

Newsletter

Mary MacKillop Memorial School

Term 1 Week 10

Friday, 5th April 2024

Reception to Year 6 Co-Educational Catholic Primary School

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*go on with courage
and strength*

UPCOMING DATES

-April -

- 5 Assembly Year 4
- 8 SAPSASA Swimming (Adelaide)
Occasional Care
- 11 Cobb and Co Visit
- 12 **LAST DAY OF TERM 1**
Playgroup
Opening and Blessing of New
School Buildings

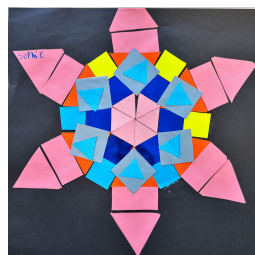
-TERM 2-

- 29 **FIRST DAY OF TERM 2**
Occasional Care

-MAY-

- 3 Playgroup
- 6 Occasional Care
- 7 Finance Meeting
- 8 Mother and Special Person
Afternoon Tea
- 10 Playgroup
Ladies Dinner Night
Regional Cross Country
(Naracoorte)
Assembly 5/6
- 13 Occasional Care
YELP Camp (2 days)
- 15 School Board Meeting (6pm)
- 17 Playgroup
- 20 Occasional Care
- 21 TWC Year 7 Penola Gathering and
Parent Information Session
- 22 National Simultaneous Story Time

Visual Arts



**RAISING HEARTS
AND MINDS**

go on with strength and courage

from the principal

Dear Families and Friends of Mary MacKillop Memorial School,

Easter Joy

More than just a day, the Church gives us a seven-week Easter season to celebrate! The joy we are being invited into this season is beyond what we see in our everyday lives. This time is an opportunity to allow Jesus to come into our hearts the way he wants to. That's when we realize that the real joy in our lives is putting aside our own faults, challenges and difficulties for a while and entering into the lives of others.

Pope Francis said at Easter, we leave ourselves behind and encounter others by 'being close to those crushed by life's troubles, sharing with the needy, standing at the side of the sick, elderly and the outcast.'

We find peace in Jesus' love for us and now we share it with others. We find ourselves standing side by side with Jesus, looking together at those we are being sent to love. That is where the real joy of Easter waits for us.

Next Wednesday is our last opportunity to show support for our Project Compassion Mission with rice day. Please refer to the note sent home earlier this week.

Penola-Coonawarra Arts Festival

We are looking forward to the Penola-Coonawarra Arts Festival, which will be taking place from Thursday May 16 – Sunday May 19. The Kids Program will be down Petticoat Lane.

On the Sunday our school will be hosting a BBQ, selling steaks, sausages and drinks. We will also run a free activity, which will be magnet making. The MacKillop Market will be selling homemade wares and produce. Early next term we will be on the lookout for helpers to assist in different ways, whether it is donating some produce to sell at the MacKillop Market stall or helping with the BBQ. Many hands make light work.

Opening and Blessing

We are looking forward to welcoming a number of distinguished guests and the school community to celebrate the Opening and Blessing of the Woods Learning Centre and renovated 1936 Building. This will take place on Friday 12th April beginning at 1.30pm in the School Hall.

A reminder that there will not be an early holiday dismissal. Dismissal will be at 3.10pm. Buses for Mary Mac children will not be running on this day.

As this is the last newsletter for the term, I take this opportunity to thank all of our community, students, parents and staff for a wonderful start to the 2024 school year. Thank you for your ongoing commitment and support throughout Term 1.

Term 2 will begin on Monday 29th April. The Term 2 Updated Parent Calendar will be available at the end of the term and distributed to families.

Wishing you all a restful and relaxing holiday break.

God Bless,

Nicole Coote

go on with strength and courage

Catholic Identity

Easter

Alleluia he is Risen!

Happy Easter to all our families and friends. I hope that you experienced an Easter surrounded by loved ones and filled with great joy.

In the Church, Easter is a great time to rejoice, for Jesus has risen and triumphed over sin. Easter is so great that the Church dedicates 50 days to the 'season of Easter' (known as Paschaltide) a period in which we hear about the post-resurrection stories of Jesus, as he appeared to and continued to teach his followers. This time concludes at Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended and gave the disciples of Jesus the *courage* to tell the world about His story.

Next term we will continue to explore the values that underpin who we are and what we do at Mary MacKillop Memorial School. Our Term 2 focus will be *courage*. We will take an inspiration from the first followers of Jesus, the saints that followed and our own experiences to unpack and discover what courage means for us here at MMMS.

