

Newsletter

Mary MacKillop Memorial School

Term 4 Week 2

Friday, 28th October 2022

Reception to Year 6 Co-Educational Catholic Primary School

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UPCOMING DATES

- October -

- 28 Playgroup (9.30am)
World Teachers Day
Penola Show
- 31 Occasional Care (8.45am)
- November -
- 01 Joey's Jumpstart (8.45am)
All Saints Day
SAPSASA Cricket
- 04 Playgroup (9.30am)
- 07 Year 6 Camp
Occasional Care (8.45am)
- 08 Joey's Jumpstart (8.45am)
- 09 Year 2/3 Class Mass (9.15am)
R/1 Liturgy (10.30am)
- 11 Remembrance day
Playgroup (9.30am)
Year 2/3 Assembly
- 14 PE Week
Occasional Care (8.45am)
- 15 Joey's Jumpstart (8.45am)
Camp Quality Performance (1.40)
- 16 SAPSASA Tennis
YELP Expo at Robe
- 17 R/1 Big Day Out
- 18 Playgroup (9.30am)
- 20 Feast of Christ the King
- 21 Occasional Care (8.45am)
- 22 Joey's Jumpstart (8.45am)
- 23 Year 4/5 Mass (9.15am)
- 24 Sports Day
- 25 St Catherine Day
Year 4/5 Assembly

**RAISING HEARTS
AND MINDS**



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Class News

Choir & Mt Gambier Show

Our choir students sang at the Festival of Music choir concert at Mount Gambier's Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre of Thursday evening. We are extremely proud of their performance. Congratulations to our soloists: Evie, Ava and Alida, Dance Troupe students: Alice, Alida and Sophie and our Student Compere: Alida.



This past weekend every student from MMMS exhibited a piece of their artwork created in our specialist Visual/Media arts lessons at the Mount Gambier Show. The students chose their favourite piece of work from this year to compete in the Junior Art section, including drawings, paintings and collage works. Our students did exceptionally well, with many students placing. A special mention to Freya Giles who won Champion Reception – Year 2 Artwork, Will Harris who won Champion Year 6 Craft, Alice Reschke who won Champion Junior Vegetable for her selection of herbs picked from the Kitchen Garden, and the Year 2/3 Class who won Champion Class Exhibit in Art.



from the principal

Dear Mary MacKillop Memorial School Families,

Welcome to the last Term of 2022! There are many highlights in Term 4 and all families should have received an outline of our end of year celebration dates. We look forward to these special occasions with our community. Please refer to the calendar that was sent home at the end of last term and updated calendar on SchoolStream.

Joey's Jumpstart

The Joey's Jumpstart Program began this term and we welcome Fred, Will, Darcy, Patrick and Levi to MMMS. They will have 7 visits over the term in preparation for them starting school at the beginning of 2023.



Robe Camp

The Year 4/5 class started their term off with their camp to Robe. It was a unique experience for all students where they had the opportunity to be away from home, learning and growing independence, building on relationships with their peers and teachers and also experiencing many different activities that they may not have had before. The learning on a school camp for a student is valued at Mary MacKillop Memorial School.



Communities of Practice

Last Thursday evening our educators shared their collaborative inquiry at TWC as part of the Communities of Practice Day. Our work in the space of student agency was well received with teachers

from both TWC and St Anthonys interested in pursuing similar practice with their students. Last Friday we were able to choose and attend 5 sessions that highlighted a particular focus of collaborative inquiry from staff members from TWC and St Anthonys. The Communities of Practice Day is instrumental in sharing good practice in our region and challenging our pedagogy of teaching and learning.

Festival of Music

Last night our school choir, along with other choirs in the South-East performed at Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre for the Festival of Music. Many thanks goes to Kathy O'Connell who has ably prepared this group, and with assistance from Kaitlyn Lusty. We are very proud of the magic that happens when the students sing as a choir! We also congratulate Alida, Evie and Ava on their selection as soloists, to Alida, Sophie and Alice on their selection in the dance troupe and Alida on her selection as a compere. All so very talented.

Pilgrim Dinner

Last weekend we hosted around 30 Pilgrims for dinner on Saturday and Sunday evening. This is a great fundraiser for our community, and it is also a wonderful way to assist the parish and Interpretative Centre. A very special thank you to Janice Coote, Sam and Curt Evans, Sarah Kidman, Judy Mountford, Nicole Reschke, Jane Pearce and Jess Malone who volunteered to help out with preparation and serving on either of these nights. The group sincerely enjoyed both evenings!

Show Time

It's Show Time! Last week Kaitlyn Lusty, our visual and media arts teacher entered a number of students work into the Mount Gambier Show, with many being successful with 1st, 2nd or 3rd placings. This weekend at the Penola Show we have some entries by our students and our school display. Please pop in and have a look! A huge thank you to Kaitlyn, Ella and Romi for preparing and putting up our display.

