

# Newsletter

## Mary MacKillop Memorial School

Term 3 Week 8

Friday, 16th September 2022

Reception to Year 6 Co-Educational Catholic Primary School

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### UPCOMING DATES

- September -

- 16 Playgroup (9.30am)  
Year 2/3 Day Out
- 19 Occasional Care (8.45am)  
State Athletic Championships
- 22 **National Day of Mourning for Queen Elizabeth II Public Holiday**
- 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 **Dismiss 2.15**  
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)  
Choir Concert Rehearsal
- 27 Choir Festival Concert
- 28 Playgroup (9.30am)
- 31 Occasional Care (8.45am)

- November -

- 01 All Saints Day  
SAPSASA Cricket
- 04 Playgroup (9.30am)
- 07 Year 6 Camp  
Occasional Care (8.45am)

## Class News

### Year 6

The Year 6 class have been skipping daily to promote healthy hearts and improve fitness levels. We are learning a range of new skills and mentoring younger students. We have practised individual and partner skipping, as well as long rope activities, expanding our repertoire of rope skills.



**RAISING HEARTS  
AND MINDS**

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# from the principal

Dear Families and Caregivers,

Spring is most certainly in the air. A few days of sunshine makes the heart sing. Finals football, netball and soccer are also picking up the pace and I wish all those who are playing in finals or have a team from their club in finals the very best of luck!

## **Father's Day breakfast**

On Monday 5th September we held a Father's Day breakfast for all of the significant men in our student's lives. Students came to school with their Dad and other important men where they enjoyed having breakfast together. They also gave their visitors a tour of their class before they headed off to work. It was terrific to see so many Dads' attending and enjoying time with their child and time chatting with other Dad's. Thank you to all those who helped out to prepare and serve breakfast.

## **R U OK? Day**

Last week we recognised R U OK? Day as a learning community. In a world where many of our children are suffering from anxiety it is important that we give them strategies to help others and this day highlights the importance of checking in with others and strategies to do this. We wore a splash of yellow and brought a gold coin donation for this initiative. The R, 1 and 2s baked cupcakes and iced them with yellow icing and all children enjoyed one for Recess. Food is often seen as a wonderful way to connect with others!

In the classroom positive affirmations were a focus and were placed in a glass jar, inside the jar was also placed conversation starters. This is able to be accessed by all students at any time. Our vision is to ensure all learners, community members feel connected and that we are able to live out St Mary of the Cross motto, "Never see a need without doing something about it."

## **Year 6 Mass**

Last week I witnessed the Year 6 group engaging in their Class Mass at St Joseph Church. When we gather in the Church, we are able to feel closer to God and feel connected to the Gospel. Thank you to Fr Dev for his ministry in saying Mass for our children

and to the parishioners and parents who join in our celebrations at the Church.

## **Staff Retreat Day**

Last Friday the whole school staff gathered at Wynn's Winery for a Staff Reflection on the theme "Wondering with the Word". As staff in a Catholic School we are surrounded by the stories of our faith, a treasure that has been handed on to us. Whether we are Catholic or from another faith tradition, whether practising or not, whether we are teachers, ESO's or leadership, because we work in a Catholic School we are custodians or keepers of the Christian story.

Robyn Mercer led us in reflecting on how we can hand this treasure on to the children in our care in ways that are authentic, that honour the spirit of the child and reflect a contemporary understanding of Scripture stories that is beyond the literal. Robyn is an experienced educator with a wealth of knowledge in Religious Education, especially in the area of Godly Play.

We were all asked to bring an item that reminds us of a Bible story or faith experience from our childhood. It was fantastic to hear all the stories we could share about our faith journeys.

## **Climbing Tree**

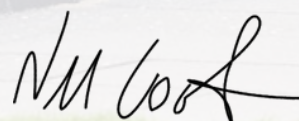
This week has seen much excitement with Climbing Tree starting our new nature play area. This play space is expected to be completed early next term. Ella has put the plans up outside the staff room door so that students can track the progress! It is the last piece to the building project.

## **Quiz Night**

The MMMS Quiz Night is approaching quickly. It will be held on Friday 30th September. Get your table together and register via the school front office asap for a fun night! (see flyer for further details)

We wish the 2/3 class a fantastic sleepover and day out in Mount Gambier this week. It is sure to be an exciting time with lots of fun activities planned.

God Bless,  
Nicole



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# Community News

## Kindy visits

We continue to enjoy our connection to McKay Kindy. This term our R/1 class visited the Kindy where they taught the Kindy children a song with auslan actions. The Kindy returned the favour and visited us this week. They taught our R/1s a song and enjoyed exploring the learning spaces and experiences together.



