.

At MMMS we have a culture of growth intent. Over the past 12 months all staff at MMMS have been working with the Life Buoyancy Institute. Through our work and IMPACT training we are developing our skills of being intentional (what-what-how thinking), which is supported through coaching conversations with empathy with students, with a focus on the intent to grow.

As of next term the Kimochi program will be introduced to our Junior Primary learners. All staff will have training in the Kimochi program, so that it is a common language for all.

The Kimochi program is designed to give children the knowledge, skills, and attitudes they need to recognise and manage their emotions, demonstrate care and concern for others, establish positive relationships, make responsible decisions, and handle challenging situations constructively. We are looking forward to introducing this new initiative to support all students at MMMS.

### **Learning Conversations**

Thank you to all of the families who attended the Learning Conversations last week and to the educators for their preparation for these conversations. I know that these conversations were very well received. If you were unable to attend your interview time, please make sure a time is made early next term with your child's classroom teacher for this important conversation.

I would also like to take this opportunity to explain the reporting grading scale. At some point nearly every parent worries about their child not reaching their potential, especially at school. The reports are about student accomplishments and their efforts in their learning dispositions. A reminder to parents that under the A – E reporting that a 'C' stands for competent and currently at learning level, not like the 'C' many of us would have understood when we were growing up. If you have any additional questions in regard to the Learning Conversations or the Reporting Scale, please do not hesitate to see your child's classroom teacher or me.

### **Blessing and Opening**

The feedback about our new learning spaces has been nothing but positive with much excitement. Many are asking if we are having an opening – and I can confidently say, yes, we are! However, it will be after our nature play space is completed, which is due to commence late August – so an opening and blessing of our new spaces will be when the weather is kinder, and the project is absolutely completed!

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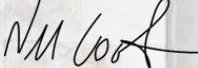
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Attached with the newsletter today is our Term 3 Calendar. I remind families that this calendar is correct at the time of printing. If there are any updates to the calendar you will be notified via the Newsletter or School-stream. Also check out the Schoolstream Calendar.

As the term draws to a close, I wish all families a relaxing and rejuvenating holiday period. I look forward to seeing you all again at the beginning of Week 6.

Take care and God bless,



Nicole

## 2022 PLENARY COUNCIL

This week in Sydney, the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia will gather, and 277 Council Members will discern motions that have emerged to renew the life and mission of the Church in Australia. The Plenary Council is the highest form of gathering of all local churches in Australia. It provides opportunities for discernment and dialogue on what the Holy Spirit is asking of the Church now and into the future.

'A Plenary Council is a gathering of Bishops and laity which consider local pastoral needs of the people of God within a given geographical region. Focus is given toward common action, oriented toward deepening faith and morals. After the Plenary Council concludes, all the acts of the council must be sent to Rome for approval. This step ensures unity is maintained. Unity for which Jesus prays for in John's Gospel, "Father may they all be one, as you are in me, and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you sent me" (Jn 17:21).'

As a community, we pray that the Holy Spirit directs and guides the council to bring forth a more profound unity of faith and charity.

## SAPSASA NETBALL

Congratulations to Poppy for representing Mary MacKillop Memorial School in the Mid South-East Netball. We are so proud of you.



The Mid South-East team won 5 out of 9 games. A very good effort, well done.

## HOUSE POINTS

Cameron	1311
McCormack	952
Woods MacKillop	1362

## SAPSASA SOCCER

Congratulations to Mawson, Sidney, Henry, Charlie, Kira, Milly, Ellie and Annabelle who made it into SAPSASA soccer. They will be heading up to Adelaide in August, we wish them the best of luck.





## BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Elizabeth (27th), Paige (27th), Mawson (7th) and James (8th). We hope you all had a fantastic day.

## RED CROSS

We had a visit from Vincent who works for the Red Cross. He offered our students the opportunity to ask questions, encourage conversations and foster empathy about refugees. His thought-provoking presentation included enlightening stories about people seeking safety with first-hand experience of seeking safety and being granted protection.