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from the principal

Sacramental Program

Last week was the first Sacramental session for students who will be preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. This group of 15 students and their families will work through the program this term with Fr Dev and continue it when school resumes in 2023. We ask the school community to keep all of these students and their families in your prayers as they further their faith and relationship with God and the Church.

Seesaw and Communication of Learning

This term we begin our trial of using Seesaw as a rigorous platform of communication of student's learning. A letter was sent home earlier this week explaining what you, as parents, will begin to see on your child's Seesaw account. As a teaching team we would appreciate any feedback to continue to improve how we report student learning to families.

Covid Reminder

To protect our school community, families should note:

- If your child is unwell please keep them home.
- If your child has cold or flu symptoms you should test for COVID-19.
- If your child has COVID-19, please keep them at home until their acute symptoms (runny nose, sore throat, cough and fever) have cleared.
- In consideration for the health of others, when your child returns to school, we recommend they please wear a mask while indoors until 7 days have passed since their symptoms first started or since they tested positive, (whichever is earliest).

Planning for 2023

Class structures for 2023 at MMMS will be: R/1, 2/3, 4/5 and 5/6. As a staff we will discern the Year 5 group, taking into consideration personalities, learning dispositions, academic ability and friendship groups. If you have any questions, please make a time to see me.

Staffing for 2023 is yet to be finalised, and will be communicated to the school community within the next few weeks.

However, I am able to inform the school community that Jenny Herbert has resigned from her permanent position at Mary MacKillop Memorial School. Jenny has been a valued staff member for over 25 years and has always been passionate about teaching and learning with the students at MMMS. We will certainly miss Jenny's many gifts and talents and her ability to take on new challenges and bring success to what she does so that all students benefit. We will have the opportunity to formally farewell Jenny at the Christmas Celebration Evening on Monday 28th November.

We will also say farewell to Mrs Kathy O'Connell who will be taking one year's leave to pursue other interests. We thank Kathy for her hard work and dedication to Mary MacKillop Memorial School over the past 7 years, particularly in the area of Upper Primary and The Performing Arts. We look forward to welcoming Kathy back at the beginning of 2024.

I am able to inform the community that Sam Baxter has been successful on the appointment of permanency at MMMS, Danni Heazlewood and Kaitlyn Lusty will also be continuing with us in 2023. I congratulate these fantastic educators and brilliant people on their appointments and look forward to working with them as part of the Mary Mac team in 2023.

Wishing all a wonderful weekend! May the sun shine for the Show.

God bless,

Nicole



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Community News

Breakfast Club

Next week Mary MacKillop Memorial School is starting a Breakfast Club. Breakfast Club will run on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30am.

Breakfast Club is to support those that are unable to eat breakfast before school or that are travelling and need that little bit extra prior to the day starting.

This will be in the Woods Learning Centre. We will be serving toast or cereal at no cost to families.



World Teachers' Day

Today is World Teachers' Day, we say *Hats off* to all our teachers at Mary MacKillop Memorial School and to all the other teachers in the Limestone Coast Area. World Teachers' Day helps us recognise and celebrate the staff at our school who are always caring for our students and community.

Thank you and *hats off* to our wonderful teachers and staff.



Enrolments for 2023

Enrolments at Mary MacKillop Memorial School are still open for 2023.

If you are interested or know of someone interested in enrolling their child at MMMS, please contact the school.

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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Miss Romi's Corner



Book Club

Please return your book club forms to the front office by the 3rd of November.

Sports Day

Just a reminder to start bringing the assistance forms back to ensure we have a smooth sailing sports day.

Thank you.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Emily (1st), James C (11th) and Lola (27th), we hope you had an amazing day.

House Points

Cameron ★ 1992

McCormack 1493

Woods MacKillop 1974

the MOUNT GAMBIER SCIENCE FAIR
SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2022
9.30am - 12.30pm or 1pm - 4pm
Mount Gambier Showgrounds

See a magical science show from **Professor Magic** and learn all there is to know about snakes and native animals in our **Native Animal Show**

Ignite VR! Yes, Virtual Reality will be there!

Get some really cool stuff from **Switched on Kids**

Make some **slime**

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Learn all about **electric circuits**

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\$29 FAMILY**

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Catholic Identity

Diocesan Assembly

Last weekend I was lucky enough to attend the 2022 Diocesan Assembly as a delegate from our school. A diocesan assembly is a gathering of representatives from the various communities within the Archdiocese of Adelaide to discuss the life of the local church and make recommendations for the work and mission of the archdiocese.

The 2021 and 2022 Diocesan Assemblies are part of a larger movement of synodality, being a church on the journey together. The Diocesan Assembly ties in with the Australian Plenary Council and 2023 International Synod in Rome. Together on the Way represents the next phase of our diocesan synodal journey. In our first phase (2021) we asked people throughout the diocese what they think are the most important things to discuss as the Church in Adelaide. After discernment and dialogue around those points, we've moved to the next phase which is focused on discerning and committing to actions and strategies.

