

# Newsletter

## Mary MacKillop Memorial School

Term 4 Week 4

Friday, 11th November 2022

Reception to Year 6 Co-Educational Catholic Primary School

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### UPCOMING DATES

- November -

- 11 Remembrance day  
Playgroup (9.30am)  
Year 2/3 Assembly
- 14 PE Week  
High Jump Trial  
Occasional Care (8.45am)
- 15 Joey's Jumpstart (8.45am)  
Camp Quality Performance (1.40)
- 16 SAPSASA Tennis Wed-Fri  
YELP Expo at Robe
- 17 R/1 Big Day Out
- 18 Playgroup (9.30am)  
MMMS Quiz Night
- 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  
Playgroup (9.30am)  
Year 4/5 Assembly (2.30pm)
- 28 Occasional Care (8.45am)  
Christmas Celebration and  
Awards Ceremony (5.30pm) +  
Family BBQ
- 29 Joey's Jumpstart (8.45am)

- December -

- 02 Beachport Surf Lifesaving Day  
**NO PLAYGROUP**
- 05 Occasional Care (8.45am)
- 06 Joeys Jumpstart (8.45am)

## Class News

### Year 4/5 Camp

In Week 1, the 4/5 class went to Camp at Tarooki Campground in Robe. We had such a great time surfing, making kites, playing, learning about local First Nations peoples, eating, visiting a camel farm and just having a blast.



**RAISING HEARTS  
AND MINDS**



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# from the principal

Dear Families and Caregivers

I write this week's newsletter from Adelaide. Currently I am enjoying (although tiring) a week away with our Year 6 group and St Anthony's Millicent Year 6 group on camp. We have made the trip up Challenge Hill at Woodhouse Activity Centre, it was fairly warm and tough physically, followed by some fun at laser tag, with Mrs E having 9 lives! The Giant Slide kept us busy sliding down on tubes and then pulling them back up to the top of the hill to once again slide down. And this was all in the first day and a half.

We have had one night at the Woodhouse Activity Centre, followed by three nights at West Beach. Some of the highlights in Adelaide were The Old Adelaide Goal (spooky), The Zoo (noisy!), Bounce (of course!), and AFL Max. It has been busy, busy, busy, but spending time with this outstanding group of Year 6 students has been the greatest privilege.

I would like to thank Kathy O'Connell and Dave Green from St Anthony's for their organisation of the camp experiences, with attention to detail. I also would like to thank our parent helper Dru Reschke and camp veteran Jen Eckermann. We could not have got through the week without you!

A camp is a unique experience for children where not only are they able to build on specific skills, but also socialise with their friends, (and new friends) in a very different environment. Camps build resilience, independence and risk taking, and to top it off they are the best fun!

## **Fees and Hardship Scholarship**

Although Catholic Schools receive both Commonwealth and State funding, fees constitute a necessary part of the school's income. Without school fees and other non-financial support from parents, Catholic Schools would not be able to operate.

Mary MacKillop Memorial School is committed to a policy of providing an excellent Catholic education for young people, and in doing so, keeping fees to a minimum so that parents will be encouraged to enrol

their children without suffering undue hardship.

As a school we believe and share St Mary of the Cross MacKillop's vision, that no child should be turned away if they wish to attend a Catholic school. Our school was opened by St Mary MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods to provide an education for all children in the community and surrounding district, free from discrimination.

Following the vision of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop the Mary MacKillop Memorial School Board will be offering Hardship Scholarships (full or part) to two students each year for two years. We believe that by assisting those who are suffering undue hardship in our current times, we are providing the opportunity for a Catholic education to those who may otherwise find it difficult to access.

More information about deadlines and the criteria for applying for the hardship scholarships can be found on our website and an email will be sent to all current families next week. The Hardship Scholarships are available for current or new families and granted with the understanding that successful families commit to giving back to our school community.

## **Transition into 2023**

This term children are preparing to make the big transition to school and high school. Starting school is easier if your child is familiar with the school environment. Our 2023 Receptions have been having transition visits since the beginning of the term. Many have also been attending Occasional Care on Mondays and have made connections with the school, teachers, and other children. Remind your child that the teachers are there to help and they can ask for help at any time. Even if you are feeling sad or worried as a parent, try to let your child know they will go well and help them feel positive. How you are feeling about a situation influences your child, so during more stressful and difficult times try to stay calm and reassure your child. If your child is having trouble transitioning, see if you can work out some positive strategies together. If things don't improve talk to the teacher responsible for your child's overall care.

