

Newsletter

Mary MacKillop Memorial School

Term 1 Week 4

Friday, 24th February 2023

Reception to Year 6 Co-Educational Catholic Primary School

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UPCOMING DATES

- February -

27 Occasional Care (8.45am)

- March -

01 Year 5/6 Mass (9.15am)

R/1 Liturgy (10.30am)

03 Playgroup (9.30am)

Clean Up Australia Day

SAPSASA Swimming Try out

06 Occasional Care (8.45am)

Caritas K Day

08 Year 4/5 Mass (9.15am)

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)

20 Occasional Care (8:45am)

21 Harmony Day

24 Playgroup (9:30am)

Ride 2 School Day

Assembly R/1 (2:30pm)

27 Occasional Care (8:45am)

SAPSASA District Golf Day

(Penola)

28 TWC Family gathering (6:00pm)

TWC 2023 Middle School

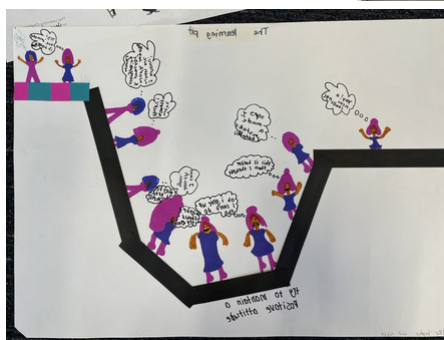
Information Evening (7:15pm)

Class News

Year 5/6

The 5/6 class has started this year with a focus on the science of learning. We have looked at the way our brains work, and how having a growth mindset is important when learning becomes difficult. We explored the notion of a 'learning pit' and reminded ourselves that it is okay to find new learning difficult and challenging. As a class we created our own versions of the 'learning pit' and explored how we use our growth mindset strategies to help pull us out of the pit. Our next step is to ensure we use these strategies when facing challenges in order to grow as learners.

We shared our work at the assembly in week 2 and were lucky enough to have the talented news reporters of 5/6 to lead us in this sharing.



**RAISING HEARTS
AND MINDS**

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From the principal

Dear Parents and Friends of Mary MacKillop Memorial School,

On Wednesday we came together as a school community to acknowledge the beginning of Lent through our Ash Wednesday liturgy. Fr Dev reminded us that Lent is a time to pray, to give and to give up. The students engaged in a reverent and respectful manner for our celebration.

Lent is a time to think of others. It is an opportunity to enter into renewal more deeply. Jesus lived and preached compassion, love, gentleness, healing, peace and joy. Modelling the life of Jesus during the season of Lent allows us to also demonstrate faith, love and generosity to others who are less fortunate than us. Mary MacKillop reminds us to 'Never see a need without doing something about it.'

On Tuesday we began our contribution to Caritas Australia through our participation in Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Day. Project Compassion is a way we can proclaim the faith that is in our hearts to help others in poorer communities and work towards creating a more just and fair world.

Visitors to our School

Last week we welcomed the student leaders from Mt Carmel College in Adelaide. They led our Year 2/3 and 4/5 classes in prayer and some fun activities. We wish them all the very best for their year ahead in developing their leadership skills and qualities.

Beginning of Year Mass

At our Beginning of Year Mass last Thursday Fr Dev blessed our student leaders for the year to come. We prayed that the students will be committed servant leaders of Mary MacKillop Memorial School and share their many gifts and talents with all. It was a wonderful celebration of bringing our school community together.



Gather and Grow Open Afternoon

Thank you to the many parents and students who attended the Gather and Grow Open Afternoon on Wednesday 15 February. Parents had a chance to meet our teachers, visit classrooms, learn about the teaching and learning at MMMS and classroom processes and all that ensures learning is achieved in the best possible way. Many thanks to Jen on the BBQ who kept the hungry fed!



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From the principal

Swimming Carnival

What an incredible day we had on Friday. The Penola Swimming Pool was a hive of activity for every child. The standard of racing and ability displayed was outstanding and the improvement from the beginning of swimming lessons week to Friday was significant for a lot of students. I was so proud of the way in which each student took part in the day, with great sportsmanship and encouragement of each other.

The student verses parent race at the end of the day was a particular highlight, as was the Watermelon race – they were HUGE! – with all students involved in the one race!