Click the Red Cross to go to the Australian Red Cross website



## SHYLIE HARRISON

### MUSICAL DIRECTOR VISIT

We had the pleasure of working with the Regional Choir Director, Shylie Harrison, who assisted us with sections of the choir program which are challenging. She introduced us to the South-East Festival song 'Iko Iko' which we all think is great.



## TEXT ABSENTEE NUMBER

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

**0459 799 596**

Please make sure you text the child's name and reason of why the child is away.

## FLOURISHING AWARDS

Congratulations to all who were awarded with the flourishing award over the past couple of weeks.  
Week 8: Lucas, Eddie, Alida, Camilla, Emily, Winnie, Abby, Poppy, Charlie, Emalee and Jax (absent).



Week 9: Vinnie, Jackson, James, Anais, Ava, Lilly, Freya and Belle (absent).



## TEMPORARY RELIEF CLEANER

We are looking for a temporary relief cleaner to fill in occasionally when required.

**3.30 – 5.30pm**

**MONDAY – FRIDAY**

If you are interested in this position, please contact Janice.

Phone: 87372902

Email: jcoote@mmms.catholic.edu.au.

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## MAD MINUTE

It was a cold and nerve-racking morning on the 29th of June for Anna, Josh and Ellie. They were on their way to Lucindale for Mad Minute in the car practicing.

Mad Minute is all about public speaking and we are given a minute to talk about a topic the Lions Club gave us, this competition had us competing against other schools.

Annabelle was first up and she looked a bit nervous. Her topic was 'how to impress your parents', she was very funny, told facts and spoke amazingly.

Josh was second up with the topic 'it is important to use less electricity'. He was well-spoken, gave the audience interesting facts and rapped it up at the end.

Finally, from our school was Ellie who came third overall. Her topic was 'dogs are better than cats'. She was able to discuss the topic well, gave funny facts and she spoke really well too.

Everyone did really good at Mad Minute and the whole school is really proud of them.

Written by Chloe

Year 4

## School fees for 2023



We are pleased to inform our school families that there will be no increase in school fees for the 2023 school year.

As South Australians continue to feel the impact of COVID-19, Catholic Education SA has announced it will freeze fees at its 86 Diocesan schools for the 2023 school year.

"These decisions are part of our continued COVID 19 response as we seek to support families at a time when they are being impacted by rising costs and inflation," says Dr Neil McGoran, Director, Catholic Education SA.

Since 2019, Catholic Education SA has been implementing the *Making Catholic Education More Affordable Initiative* to ensure our schools are accessible to any family who wants their child to have a Catholic education.

Dr Neil McGoran said the fee-freeze would not impact the quality of education.

"We're committed to keeping school fees as low as possible and ensuring a Catholic education is affordable and accessible to all."

In addition to the fee-freeze, further fee remissions are available to any family who is struggling to pay school fees due to financial pressures. Families should contact Janice Coote, school finance officer or Nicole Coote, Principal, for more information.

## EARLY DISMISSAL

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## SCHOOL BOARD HOSTS QUIZ NIGHT

**QUIZ NIGHT**  
AT MMMS  
SAVE THE DATE  
FRIDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

Hosted by Mary MacKillop Memorial School Board.  
Put this date in your calendar - it's sure to be a fun night!

Q. TRUE or FALSE  
The colour orange is named after the fruit  
A. TRUE

Q. What was the first Catholic school in SA  
A. St. Joseph's School (now known as Mary MacKillop Memorial School)

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## ROUND ROBIN BASKETBALL

Year 2/3/4

## ROUND ROBIN BASKETBALL

Year 5/6

At the beginning of term each class were taught some basketball skills by Peter from Magic Basketball. We were finally able to show off our new skills and techniques this week at the Round Robin Basketball. Thank you to our helpers Justin Kain, Sarah Kidman, Leticia Gosse, Jane Williams and Jess Malone. Your support was very much appreciated by the staff and the students.



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## ORDINARY TIME

No doubt you would all have noticed the change in prayer cloths around our classrooms and in the Church over the past several weeks. The changing of colours signifies a change in Church seasons, in this case a change to ordinary time. This title 'ordinary time' can conjure up thoughts of not being special or a 'boring time' in the Church. Ordinary time, however, is far from, well, ordinary.

Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word ordinalis, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word ordo, from which we get the English word order. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ.

Ordinary Time refers to all of those parts of the Catholic Church's liturgical year that aren't included in the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. Ordinary Time thus encompasses two different periods in the Church's calendar, since the Christmas season immediately follows Advent, and the Easter season immediately follows Lent.

<https://www.learnreligions.com/ordinary-time-in-the-catholic-church-542442>

## CLASS NEWS - R/1

Throughout Term 2 the Reception and Year One class have been learning about our Parish Community and how together we share the message of Jesus. Students have explored how our Parish Community comes together to be with God in prayer, to learn about Jesus, how to love others, and to celebrate Mass. The students are beginning to discuss the people in our Parish who have special jobs including the Parish Priest (Father Dev) and the volunteers.

## LITURGIES AND MASSES FOR TERM TWO

### WEEK 3 (MONDAY 8/8)

Whole School Mass for the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop 9.15am

### WEEK 4 (MONDAY 15/8)

Whole School Mass for the Feast of the Assumption (tbc)

### WEEK 5 (THURSDAY 25/8)

4/5 Class Mass 9.15am

R/1 Liturgy 10.30am

### WEEK 6 (THURSDAY 1/9)

2/3 Class Mass 9.15am

### WEEK 7 (THURSDAY 8/9)

Year 6 Class Mass 9.15am

## PENOLA PARISH

Parish Priest: Fr Arul Dev

## SUNDAY 10th July

### 15th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (9.00am)

Gospel:

Luke 10:25-37

Please note that Fr Dev is currently on leave visiting family in India. Fr John Vildzius will be celebrating Mass this coming week.

## "SAY A LITTLE PRAYER" FAMILY PRAYER BOOKLET



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# photo gallery

## Muffin Making



## Mad Minute



## Assembly 4/5 and R/1



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## PARENT TERM THREE CALENDAR 2022

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	25 <sup>th</sup> July Playgroup Term 3 Commences	26	27	28	29 Occasional Care	30	31 9.00 am Mass St Joseph's
2	1 Playgroup School Photos Day	2 100 Days of School R/1 celebration	3	4 District Basketball Day in Millicent	5 Occasional Care  Assembly R/1	6	7 9.00 am Mass St Joseph's
3	8 Playgroup Feast Day Celebrations of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Mass at 9.15am	9 YELP Forum Day – Naracoorte	10	11	12 Occasional Care  Regional Basketball Day in Mount Gambier	13	14 9.00 am Mass St Joseph's
4	15 Playgroup Feast of the Assumption Mass @ 9.15am	16	17 School Board @ 5.30pm	18	19 Occasional Care  Assembly Year 4/5	20	21 9.00 am Mass St Joseph's
SAPSASA SOCCER				NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK			
5	22 Playgroup SAPSASA District Golf	23 2023 SS Subject Selections, Penola, 4.30pm - 7.30pm  2023 Year 7 Subject Finalisation, Mary MacKillop, Penola 4.30pm – 5.30pm	24	25 4/5 Mass  R/1 Liturgy	26 Occasional Care  BOOKWEEK DRESS UP DAY AND PARADE  SAPSASA Regional Golf Naracoorte	27	28 9.00 am Mass St Joseph's
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN WEEK				BOOKWEEK			
6	29 Playgroup	30 R/1 class to visit McKay Children's Centre	31	1 2/3 Mass	2 Occasional Care  Assembly Year 6	3	4 9.00 am Mass St Joseph's
7	5 Playgroup	6	7 Hot Shots Tennis	8 RUOK Day  SAPSASA Golf Adelaide  Year 6 Mass	9 STAFF RETREAT DAY (student free day)	10	11 9.00 am Mass St Joseph's <b>Father's Day</b>
CHILD PROTECTION WEEK							
8	12 Playgroup Father's Day Breakfast	13 McKay Children's Centre visiting R/1 class.	14	15 Year 2/3 Sleepover and Excursion	16 Occasional Care  Assembly R/1	17	18 9.00 am Mass St Joseph's
9	19 Playgroup State Athletics Championships Adelaide  RELAT Assessment week	20	21 School Board Meeting @ 5.30pm	22 Andrew Chinn visit	23 Occasional Care  Assembly Year 2/3  Jump Rope for Heart Day	24	25 9.00 am Mass St Joseph's
10	26 Playgroup 2023 subject counselling (Penola), 4.30pm-7.30pm	27	28	29	30 Occasional Care Last day of term 3  MMMS Quiz Night	1 Oct	2 9.00 am Mass St Joseph's