Project Compassion

Throughout this term we shared stories of people that have been supported by Caritas Australia through Project Compassion appeal. Caritas do such wonderful work that is enabled by the generosity of people throughout Australia (particularly in schools).

The time has come to start bringing in your boxes so we can send our donations to Caritas Australia. If we could please have all of these back by the end of the term (Friday 12th April) that would be greatly appreciated. Thankyou to those families that have already returned their boxes.

Just a reminder about the online fundraiser that we are running on behalf of our school. It would be great if we could add some more funds to this by the end of this week. A link has been provided below for your convenience.

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



Liturgies and Masses

TERM 2 : Everyone is welcome!

WEEK 2 Tuesday 7th May
R/1 Liturgy at 10:30 am

WEEK 4 Tuesday 21st May
Whole School Liturgy to celebrate Pentecost
(19th May)

WEEK 4 Friday 24th May
Whole School Mass for Mary Help of Christians

WEEK 6 Tuesday 4th June
Year 4 Class Mass

WEEK 7 Tuesday 11th June
Whole School Mass to celebrate the Feast of the
Sacred Heart (7th June)

WEEK 8 Tuesday 18th June
2/3 Class Liturgy

WEEK 8 Friday 21st June
Year 5/6 Class Mass

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Birthdays

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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House Points

Cameron	21
McCormack	21
Woods MacKillop	30

Flourishing Awards

Last week we congratulated 7 students who received Flourishing Awards at Assembly. We congratulated Noah, Leila, Sophie, Jimmy, Harry, Laura, and Ruby.

Penola Parish

Parish Priest: Fr Peter Zwaans

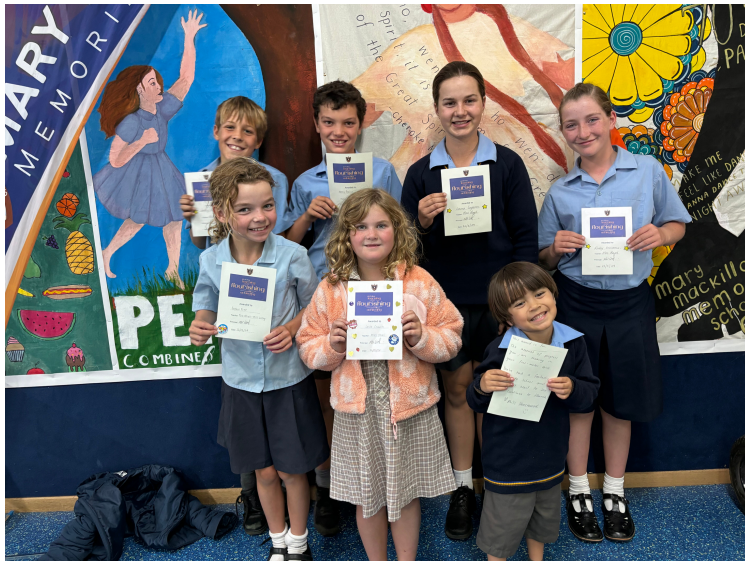
SUNDAY 7th April

(Mass celebrated at 4:30pm on

Saturday 6th)

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

GOSPEL : John 20: 19 - 31



Condolences

Our sincere and deepest condolences and prayers to Emma, Simon, Erika, Juliet, Oscar, Eddie and Jackson on the passing of their precious Nan and Mother, Joy.

May she find eternal rest with our Lord.

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.

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Counsellor's Corner

School holidays are coming!

As term one nears its end, your child must be excited for the upcoming break. Here are some ideas to help them make the most of the school holidays and return refreshed for the next term.

Make sure your child gets enough sleep for good health and focus.

Allow them plenty of unstructured time for relaxation and pursuing their interests.

Encourage outdoor activities for fresh air, sunshine, and physical activity.

Limit screen time and encourage hands-on activities like crafts, puzzles and Lego.

Serve nutritious meals and snacks, minimising sugary or processed foods, with an occasional treat of course!

Support your child's hobbies when able to, and teach and join in with them in trying some relaxation techniques for managing stress.

Make time for quality family bonding and creating lasting memories, when we can between our busy work and home duties.

Remember to take some downtime for yourselves as parents too!

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Staff Achievements

At Mary Mac all of our staff are important to our children flourishing and thriving. It is super important to foster excellence in our own selves to be the best we can be in our roles at school to be able to give more to our students.

Jack started with us mid-way through last year and is one of our Educational Support Officers. He works across all year levels, providing classroom support and implementing Intervention Program to assist students to bridge learning gaps. He is an important member of our team.