## Well Being As An Imperative

Recently all students undertook Catholic Education South Australia Classroom Pulse Check In. Every term every child undertakes this survey. It asks students questions about wellbeing, feeling supported, feeling like they belong and having agency of their learning. This data is then compared to the previous terms data and analysed by staff. It is important that as a school we continue to grow and develop and be accountable for providing a learning environment that makes all children feel safe, supported and feel like they are thriving. If not, why not? From the data we are able to highlight those students that require intentional growth action plan to improve outcomes for them. It is an important part of our accountability as educators.

## School Fees

A reminder that all school fees for 2022 are due by the end of September unless you have a payment plan in place. Please contact the Office if you are unable to finalise your fees by the end of September

## House Points

Cameron	★ 1750
McCormack	1350
Woods MacKillop	1735



MARY MACKILLOP  
PENOLA

Friday 16th September 2022 | Week 8 Term 3

## Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Miss Heazlewood (26th Aug), Mrs E (7th), Lillith (7th), Ella (9th), Mrs Coote (10th), Poppy (12th), Josh (12th), Josh (14th), Frank (16th) and Louis (16th).

## SAPSASA

Congratulations to Josh and Will for getting into SAPSASA Cricket, and to Milly, Josh, Will and Charlie for getting into SAPSASA Tennis. Amazing effort everyone, well done!



**Register  
by 30th September**  
to ensure event merchandise  
including glass for Wobbly Winery  
Walk arrives prior to event

### SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

- Running, walking, wobbling events for everyone - 1 km, 6 km, 12 km, 21 kms
- Wobbly Winery Walk
- Market Stalls Galore
- Food Court
- Show 'n Shine

### Registration and Further Information

[www.coonawarrarunningfestival.com.au](http://www.coonawarrarunningfestival.com.au)  
facebook: Coonawarra Running Festival  
email: [coonawarrarunning@gmail.com](mailto:coonawarrarunning@gmail.com)



## 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**

# Community News

## NDIS

Emily Jamieson is providing physio services to any NDIS clients to improve Daily Living and Quality of Life. She is at school on Monday mornings. We are especially lucky to have Emily provide this service to families in Penola. Please contact Emily at [ejstudiopenola@gmail.com](mailto:ejstudiopenola@gmail.com) if you would like to access this service or call the school directly and we can put you in touch with Emily.

## RAA Street Smart

Last Thursday our students participated in a RAA Road Safety talk with Christina. All the classes learnt about the 4 rules to follow when crossing the road; Stop, Look, Listen, Think. They also demonstrated how to be more visible when crossing the road or walking on the footpaths. The Year 6 class also learnt about reaction times, Year 4/5 talked about wearing helmets and the 2V1 rule, Year 2/3 learnt about equipment around roads and how to stay safe and the R/1 class found out what types of seats we are allowed to sit on.



## Place Based Mission Australia

Mission Australia (Mount Gambier) provided appointments on site on Tuesday 13th September. Mission Australia can assist families to apply for NDIS funding, put families in contact with local health services, make appointments for families and help with general wellbeing. If you are seeking to apply for NDIS funding for your child or need to access services through NDIS funding please contact the school and we are able to put you in contact with Mission Australia.

## Vinnies 2022 Gavin's Walk

Principal of St Francis de Sales in Mount Barker, Gavin McGlaughlin, is inspired by the life and journeys of St Mary of the Cross and Fr Julian Tenison Woods. Next week he will be embarking on the Aussie Camino pilgrimage from Portland to Penola. He is taking this pilgrimage in solidarity with fellow South Australians who are doing it tough and facing extreme poverty. On Friday 23rd September he will arrive in Penola and will come to speak to the school at the Year 2/3 Assembly about his pilgrimage and some insights in stepping in the footsteps of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods. His journey is a fundraiser for St Vinnies.

If you would like to contribute to Gavin's trek, with all proceeds going to those in need, particularly those who are homeless, you can do so at the following link.

[Gavin McGlaughlin fundraiser for Vinnies 2022 \(grassrootz.com\)](https://www.grassrootz.com/fundraise/gavin-mcgloughlin)



## Lunch Orders

Next week please bring orders on Wednesday (as Thursday is a public holiday) for Friday's Lunch.

## Jump Rope For Heart

The SRC will be holding our Jump Rope for Heart day on Friday 23rd September (11.30am-1.00pm).

