

Newsletter

Mary MacKillop Memorial School

Term 2 Week 10

Friday, 5th July 2024

Reception to Year 6 Co-Educational Catholic Primary School

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and courage*

UPCOMING DATES

- July -

22 FIRST DAY OF TERM 3

Early Learning

23 Early Learning

26 Playgroup

Grandparents and Grandfriends
Day

29 Early Learning

30 Early Learning

Year R/1 100 Days at School
Celebration

Year 2/3 Class Mass (9:15am)

- August -

2 Playgroup

Year 5/6 Assembly

5 Early Learning

School Photos

6 Early Learning

Feast Day St Mary of the Cross
MacKillop Whole School Mass
(9:15am)

9 Playgroup

SAPSASA Basketball (Millicent)
Quiz Night

12 Early Learning

13 Early Learning

15 Feast of the Assumption Whole
School Mass (9:15am)

16 Playgroup

Year R/1 Assembly

19 Early Learning

20 Early Learning

YELP Naracoorte

Class News

Year 4



**RAISING HEARTS
AND MINDS**

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from the principal

Dear Families and Friends of Mary MacKillop Memorial School,

What a wonderful term of learning that has taken place! I am continuously proud of the enthusiasm that all students at Mary MacKillop Memorial School have for learning. It is a thirst that runs deep!

Winter Warmers Day

What a wonderful day it was on Tuesday! As we found comfort in our warm clothes, including Oodles, Pjs and Ugg Boots, and enjoyed a warm milo and biscuit we were reminded of those who are doing it tough this winter and are less fortunate than us.

The cans and items donated this day and throughout our appeal will make a difference to those who are struggling this winter.

Reports

All families should have received their child's report. If you have any questions regarding your child's report, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Our reports, along with continuous uploads of students learning on Seesaw and learning conversations form parts of our communication of learning to parents.

Staffing Term 3

We wish Janice all the best as she takes long service leave for the first two weeks of Term 3. We look forward to hearing all about Janice's adventures on her return.

We also wish Leah all the very best as she embarks on her fourth year teaching placement Newbery Park in Millicent. We are sure it will be a fantastic experience to complete her teaching degree. Leah will be away from Week 3 until Week 10. Ebonie will capably step into the role of Early Learning educator and has been transitioning into this role, getting to know the children and families, over the last few weeks. Thankyou to Emma Mules who will assist Ebonie as a mentor.

We are so fortunate to have such a dedicated, supportive and compassionate team at Mary Mac.

Preservice Teachers

We are very excited to welcome two preservice teachers who will be spending the majority of Term 3 teaching at Mary MacKillop Memorial School. Molly and Ella are both 4th Year Students. Molly is from Adelaide and Ella is from Mount Gambier. Both are studying with the University of SA. Molly will be working in the R/1 class and Ella with the Year 5/6s. If you happen to see them around school or out in the community, please introduce yourself!

Attached with the Newsletter today is our Term 3 Calendar. I remind families that this calendar is correct at the time of printing. If there are any updates to the calendar you will be notified via the Newsletter or Seesaw.

As the term draws to a close, I would like to acknowledge the hard-working students at Mary MacKillop Memorial School, who are always seeking to be the best version of themselves each and every day.

I would like to thank the amazing staff for their continued support to all students and for providing rigorous learning experiences, and assisting each individual to be able to flourish.

And thankyou to all families for your support of our beautiful school!

In this first half of the year, we have certainly enacted Mary MacKillop words; 'Never see a need without doing something about it.'

I wish all families a relaxing and rejuvenating holiday period. I look forward to seeing everyone at the beginning of Term 3, ready to revisit and set new learning and personal goals for the second semester.

Take care and God bless,

Nicole.

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Catholic Identity

Vinnies Winter Appeal

Thankyou, thankyou, thankyou!

These are my sincere words of gratitude for the tremendous efforts made by the families of Mary Mac to support those in need. Over the past eight weeks, we have collected an incredible 338 cans, bottles, packets of food, and treats. That means 338 items will provide much-needed assistance to the most vulnerable in our community. Additionally, we have gathered two tubs full of Winter Warmers to help keep others warm this winter.

I believe Mary MacKillop would be immensely proud of our community, honouring her legacy of "Never see a need without doing something about it." Your kindness and generosity truly does make a difference.

To add some excitement to this year's winter appeal, we held a friendly competition among our school houses. The winning team earned a special casual day on Friday and 20 points towards the Gardiner Cup, awarded at the end of the year. Congratulations to McCormack (Red) for securing the prize this year with an impressive 137 donations!

Thankyou once again to everyone for your contributions and community spirit.

