

Newsletter

Mary MacKillop Memorial School

Term 3 Week 10

Friday, 30th September 2022

Reception to Year 6 Co-Educational Catholic Primary School

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UPCOMING DATES

- October -

- 17 First day of Term 4
Year 4/5 Camp
- 21 Staff Professional Learning Day
Student Free 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)
- 11 Remembrance day
Playgroup (9.30am)
Year 2/3 Assembly
- 14 PE Week
Occasional Care (8.45am)
- 16 SAPSASA Tennis
YELP Expo at Robe
- 18 Playgroup (9.30am)
- 20 Confirmation Feast of Christ the King
- 21 Occasional Care (8.45am)
- 24 Sports Day
- 25 St Catherine Day
Playgroup (9.30am)
Year 4/5 Assembly

**RAISING HEARTS
AND MINDS**

Class News

Year 2/3

On Thursday 15th of September the Year 2/3 class, Mr Baxter, Mrs E, Glenn, Ben and Mrs Smith slept in the school hall. Admittedly, there was some snoring but in our defense our tummies were full from pizza, lemonade and yummy hot chips.

Friday saw us travel to Mt Gambier, unfortunately we couldn't walk the rim of the Blue Lake due to inclement weather but watched a film at the main corner all about how Mt Gambier was formed all those years ago. We travelled to Tenison Woods College for recess and onto Kaboom for bowling and mini golf. We all had great time away.

The bus trip back was rather quiet as we were all very tired. We had a great time though.



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from the principal

Dear Mary MacKillop Memorial School Families,

As we come to the end of a busy term, I would like to extend a very big thank you to the students for being so diligent in their learning, for displaying a positive attitude towards all facets of school life and for exhibiting the values in which we hold dear; compassion, stewardship, integrity, courage, justice, dignity, faith and most importantly love. I wish each and every one of you a fantastic holiday!

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all families for your continued support and to the hard-working staff for your flexibility and innovative thinking regarding education and providing the most engaging experiences for all students.

Attached with the newsletter today is the Term 4 Parent Calendar. It is up to date at the time of printing. Any changes to events will be communicated to families via email, Seesaw and Schoolstream.

We wish our Year 4/5 group all the best for the first week back next term as they embark on their 3-day, two-night camp to Robe, staying at Tarooki. Some activities they will experience will be the Beachport Museum, egg drop challenge, surfing, and Transmutation. We look forward to hearing all of their news when they return.

Communities of Practice – Student Free Day

At the end of Week One (Friday 21st October) we have a student free day. On this day staff will be engaging in Communities of Practice at Tenison Woods College, along with St Anthony's staff from Millicent.

It is a day of presenting our research that we have been conducting over the year. For our staff our focus has been on student agency.

How might we deliberately promote student agency to our learners through co-construction?

Our question was formulated after analysis of our Pulse Check In survey data, (which students undertake every term) where we noticed that students felt that they didn't have a great deal of agency over their learning.

From this teachers unpacked what it meant to have agency, and explicitly provided opportunities for all students to co-construct their learning environments, the way in which they present their learning, use of signposting, bump it up walls to name a few. To measure our success and the change to student outcomes we predicted that we would see:

- Students will have an understanding of shared language
- Students will be able to articulate what agency is
- Students will recognise that with agency comes responsibility
- Pulse survey data will reflect growth in understanding

We look forward to sharing our research with our colleagues in the South East on our Communities of Practice Day.

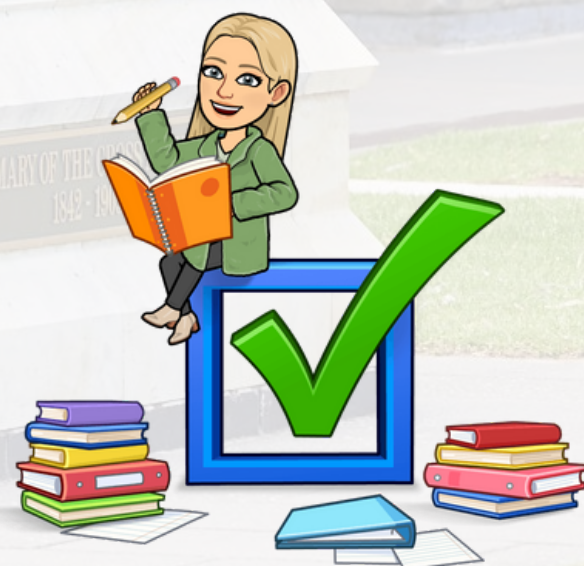

End of Year Celebrations

Early next term all families will receive a letter outlining the end of year celebrations. The decisions made on how we navigate the end of year is one which is made with great discernment.