Congratulations to team Cameron for taking out the overall winners for the day. House Captains Ellie and Anna congratulated their team and thanked all those who helped to put the day together.

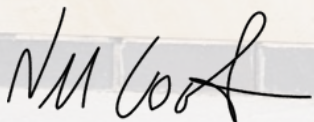
Thank you to the amazing House Captains who capably led their teams through the day, making sure that everyone was involved and also assisting in the pool with the younger students and any little jobs that needed to be done.

A huge thank you to the swimming carnival committee. It is an enormous task putting a swimming carnival together, however, Romi, Kaitlyn, Jen and Amy you did an amazing job! Also thank you to the rest of the staff that supported this committee with anything that was required.

I would particularly like to thank Sarah Kidman who gave generously of her time to undertake the role of Pool Lifeguard. We deeply appreciate you doing this for us! Many thanks also to the parents who volunteered to be judges.

A terrific BBQ lunch was enjoyed and we thank those who helped out organising it for the students. A fantastic day for the MMMS community!

God Bless



Nicole



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Community News

Birthdays

We wish a Happy Birthday to Josh (24th) and Benjamin (4th). We hope you will all have a wonderful day.

Flourishing Awards

Congratulations to Kira, Anna, Anais, Alfie, Louis, Harry and Elizabeth who received Flourishing awards at assembly this week.



House Points

Cameron ★ 96

McCormack 55

Woods MacKillop 62

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 **and reason** so it can be recorded properly.

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Swimming Carnival

The day started off a little gloomy but eventually the sun decided to shine for our annual swimming carnival.

There were plenty of highlights and some excellent display of sportsmanship.

A huge congratulations to our winners for the day, Cameron, followed by McCormack then Woods MacKillop.

Another congratulations to our back-to-back-to-back junior swimming champions for the third year in a row Amelia and Oscar, as well to our senior swimmers Tait and Sophie.

Thank you to the Parent Club for cooking the BBQ and to all volunteers that had helped throughout the day.

Romi.



Community News

Counsellor's Corner

The concepts of winning and losing appear frequently during a child's life, and whilst these emotions can be difficult to process for our young people, in doing so, they learn valuable social skills and life lessons to help them in the future. Being able to win well and lose gracefully are skills that generally do not come naturally to children and have to be learnt. With the recent swimming carnival and many sporting events awaiting us this year, we thought it would be helpful to provide you with a few tips on how to process these events with your child/ren:

Preparation is key

Preparing kids that they might or might not win ahead of time is very important. Processing feelings ahead of time can take much of the pressure off when the child later experiences a win or loss. For example "How do you think you might feel if you win or lose in tomorrow's race?" This gives children a safe space to explore how they might feel if they do win or lose a race so that they are not surprised by their emotions on the day, as well as to curb any pre-event anxiety.

Winning well

A child's reaction is usually to celebrate a win. It's great to celebrate with your children when they win, but also provides a rare teaching moment where parents/caregivers are able to direct a child's behaviour to also consider their peers. For example: "Great job! I'm proud of you. Why don't we go and congratulate the other competitors? We could say well done, great race!" This helps children to feel proud of themselves for their achievements whilst simultaneously being aware of the feelings of those around them – a valuable social skill.

Losing gracefully

As with winning, losing can also cause (sometimes overwhelming) emotions for a child who may not have the life experience to process those emotions

easily. Allowing a child to release feelings of disappointment in a safe space is very helpful in learning how to lose. We can suggest and model saying "Well done, great race" to the other competitors so that children can see HOW to lose well.

Debriefing

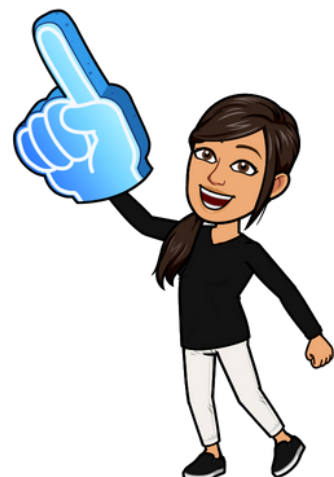
Talking to our child/ren after the event allows them to process any questions or remaining emotions from the event. For example, "I can see that you are disappointed at losing today. How are you feeling about it now? Are you happy with how you treated the other competitors today? Is there anything you could do differently next time?"