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# from the principal

As we begin the process of 2023 transitioning for all students into next year's class if there is anything that you feel your child's classroom teacher, or I need to know for next year I ask that you contact us.

At the end of the school year each teacher has time to hand over important academic, social and emotional wellbeing information to your child's new teacher, and we appreciate parents being part of the process.

*'We will remember them'*

## **Remembrance Day: Friday 11 November**

On the 11th hour, the 11th day of the 11th month each year Australian communities observe a minute silence to pay tribute to the men and women who gave service to their country.

Over the past century, this moment has been adopted as a significant event across the globe as a time to remember all these people.

At Mary MacKillop Memorial School, we will observe a minute silence as we do every year. Our Year 4/5 group will attend the service at the War Memorial site at the park. They will lay a wreath in honour of those who have served and are still serving in our defence forces.

On each Remembrance Day let us always remember those who have fallen. Universally, the red poppy stands as a valuable symbol of "remembrance". This delicate little flower continues to represent some hope, hope of a more peaceful world to come.

*"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We will remember them."*

## **All Saints day**

Last Tuesday we gathered to celebrate Mass together as a whole school reflecting on All Saints Day and the Saints that we look up to as role models in our lives. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop is one such saint. I would like to thank the students for their reverent engagement in the Mass that was particularly noted by the pilgrims who were visiting

from Melbourne and Sydney.

## **Vinnies Christmas Appeal**

Christmas can be a very difficult time for families in crisis, in particular those who are experiencing poverty and are disadvantaged. Your support this year can help assist the families who turn to St Vincent de Paul for support over the festive season. Our school is supporting the Vinnies Christmas Appeal this year through the collection of toys and food. Donations of gifts and/or non-perishable food items can be placed under the Giving Tree in the front office.

Together we can make a real difference to those less fortunate.

God Bless,



Nicole



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# Community News

## Sports Day

Thank you to those parents who have indicated that they are able to help out on Sports Day. We are still after a few helpers, please see and/or respond through Seesaw to your child's class teacher if you are able to assist. The programs have sent home and it gives a brief outline of the day.

## Piano Teacher 2023

Next year we will be offering private piano lessons during school hours. The lessons will be provided by Leyton Smith from Naracoorte.

If you are interested in your child engaging in piano lessons in 2023, please contact the front office and we will put you in direct contact with Leyton.

## Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Freya (31st), Nate (5th), Chloe (6th), and Alida (10th), we hope you had an amazing day.

## Flourishing Awards

Congratulations to Henna, Ellie, Louis, Lillith, Elijah, James C and Freya, for receiving a flourish award at this weeks assembly.



## 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**

## House Points

Cameron	★ 2057
McCormack	1583
Woods MacKillop	2015

## Key Dates Term 4

### 28 November

Christmas Celebration and Awards Evening (with BBQ) 5.30pm

### 12 December

Year 6 Class Mass and Luncheon  
2023 Class Transitions  
Semester 2 reports sent home

### 14 December

Whole School Thanksgiving Mass 9.15am  
End of Year Farewell Assembly and Guard of Honour 2.40pm

## Commencement of 2023

A full list of 2023 key dates will follow soon, but to assist with planning, the following information has been provided:

### Monday 23 January 2023

School Office opens

### Monday 23 January 2023

All Teaching Staff Commence

### Thursday 26 January 2023

Australia Day Public Holiday

### Monday 30 January 2023

R - 6 students commence Term 1 2023  
Welcome Morning Tea

## 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.



# Remembrance Day

At the going down of the sun, we will remember them. Lest we forget.

Today as a school we remembered all those that have fallen and been affected by wars as part of Remembrance Day. Our Reception/1 and Year 2/3 class held a special liturgy at school led by their teachers. Yesterday two of our students were asked to speak with Liz Rymill, from ABC radio to share their thoughts and stories of Remembrance Day.