Jack is in his second year of a Bachelor of Primary Education at the Uni SA campus Mount Gambier. At the end of 2023 Jack was awarded the Chancellor's Letter of Commendation for his outstanding academic results, being in the top 5% in his Academic Unit. Jack is now eligible to join the Golden Key International Honour Society, enabling him to have access to Scholarships, grants, career advice and to become part of an international network of high achieving graduate and undergraduate students.

We are so proud of Jack's achievements and congratulate him on this incredible achievement. Woohoo !!!!



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Joey's Jumpstart Program

We are incredibly proud of our Joey's Jumpstart Program that assists students to move seamlessly into the school environment, while still respecting the importance of completing their Kindy journey. The Joey's Jumpstart Program will begin at the beginning of Term 2 for 7 weeks. We have available the Joey's Jumpstart Program flyer that you are able to access through the school on our school website.

2024 Mid-Year Reception Enrolments - FREE FREE

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. If you have a child who is able to begin Reception in in Term 3 2024, please complete an enrolment form and return it 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 2024, please let them know about our mid-year fee free enrolment intake or alternatively, they can contact the school on 87372902 at any time. We welcome all new families!

Easter Egg Foil Challenge

At MMMS we aim to reduce, reuse and recycle.

This Easter we asked everyone to be part of the Easter Egg Foil Challenge. At the end of the term each class will make as many golf ball size balls, which will be weighed to award the winning class the Sustainability Challenge. The golf ball size aluminium balls will then be able to put into recycling bins.

Keep bringing in your Easter egg wrappings until the end of the term!

School Uniform Term 2

The 'Uniform Shop' at school is open every day except for Wednesdays. A reminder that with the holidays approaching and moving into Term 2, all students need to change over to their winter uniform - this may not require anything to change! I strongly suggest a winter uniform try on, particularly if your child needs a new skirt or pinafore as these are becoming increasingly difficult to source. Please let Janice know your requirements before the school holidays.

Soccer

There is a wonderful opportunity for our students to be involved in after school sport at MMMS. Guy Detot runs soccer coaching on a Tuesday afternoon, which will continue into Term 2. Catch up with Guy if your child is interested in joining this group. Christian Fleetwood from Football in Schools will be holding a Holiday Soccer Clinic on the 15th and 16th of April from 9:30 - 11:30 am.

For further information please refer to the link below.

<https://form.jotform.com/230717517078863>



FOOTBALL SOUTH AUSTRALIA
Angelo Coffee

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOOTBALL CLINICS IN PENOLA
15 & 16 APRIL 2024

FUN SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOOTBALL PROGRAM
MARY MACKILLOP MS WITH GUY DETOT
U/8 - U/12, ALL GENDERS, ALL WELCOME
TRAINING AND GAMES

REGISTER NOW

For more information, contact christian.fleetwood@footballsouth.com.au

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SPORT Millicent Athletics Day

On Thursday of week 8, 39 students showcased their many talents at the SAPSASA District Athletics trials in Millicent. The primary aim is to extend the opportunity for as many children as possible to represent their school at a district level across a range of track and field events.

Our students contested in a variety of disciplines including the 100m, 200m, 800m, Long Jump, High Jump, Shot Put and Discus events. Beyond the thrill of competition, this trial also served as an opportunity for potential selection into the Mid South East Athletics Team. This prestigious team will compete at the State Athletics Championships in Adelaide on Monday, September 16th.

Ben Baxter, Jim Manninen, Tait Kidman, Louis Kain and Ruby Williams have each secured their places in this representative team, a testament to their dedication and skill. Congratulations are in order for these exceptional athletes. However, the event witnessed many of our students reaching new heights, with their efforts rewarded by placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a large, competitive fields. Congratulations to these remarkable achievers, whose dedication and excellence have brought pride to our school community.

Firsts

Ben Baxter - 100m
Ben Baxter - 200m
Ben Baxter - 800m
Jim Manninen - Long Jump
Louis Kain - Shot Put
Tait Kidman - Discus
Ruby Williams - Discus

Seconds

Jim Manninen - 100m
Jim Manninen - Shot Put

Thirds

Harry Gosse - Shot Put
Harry Gosse - High Jump
Louis Kain - Long Jump
Lilly Flint - Discus
Josh Gruetzner - Shot Put
Tess Wooding - Discus
Charlie Harris - Discus
Vinnie Kidman - 800m



Softball

Congratulations to our boys, Tait, Ben, Max, Frank and Charlie who represented the Mid-South East in softball last week (half the team!). They were successful in coming second! Woohoo ! And to Lilly, who represented in the girls team and coming first! What a week! We are so proud.



