## Newsletter Mary MacKillop Memorial School

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**UPCOMING DATES** 

- February -

- 13 Occasional Care (8.45am)
- 15 Gather and Grow (4.00pm) School Board AGM (6.00pm)
- 16 Beginning of Year Mass (9.00am)
- 17 Swimming Carnival
- 20 Occasional Care (8.45am)
- 21 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day (Recess)
- 22 Ash Wednesday Liturgy (9.15am)
- 24 Playgroup (9.30am) Year 4/5 Assembly (2.30pm)
- 27 Occasional Care (8.45am) - March -
- 01 Year 5/6 Mass (9.15am) R/1 Liturgy (10.30am) **TBC**
- 03 Playgroup (9.30am) Clean Up Australia Day SAPSASA Swimming Try out
- 06 Occasional Care (8.45am)
- 08 Year 4/5 Mass (9.15am) **TBC** Year 2/3 Liturgy (10.30am)
- 10 Playgroup (9.30am) Year 2/3 Assembly (2.30pm)
- 13 Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
- 14 Student Free Day
- 17 National Day of Action Against Bullying Playgroup (9.30am) St. Joseph Feast Day Mass (9.15am) **TBC**

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Class News

## Year R/1

Over the past two weeks, the Reception and Year One class have been busy participating in Reading Workshops. Through shared reading experiences and explicit mini-lessons, students have been learning about concepts of print (this is the understanding of how books and print are used). The Year One students have enjoyed playing an important role in guiding our new Reception students throughout these lessons.



# From the principal

Dear Families of Mary MacKillop Memorial School,

Welcome back for 2023! I was inspired by the start the Mary MacKillop Memorial School Community made to the school year. Staff and students were looking refreshed and relaxed after the holiday break, ready to take on the challenges of the school year. A very special welcome to our new staff members and new students and their families. I have no doubt that our school community will welcome you all with open arms! I hope you make many long-lasting friendships and enjoy your learning at Mary MacKillop Memorial School.

It was wonderful to see and hear the children exploring their new learning environments, both inside and out and sharing holiday news.

I look forward to another year where each and every student is provided with opportunities to learn, grow, lead and have fun at our school with the support of the parents and the wider school community.

This year we aim to follow in St Mary of the Cross MacKillop's footsteps and seek inspiration in our relationships by: "Find happiness in making others happy." (Mary MacKillop, 1899)

In 2023 we are encouraging all to care for those around them, because at Mary MacKillop Memorial School – We Care!. We aim to be the best version of ourselves, in all aspects of our lives, each and every day.

This is our message today, tomorrow and into the future of 2023. As students express the best version of themselves, they will grow in confidence, resilience and flourish to be competent and capable in all they do.

At Mary MacKillop Memorial School 'We care about your child.' and foster an environment where every child is seen as capable and has the opportunity to flourish through excellent teaching, learning and wellbeing programs. With a whole school focus on achieving excellence and growth for each learner at Mary MacKillop Memorial School are priorities for 2023 are:

 Wellbeing as an imperative through our work with Life Buoyancy Institute – Resilient Impact utilising the What-What-How strategy, and further implementation of Kimochis.

 Student agency, co-construction, task design and assessment, with a focus on Literacy and Numeracy strategies

 Regional task design, with a particular focus on the Crossways curriculum

 An active data wall used for reflective case management meetings to monitor individual student progress

Parents play an important part in a child's learning and wellbeing. We value and care about the partnership that we have with each family to ensure the best possible outcome for your child.

Important information is shared with the Mary MacKillop Memorial School community through •The School Calendar on Schoolstream App •The School Newsletter (fortnightly) •Seesaw

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#### Welcome to Our Community

At the beginning of this year, we welcomed Harry, William, Fred, Patrick, Darcy, Levi, Angus, Michael, Harley and Niamh to our school community. We also welcomed all of our returning staff, students and families.

#### Staffing

We congratulate Lauren Miller on being appointed as our Administration Trainee. Lauren will spend 12 months with us undertaking various administration duties before heading off to university in 2024.

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From the principal

Please say Hi to Lauren and introduce yourself next time you call into the office. We wish Ella all the very best as she heads off to university and thank her for the comprehensive hand over that she has undertaken with Lauren.

#### **Gather and Grow Open Afternoon**

I invite all families to the MMMS Gather and Grow Afternoon. The open afternoon is an opportunity to gather and to grow in knowledge of your child's class. Each teacher will present a 15 minute information session sharing details of curriculum that will be taught and classroom expectations. A free sausage sizzle will be available during this open time – from 4 – 6pm. Directly following the Open will be the MMMS School Board AGM.

