

# Newsletter

## Mary MacKillop Memorial School

Term 3 Week 4

Friday, 19th August 2022

Reception to Year 6 Co-Educational Catholic Primary School

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### UPCOMING DATES

- August -

- 22 Come & Try Playgroup (9.30am)  
Catholic Schools Open Week  
Book Week  
SAPSASA District Golf
- 23 Come & Try Occasional Care  
Sessions (8.45am)  
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)
- 30 R/1 visit McKay Children Centre

- September -

- 01 Year 2/3 Mass (9.15am)
- 02 Playgroup (9.30am)  
Year 6 Assembly (2.30pm)
- 05 Occasional Care (8.45am)
- 07 Hot Shot Tennis
- 08 RUOK Day  
SAPSASA Golf  
Year 6 Mass (9.15am)
- 09 Staff Retreat **Student Free Day**
- 11 Father's Day
- 12 Father's day Breakfast
- 13 McKay Children Visit R/1s

## Class News

Year 4/5

In the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program we have been exploring foods from other countries this term. We have cooked with French, Italian and Mexican flavours. The parent support this year has been nothing short of amazing, thank you to everyone who has helped us create a feast each week. We really appreciate your time and dedication to our program.



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# from the principal

Dear family and Friends of Mary MacKillop Memorial School,

This past fortnight we have celebrated two major feast days within the Church calendar. On Monday of Week 3 we celebrated the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and earlier this week we had a mass for the Feast of the Assumption. As always gathering in the church, as part of the wider community, was a lovely way to begin the day. Please see our Catholic Identity page for more on the Feast of the Assumption.

On the 8th of August we celebrated the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop with a series of activities at school. We began the day with a whole school Mass led by Father Dev with support from our students. It was a beautiful Mass where students were able to reflect on St Mary MacKillop and what her values were. After Mass the students went back to class to learn about the life of Mary MacKillop. I was amazed when I visited classes and students were telling me the meaning of the Josephite symbol, showing me art that was being created and giving me facts and details about Mary's life. Students were also posing questions and wondering deeply about what Mary did and why.

After recess we began a series of rotation activities. Students moved between making Mary MacKillop dolls with Miss Lusty, learning about prayer and some of the famous quotes of Mary MacKillop and visited the Interpretive Centre led by Sr Loreto. This was such a rich experience for the students that were joyfully showing off their Mary dolls and sprouting off information learnt at the Interpretive Centre. A special thank you to Sr Loreto and the staff at the Interpretive center for welcoming and showing us around.

At lunch we were treated to a shared BBQ lunch, cooked by our wonderful school parents. A big thank you to Lisa and Micko Gruetzner along with Deb Mulligan for giving up their time to prepare this for us.

## **CESA Living, Learning, Leading Survey**

Thank you to the families that have already completed the Living, Learning, Leading surveys. This survey will remain open to parents and families until the 26th of August. Please know that your feedback is valued and important for continued improvement of our school.

Please click [here](#) for access to the survey.

## **COVID-19 UPDATE**

Each family should have received an envelope containing two RAT tests (per child) and an information letter. Catholic Education, along with SA Health have made the decision to send these home should we experience an outbreak of cases within specific classrooms. I ask that these tests are kept in a safe place and are only to be used if and when directed by the school. Please refer to the letter sent home for more information, we have attached a copy of this letter to the newsletter for your convenience.

## **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.

God Bless  
Sam Baxter

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# Community News

## Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Evie (7th), Annabelle (7th), Lucas (12th), Indi (15th) and Anais (16th). We hope you all had fantastic days

## Flourishing Awards

Congratulations to Lucas, Eddie, Grace, Milly, Poppy, Sarah, Elsie, and Pearl who received Flourishing awards at assembly this week.



## House Points

**Cameron** ★ 1478

**McCormack** 1186

**Woods MacKillop** 1461

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## 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**

## YELP

This term the YELP students received their Y key (representing yourself) at the majestic Naracoorte caves. This inspires you to do something to give back to the environment. Something you can do on your own or with others. Our focus this year is to reduce rubbish contributing to landfill. Our final meeting will be our group presentation in Robe, this will take place in term 4



## Sport and SAPSASA News

There has been some confusion around the date for our Sports Day coming up in Term 4. The date is to be confirmed.

Notes will be going out at the end of this term for assistance for the day, without volunteers Sports Day cannot run.

We had some of our 5/6 students attend SAPSASA Basketball a fortnight ago. The competition was fierce, and the students played hard all day. It was a great day out, filled with lots of basketball and lollies.

I would also like to congratulate Amelia, Henry, Sid, Ellie, Annabelle, Mawson, Charlie and Kira on competing in SAPSASA Soccer this week. We have high representation in the Mid SE team this year.

On another note, SAPSASA Golf will be held at the Penola Golf Course on Monday the 22nd of August. Children that have nominated need to be at golf course at 10am ready to go. This is not a school excursion so parental supervision will be required.

Have a blessed weekend

Romi Eckermann



# Community News

## Mission Australia

## Book Week

Mission Australia will be holding sessions at MMMS for families to provide information, support and to answer questions about Mission Australia and NDIS services and eligibility.