I wish everyone a wonderful holiday filled with much fun, laughter and relaxation.

God Bless

Nicole



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Community News

Jump Rope for Heart

Our students have been skipping and raising money for the Heart Foundation this term. Last Friday, we held our Jump Off – the culmination of our skipping program. We celebrated the skipping skills our students have gained and the fitness we have achieved for healthy hearts.

We thank Tara Batt for talking to us about her personal experiences with heart disease and the importance of being active and supporting the Heart Foundation.

We are proud to announce that we have raised \$4277, which includes a generous donation of \$500 from the Penola branch of the Bendigo Bank, organised by Tara.

Congratulations to everyone involved!



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 199 596

SAPSASA

Well done to the MMMS students who participated in SAPSASA Athletics. Congratulations to Sophie (1st 100m and 200m, 5th Shot Put), Charlie (equal 2nd 100m, 4th Long Jump), Tait (6th Shot Put and Discus), Jackson (2nd Shot Put, participated in discus) and Frank (participated in the relay).



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House Points

Cameron ★ 1902

McCormack 1421

Woods MacKillop 1857

Postponed Quiz Night

Friday 18th November – Pop it in your diary!

The MMMS School Board are hosting the quiz night as a new fundraising event to replace the pruning/wire dropping from previous years and a chance for the wider MMMS community to come together for a fun night. We would love your support in making the event a success!

You are invited to book in a table of 8 – 10, or to join with another table let the office know when you are booking and we can find you a spot. BYO drinks/nibbles or order a grazing platter for \$45 each.

Call or email jcoote@mmms.catholic or call into the office to book in.

NAPLAN Results

NAPLAN results have been sent home to parents of children in Year 3 and 5. These results are a snapshot of a student's knowledge in a variety of domains on one particular day. At MMMS staff spend time analysing these results along with PAT testing, classroom assessments, using rubrics and observations to inform their teaching and learning. Our practice is very much individualised for each student so that they have the opportunity to flourish. However, it is very pleasing to see the continued trend of being above the average mean score when compared with the mean score of Australian schools. The analysis also helps us to identify the areas that require growth for our students.

Reading	2019	2021	2022	Comparison Aus v School
Australia Yr 3	432	437	439	↑
School Yr 3	474	449	485	
Australia Yr 5	506	512	510	↑
School Yr 5	535	538	535	

Numeracy	2019	2021	2022	Comparison Aus v School
Australia Yr 3	408	403	401	↓
School Yr 3	407	414	369	
Australia Yr 5	495	495	489	↑
School Yr 5	483	483	490	

Community News

YELP Tree Planting

Tuesday 27th of September the YELP group were invited to plant trees along the rail trial at the Coonawarra siding site.

Dressed in our farm clothes ready for our morning out, we planted small local native seedlings along the rail line to the road from the siding. This was an amazing project to be involved in. We loved our day planting and managed to dodge the rain.

Thank you to Lachy Travis and Brands Laira winery and Nature Glenelg Trust and Mrs E for driving the van.



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Rachel (22nd), Sophie F (23rd), Tait (29th) and Camilla (30th).

Family Intentions

As we are now at the end of Term Three planning and preparation for 2023 is nearly completed. If your family circumstances will change next year and you do not intend continuing at MMMS could you please inform us ASAP.

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.

Enrolments 2023

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

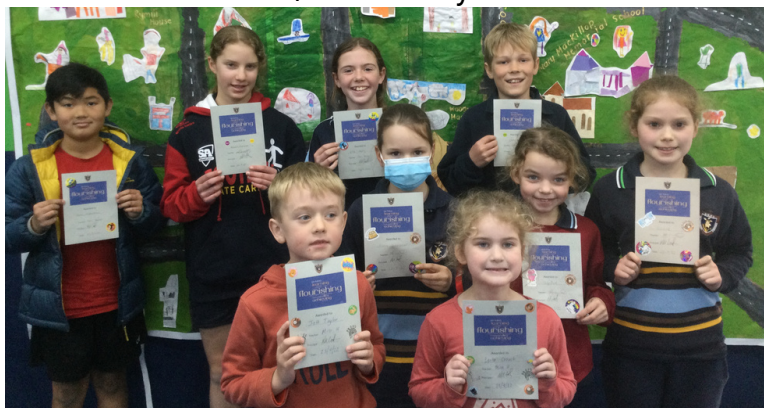


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Flourishing Awards

Well done to Kenzo, Milly, Ellie, Josh, Anna, Sophie, Elizabeth, Jett and Leila for receiving flourishing awards at the Year 2/3 assembly.



