

Newsletter

Mary MacKillop Memorial School

Term 3 Week 10

Friday, 29th September 2023

Reception to Year 6 Co-Educational Catholic Primary School

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UPCOMING DATES

- October -

- 14 Mount Gambier Youth Group Retreat
- 16 First Day of Term 4 Early Learning
- 20 Staff Professional Learning Day
STUDENT FREE
- 22 Pilgrim Dinner
- 23 Early Learning
- 27 Penola Show Playgroup Festival of Music - Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre
- 30 Early Learning
- 31 All Saints Day Whole School Mass

03 Sports Day Playgroup
November -

- 06 Early learning Year 6 Camp
- 07 Joey's Jumpstart
- 09 Year 2/3 Camp
- 10 Playgroup Year 6 and Year 2/3 Camp back
- 11 Remembrance Day
- 13 Early learning PE Week
- 14 YELP Forum Joey's Jumpstart SAPSASA Cricket

Class News

Performing Art

What an amazing performance created by the students of MMMS. The Peter Pan School Musical was spectacular with everyone loving the performance. Thanks to the incredible dedication and talent of our students! Everyone did an amazing job leading the audience on an adventure through the magical world of Neverland. To see the performance come together after all the hard work put in was terrific. We couldn't have done it without the tremendous support from our amazing teachers, parents, and volunteers who all put in so much work to make this all possible.



**RAISING HEARTS
AND MINDS**

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From the principal

Dear Families and Friends of Mary MacKillop Memorial School,

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; being present, having courage, displaying hospitality, giving service, acting justly, demonstrating compassion and being humble. 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 hardworking 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 and/or Seesaw.

The Musical

What an absolute magnificent event! Peter Pan – The Musical certainly exceeded our expectations, and we are so super proud of each and every student for their fantastic performances last week.

Our heartfelt thanks to Kaitlyn Lusty – our musical director – for the way in which she led this production, from casting, to prop design and creating, to costume making, to assisting students with their solos and coordinating everything musical, including dance routines! You are one in a million and we are all so very grateful!

A huge thank you also to the following: Miko Grueztner and Paul, Penola High School, Mount Gambier North Primary School, The Lusty family, and Glenn Tucker – lighting and sound extraordinaire! Plus the fantastic MMMS staff – what a team!

Staffing 2024

In 2024 we look forward to welcoming the majority of staff members back and congratulate them on their placements. Sasha Reilly will take on the

position of PE/Health, Kaitlyn will continue to lead our specialist subjects and classroom teaching and Amy Boyd will take on a fulltime classroom position. We congratulate Danni Heazlewood on her permanency at MMMS. We also welcome Kellie O'Neil to the teaching team. At the end of the year we farewell Ashlee Fensom as she moves to Adelaide and congratulate her on her position at All Saints Catholic Primary School, Seaford. We have certainly enjoyed having Ashlee on staff, as she has been a very valuable asset to our teaching team.

Communities of Practice – Student Free Day

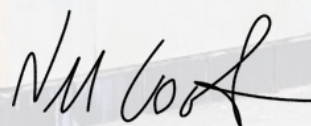
At the end of Week One (Friday 20th October) we have a student free day. On this day staff will be engaging in Communities of Practice at Tenison Woods College, along with St Anthony's staff from Millicent.

It is a day of presenting our research that we have been conducting over the year. We have formulated our research from data that has been collected, whether it has been our Pulse Check In survey data (which students undertake each year) or our PAT data. The aim of our research is to be informed by the data and make changes to improve student outcomes and then to ascertain whether outcomes have been reached.

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

End of Year Celebrations Key Dates

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 Coote.

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Community News

Birthdays

We wish a Happy Birthday to James C. (11) and Lola (27). We hope you will all have a wonderful day.



PLAYGROUP
FRIDAY 9.30AM-11.00AM

Come and enjoy a time to play and explore with your child.

Guided by our Early Years Coordinator

Bring a gold coin and a piece of fruit for a healthy snack

Contact the school for more information
8737 2902
lmiller@mmms.catholic.edu.au

MARY MACKILLOP PENOLA

House Points

Cameron	★ 291
McCormack	282
Woods MacKillop	252

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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EARLY LEARNING
An early years service for families of 3 - 5 year olds.

Full Day \$25
Half Day \$15

MONDAYS 9AM - 3PM

Led by a Qualified Educator

Contact Us
8737 2902
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MARY MACKILLOP PENOLA

Mission Statement

Spirited by our Founders, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods, our community is a place of welcome, inclusion and kindness as we live out the Josephite Motto,
In All Things Love

Vision Statement

Children, educators, families and the parish work in partnership to advance each individuals love of life and to experience learning through curiosity, discernment and endeavour and support them as they, Learn to Flourish.

"Find happiness in making others happy" (St Mary of the Cross MacKillop)

Community News

Family Intentions

As we are now at the end of Term Three planning and preparation for 2024 is well and truly underway. 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 2023 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.

Enrolments 2024

Parents and caregivers are advised that all new enrolments for Reception in 2024, including mid-year, or in other year levels are welcome. Please contact the school to arrange a tour or drop in to the office for an enrolment form. You are also able to download them from our website.