### LOCAL AREA COORDINATION FAMILY INFORMATION SESSIONS

Mission Australia is the NDIS Partner delivering Local Area Coordination Services in your area and will be based at your school to provide information, support and answer questions about:

- Mission Australia and the services they offer
- What services are available for people with disability
- Understanding the NDIS and eligibility, NDIS plan applications and reviews
- Accessing supports and services for those not eligible for the NDIS, or who do not wish to access the scheme

**MARY MACKILLOP MEMORIAL SCHOOL**  
PENOLA  
1.45 - 4.45 PM  
Tuesday, 13th September 2022  
(Term 3, Week 8)  
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Tuesday, 6th December 2022  
(Term 4, Week 8)

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Tuesday 13th September and Tuesday 6th December at 1.45-4.45pm.

## Occasional Care and Playgroup

As of the beginning of week 6 (29th August) we are making some changes to our playgroup and occasional care programs. Please see below for more information:

- Playgroup will move from a Monday to Friday mornings and operate from 9:30-11:00
- Occasional care will move from Friday to Monday mornings and will be available as a full day experience for our little learners. We will also sadly farewell Romi Eckermann as our Occasional Care Teacher. I would like to thank Romi for all that she has done for our Occasional Care program, and I know she will be missed by both parents and learners alike. We welcome Mrs Cobie Walters as our new educator, Cobie will work closely with Romi to ensure continuity of our program and a smooth transition for our learners. Cobie brings a wealth of educational experiences and will be a valued addition to this role.

## Camps - Save the date

Year 4/5 camp is during Term 4, Week 1, Monday (17th October) to Wednesday (19th October).

Book Week is coming in week 5 on Monday through to Friday (22nd - 26th) with the theme being 'Dreaming with eyes open' celebrating the Indigenous Australian Dreamtime stories. The dress up day will be on the Friday straight after the bell, there will be a parade that the parents can attend.



Book fair will be open for two sessions, 8:30 - 8:45 in the morning and 3:10 - 3:30 in the afternoon. The fair will NOT be open during school time. Cash and Eftpos payments will both be available.

Happy reading!

## School Bus

Families of bus students please note the following important points.

- If your family will be away for an extended period during term time and your child(ren) will not be travelling on their normal bus route, please make sure you notify the bus driver of the dates your child will be absent so the bus is not waiting at your stop unnecessarily.
- Also, as a courtesy, please keep your bus driver informed if your child(ren) will be not be travelling on the bus on the afternoon run if they are attending after school commitments or the morning run if they are absent due to illness etc.
- Parents are reminded to please be at your stop at least 5 minutes before your allocated pick up time in the morning so that buses are not kept waiting and the timetable can run to time. Drivers are not obliged to wait for students in the morning if they are not at their stop at their designated time.



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# Catholic School Open Week

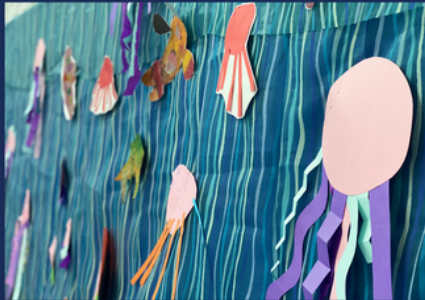


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## PROSPECTIVE PARENTS INFORMATION EVENING

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

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 8.45am TO**  
**TUESDAY 23RD AUGUST 11.45am**

CONTACT THE SCHOOL BY 16TH AUG  
TO BOOK A PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD  
Phone 87372902 to book  
jcoote@mmms.catholic.edu.au  
RSVP by August 19th

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

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- 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 23rd 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.

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.



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# Catholic Identity

## Feast of the Assumption

On Monday the 15th of August we celebrate a whole school Mass for the Feast of the Assumption. This day is one of only 2 'holy days of obligation' within the Australian catholic Church calendar (the other is Christmas Day). We were extremely grateful for Fr Dev, who celebrated this Mass for us on his usual day off.

What is the Assumption of Mary?

On this special feast day we celebrate the fact that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was taken into heaven, body and soul, to be reunited with her son Jesus. We know that Mary is in Heaven and we also know that Mary is always with us and willing to intercede on our behalf. When we say the Hail Mary we ask Mary to 'Pray for us' because we know she is present in heaven with God and is always ready to hear our prayers.

### Hail Mary

Hail Mary,  
Full of Grace,  
The Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou  
among women,  
and blessed is the fruit  
of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary,  
Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners  
now, and at the hour  
of our death.  
Amen.



## Class News-R/1

In preparation for the Season of Creation, the Reception and Year One class have been exploring how nature is God's gift for us all to love and enjoy. This week, they took their learning outside to experience all that God's beautiful Creation has to offer. Students displayed such wonder and awe as they hugged trees, rolled in the grass and watched the fluffy clouds float in the sky. They discussed all the amazing things they experienced and expressed how grateful they were to be given such a beautiful gift.



## Liturgies and Masses

### Term 3

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 18th August

21st SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (9.00am)

Gospel:

Luke 13:22-30

## Say a Little Prayer Booklet



## Season of Creation