# Millicent & District Basketball

## Get started in Basketball

2022 Infigen under 10 to under 16 Junior

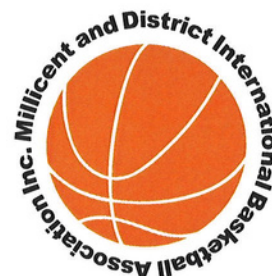
Male & Female

When does the season start?

After the July School holiday. Under 12 – Under 16 start the week that school returns.

When do I need to register to play?

Under 10s – Under 16's players must register by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022



**Infigen Junior Basketball** – Millicent Junior Basketball operates all year round with two seasons. The first round of U12/14 Junior Season begins on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022. Most games of under 12's and 14's are played on Friday evenings from 5pm – 8:45pm. The under 16s competitions begin on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Aug for boys and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug for girls and are played weekly at 5.30pm or 6.30pm.

**Infigen Under 10's must register by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022**

**U10's** – The U10's competition is suited for boys and girls aged between 7 and 10 years old, regardless of their ability. The new U/10's season begins on Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug and plays 4.30pm -7pm through until the end of November (excluding school holidays). Each session runs for an hour, which includes a half hour training and ½ hour game.

**What night does my age group play?**

Under 10's play on Tuesday nights between 4.30pm -7pm

Under 12's & under 14's boys and girls play Friday nights from 5pm till 8.45pm

Under 16's, boys play Monday and girls play Tuesday nights 5.30pm & 6.30pm

**Where are games played?**

All games are played at the Millicent Basketball Stadium at McLaughlin Park in Millicent

**What is the cost?**

Registration Fee: If you played in the previous 2022 season the registration fee is \$38 if you are a new player the fees are below, they include all Australian and State levies, Millicent fee and player insurance.

under 12's and below approx. \$70    under 14's and 16 approx. \$90

Canteen Levy: \$55

Game fee: \$7 per game

**How do I get involved?**

Keep your eye on our Millicent Basketball Facebook page or website for the link to register. Click on the link and register and pay. Or let Peter know you are keen, and he will send you the link.

**What do I wear / how do I get a uniform?**

Black basketball shorts (no pockets). A playing singlet will be supplied for you to wear at the 1<sup>st</sup> game

**Can I use a sports voucher?**

Yes, appropriate school age kids can. But you must register and pay on line first and then bring your voucher to basketball. It will be refunded once claimed and paid by the government.

**Can I play if I haven't played basketball before?**

Yes, you can. Junior teams are selected considering the ability of all participants.

**I wish to find out more. I have a 5 year old, can they play. Yes**

If you require any information about participation or any of these competitions, please contact Peter on 0438 388 073.







**FREE**

Some events  
have limited  
places so be  
quick!

# 4 Fantastic EVENTS FOR YOUNG CARERS

in Mt Gambier

**1**

**Monday 11th July 2022**

Polymer Clay Keyring Workshops with  
Relish Art Rooms (2 sessions available)

Choose either the 10-12pm session or  
1-3pm (Ages 5-15).



**2**

**Friday 15th 2022 July**

Oatmill Cinema Event. details to be confirmed (Ages 12-17).

**3**

**Monday 18th July 2022 10am - 1pm**

Treehouse Adventure Centre - including 1 hour Adventure Zone  
entry and lunch. (Ages 5-13).

**4**

**Friday 22nd July 2022 4pm - 7pm**

Bowling and Dinner event. (Ages 16-25)

To RSVP or if you have any questions  
call Sam on 0491 066 939 or Email  
[samantha.benton@carerssa.com.au](mailto:samantha.benton@carerssa.com.au)