More information will be sent home Friday 16th Sep.





# Catholic Identity

## St Joseph

The person of St Joseph is someone that is crucial in the life of Jesus Christ. He was chosen to be the earthly father of Christ, is the head of the Holy Family and as such was tasked with protecting the child Jesus.

We know the above from scripture but what do we really know about St Joseph?

We know that Joseph is a descendant of King David and that he lived in Nazareth. It is understood that Joseph was a carpenter, however this is never specifically mentioned in scripture. The word used is the Greek 'tekton' which more closely translates to 'master builder' or 'artisan'. We do know that Joseph was a craftsman and that he, more than likely, passed these skills onto Jesus.

We also know that Joseph was a man of faith. He trusted in God's plan for he and Mary and listened to the will of God. Joseph was a devout Jewish man that would have lived his life according to Jewish law.

Joseph was also courageous. He trusted in God's plan, even when things seemed difficult. Upon the birth of Jesus, he fled to Egypt with the infant Jesus and Mary to escape the wrath of King Herod. This would not have been an easy task.

St Joseph was a man that had unwavering faith, loved his family deeply, showed courage in the face of danger and worked hard to provide for his family. For me, he is a great saint to think about at Father's Day and helps me to reflect on my own journey through fatherhood.

Sam Baxter  
Acting REC



## Liturgies and Masses

### Term 4

To Be Confirmed

## Penola Parish

Parish Priest: Fr Arul Dev

**SUNDAY 18th September**

**25th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (9.00am)**

Gospel:

Luke 16:10-13

## Andrew Chinn visit

Please note that our visit and school concert by Andrew Chinn will now be on Tuesday the 20th September. Families and siblings are invited to attend.

## Season of Creation

The Season of Creation began on September 1, World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. For this year, the proposed theme is: "Listening to the voice of creation" with the symbol of the burning bush.

"Praise be to you my Lord, with all your creatures," prayed St. Francis of Assisi, well before the Season of Creation began. With this simple but profound prayer, he has encouraged believers of many generations to recognise creation as the fruit of God's eternal Love.

**# FAITH FACTS**

**HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED...**

how Parish communities care for the poor and those in need?

**# FAITH FACTS**

These are some of the ways a Parish community helps others:

Supporting not-for-profit groups

- Vinnies
- Caritas
- Catholic Mission
- Catholic Charities

Local parish groups

- Visiting the sick & housebound
- Fundraising for causes

And many other ways



**Listen to the Voice of Creation**  
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

**The Burning Bush**  
Ex 3:1-12







# photo gallery

## RU OK Day



@marymackillopmemorial



Mary MacKillop Memorial School



Class updates on Seesaw



# A CONCERT WITH Andrew Chinn

Celebrating  
20 years of



## Composer of:

These Hands  
Rainbow  
May God Be In My Heart  
Together As One  
In The Beginning  
An African Blessing  
Ubuntu  
Rise Up!  
We Are God's Hands &  
Holy Spirit Come

APPEARING AT:

Mary MacKillop  
Memorial School  
September 20th 2022



[butterflymusic.com.au](http://butterflymusic.com.au)



# CABERNET CARNIVAL

**SATURDAY 15 OCT, 10am - 5pm**  
**FREE ENTRY**



**PLATTERS!**

**COFFEE**

**ROB'S  
CARRIAGE  
RIDES**

**PB'S  
HOT  
STUFF**

**GAMES**

**SLUSHY**

**BEER**

**DONUTS**

**BEN FROM  
THE  
HAPPY  
LEONARDS**

**GIN BAR**

**Kids  
Activities**

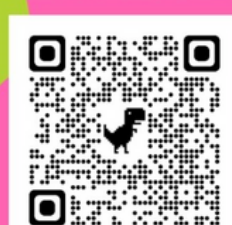
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FRI & SAT  
**OCT**  
**21 & 22**

JETPACK ENTERTAINMENT

FLYING FLAMINGOS

REV IT UP RACING

ANIMALS

DINKUM DINOSAURS

# MOUNT GAMBIER SHOW RETURNS OCTOBER 21 & 22, 2022

JET PACK ENTERTAINMENT, DINKUM DINOSAURS, REV IT UP RACING, BALLOONATIC BRUCE, FLYING FLAMINGOS, MILES REPTILE DISPLAY, BUNNINGS CRAFT, AG LEARNING CENTRE

Plus: trade sites, horses in action, livestock judging, arts, crafts and horticulture displays, cookery, dog show, log chop, sideshows and much more!

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