Scholarships for 2024

Mary MacKillop Memorial School is committed to a policy of providing an excellent Catholic education for young people, and in so doing, keeping fees to a minimum.

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 provides 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 Scholarships (full or part) to two students each year for two years. We believe that by providing the opportunity for a Catholic education to all we are encompassing the vision of our founder, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

If you wish to apply for a Scholarship for your child please visit our website or contact the front office, Janice, for more information.

Sport

SAPSASA State Track and Field Country Carnival.

On Monday 18th September 5 students from our school competed in the SAPSASA State Track and Field Country Carnival:

Sophie: 1st 100m, 1st 200m, 3rd 4x100m relay

Ellie: 13th 200m, 9th Discus, 4th 4x100m relay

Tait: 7th Shot Put, 12th Discus

Jim: 6th Long Jump, 8th Shot Put

Alex: 5th 800m, 5th Long Jump, 4th 4x100m relay

As one of the smallest SAPSASA regions, the Mid South East competed admirably in Division 1 finishing at the bottom of the table. However, two girls from the Mid South East were selected in the State Representative Team. Our very own Sophie Pearce and Ebony Reeves from Penola Primary School will compete for South Australia in Launceston later this year.



Community News

Counsellor's Corner Happy Holidays!

Holidays can be a time where we are able to break away from the daily demands of our busy lives to take time to focus on our loved ones. Although some families choose to holiday away from home, others decide to spend quality time with one another at home. Whether you are going away for the upcoming holidays or not, this time, if used effectively, can help family members to reconnect with one another and create the space for bonding together. A few helpful reminders on maximizing holiday time for the benefit of your family:

1. Finding common ground

All children are different and require different ways of connecting with their loved ones. Perhaps your one child enjoys spending quality time with you reading books or going for walks, whilst the other enjoys baking together or going to the park together. Dedicating intentional, separate time for you and each of your children allows them to feel seen, heard and valued.

2. Routine is a help not a hinderance

Whilst holidays are a time to relax and have fun, maintaining usual sleep times, meal times, bath times etc. helps children to know what to expect. Sufficient sleep helps children to maximize their days and minimize stress levels. Scheduling "rest days" amidst a busy holiday can ensure that children (and parents) re-energize.

3. Less screen time more play time

With the weather warming up, allowing for (or planning activities for) outside as opposed to simply being inside all holidays is a great asset to children. Physical play not only has a list of associated health benefits, but also allows for children to interact with each other or with other children.

With the increased need to relax during holidays often comes the temptation for children to increase screen time. Lessening screen time (especially before bed) helps children to maximize physical play and social interactions during the day.

4. Planned activities

Planning ahead helps parents to structure their days and give children something to look forward to. Park visits, baking sessions, community events, play dates etc. can all be planned in advance to ensure that children are able to have a variety of play and family interactions. A helpful hint is to plan one's holiday with their child, so that they are able to give their input and feel part of the planning process.

May you all have a super holiday with your children!

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Catholic Identity

Pilgrim Dinner

On Sunday 22nd of October MMMS will be hosting a group of 23 pilgrims for dinner in our School Hall. The menu is set and the set up will take place on the Sunday morning. If you nominated to assist you will be contacted shortly.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club happens every morning at MMMS. This Breakfast Club has been inspired by the words of St Mary MacKillop—'Never see a need without doing something about it'. We continue to see 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 runs from 8:30am until 9:00am and is supported by FoodBank. Students attending Breakfast Club have access to cereal, toast and fresh fruit.

International Day of Peace 21st September 2023

The International Day of Peace ("Peace Day") is observed worldwide each year on 21 September. Established in 1981, the United Nations General Assembly has declared this a day devoted to "commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples." The International Day of Peace provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace. The theme this year is a call to action that recognises our individual and collective responsibility to foster peace.

Pray for Peace:

Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth;
lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust;
lead me from hate to love, from war to peace.
Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe.
Pray for peace and a restful break
Pray that we each have a peaceful and relaxing break after a term like we have never had before.
Be grateful for the work we have covered and the friends and family that have kept us safe and well.
Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed, kindle in the hearts of all men the true love of peace, and guide with Your pure and peaceable wisdom those who make decisions for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility Your kingdom may go forward, till the earth be filled with the knowledge of Your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

ReLAT

Catholic Education SA has developed the Religious Literacy Assessment Tool (ReLat) to assist with reporting and evaluation in Religious Education. The Religious Literacy Assessment Tool's primary purpose is to provide a snapshot of Year 4 students' basic religious literacy. This week, all Year 4 students completed the assessment. Families will receive a student assessment summary in the coming weeks.

Catholic Identity

St Vincent de Paul

Vincent de Paul was born to a peasant family in France in 1580. Although he later achieved fame for his dedication to the poor, his early life was spent attempting to escape his humble roots. His family shared his ambition, hoping that a career in the priesthood would better the family fortune. On one occasion, while he was still in the seminary, he refused to see his father who had come to visit him because he felt embarrassed by the shabbiness of his father's appearance. Vincent became a priest at the young age of 19, and he spent most of his early priesthood mingling with members of the elite. He was very well liked because of his charm, intelligence, and sense of humour.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was not founded until more than 150 years after St. Vincent's death. When Frederic Ozanam founded the Society, he named it after St. Vincent de Paul. Ozanam was devoted to St. Vincent, who is the patron saint of charitable societies, and he modeled the Society on his call to "see Christ in the poor and to be Christ to the poor". The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue to honor his life and legacy.