Sacramental program

I would like to congratulate the following students that, over the last fortnight, have begun their journey towards receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Jimmy (4/5)	Sophie (4/5)	Alice (2/3)
Matthew (2/3)	Charlie (2/3)	Laura (4/5)
Finn (4/5)	Lilly (4/5)	Anna (2/3)
Henna (2/3)	Sophie (2/3)	Lola (2/3)
Kenzo (4/5)	Lucas (4/5)	Ellie (4/5)
Saige (2/3)	Camilla (2/3)	Kira (4/5)
Abby (2/3)		

I know that you will join me in keeping these young people in your prayers as they move through this important step in their faith journeys.

Sam Baxter
Acting REC



Liturgies and Masses

Term 4

WEEK 3 (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

Penola Parish

Parish Priest: Fr Arul Dev

SUNDAY 30th October

30th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (9.00am)

Gospel:

Luke 18:9-14



FAITH FACTS



**HAVE YOU EVER
WONDERED...**

what is the meaning of
Liturgical Season?



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The Church has liturgical seasons which reflect the life of Jesus throughout the calendar year. Each season is represented by a different colour. The seasons of the Church are structured and designed to reflect the life of Jesus (including his death and resurrection).



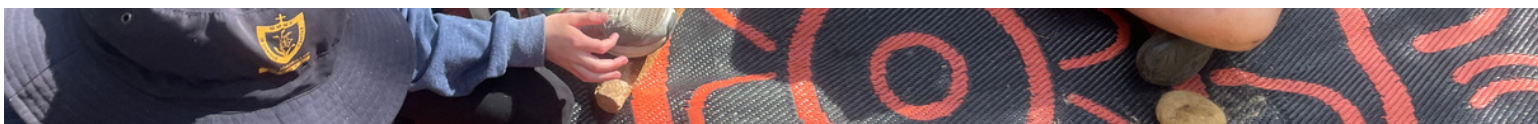
Family Faith Formation Team

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photo gallery

Year 4/5 Camp



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Class updates on Seesaw

CAMP QUALITY'S **CANCER EDUCATION PROGRAM** HAS BEEN BOOKED TO VISIT YOUR PRIMARY OR PRESCHOOL. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!

Camp Quality's cancer education program has been teaching kids about cancer with a fun and interactive puppet performance, for over 33 years. The program focuses on telling the broader cancer story, including how to support someone who is facing their own cancer diagnosis or that of a loved one.

The free Cancer Education Program visits primary schools and education and care services around Australia, and is shown to reduce bullying, absenteeism and the need for mental health support services for kids impacted by cancer. An independent KMPG report showed the total Social Return on Investment of the Cancer Education Program is \$5 for every \$1 spent.

The program includes newly developed Teacher Resource Packs aligned to the Australian Curriculum, Early Years Learning Framework and state-based curriculums. **Teacher lesson plans, classroom activities and our Talking About Cancer guide** provide further learning on the social and emotional impacts of cancer. We also offer a free Kids' Guide to Cancer App that can be downloaded to your smartphone or tablet. Our resources have been developed in consultation with subject matter experts in the health and education sectors and help to facilitate conversations about cancer.

THE BIG PARTY

**AGES: EARLY LEARNING CENTRE
– YEAR 2
DURATION: 30 MINUTES**

Ariel has a brain tumour. Her big brother Tom knows she's having a tough time in hospital, so today he's bringing her something he's sure will cheer her up straight away – an invitation to Lucy Carmichael's Bouncy Castle Birthday Party on Saturday! Only, Ariel can't go... how will she ever explain to the other kids why she doesn't have any hair, and why she's tired and skinny...? The Big Party by Julianne O'Brien is an empowering story, using interactive puppetry to teach us about cancer and the importance of positivity and recognising our own strengths.

THE BIG SCORE

**AGES: YEAR 3-6
DURATION: 1HR (INCLUDING
POST-SHOW Q&A SESSION)**

Siblings Tom & Ariel's lives are turned upside down when Ariel is diagnosed with a brain tumour. Leaving their home on the country farm and moving to the city for Ariel's treatment at hospital, they must start fresh at a new school, with new teachers, new friends and a whole new normal. Will Ariel ever make it through Year 5, and will Tom ever become a soccer superstar? The Big Score by Julianne O'Brien is a touching story, using interactive puppetry to teach us about cancer and the importance of hope and acceptance.

"It took away the stigma and fear from cancer. As we have a student at our school being treated for leukaemia, it helped the children understand what she is going through and why she has lost her hair. Having an understanding of the disease has certainly increased empathy in the other children too"
– Principal

"The manner in which the show addresses cancer is age appropriate while clearly articulating the facts. It has helped me to be able to talk about cancer in a positive and reassuring manner"
– Educator

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NOVEMBER 15TH 1.40pm

Mary MacKillop Memorial School Hall
Parents are welcome to join