Praising effort, not results

Whilst winning or losing an event can be the main focus for a child, when we praise their efforts we show them that it is not only the end result that is important. For example, "I know you may not have won today, but your showed real perseverance during your training and I can see that you tried your best today, I am proud of you for that."

Again, remember that winning well and losing gracefully are behaviours that can be practiced. They take time, but in the long run are helpful in moulding actions that are considerate of others.

Regards,
Dale Domleo.



Community News

School Board for 2023

The Mary MacKillop Memorial School Board has an advisory role in our school. The Board functions within the general goals for the parish and the school's vision and mission statements. The board membership comprises the parish priest, school principal, one staff member, parent members elected by the parent body and a parish representative.

The five main areas of responsibility of the School Board are:

- Policy
- Budget
- Planning for the provision and maintenance of school buildings and equipment
- Communication between school and parish communities
- Curriculum policy

Mary MacKillop School Board meets on the third Wednesday of every month, during school term. Prayerful reflection, discernment and consensual decision making are the operating principles of the School Board.

At the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, February 15, Chairperson Tom Pearce chaired the meeting, and the 2022 Annual Report was presented to the community. Nominations were presented for vacancies on the School Board. Congratulations to the following members who were re-elected:

Tom Pearce(third two year term) and Amanda Flint(second two year term).

We congratulate our newest school board members, Liz Rymill, Tom Giles and Cath Kidman, who all accepted a two year term.

We acknowledge the leadership of the Board members for 2023.

2023 Board Members

Ex-Officio Members: President: Fr Dev, Principal: Mrs Nicole Coote

School Representative: Sam Baxter

Elected Members: Chairperson: Tom Pearce
Parish Representative: Sr Loreto O'Connor
Representatives: Leticia Gosse(Finance Committee Chairperson), Ashley Braun, Amanda Flint(Secretary), Liz Rymill, Tom Giles, Cath Kidman and Glenn Tucker
You are able to view the Annual School Report for 2022 on our website or request a hard copy from the front office.

Professional Learning Day

On March the 14th staff will be engaging in Professional Learning as a region. They will be:

- Exploring contemporary assessment in RE
- Unpacking the Crossways Performance Standards
- Writing risk assessment tasks
- Utilising the Crossways Website learning design builder

Staff will also have the opportunity to work with their colleagues from TWC and St Anthony's to build their Learning Designs and Assessment tasks ready to use in the classroom.

Please mark this date as student free in your diaries.

Used Stamps

Thank you to all who have donated their used stamps to support the Josephite mission in Peru. Even though technology is now used so much for communication, during 2022 a total of approximately \$42,500 was raised for our mission in Peru through the sales of used stamps. From 2001 until 2022, a total of \$486,000 has been raised specifically for our work in Peru !

it is important to have about a 1cm boarder around the stamp so if you could lase just tear them off form the envelope and I will trim each one to the correct size. Please drop the into the front office.

With sincere thanks. Loreto



Community News

2022 Mid-Year Reception Enrolments- NO FEES

Mid year enrolments are now open for all children who turn 5 on or before the 31st October.

The fees for mid-year Reception enrolments will be free for the two terms of schooling, as advised by Catholic Education South Australia. If you have a child who is to begin Reception in Term 3 2023, please complete an enrolment form and return to the front office. If you know of any families who are thinking about enrolling their child at Mary MacKillop Memorial School for Term 3 2023, please let them know about our mid-year enrolment intake or alternatively, they can contact the school on 8737 3902 at any time. We welcome all new families!

Joey's Jumpstart Program

The Joey's Jumpstart Program will begin at the beginning of Term 2 for 7 weeks. We have available the Joey Jumpstart Program flyer that you are able to access through the school or our website.

Instrumental Teacher

We currently have Leyton Smith who is providing private piano lessons during school time to students who are interested. These take place in our Hall every Tuesday. If you are interested in your child taking piano lessons, please contact the school.

NAPLAN Online

This year the students in Year 3 and 5 will be participating in NAPLAN Online between the 15th – 24th March. If you have any questions or queries regarding this concerning your child, please contact your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible.

Subsidised Transport Costs for School Buses

Catholic Education South Australia continues to work with State Government to enable equitable access to school buses for children attending Catholic schools in regional South Australia.

Families who access a school-managed bus service and who reside more than 5km from their nearest regional Catholic school will receive a subsidy worth 60% of the annual cost of accessing the school bus, thanks to a grant from the government.