#### School Board AGM

The Mary MacKillop Memorial School Board Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th Feb at 6pm in the school Hall.

We invite all families to attend and also to consider nominating for School Board. Nomination Forms have been sent home with all families, however, we are able to resend if you require one.

MARY MACKILLOP MEMORIAL SCHOOL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY 15TH FEB 6PM SCHOOL HALL

#### **Beginning of Year Mass**

Next Thursday we will celebrate the Beginning of Year Mass in St Joseph Church at 9.15am. Students leaders for 2023 will be presented to the school community and receive a special blessing from Fr Dev. We wish these young leaders all the very best in their roles in 2023. Staff will also receive a special blessing for the 2023 school year. It is a special time for us to gather as a whole school and pray for a wonderful year ahead.

We invite all families and friends to this special celebration.

## COVID-19

COVID-19 is still active in our community and therefore to ensure the safety of our students and staff we ask all MMMS community members to adhere to the following:

•Students and staff who are unwell should stay home if they have cold or flu like symptoms and undertake a RAT test

If a student or staff member have COVID-19 please advise the school as soon as possible and stay home until symptoms disappear.

I wish to inform the school community that I will be taking two weeks long service leave from the 25th February, returning to school on the 12th March. During this time Sam Baxter will be Acting Principal. Jenny Herbert and Ashlea Edwards will be covering Sam's teaching load for the two weeks, ensuring continuity of learning for all students.

Finally, I look forward to catching up with families over the coming weeks.

God Bless

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Community News

Birthdays

We wish a Happy Birthday to Sophie (2nd), Rylee-J (18th), Tess (23rd) and Elijah (23rd) . We hope you will all have a wonderful day.

Flourishing Awards

Congratulations to Patrick, William, Jimmy, Niamh, Tess, Michael and Camron who received Flourishing awards at assembly this week.



House Points

Cameron	<b>±</b> 40
McCormack	25
Woods MacKillop	10

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 <u>and reason</u> so it can be recorded properly. 0459 799 596

2023 House Captains Congratulations to the following students who are our House Captains for 2023 MacKillop-Woods-Kira Cameron-Ellie and Annabelle McCormack-Indi and Finn We are very confident that this group will lead all

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Student Representative Council

This week students nominated for SRC and I congratulate the students who will form part of this committee. They will have a voice for the student body and listen to their peers, assist their peers and be the kind friend that we all need.

In the weeks to come they will meet under the guidance of Sam Baxter to plan for 2023. I look forward to their work in this area and new initiatives that they will undertake as the year progresses.





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## Swimming

Swimming lessons were undertaken by the whole school this week. Every student demonstrated resilience, growth and enjoyment during this time. Water safety is part of the Australian Curriculum and we are very fortunate to be able to offer such an intensive experience for our students, culminating in a whole school swimming carnival next Friday.

Thank you to our very able, enthusiastic and professional instructors, Hayley and Charlotte.

Also thank you to the parents who walked with classes to the pool and helped with supervision. You are superstars!



MELP

For YELP in 2023, Finn, Ellie, Kira and Annabel will be our representatives and Sophie, Juliet, Louis, Ben, Chloe and Lilly will be our additional members.



Counsellor's Corner

A warm welcome to 2023 and all that it holds for your family!

For those new parents, my name is Dale Domleo and I have the privilege of being the school counsellor at Mary MacKillop Memorial School. The first day back at school is always wonderful – a mixture of excitement, happy and sad tears, new lunchboxes, old friends and caring teachers. Understandably this time can also evoke a variety of emotions amongst our children and parents.

Whilst our children tend to settle into their new routines fairly easily, there are helpful tips, which can help us as adults in contributing towards this transition.

Talking to your child about their school day helps them to unconsciously debrief about the day. This need not be a lengthy conversation, but 3 simple questions:

- 1. What was the best part of your day?
- 2.1s there any part of your day which didn't go as you had wanted it to?
- 3. What are you looking forward to tomorrow?

Please feel free to contact me if your child is feeling any anxiety at returning to school or the first few weeks thereof. For any new students wanting a counselling session, please fill out the Counselling consent form located on our website (under the "News/Events – Notes/Forms" tab) and return it to the front office at your earliest convenience. I will be working at MMMS on Mondays this term and would love to support your child as they settle into their new class.

May 2023 be a blessed year for you and your family.

Regards, Dale Domleo.