1st - McCormack: 137

2nd - Cameron: 102

3rd - Woods MacKillop - 99

NAIDOC WEEK

National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth.

God of all wonder, we pause in the busyness of our days to listen deeply to the wisdom of this land and those who belong to it. May our minds be open to dialogue, May our hearts be open to transformation and May our hands do the work of reconciliation. We ask that the Spirit accompany us on our journey of healing on these lands, seas, and waterways; We also ask the Spirit of peace be with all those who are living a life of fear, dispossession and distress. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus our brother and friend. Amen.

Masses and Liturgies for Term 3 & 4

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

WEEK 2 Tuesday 30th July
2/3 Class Mass at 9:15am

WEEK 3 Thursday 8th August
Whole School Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop at 9:15am

WEEK 4 Thursday 15th August
Whole School Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption at 9:15am

WEEK 6 Tuesday 27th August
5/6 Class Mass at 9:15am

WEEK 8 Tuesday 10th September
R/1 Liturgy at 10:30am

WEEK 9 Tuesday 17th September
Year 4 Class Mass

Penola Parish

Parish Priest: Fr Peter Zwaans

SUNDAY 7TH JULY At 9:00am
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
GOSPEL: Mark 6:1 - 6

SATURDAY 12TH JULY At 4:30pm
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
GOSPEL: Mark 6:7 - 13

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Birthdays

We wish a Happy Birthday to those who will be celebrating in the first week of the holidays. We wish a happy birthday to Harry D(12th), Harry G (14th), Jett (15th), Alfie (16th), and Henna (19th).

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 209

McCormack 207

Woods MacKillop 206

Flourishing Awards

Last Friday we congratulated 6 students who achieved Flourishing Awards. Congratulations to Riley, Matthew, Charlie, Lillith, Levi and Lizzy. Well done!



Early Learning

Is your child 3, 4 or 5 years old and not at school yet? Our Early Learning Program is an opportunity for them to become familiar with the environment and how it operates. Hands-on structured learning experiences guided by the Early Years Learning Framework assist young children to explore and gain independence to prepare them for the future!

We are excited to announce that we are now offering our Early Learning Program on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Children make many friends in these sessions. Enquiries welcome to learn more.

Playgroup

Our community Playgroup takes place on a Friday morning from 9:30 am - 11:00 am. It is an opportunity for families to come together and play together, capably coordinated by our Playgroup coordinator Ebonie Moulton. Come and enjoy a cuppa and catch up, while your child has a number of playful learning activities to explore in a safe and welcoming environment.

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.

School Photos

Please note that school photos will take place on Monday the 5th of August. Envelopes will be sent home in Week 1.

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Counsellor's Corner

As we are heading into the school holidays, I thought it would be helpful to talk about Cyber safety, as it is crucial for primary school students to navigate the internet safely. Here are some tips for staying safe on the internet:

- Firstly, always remember to keep personal information like full names, addresses, and school details private when online.
- Be cautious of sharing photos or videos without permission from a trusted adult.
- Only chat with people you know in real life and never arrange to meet anyone without a parent or guardian's consent.
- Use strong passwords and never share them with anyone except trusted adults.
- If someone online makes you feel uncomfortable or asks you to keep secrets, tell a parent or teacher immediately.
- Stick to websites and games that are age-appropriate and avoid clicking on pop-up ads or unfamiliar links.

Remember, the internet is a great place to learn and have fun, but it's important to stay safe by following these simple rules.

Wishing all families a safe and happy Term 2 holidays, and I look forward to seeing out wonderful students back at school in Term 3.

Bec Baker.

New Jackets

Our new school jackets have arrived, and they look fantastic and are super warm.

If you missed ordering one for your child, we will be doing another order run at the beginning of next term.

Please contact the office to place your order.



The Quiz Night

The popular Mary Mac Quiz Night is set for Friday 9th of August. The cost is \$20 per person with tables of 8 - 10 people. Please contact the school to register! It is sure to be a fun night, with last year nearly being a sell out! Prizes, nibbles available for ordering, great questions and lots of laughs are all part of the evening. Organise your group today.

Lunch Orders on Tuesdays

Recently the Student Representative Council wrote a letter to Windara Bakery on the possibility of providing an additional day of lunch orders. This initiative was one that a few classes presented to SRC.

We have wonderful news that as of next term we will have lunch orders on a Tuesday and a Friday. If you are wishing your child to have a lunch order on a Tuesday, they will need to put it in on the Monday, and likewise for a Friday lunch order it needs to be in on the Thursday.

Thankyou to our SRC for driving this initiative.