Liturgies and Masses

TERM 4

Week 3 - Tuesday 31 October

All Saints Day Whole School Mass @ 9.15am

Week 6 - Tuesday 21 November

Yr 4/5 Class Mass @ 9.15am

Week 7 - Tuesday 28 November

Yr 2/3 Class Mass @ 9.15am

Week 7 - Tuesday 28 November

R/1 Liturgy @ 9.15am

Week 9 - Monday - 11 December

Yr 6 Class Mass

Week 9 - Tuesday 12 December

End of Year Thanksgiving Mass - @ 5.30pm



WE ARE NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATIONS

Join us for the 2023-24 Season

REGISTER TODAY



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Peter Pan Musical





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PARENT CALENDAR TERM 4

WEEK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	Oct 16 First Day Term 4 Occasional Care	17	18	19	20 Staff Professional Learning Day – Student Free CoP23	21	22 9am Mass St Joseph's
2	23 Occasional Care	24	25 School Board Meeting 7pm	26	27 Playgroup Festival of Music Choir Night 2/3 Assembly	28 4.30PM Mass St Joseph's	29
3	30 Occasional Care	31 Joey's Jumpstart All Saints Day (whole school Mass) SOCKTOBER: CATHOLIC CHARITIES	Nov 1	2	3 Playgroup Sports Day	4	5 9am Mass St Joseph's
4	6 Occasional Care	7 Joey's Jumpstart	8	9	10 Playgroup	11 Remembrance Day 4.30PM Mass St Joseph's	12
	YEAR 6 CAMP				Yr 2/3 CAMP		
5	13 Occasional Care	14 Joey's Jumpstart YELP FORUM	15 Fr Julian Tenison-Woods Day	16	17 Playgroup 4/5 Assembly	18	19 9am Mass St Joseph's
	SAPSASA CRICKET						
	PE WEEK						
6	20 Occasional Care	21 Joey's Jumpstart 4/5 Class Mass	22 School Board Meeting 7pm	23	24 Playgroup R/1 Assembly	25 4.30PM Mass St Joseph's	26 Feast of Christ the King
	SAPSASA TENNIS						
7	27 Occasional Care	28 Joey's Jumpstart 2/3 Class Mass R/1 Liturgy	29	30	Dec 1 Playgroup 5/6 Assembly	2	3 9am Mass St Joseph's FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8	4 Occasional Care Year 7 2023 TWC Orientation Day	5 Joey's Jumpstart Year 7 2023 TWC Orientation Day	6 Christmas Carols and Community BBQ 6pm	7	8 Playgroup Beachport Surf Lifesaving Day	9 4.30PM Mass St Joseph's	10 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9	11 Yr 6 Class Mass 11.30am +Lunch	12 End of Year Thanksgiving Mass Awards, Farewells and Graduation Presentation 5.30pm	13 Last Day Term 4 Assembly @ 2.30pm	14 Staff Professional Learning Day	15 Staff Professional Learning Day	16	17 9am Mass St Joseph's THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Youth Retreat 2023

PENOLA - 14 OCTOBER
11.00AM - 5.30PM*



**St Joseph's Church
and
Mary MacKillop Memorial School
PENOLA**

**Facilitators
Fr Peter & Fr Olek**

**Cost
\$15
(snacks, lunch, drinks & notes)**

**drop off at 9.45am and pick up at
6.15pm from St Paul's Church carpark.*

**REGISTER NOW
UNTIL
5 OCTOBER**

Youth Ministry Coordinator
youth@mtgcatholic.org.au

Games & activities
Reflections & prayers
Adoration & confession
Q&A panel
Vigil Mass

For children in Year 6 and above

PENOLA AMATEUR SWIMCLUB

SWIM CLUB

SEASON 23/24



COME AND TRY

MON 16 OCT & WED 18 OCT
DOLPHINS 5.30 SQUAD 6.00

OPEN TO ALL AGES 7-70+

Must be able to swim 25m unassisted & be a
good listener

FREE COME AND TRY FOR 30 DAYS

For more information please make contact via Facebook
or catch up with a committee member

fb: penola_ameteur_swimclub



BASKETBALL
SOUTH AUSTRALIA



FEMALE
PARTICIPATION
STRATEGY

COME & TRY

5 - 6 OCTOBER 2023

**Millicent Basketball Stadium, 47 Plunkett Terrace, Millicent
Adelaide Lightning**

**Female Participation basketball clinic
Registrations: mdiba458@outlook.com**



**When: 5 October
5:00pm**

What: Come & Try

**Who: Females age
7-12 interested in
basketball**

**When: 6 October
10:00am-12:00pm**

**What: Shooting
Fundamentals**

**Who: All registered
Millicent Basketballers**