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Playgroup

The MMMS Playgroup now has their own Facebook Page and Group, run by our Playgroup coordinator Ebonie Moulton. Included in the Facebook Page is a link for expressions of interest. Check out the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/r/YfWqHpaNA6>

Playgroup will be held every Friday from 9:30am - 11:00am with a gold coin donation on arrival. Every week is a different theme, and all family and friends of the community are welcome.



Occasional Care

Occasional Care 2024

To book please follow the link: <https://forms.office.com/r/GBzjFsZsbi>

Come along to Occasional Care each Monday. ALL families from the Penola and wider community are welcome to attend.

This year the Occasional Care program is being coordinated by qualified educator Leah Kuiper.

The Occasional Care Program is guided by the Belonging, Being and Becoming: The Early Years Framework for Australia (EYLF). Each child's current knowledge, strengths, ideas and interests are foundational to our program. Educators actively engage with children in their play and facilitate and extend their learning and development. Flexible learning environments are designed as an invitation for learning, and our responsive routine enables children to make choices and decisions in their learning. Open ended experiences, child-initiated learning will be used to foster children's thinking and curiosity.

A colorful flyer for Mary MacKillop Memorial School Occasional Care. At the top, it features the school's crest and the text 'Mary MacKillop Memorial School OCCASIONAL CARE'. Below this, it says 'An early years service for families of 3-5 year olds Facilitated by a qualified educator Leah Kuiper'. The flyer is decorated with circular images of children playing. On the left, a green circle lists the schedule: 'MONDAYS Drop Off: 8:45 am Pick up: Half day: 11:45am Full Day: 3:00pm'. On the right, a pink circle lists the fees: 'Half Day \$15 Full Day \$25'. In the center, a blue circle states 'ALL children within Penola and surrounds welcome.' At the bottom, a blue box provides contact information: 'For more information 8737 2902 lkuiper@mmms.catholic.edu.au Use the QR code for information and to book'. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the flyer.

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FOOTBALL IN SCHOOLS

FOOTBALL SOUTH AUSTRALIA

After school soccer in Penola

Still suffering from football fever after the Women's World Cup?

Bring your mates and join Football South Australia's after school soccer program with Guy Detot at Mary MacKillop MS. This is a program for primary school kids from any school in Penola.

Registrations are now open for the term one program, which kicks off on Tuesdays (soon!). Sign up today: <http://tinyurl.com/ysz76krx>.



CONTACT US >>> footballinschools@footballsouth.com.au
christian.fleetwood@footballsouth.com.au

Cart's Jr. FOOTBALL SOUTH AUSTRALIA SPORTS VOUCHERS



Woolworths net set go **REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!**

Woolworths NetSetGO

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR NETSETGO
AGED 5-10 | TERM 2 THURSDAY 3:45 - 4:30PM
ANY QUESTIONS? CALL MEG REDMAN 0407 740 034



Net Set Go

Open for ages 5-10.

Thursdays 3.45-4.30pm (Term 2).

Contact Meg Redman for more info on 0407 740 034

Link to register:

<https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/register/451c5e>

Term 2 After School Soccer Program

Guy and Football SA will be returning back for another after-school soccer program in term two. All children of different ages and skill levels are welcome! Further sessions, dates and information will be coming soon. Our school community is also welcomed to join the current soccer program, which is held on our school's oval on Tuesday afternoons.

If your child requests a sports voucher form, please come see the front office and we can print one off for them.



Ford

MINI HOOPS PROGRAM

Our Mini Hoops program is returning for 2024!
The Term 2 Hoops Season will commence on the 7th of May, and will run every Tuesday!

Mini Hoops is aimed for kids aged 5 to 9 years old, and will help develop their basketball skills, while also having fun! Sessions will run from 4:15pm to 5:00pm at the Peter Seebohm Stadium.



Please register using the link on our Facebook page!
Contact us on 0435049330 for more information!



Mini Hoops

Our Mini Hoops program is set out to begin after the school holidays! This program targets children aged from 5 years old to 9 years old, and will commence on the 7th of May every Tuesday.



MARY MACKILLOP
PENOLA

Please join us for the official
Opening and Blessing
of our new

*Woods Learning Centre &
Early Years Learning Spaces*
Friday 12th April 2024

Formal proceedings will commence at 1.30pm
in the St Mary of the Cross School Hall.

Please RSVP by
Wednesday March 27 2024
to Janice Coote at
jcoote@mmms.catholic.edu.au

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