Jump Rope 4 Heart Awards

Congratulations to Kira, Winnie, Sophie, Levi, Milly P, Henry, Leila, Milly G and Josh G for raising over \$200 for our Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser.



Sacramental Program

St Joseph's Parish is beginning its sacramental program early next term. If you have a child that is interested in receiving their sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion please contact either Fr Dev (penolacatholicparish@gmail.com) or Sam Baxter (sbaxter@mmms.catholic.edu.au) ASAP.

Cricket

Penola Cricket Club are seeking any interested players for the upcoming U12 and U14 cricket season. If you have an interested child, please contact Jamie Catlin on 0418 896 470

Catholic Identity

Andrew Chinn visit

Last Tuesday Andrew Chinn came to visit our school. Andrew is an Australian musician that has been writing and performing Christian music for children since the year 2000. Andrew has a strong background in Catholic Education, having worked as a religious leader and teacher in NSW.

Andrew worked with our school choir upon arriving, teaching our students some of his songs. He then performed a whole school concert that was a massive hit with our students. Andrew has a great ability to engage all students with his enthusiasm and humour and, by all reports, had all students participating and enjoying his songs.

Andrew mentioned that he enjoyed his time here in Penola and spoke with staff about previous visits to our school. We thank Andrew for his time spent with us and look forward to a visit from him in the future

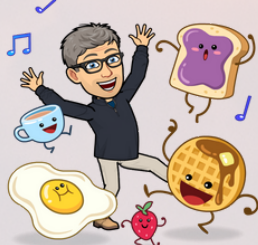
Breakfast Club

Next term Mary MacKillop Memorial School will be starting up a Breakfast Club on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. This Breakfast Club has been inspired by the words of St Mary MacKillop—'Never see a need without doing something about it'.

We have seen a need for some of our students here at school as they may be eating breakfast early in the morning due to long distances travelling. Breakfast club will run on Tuesdays and Thursday mornings from 8:30am until 9:00am. Students attending Breakfast Club will have access to cereal, toast and fresh fruit.

Many thanks.

Sam Baxter
Acting REC



Penola Parish

Parish Priest: Fr Arul Dev

SUNDAY 18th September
25th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (9.00am)

Gospel:
Luke 16:10-13

Liturgies and Masses

Term 4

WEEK 2 (Tuesday 1/11)

Whole School Mass (All Saints Day) 9.15am

WEEK 4 (Wednesday 9/11)

2/3 Class Mass 9.15am

R/1 Class Liturgy 10.30am

WEEK 6 (Wednesday 23/11)

4/5 Class Mass 9.15am

WEEK 9 (Monday 12/12)

Year 6 Graduation Mass 11.30am

WEEK 9 (Wednesday 14/12)

Whole School Thanksgiving Mass 9.15am

Pilgrim Dinner

On Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd of October MMMS will be hosting a group of 30 pilgrims for dinner in our School Hall. The menu is set and the set up will take place on the Friday.

We are seeking helpers to work in the kitchen – at least 2 required both nights and helpers to serve (at least 2). Kitchen helpers would need to be at school at 5pm and servers at 6pm. It is anticipated that the evening will be finished by 7.30pm at the latest.

It is a great fundraiser for our school and a way in which to support our Parish.

If you are able to assist, please let the school know as soon as possible by emailing Nicole at ncoote@mmms.catholic.edu.au.

Say a Little Prayer Booklet

Throughout this term I have been sharing little snippets from the "Say a Little Prayer" booklet that was handed out to all families in Catholic Education South Australia last term. This resource has proven to be very popular and as a result Catholic Education have provided all schools with an additional copy to send home with each child. These were sent home this week with your child (if they did not receive a copy last term). I encourage you to have a read through this booklet as it provides some great little prayers and information about the Catholic Church.



