

Newsletter

Mary MacKillop Memorial School

Term 3 Week 2

Friday, 5th August 2022

Reception to Year 6 Co-Educational Catholic Primary School

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UPCOMING DATES

- August -

- 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
(TBC)
SAPSASA Soccer
National Science Week
- 19 Occasional Care (8.45am)
4/5 Assembly (2.30pm)
- 22 Come & Try Playgroup (9.30am)
Catholic Schools Open Week
Book Week
SAPSASA District Golf
- 23 Come & Try Occasional Care
Session (9.30am)
Tenison WC Subject selections
- 24 Open Morning (9.30am)
Prospective Parent Info Night
(5.30pm)
- 25 Year 4/5 mass (9.15am)
R/1 Liturgy (10.30am)
- 26 Come & Try Occasional Care
Session (8.45am)
Book week Dress up
SAPSASA Regional Golf
- 29 Occasional Care (8.45am)
- September -
- 01 Year 2/3 Mass (9.15am)

Class News

PERFORMING ARTS

This week, we commenced our Footsteps Dance program in our Performing Arts lessons. We enjoyed learning some warm up moves and dance steps to the song 'Hot Hot Hot'.

VISUAL ARTS

In Visual Art students have been engaged in a range of different topics and mediums. The R/1's created life sized self-portraits which are now on display in our school hall. The Junior Primary classes have begun an artist study of Australian artist and illustrator Alison Lester and have written a letter to her, asking lots of questions! The 4/5 class is continuing their exploration of Impressionism, which has included sponge painting and tissue paper collages inspired by the work of Claude Monet and are now working on developing their skills with soft pastels. The Year 6's have begun an independent art project on the topic of 'Mary MacKillop', in which they are selecting their focus and medium. We look forward to seeing the final results!

SCIENCE

In Science we have been exploring the Earth and Space strand. In the R/1 class students have investigated daily and seasonal weather and observed the related effect on the sky and landscape. The students made wind chimes, conducted investigations of hot and cold temperatures and wind strength, and created their own weather symbols. Both the 2/3 and 4/5 classes ventured into outer space, with the 2/3 students exploring how the rotation of the Earth results in day and night and the 4/5 class investigating our solar system. The Year 6 class has been exploring volcanoes and their formation, including an investigation of lava viscosity.

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Photos of the students learning are in the photo gallery (page 6)

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from the principal

Dear Family and Friends of Mary MacKillop Memorial School,

A warm welcome back to school as we start Term 3. It has been great to see so many smiling faces and I have enjoyed listening to all that our students got up to in the holidays. It has been a bit of a different beginning of term for me, filling Nicole's shoes is no easy feat! I appreciate the kind words that I have received from parents (and plenty from the students!) over the past fortnight. Word is that Nicole is very much enjoying her break and managed to find some warm weather in her travels.

This term we extend a warm welcome to two new students and one staff member. Elsie and Pearl (sister of Jax) have started their learning journey with us this term and both girls have settled well into Miss Heazlewood's Reception/One class. We warmly welcome both girls and their families to the Mary MacKillop family.

We also welcome Cobie Walters to our staff. Cobie has moved from the Riverland to the South East with her husband and brings a wealth of educational experience. Cobie will be working alongside Alison Smith in the 4/5 class while I am sitting in Nicole's chair and will continue in the classroom with me upon my return to the classroom.

CESA Living, Learning, Leading Survey

Last week I shared an e-mail regarding the Living, Learning, Leading Survey being conducted across all Catholic Education Schools in the early part of this term. This survey provides an opportunity for staff, students and parents to give feedback on their school's performance. Our students from both the Middle Years (years 2, 3 and 4) and Upper Primary (Years 5 and 6) will complete these surveys in class over the next week. This feedback from our students is a powerful tool in providing a voice for our students and allows them to have some agency of what happens in our schools.