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Celebrating Catholic Education in the Limestone Coast

Last week, we saw members of the School Boards of St. Anthony's Catholic PS, Mary MacKillop Memorial School, and Tenison Woods College gather at Tenison Woods College for the annual Combined School Board meeting with fellowship, feast and learning on the agenda. A special thankyou to Tenison Woods College for being outstanding hosts, providing a delicious dinner by their hospitality students.

We were fortunate to have Fr Peter Zwaans, Parish Priest for Millicent, Mount Gambier and Penola and Uby Faddoul, Manager, Strategy and Growth CESA, as our guest speakers. Fr Peter spoke about what it means to serve on a Catholic School Board. Uby focussed on school growth, and South-East demographics and Enrolments, with a focus on how to work together strategically as three Catholic schools. Trish Jarvis, Executive Officer of Catholic School Parents SA, challenged us to consider how we further engage our parent community. We are excited to see where our strategic direction takes Catholic Education in the South-East into the future, by working together as one united identity.

Mad Minute

On the morning of June the 26th, Tess, Alice and myself were feeling nervous and excited. Tess and Alice and I were nervous to go up and talk in front of lots of schools at Lucindale Hall. Alice and Tess were going to talk and I was going as a reporter to Lions Club Mad Minute Grand challenge. It was a long car ride with Mrs Coote to the challenge, but we kept busy practising for the girls talks.

When we arrived in Lucindale we went and found our seats and then to get some yummy food. Once the challenge started, we waited for a long time and when it was time Mrs Coote asked a judge if I could participate in the challenge, and the judge said yes! Eventually it was Mary Mac's turn to speak. When I got up there, I felt like I was an odd one out being a year 4 in a 5/6 competition. Alice was first, I was second, and Tess was third for our school.

We all did really well.

Not long after it was time for the award winners to be announced. I was so surprised when they called out my name as the winner! We also won as the small schools competition. It was so much fun.

Elijah Baxter



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Round Robin in Millicent

On Wednesday, our Years 2 - 4 students competed in Millicent Basketball Round Robin competition. It was wonderful to see their passing, catching, and game awareness improve with each match. Even more heartening was witnessing the bravery of children who were initially hesitant to play, taking to the court and thoroughly enjoying themselves. The displays of sportsmanship were truly inspiring, as our students paused play to check on fallen opponents. A special thanks goes to former MMMS student Johnny Gosse for coaching an enthusiastic boys team.

On Thursday, it was a turn for our 5/6 students. This was an excellent opportunity for our senior students to showcase their athleticism, court play, and ball skills. Everyone played with great enthusiasm and sportsmanship, and it was particularly delightful to see the camaraderie between our students and their friends from other schools. Special thanks to Josh, Jim, and Charlie, who showed remarkable resilience by filling in for St Anthony's teams.

We extend our gratitude to the Millicent District and International Basketball Association for organising such a well-run competition, providing ample court time for the children to practice the skills they have gained from their basketball sessions.

SAPSASA Netball

Lilly and Lola were selected to represent the Mid South East Netball team following a rigorous selection process amidst a highly competitive field. This week, both players showcased their talents at the State Carnival held in Adelaide. Both Lilly and Lola have exemplified dedication, skill, and sportsmanship throughout their journey.

Lola played a pivotal role as Goal Attack in the Division 3 team, demonstrating exceptional work ethic, strong ability to read play, and precision in shooting. Her contributions were instrumental in the team's success, securing victorious in 6 out of 9 games. Lola not only appreciated the specialised coaching and opportunity to hone her skills but also cherished the new friendships that formed at this event.

Lilly excelled in defensive positions (WD, GD, and GK) for the division 1 team. She thrived in the competitive atmosphere, alongside like-minded teammates. Their notable achievement included a thrilling victory over their strongest rivals by 2 goals, culminating in a championship medal with 7 wins out of 9 games. Lilly also valued the camaraderie within the whole Mid South East squad, forming genuine connections that enhanced her overall experience.



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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.

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Early Learning

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.

Call the school today to secure your child's spot next week. Seven is our current capacity, and we have recently been at that number.