Our 4/5 class was lucky to be invited to attend the ceremony held at the Penola War Memorial Park led by the Penola and Coonawarra RSL. Our students were very respectful through the ceremony and represented our school with great pride. At the conclusion of the ceremony we walked through the town square and looked at the names of those that have served in wars from our community. It was very moving to see the students finding family and familiar names and sharing their stories with one another.



# Catholic Identity

## Feast of Christ the King

On Sunday, the 20th November the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of Christ the King. This celebration is special for two reasons, it marks the end of the Church Year and the beginning of a new one as we enter into the season of Advent. It also reminds us that Jesus the King of Heaven.

This year we are lucky to have Archbishop of the Adelaide Diocese Patrick O'Regan joining us for Mass at St Joseph's here in Penola for this important Feast. We invite all families of Mary Mackillop Memorial School to join us in this most special of occasions.

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### INVITE YOU TO A FAMILY MASS FOR THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

ARCHBISHOP  
PATRICK O'REGAN  
VISITING



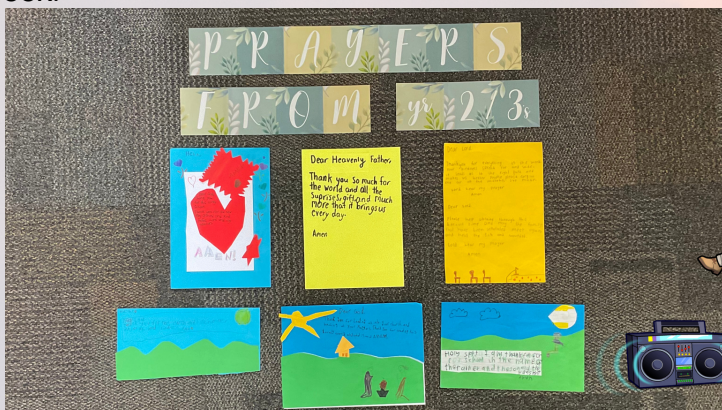
ALL WELCOME  
JOIN US FOR A CHAT  
AND A CUPPA AFTER

9.00AM MASS SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER  
AT ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, PENOLA

Please RSVP attendance to [sbaxter@mmms.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sbaxter@mmms.catholic.edu.au) by Tuesday 15/22  
We are looking for singers and readers, please advise if your child is happy to participate in either of these

Earlier this week I attended a beautiful Mass and Liturgy led by our 2/3 and R/1 classes. It was very moving to be there and hear the inquisitive nature and reverence of our youngest learners.

At the 2/3 Mass we were lucky enough to have some of our students read some of the prayers that they have been writing as part of their Religious Education program. These prayers were both read and written with such honesty and faithfulness that we just had to share. I encourage you to see a small display of these inside the side entrance of St Joseph's Church next week.



## Liturgies and Masses

### Term 4

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 13th November

30th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (9.00am)

Gospel:

Luke 21:5-15

Dear Lord, Thank you for everything in the world.  
Your kindness spreads far and wide. It leads us to  
the right path and makes us better people. Please  
forgive me for all the mistakes I've made.

Lord hear my prayer  
(Charlie, Year 3)

Holy Spirit I am thankful for our school. In the  
name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy  
Spirit  
(James, Year 2)

Dear Heavenly Father, Thank you so much for the  
world and all the surprises, gifts and much more  
that you bring us every day.  
(Anna, Year 2)

Dear Lord, Thank you for the Earth and life, nature,  
animals and kindness. Amen  
(Matthew, Year 2)

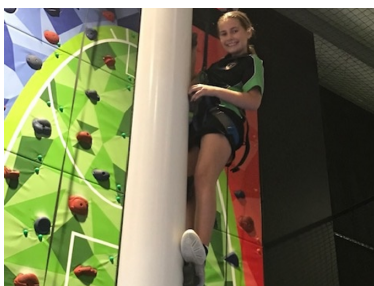
Dear God, Thank you for leading us into your  
church and teaching us your prayers. Thank you  
for creating this lovely world and what is on it.

Amen  
(Camilla, Year 3)



# photo gallery

## Year 6 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

1300 662 267  
[campquality.org.au](http://campquality.org.au)  
[puppetprograms@campquality.org.au](mailto:puppetprograms@campquality.org.au)



# NOVEMBER 15TH 1.40pm

Mary MacKillop Memorial School Hall  
Parents are welcome to join