We highly encourage all families to complete this survey before the 12th of August. Your feedback is

highly valued and is a valuable tool for continuous improvement here at Mary MacKillop Memorial School. This survey can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

COVID Update

With the rise in COVID cases in the last few weeks, we remind you and your child of practical steps that can be taken to reduce the spread of catching COVID-19. I thank the school community for their continued support in the area:

- Please ensure children stay at home if they are sick and get tested for COVID-19 should they present with symptoms.
- It is recommended (not mandated) that students in years 3-6 wear masks while indoors to help reduce the spread of the virus.
- Children that are close contacts should follow the advice provided in the letter sent home from Professor Nicole Spurrier and Dr Neil McGoran
- Remember good hygiene, washing and sanitizing of hands and physical distancing where possible.
- If your child tests positive to COVID-19 please notify the school on either 8737 2902 or through the absentee number (0457 799 596)

The SA Health website has lots of information. Click [here](#) to access this information.

Diocesan Assembly

Last year the Archdiocese of Adelaide hosted an assembly where over 450 representatives from schools, parishes, communities and agencies gathered to discuss matters of importance. From these discussions participants developed 255 recommendations to be considered at various levels of the community.

The task now is to provide feedback and reflect on the recommendations from the 2021 assembly in preparation for the 2022 Diocesan Assembly. I invite the families and friends of Mary MacKillop Memorial School to participate in this discernment process. The 255 recommendations can be found by clicking [here](#) or visiting the web address listed below. In your

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reflections I ask you to reflect and consider which three recommendations you think are top priorities for both our archdiocese and local school and parish communities. See the link below for access to the discernment process.

Should you wish to make a further recommendation or to share your thoughts with me directly, feel free to e-mail them through to sbaxter@mmms.catholic.edu.au

Diocesan Assembly website:

<https://adelaidediocesanassembly.org/>

2021 Recommendations: Click [here](#)

Recommendations Feedback:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LY9SHQH>

God Bless,
Sam Baxter

Catholic Schools Open Week

During Week 5 all schools in Catholic Education are celebrating Catholic Schools Open Week. Throughout this week schools will open their doors and provide extra tours, open days, and special events to showcase the excellence of their schools. We, here at Mary MacKillop Memorial School have some exciting things planned to showcase our fabulous school. Please see below for a list of what we will be offering.

- Come and Try Sessions for Playgroup on Monday the 22nd of August we are offering a free come and try session for our fantastic playgroup sessions. This is open for all children and parents and will run from 9:30-11:00am
- Come and Try Occasional Care sessions. We are offering two free sessions of Occasional Care for children aged 3-5 on Tuesday the 3rd of August and Friday the 26th of August. These sessions are always great fun and are a fantastic opportunity for young children to feel comfortable here at our school.
- Open Morning. On Wednesday the 24th of August we are holding an open morning for parents and families. Please come along to see what learning looks like here at Mary MacKillop.
- Prospective Parents Information Evening. On the evening of Wednesday, the 24th August we will be hosting a session for anyone interested in joining the Mary MacKillop Memorial School community. Please share this evening with any friends that may be interested in joining our school.



PROSPECTIVE PARENTS INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 24th August 5.30pm

An evening for all families in Penola and surrounding area considering MMMS

Please call 87372902 to RSVP by August 19th

Please feel free to share the above information with friends and family as we would love to share our wonderful school with others. For more information feel free to call the school.



**MARY MACKILLOP
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PENOLA**

OPEN MORNING
24th August Wednesday
9.30am - 11.00am
Come and visit your child and see
learning in action.

Discover More at
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This week the 4/5 class made French themed food. French Cheesy Toast, Salad with a French Dressing, French Onion Soup, French Onion Dip, Petite Frittatas and French Palmier Cookies with homemade Puff Pastry.



Absentees

A reminder that if your child is absent from school, for any reason, it is important that this is communicated with the school. The Catholic Education system has advised all schools to follow up on unresolved absences with families. Your support and communication in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Text Absentee Number

When texting the Absentee Line to explain your child's absence from school please make sure you put both their name **and reason** so it can be recorded properly.