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School Fees

You will receive an invoice for school fees next week. School Fees have remained the same in 2023. Families will be invoiced the whole amount at the beginning of the year and you will be able to work towards paying off the full amount in whatever way works best for you. We ask each family to complete the Payment Plan Agreement Forms and return to school as soon as possible. Our aim, in alignment with Mary MacKillop's legacy, is to make our school a welcoming and affordable place for all. At the same time, we need to ensure that the school operates in a financially sustainable manner that provides the best learning opportunities for all students. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Janice Coote or Nicole Coote.

School Card

School Card Applications for 2023 are available at the front office. If you think you might be eligible, please see Janice Coote as soon as possible.



Children's University Australia

Our school has enrolled in the Children's University this year. Children's University Australia offers opportunities and recognition to children for completing and participating in beyond school learning.

The program provides you with exciting, free-range learning activities outside of school. It offers a range of events and activities along with a portal for you to record your learning. You acquire points and receive an award at the graduation held in Naracoorte in Term 4. Some ideas which could achieve points for activities outside of school could include sporting activities, dance, swimming etc, attending musicals or other art performances, museums or public libraries.

If your child is interested in participating this year, please see the link below or contact Alison for further information.

https://cuaustralasia.com/





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## Occasional Care

Occasional Care is held on Mondays from 8.45–3pm or a half day is available from 8.45 – 11.45. This year Ashlee Fensom is our early years coordinator for Occasional Care and Romi Eckermann for Playgroup. Ashlee is new to this role and is looking forward to bringing some new ideas and experiences to the space, exciting the early learners who come to Occasional Care. If you, or someone you know would like to access Occasional Care–please contact the school.



Professional Learning/Student Free Days 2023

**Term 1** Tuesday: 14th March

**Term 2** Thursday: 8th June Friday: 9th June

**Term 3** Monday: July 24th Friday: 8th September Regional Retreat Day

> **Term 4** Friday: 20th October Thursday: 14th Dec Friday: 15th Dec

SAPSASA News

SAPSASA Softball Tryout For boys and girls in Year 5 or 6 See Romi for more information if interested.

SAPSASA Swimming

For students turning 10 years of age this year or older Cost: \$15 At Penola Swimming Pool on Friday 3rd March

See Romi for more information if interested.

Playgroup

Playgroup is on a Friday morning from 9.30–11am. We welcome all families from the community to come and experience fun activities together with Romi, our Playgroup Coordinator.





Catholic Identity

Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday this year will be celebrated on the 21st of February. This day is often referred to as 'pancake day' or 'Fat Tuesday'. But what is the origin of Shrove Tuesday and why do we eat pancakes?

Shrove Tuesday is always celebrated on the Tuesday prior to Ash Wednesday (the beginning of Lent). Traditionally Lent was time where Catholics fasted on rich and fatty foods, such as eggs, milk and sugar. This presented an opportunity for people to use up these items prior to Lent beginning, starting a tradition that has lasted until this very day.

We will celebrate Shrove Tuesday as a school on the 21st February with Pancakes made during the morning for a snack. As this is the beginning of our fundraising towards Project Compassion to help those in need, we ask all families to make a generous donation.

## Ash Wednesday - 22nd February

During this week the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allows Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to alleviate poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice.

We encourage you to put your compassion into action this Lent through your prayer, fasting and almsgiving by supporting Project Compassion. Each family will receive a Project Compassion box for their donations or you can donate online via the Caritas Australia website at: lent.caritas.org.au

Liturgies and Masses

**Term 1** WEEK 3 (THURSDAY 16/1) Beginning of Year Mass 9:15am

WEEK 4 (WEDNESDAY 22/1) Ash Wednesday Liturgy 9:15am

WEEK 5 (WEDNESDAY 1/3) Year 5/6 Class Mass 9:15am Year R/1 Class Liturgy 10:30am

WEEK 6 (WEDNESDAY 8/3) Year 4/5 Class Mass 9:15am Year 2/3 Class Liturgy 10:30am In 2023 we care. We care about how you care. Each fortnight there will be a focus prayer for the community. This fortnight we focus on gratitude.

Gratitude

Gratitude, thankfulness or gratefulness, from the Latin word gratus, meaning "pleasing" or "thankful," is regarded as a feeling of appreciation (or similar positive response) by a recipient of another's kindness, gifts, help, favours, or other form of generosity to the giver of such gifts.