photo gallery

Andrew Chinn



@marymackillopmemorial



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Class updates on Seesaw

PARENT CALENDAR TERM FOUR 2022

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	17 th October	18 Joey's Jumpstart	19	20	21 STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY CoP22	22 Pilgrim Dinner	23 9.00 am Mass St Joseph's Pilgrim Dinner
	YEAR 4/5 CAMP						
2	24 Occasional Care	25 Joey's Jumpstart	26 School Board @ 5.30pm	27 Festival of Music Concert	28 Playgroup Penola Show	29	30 9.00 am Mass St Joseph's
3	31 Occasional Care	1 All Saints Day Mass Joey's Jumpstart Circus Skills Incursion	2	3	4 Playgroup	5	6 9.00 am Mass St Joseph's
	SAPSASA CRICKET						
4	7 Occasional Care	8 Joey's Jumpstart	9 2/3 Class Mass @ 9.15 R/1 Liturgy @ 10.30	10	11 Playgroup Remembrance Day Assembly Year 2/3	12	13 9.00 am Mass St Joseph's
5	YEAR 6 CAMP						
	14 Occasional Care High Jump Trials	15 Joey's Jumpstart	16 YELP EXPO @ Robe	17 R/1 Big Day Out	18 Playgroup Assembly Year 6	19	20 9.00 am Mass St Joseph's Feast of Christ the King
6	PE WEEK						
	21 Occasional Care	22 Joey's Jumpstart	23 4/5 Class Mass @ 9.15 School Board @ 5.30pm	24 Sports Day	25 Playgroup St Catherine's Day Assembly Year 4/5	26	27 9.00 am Mass St Joseph's
7	28 Occasional Care Christmas Celebration and Awards Ceremony 5.30pm + family BBQ	29 Joey's Jumpstart	30	1	2 Beachport Surf Lifesaving Day	3	4 9.00 am Mass St Joseph's
8	5 Occasional Care 2023 TWC YEAR 7 ORIENTATION DAYS	6 Joey's Jumpstart	7	8 Immaculate Conception	9 Playgroup Assembly R/1	10	11 9.00 am Mass St Joseph's
9	12 Occasional Care 11.30am Year 6 Class Mass followed by Luncheon Semester 2 reports sent home	13	14 Whole School End of Year Thanksgiving Mass @ 9.15 Farewell Assembly + Guard of Honour	15 STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY	16 STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY	17	18 9.00 am Mass St Joseph's



Specific Learning
Difficulties SA



FREE Parent Workshop

Dyslexia: What is it and how can I help?

- Develop an understanding of Dyslexia
- Develop a practical understanding of the associated characteristics and difficulties
- Explore ways to support your child

Presented by Specialist Educator, Kylie Hallion, this 2 hr workshop is a great first step to gaining a better understanding of dyslexia and practical strategies that can help your child.

Friday 28 of October, 9am -11am

Robe Primary School



BOOK ONLINE at:

speldsa.org.au/regional-parent-workshops

Thank you to the Department for Education for supporting this initiative.



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WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR A CHAT
AND A DRINK TO CELEBRATE FRIENDSHIPS & MEMORIES

GET A GROUP TOGETHER TO MAKE A
DINNER BOOKING AFTERWARDS!

**SAT
15TH
OCT
2022**

**City Hall, Main Corner Mount Gambier
ANYTIME BETWEEN 5:00PM - 8:00PM**

Get your free ticket here:

<https://bit.ly/3dGj8m9>

***Drinks available
for purchase***



**2022/2023
Season Opening**

Come and Try

**Monday and Wednesday
Starting Monday 17th October
5.30 to 6pm
New Swimmers must be
competent In swimming a full lap**

Squad 6 to 7pm

**For more Information
Jay Brokken 0488 723 000**

FULL THROTTLE IN WATTLE

School Holiday Program

Spring 2022

week 1

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

COME & TRY | AUGMENTED DRAWING
Explore the program and try digital drawing
All ages | 10:30 am - 11:30 am
Millicent Public Library

COME & MAKE | A NO-SEW TOTE BAG
Over 12 years | 10:30 am - 11:30 am
Millicent Public Library

COME & TRY | BASKET WEAVING
Make simple coiled baskets from ghost rope
Ages 12-17 years | 12 noon - 1 pm
Millicent Gallery, Ridge Terrace Millicent

COME & MAKE A WOOLLEN BRACELET
Join Kerry and make a felted woollen spiral bracelet
Over 10 years | 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Millicent Public Library

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

COME & CHALLENGE @ NOORLA YO-LONG
Have fun while challenging yourself on the high ropes
One-hour sessions | 9am, 10:30am, 12:30pm & 2pm
Ages 8 years & over | 169 Fosters Road, Rendelsham

COME & DECORATE HANGING LANTERN
Over 8 years | 10:30 am - 11:30am
Millicent Public Library