0459 799 596

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Harry (14th), Jett (15th), Alfie (16th), Henna (19th), Ava (23rd), Makenna (23rd), Abby (25th), Emalee (28th), Lilly (1st), Juliet (1st), Max (2nd), and Vinnie (4th). We hope you all had fantastic days

Book Club

Reminder book club orders are due back on the 10th of August.

Scholastic is doing a free book offer when you spend over \$30 with this issues book club.



FREE BOOK OFFER!

We are giving away FREE books on this issue to help celebrate and spread the love of reading in your school.

Let parents know they can get up to 3 free books on issue 5:

Receive	When you spend over
1 Free Book	\$30
2 Free Books	\$50
3 Free Books	\$70

SCHOLASTIC

SPREAD THE NEWS
Keep an eye out in your email inbox for resources to share this great offer with your school community.

Flourishing Awards

Congratulations to Juliet, Mawson, Henry, Annabelle, Sophie and Tess who received flourish awards.



House Points

Cameron 1438

McCormack 999

Woods MacKillop ★ 1439



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Catholic Identity

Mary MacKillop Feast Day

This upcoming Monday, the 8th of August, we celebrate the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop). This feast day is extra special in Australia as we gather to celebrate the first and only recognised Australian saint.

We will be having a day of celebrations on Monday, beginning with a whole school Mass in the church at 9:15am. I extend a warm welcome to all families and friends of Mary MacKillop Memorial School. After Mass students will gather in their classrooms to continue their learning about St Mary and then join in a series of activities for the remainder of the day.

I feel that we are very blessed to walk on the same ground that St Mary did in the mid to late 1800's.

Who was Mary MacKillop

Mary was born to Scottish Immigrants on the 15th of January, 1842 in Fitzroy, Melbourne. It was from her parents that Mary learned the importance of a good education. In 1860, at the age of 18, Mary arrived in our town of Penola.

It was here that she met Fr Julian Tenison Woods (a remarkable priest and scientist) and set up her first school, holding lessons in a small cottage. In 1866 Mary set up her first dedicated school in a stable. This site is remembered today as the Mary MacKillop Stable School Park and is located on Queen Street. It was here that Mary truly began her vocation.

In 1867, the classes shifted to a purpose-built school building now referred to as the Woods-MacKillop Schoolhouse, which is located on the corner of Petticoat Lane. While in Penola Mary started up the Sisters of St Josephs, with the help of Father Julian Tenison Woods.

Within weeks of the Schoolhouse opening, Mary MacKillop boarded the steamship SS Penola for the journey to Adelaide, where she went on to establish the Cathedral Hall School, officially took vows and became Mary of the Cross.

Once she left Penola Mary's story continued, she suffered many trials but kept on doing Gods work. I encourage everyone this weekend to get out and see some of the wonderful Mary MacKillop history in our town.

Liturgies and Masses

Term 3

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 7th August

19th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (9.00am)

Luke 12:32-48



Say a Little Prayer Booklet





photo gallery

100 Days of School



Performing Arts / Science / Visual Arts



Cans and Casual Day



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Class updates on Seesaw

MARY MACKILLOP MEMORIAL SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO

COME AND TRY PLAYGROUP

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

MON AUGUST 22ND
9.30 - 11.00AM

BRING A PIECE OF FRUIT
FOR A HEALTHY SNACK

Call **87372902** or email
jcoote@mmms.catholic.edu.au by
August 19th to book a spot

MARY MACKILLOP MEMORIAL SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO COME AND TRY OCCASIONAL CARE

An early years service for families of 3 - 5 year olds.

FREE SESSIONS

FRIDAY 26TH AUGUST **8.45_{am}**
OR **TO**
TUESDAY 23RD AUGUST **11.45_{am}**

CONTACT THE SCHOOL BY 16TH AUG
TO BOOK A PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD
Phone 87372902 to book
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RSVP by August 19th

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