

Newsletter

Mary MacKillop Memorial School

Term 3 Week 6

Friday, 2nd September 2022

Reception to Year 6 Co-Educational Catholic Primary School

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UPCOMING DATES

- September -

- 04 Father's Day
- 05 Father's Day Breakfast (7.45am)
Occasional Care (8.45am)
SAPSASA Cricket Tryouts
- 06 SAPSASA Tennis Tryouts
- 07 Hot Shot Tennis
- 08 RUOK Day
Year 6 Mass (9.15am)
- 09 Staff Retreat **Student Free Day**
- 13 McKay Children Visit R/1s
- 15 Year 2/3 Sleepover
- 16 Playgroup (9.30am)
Year 2/3 Day Out
- 19 Occasional Care (8.45am)
State Athletic Championships
- 23 Jump Rope for Heart Day
Playgroup (9.30am)
Year 2/3 Assembly
- 26 Occasional Care (8.45am)
TWC 2023 Subject Counselling
- 30 Last Day of Term 3
Playgroup (9.30am)
MMMS Quiz Night
- October -
- 17 First day of Term 4
Occasional Care (8.45am)
Year 4/5 Camp
- 21 Staff Professional Learning Day
- 24 Festival of Music Week
Occasional Care (8.45am)
- 26 School Board Meeting (5.30pm)
- 27 Choir Festival Concert

Class News

Reception / Year 1

Maths Learning:

In Mathematics, the Reception and Year One class have been learning about number and place value. They have been participating in learning experiences that have allowed them to practise recognising, representing and ordering numbers. The children are beginning to explore the base ten number system through partitioning two-digit numbers into tens and ones.



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from the principal

Dear Families of Mary MacKillop Memorial School

Wow – 5 weeks of long service leave went extremely quickly! I enjoyed it immensely, as it was an important time to relax and refresh. However, I missed everyone, and I am very pleased to be back. Thank you to all for such a warm welcome this week.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my deepest gratitude to Sam Baxter for filling in as Acting Principal in my absence. From all reports Sam did an amazing job and I feel very privileged to be in a position where I have competent and capable educators/staff who continue the important work at Mary MacKillop Memorial School whether I am present or not! Thank you all!

ESO Gratitude

Recently we said a very special thank you to our hard working Educational Support Officers. Mrs E, Mrs Coote, Dale, Romi, Rachel, Ella, Ryan and Michael who all work tirelessly with the students and teachers and around the school to help every child to flourish and thrive. We are so very grateful for the gifts and talents that they bring to our school.

RU OK Day

In a world where many of our children are suffering from anxiety it is important that we give them strategies to help others and R U Ok? Day highlights the importance of checking in with others and the strategies to do this.

Learners at Mary MacKillop Memorial School will wear a splash of yellow on R U Ok Day and bring a gold coin to donate to this initiative. Our littlest learners (Reception, Year 1 and 2s) will bake cupcakes on Wednesday for each learner to enjoy for Recess on Thursday - the icing will be bright yellow to help us to remember to connect with others, to listen and to check in. Food is often a wonderful way to connect with others!

Each learner in each class will write a positive affirmation and place this in a glass jar, which everyone is able to access when they may be feeling

overwhelmed or down. It will also have ideas for conversation starters, which is our focus this year.

Our vision is to ensure all learners, community members feel connected and that we are able to live out Mary MacKillop's motto; "Never see a need without doing something about it."

Annual Staff Retreat

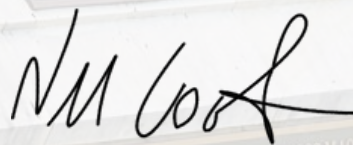
Next Friday 9th September Mary MacKillop Memorial School will be holding its annual School Retreat Day. On this day the school will be closed. Staff will take the opportunity to nourish their spiritual selves and to connect with God through prayer and nature.

Season of Creation

We have entered Spring and as we do we acknowledge the beginning of the Season of Creation. The Season of Creation will continue until the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of Ecology on 4th October. It is a time for many Christian denominations to embrace the important role each one of us plays as stewards who are called to care for our common home.

At Mary MacKillop Memorial School we are constantly seeking ways to care for our environment, ably led by our Young Environmental Group, and such initiatives as 'Nude Food' and tree planting and propagating.

God bless,
Nicole



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Community News

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Charlie (22nd) and Henry (2nd).
We hope you both had wonderful days.

Flourishing Awards

Congratulations to Sid, Jim, Will, Makenna, Josh, Alfie, Paige and Max who received Flourishing awards at assembly this week.



House Points

Cameron ★ 1644

McCormack 1270

Woods MacKillop 1639

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.

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YELP

Our yelp students have started their nude food program. They would like to encourage our students to reduce the use of plastics in our school, so please send your child to school using no plastic or as little plastic as possible their lunch boxes.



Choir News

We are excited to announce that our Festival of Music Choir Concert will be on the evening of Thursday, October 27th at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre in Mount Gambier.

We congratulate our students who auditioned for dancing, solo and compere parts for the concerts.