COME & COMPETE MARIO KART COMPETITION
Compete in a Nintendo Switch Mario Kart competition
2:30 pm - 4:30pm | Millicent Public Library

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

COME & EXPERIENCE DIGITAL @ BEACHPORT
VR goggles, Nintendo Switch & wooden crafts
A morning of virtual reality, Nintendo Switch competition, art and wooden craft
10am-12noon | Beachport Visitor Information Centre

week 2

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

COME & BE A FIRE FIGHTER FOR A MORNING
Open all ages | 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Fire Station, Cnr Cattle Bridge Road, Millicent

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

COME & EXPLORE SCAVENGER HUNT @ MT BURR TRAILS
From 10am - 4 pm in your own time self-guided
You can ride (BMX or mountain bike, walk or run)
Pick up your clues at Mount Burr Store then return for prize

COME & TRY | REALITY DRAWING
Explore the program and try digital drawing
10:30 am - 11:30 am
Millicent Public Library

COME & COMPETE SMASH BROS COMPETITION
Compete in a Nintendo Switch competition
2:30-4:30pm | Millicent Public Library

All events are free
Kids must be accompanied by an adult
For outdoor events please bring a hat,
water bottle, sunscreen &
wear sturdy enclosed shoes

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

COME & DECORATE A CERAMIC DISH
And you can use it later
5+ years | 10:30 am - 11:30 am
Millicent Public Library

COME & MAKE A KITE
Join Saline to make and fly your own kite
8+ years | 2:30 pm - 3:30pm
Millicent Public Library

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

COME & EXPERIENCE DIGITAL @ GLENCOE
VR goggles, Lego & wooden crafts
10am - 12noon | Glencoe Public Hall

COME & COOK TRICK OR TREAT
Cooking for Halloween
Age 5+ years | 2:30 pm - 3:30pm
Millicent Public Library

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

COME & LEARN @ HEAVY MACHINERY DISPLAY
Come aboard and sit in the drivers seat of the machinery that is used by council including trucks, graders, loaders and talk to the machinery operators
10:00 am - 11:00 am | Civic & Arts Centre Carpark

COME & PLAY @ THE LIBRARY
A busy day of fun for all ages at the Millicent Library
10:30 am to 11:30 am | Storytelling and craft
2 pm to 8 pm | IT Fun for all
4 pm to 5 pm | Join Millicent's own Lego Club
Millicent Public Library

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 & 16

COME & SEE MODEL TRAIN EXHIBITION
Amazing model train display
10:00 am - 3:00 pm (Gold coin donation)
Millicent RSL Hall, North Terrace, Millicent



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

COME & MAGIC WITH ELO
Join the magic, marvels & mayhem to astound, amaze and amuse the whole family
10am - 11am | Millicent Public Library

COME & compete SKATE, BMX & SCOOT
Compete for great prizes in the Skate Park Leagues Competition
11 am Scoot | 12:30 pm BMX/Inline | 1:30 pm Skate
Millicent Skate Park, Ridge Tee, Millicent
All ages & abilities welcome | Every entry has a chance to win
Register at <https://bitly/SkateParkLeagues-Enrol>

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

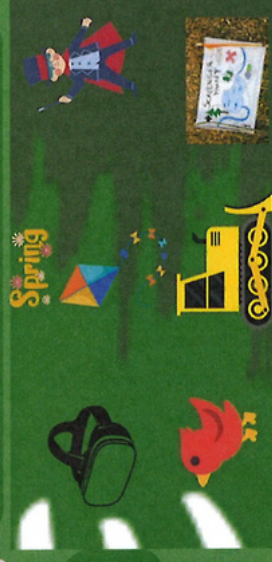
COME & LEARN SKATEBOARDING
Join YMCA Action Sports and learn to skate
11 am - 4 pm | Millicent Skate Park, Ridge Tee, Millicent
All ages and abilities welcome | Equipment provided
Register at skateparkymca.org.au/allaboutboard

COME & EXPLORE | MILLICENT MUSEUM
All ages welcome
Free entry all day | 9am - 4pm
1 Mount Gambier Rd, Millicent

COME & EXPLORE | Lions Family Millicent Markets
Homemade goods, arts crafts, live music, kids entertainers
9 am - 1:00 pm | George Street Millicent

BOTH WEEKS

COME & EXPLORE | Millicent Photographic Exhibition
328 entries and 53 photographers
9:30 am - 5 pm
Millicent Gallery



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