Our school will ensure that any family who has students attending this school who qualify for the bus subsidy will receive this discount.

Wherever possible, funding will also be allocated to address issues that may exist for individual families in order to support their children in accessing transport to and from school.

Existing arrangements will continue for any children who currently access government school buses.

We hope that this confirmation of continued subsidy support, together with recent Catholic Education SA commitments to make Catholic schooling more affordable and accessible to all, will be well received.

Library Lovers Lane

The whole month of February has been dedicated to Geronimo Stilton. Do you know him? There is a whole website about Geronimo Stilton: Check it Out!

<https://geronimostilton.com/WW-en/filosofia/>

The challenge has been to read as many Geronimo Stilton books in February. Last count I think Max M has read 13?

One of the things that Geronimo teaches is that real happiness is not wanting what you don't have, but appreciating that which you do have. Attention should be focused on the positive aspects of existence and not on what is missing.

Go find a GS book in the library today!

Keep tuned for who March is dedicated to.



Catholic Identity

Lent 2023

Lent began this week. It lasts for the 6 weeks before Easter and is a time when we practice being quiet and thoughtful. During this time, we pray, give money to charities and give up some things that we might otherwise do for pleasure. As a school community we commit to helping those less fortunate than ourselves. One way in which we do this is through Project Compassion. Project Compassion is Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal which brings thousands of Australians together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. The theme this year is: For All Future Generations. It reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come.

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.

As well as the Project Compassion boxes Mary MacKillop Memorial school has set up a fundraising page through Caritas that parents and friends can use to make donations under our name. To donate click on the link below and follow the prompts. Let's aim to reach our target of \$500 by the end of Lent!

<https://fundraise.projectcompassion.org.au/o/mary-mackillop-memorial-school>

Penola Parish

Parish Priest: Fr Arul Dev

SUNDAY 26th February

7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Gospel:

Matthew 5: 38 - 48

Lenten Prayer

Lord, we come before you in darkness and look for your dawn.

We listen for Your still, small voice in the midst of the storm.

Help us hear Your words and speak them to others. Help us change the ways we live, that we may shine a light that leads the world to You.

As You brought new life to the world, bring new life to us today, that we may share it abundantly with others.

United in hope, bound by our love for each other and the home we share, we pray this in your name, Jesus Christ.

Amen



Liturgies and Masses

Term 1

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

WEEK 7 (FRIDAY 17/3)

St Joseph Feast Day Mass 9:15am

WEEK 10 (MONDAY 3/4 - FRIDAY 7/4)

Holy Week

Catholic Identity

Shrove Tuesday

Ash Wednesday





photo gallery

Swimming Carnival





photo gallery

Swimming Carnival



2024 Year 7 Middle School Information Evening - Penola

Tuesday 28 March 2023, 7:15pm.

Mary Mackillop Memorial School, Penola



We invite all prospective 2024 Year 7 students and families to join us at Mary Mackillop Memorial School. Meet the Head of Middle School, Mr. Nick Patzel, as well as hear from current students attending the College and see for yourself what our College has to offer. At Tenison Woods College, every learner has a place, every learner has a pathway and every learner will shine. This is supported by our new curriculum opportunities, in our Middle School, the Gilgip Wanga Learning Community.



**BUSES RUNNING DAILY FROM PENOLA,
COONAWARRA, KALANGADDOO & SURROUNDS**

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Embrace You



Celebrate Women

Penola Wellness Group invites you to

2023 INTERNATIONAL

WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST

WED 8 MARCH | 7am to 9am | \$28

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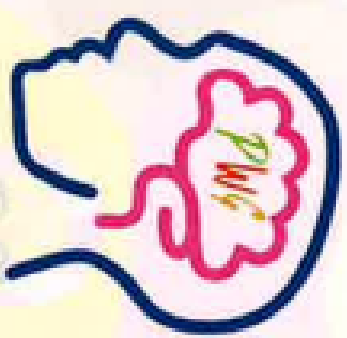
15688 Riddoch Hwy, Coonawarra

Bookings essential via eventbrite
by Sun 5th March

www.eventbrite.com.au/e/546802249247

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E S T A T E



For more info visit
www.facebook.com/penolawellnessgroup



JUNIOR NETBALL TRAINING

First junior training Thursday 2nd
March, 4.30pm (for all age groups)