Alida Brokken has achieved a compere role for the concert which involves introducing the various acts on the night. Our soloists are Evie Tilby, Alida Brokken and Ava Briggs and Dance Troupe members are Alida Brokken, Alice Reschke and Sophie Pearce. We wish our students every success as they prepare for their performances.



Community News

Sports Day Update

The MMMS Sports Day will be held on November 24th (Term 4 Week 6). Notes will be going out at the end of this term for assistance on the day, without volunteers Sports Day cannot run.

Early Arrivals

I remind all families that yard supervision begins at 8.25am—when the first bus arrives. If your child arrives before this time they are to go directly to the front office where they will need to wait until the teacher is on yard duty. If students are riding or walking to school, it is best to leave a little later. The first bell for classes to start does not go until 8.45am.

Wearing Hats

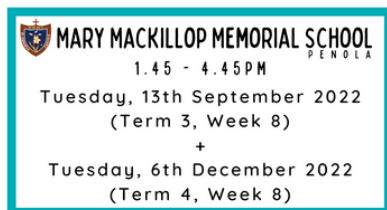
We are a Sunsmart School acknowledged by the Cancer Council Foundation. In accordance with our Sunsmart policy as of Monday 5th September, all children will need to wear their hat when playing outside. Please ensure that your child has their hat as children without hats will need to play in the shade.



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



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Kindy Visit with R/1s

This week, the Reception and Year One class visited McKay's Children Centre. The visit provided an opportunity for the children to revisit the Kindy and to renew relationships with special adults and children from the Centre. After an Acknowledgement of Country and introductions, the R/1 class taught the kindy children the song 'Sing a Rainbow' in Auslan. Afterwards, the children enjoyed exploring the kindy and spending their morning together, especially in their outdoor space. We are looking forward to the Kindy's visit to MMMS in Week 8!



Enrolments 2023

Parents and caregivers are advised that all new enrolments for Reception in 2023 or in other year levels are welcome. Please contact the school to arrange a tour and an interview.

Book Week

For Book Week we had three craft rotations. Miss Heazlewood read the short-listed book 'Jetty Jumping', a story about a little girl named Milla who was too scared to jump off a jetty. Miss Heazlewood used a paper plate, pop sticks and oil pastels to recreate the scene of Milla jumping into the water. Mrs O'C read the Indigenous book 'Walking In Gagudju Country', Mrs O'C asked the students to reflect and colour in beautiful butterfly mandalas. Miss Lusty read the book 'Boy and the Elephant'. The activity the children did was making a land for their elephants using paper plates and used pop sticks to make elephant puppets. The end result was an elephant running along a landscape.



MARY MACKILLOP
PENOLA

Catholic Identity

Catholic Charities

Each September the Adelaide Archdiocese launches the Catholic Charities Appeal. The aim of this is to bring into focus several charitable organisations that we, as a Catholic community, can support throughout the month.

Students throughout South Australia continue to play a crucial role in fundraising for Catholic Charities.

- Catholic Charities has launched a bright and colourful me4u website that highlights and celebrates the fundraising work done in schools to help those in need 'in our own backyard.'
- The me4u campaign's focus is to assist schools in generating ways to bring students together for an event and/or fundraising activity with the main focus of reinforcing Saint Mary MacKillop's message - 'Never see a need without doing something about it.'

The website aims to celebrate and share this important work and show how everyone can make a difference even if it seems small - you can access the me4u website via this [link](#).

Religious Literacy Assessment Tool (ReLAT)

Later this term (in weeks 8 and 9) our Year 4 students will sit the Religious Literacy Assessment Tool (ReLAT)

Religious Education (RE) is a core Learning Area in all Catholic schools. It is a foundation for all learning and is integrated into the life of the school through prayer, liturgy and social justice programs.

ReLAT will focus on knowledge content which is core to the Year 3/4 Crossways Religious Education curriculum. Students in Year 4 in 2022 have been engaging in the new Religious Education curriculum for two years. As a basic knowledge test, ReLAT complements the continuous, fuller, and deeper assessment of learning that occurs in the RE classroom.



Liturgies and Masses

Term 3

WEEK 7 (THURSDAY 8/9)

Year 6 Class Mass 9.15am

Penola Parish

Parish Priest: Fr Arul Dev

SUNDAY 4th August

23rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (9.00am)

Gospel:

Luke 14:25-33

Safe Guarding Sunday and Child Protection Week 2022

This year's National Child Protection Week will take place from the 4th to the 10th of September 2022, with an overarching theme: "Every Child, in Every Community, Needs a Fair Go" and focusing on children growing up safe and supported.

At school we will be undertaking a series of activities with our students reminding them that they are valued and important and each have a special place within our school.

Safeguarding Sunday, follows National Child Protection Week and will be celebrated in all Australian Catholic Dioceses on Sunday 11 September 2022. As a gift to children and young people the Adelaide Archdiocese Child Protection Unit has designed and created a small magnet for each child attending mass on Safeguarding Sunday. The colourful magnets include a quote from Pope Francis





A little giving goes a long way



Mural at
Centacare's
Hannah Place
created by
Donna Chaplin

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APPEARING AT:

Mary MacKillop
Memorial School
September 23rd 2022
(Thursday Week 9 Term 3)



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