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MONDAY & TUESDAY
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Pick up:
Half day: 11:45am
Full Day: 3:00pm

Half Day \$15
Full day \$25

For more information
8737 2902
lkuiper@mmms.catholic.edu.au
Use the QR code for information and to book

Term 3 Parent Calendar 2024

WEEK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday			
1	Jul 22 First Day Term 3 Early Learning	23 Early Learning	24	25	26 Playgroup Grandparents and Special Friends	27	28 9am Mass St Joseph's			
2	29 Early Learning	30 Early Learning R/1 100 days at school celebration 2/3 Class Mass 9:15am	31	Aug 1	2 Playgroup Yr 5/6 Assembly	3 4.30pm Mass St Joseph's	4			
3	5 Early Learning School Photos	6 Early Learning	7	8 Andrew Chinn Feast Day St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (whole school Mass) 9:15 am	9 Playgroup SAPSASA Basketball (Millicent) Quiz Night 16	10	11 9am Mass St Joseph's			
4	12 Early Learning Finance Meeting	13 Early Learning	14	15 Feast of the Assumption (whole school Mass) Time TBC	Playgroup R/1 Assembly	17 4.30pm Mass St Joseph's	18			
			SAPSASA SOCCER							
			NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK							
			LEARNING CONVERSATIONS – REQUESTED							
5	19 Early Learning	20 Early Learning YELP Naracoorte TWC 2024 Year 7 Subject Finalisation 4.30pm-5.30pm	21 Dress Up Day Book Week Parade School Board Meeting 6pm	22	23 Playgroup Yr 4 Assembly SAPSASA Regional Golf Day (Naracoorte)	24	25 9am Mass St Joseph's			
								BOOK WEEK		
								CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN WEEK		
6	26 Early Learning	27 Early Learning 5/6 Class Mass 9:15am	28 Paperboat Theatre (R – 3) PPS	29 District Basketball Day (Mount Gambier)	30 Playgroup Father's Day/Special Person Breakfast Yr 2/3 Assembly 6 Staff Retreat	31 4.30pm Mass St Joseph's	Sept 1 Father's Day			
7	2 Early Learning	3 Early Learning Footy Colours Day	4	5	Day 13	7 4.30pm Mass St Joseph's	8			
8	9 Early Learning Finance Meeting	10 Early Learning R/1 Class Liturgy at 10:30am	11	12 RUOK Day SAPSASA GOLF	Playgroup SAPSASA GOLF	14	15 9am Mass St Joseph's			
								SAPSASA HOCKEY		
9	16 Early Learning SAPSASA Athletics (Adelaide)	17 Early Learning Year 4 Class Mass 9:15am	18 School Board Meeting 6pm Cricket Clinics	19	20 Playgroup R/1 and 2/3 Big Day Out 2/3 Sleep over	21 4.30pm Mass St Joseph's	22			
10	23 Early Learning	24 Early Learning House Team Week Woods-MacKillop Day	25 McCormack Day	26 Cameron Day	27 Last Day Term 3 Playgroup	28	29 9am Mass St Joseph's			

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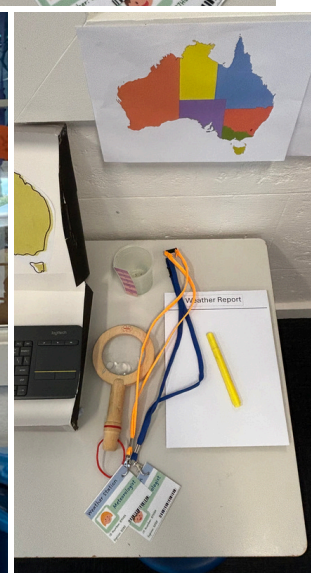
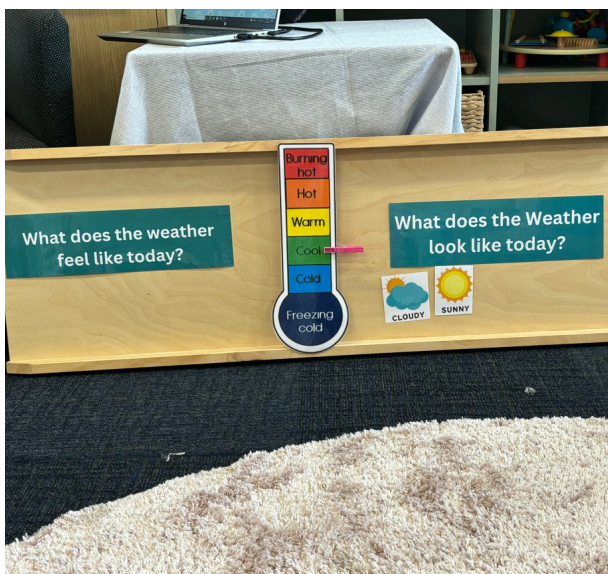
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photo gallery

Playgroup - Week 8 The Weather



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Class updates on Seesaw



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Occasional Care - Week 9 Pizza Making



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Lions Mad Minute - Week 9 Wednesday



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Playgroup - Week 9 Flowers



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Round Robin Basketball in Millicent



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