It's easy to be thankful for all the lovely things in our lives, but St. Faustina took the virtue of gratitude one step further – she thanked God continually for "the little daily crosses" she experienced, particularly those she encountered in communal life. Her "Gratitude List," found in her diary Divine Mercy in My Soul, doesn't list the pleasant blessings that we would tend to add to our own list (eg a sunny day, the kids getting along, an evening walk with my husband, that the pasta I made for dinner was actually pretty tasty), but instead lists – and outrageously gives thanks for – all the little sufferings she endures. Here is some examples of St Faustina's list:

True love is measured by the thermostat of suffering. Jesus, I thank you for:

The little daily crosses

The misinterpretation of my intentions

Humiliation at the hands of others

The harsh way in which I am treated

False suspicions

Poor health and loss of strength

Lack of recognition in everything

The upsetting of all my plans Prayer of Gratitude

Think of something that you are genuinely grateful for – it could be a person, an experience or a possession.

Hold that 'something' in your mind and allow feelings of gratitude to arise as you do so.

Commend your feelings of gratitude to God from whom all good things come.

As we draw nearer to the period of Lent, let our minds be to those who are less fortunate than us.

Penola Parish

Parish Priest: Fr Arul Dev

SUNDAY 12th February 6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A Gospel: Matthew 5: 17-36







# Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February

## Boys at 5pm Girls at 6pm

New players, registered, unregistered interested all welcome. No need to book in just turn up.

Be ready to train and play More info 0438388073

# Join in the fun and play Basketball

Ask how you can claim SA Govt sports vouchers at Millicent Basketball



Australian Government Department of Education

## **Collection Notice for parents/guardians**

## **2023 Student Residential Address and Other Information**

The Australian Government Department of Education (the department) would like to notify you that we have requested for your child's school to provide residential address and other information.

Under the *Australian Education Regulation 2013,* the school is required to provide the department with the following information about each student at the school:

- Names and residential addresses of student's parent(s) and/or guardian(s)
- Student residential address (excluding student names)
- Whether the student is a primary or secondary student (education level)
- Whether the student is boarding or a day student (boarding status).

The school collects the above information by generating a **unique and unidentifiable** – student reference number (SRN) for each student record. The school only uses the SRN for this collection. **It is not allowed to be used for any other purpose**. The number only indicates to the department that each record provided is for one student.

#### Purpose of the collection

The Student Residential Address and Other Information Collection (the Collection) informs Australian Government school education policy and helps ensure funding for non-government schools is based on need.

The information collected will be used to inform school funding calculations. It is combined with Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data to calculate a non-government school community's capacity to contribute to schooling costs.

From 2020, the department introduced a new measure of capacity to contribute: the Direct Measure of Income (DMI). The DMI is based on the median income of non-government school students' parents or guardians using the Collection data. Find more information about the DMI on the <u>What is the methodology for</u> the Direct Measure of Income (DMI)? Department web page.

## Use and disclosure of personal information

Your personal information is protected by law under the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) (Privacy Act). Personal information is information or an opinion about an identifiable individual. Personal information includes an individual's name and contact details.

Any use or disclosure of your personal information must occur in accordance with Privacy Act and the *Australian Education Act 2013* and *Australian Education Regulation 2013*.

Your personal information provided to the department through the Collection may be:

- disclosed to the ABS for the purposes of capacity to contribute calculations and analysis as a part of the Multi-Agency Data Integration Project (MADIP). Find more information about MADIP on the ABS website MADIP page.
- disclosed to a contracted auditor where the department may from time to time, carry out an audit of
  a school's collection submission. The contracted auditor compares the school's submission with the
  school's student enrolment information. The contracted auditor will not use the information for any
  other purpose.

- disclosed to its service providers for the purposes of providing the department with information and communications technology support services.
- used or disclosed where it is otherwise required or authorised by law.

The department does not intend to disclose your personal information to any overseas recipients.

Find the department's privacy policy on the Department of Education website which includes information on:

- how individuals can access and seek correction of personal information held by the department;
- how complaints about potential breaches or breaches of the Privacy Act can be made;
- how the department will deal with these complaints.

The department commissioned an independent privacy impact assessment (PIA). The PIA assesses the flows of information under the Collection, compliance with the Privacy Act and measures in place to safeguard the personal information being collected. The current version is available on the <u>2018 Student Residential Address</u> <u>Collection: Additional Required information Privacy Impact Assessment web page</u>.

## What do you need to do?

You are not required to do anything. Your school is responsible for providing the department with the requested details; however, you can contact the school to update your family's details.

## **Contacts for further information**

Your school can provide additional information about the Collection process.

Alternatively, please visit the <u>SchoolsHUB Address Collection help and support page</u>.

To contact the department about privacy-related matters, email privacy@education.gov.au or write to:

Privacy Officer Legal Services Department of Education LOC: C50MA1 GPO Box 9880 Canberra ACT 2601