

## Important Dates

**Assumption of the Blessed Mary**

Thursday 15 August 2024

**Confirmation / Communion Mass**

Sunday 18 August 2024

**Book Week Parade**

Friday 23 August 2024

**Pupil Free Day - OSHC Available**

Friday 6 September 2024

**Sports Day**

Thursday 26 September 2024

**Last Day of Term 3**

Friday 27 September 2024

**Term 4 Starts**

Monday 14 October 2024

## From the Principal

Dear families and friends,

I have returned this week following my Long Service Leave to find the school term in full swing. I am very grateful to Ruth Taylor, the school leadership team, and the whole of staff team for ensuring Term 3 has started wonderfully.

Strong communication and partnerships between families and school are vital for student success and I am hopeful that all families took advantage of the opportunity for a formal learning conversation with teachers earlier this term. Please be reminded that, should you have any concerns or require clarification at any time regarding your child's learning and wellbeing, teachers are more than happy to make an appointment to meet with you for a conversation.

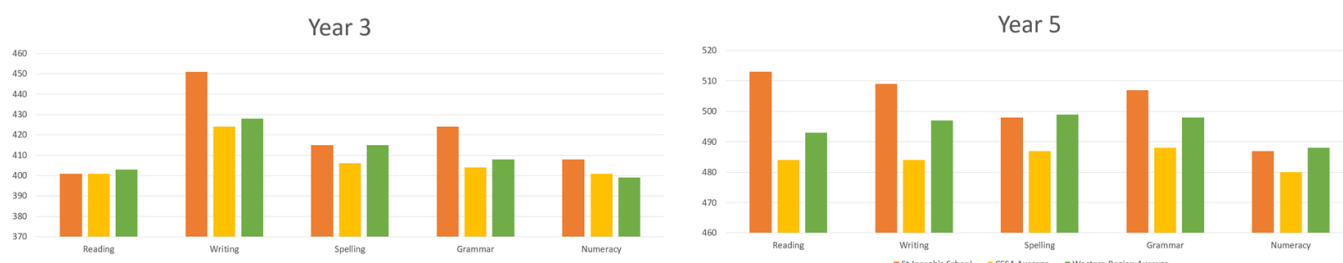
There has been much to celebrate about our school over these past weeks, particularly the feast day of our founder, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop which was celebrated with a whole school Mass and feast day stalls and activities organised by each of the classes. It is awesome to think that our school exists today because of the vision and determination of Australia's first and only Saint, Mary MacKillop. It is important for our students to understand and appreciate the commitment, hard work and challenges that she, and the Sisters of St Joseph faced and conquered, to ensure they have access to quality education.

## Friendship Bench Project

This week our SRC students, along with our Indigenous students, will embark on a project to create a new friendship bench for our play space. This project, supported by a grant from CESA, will be facilitated by Aboriginal artist, Nikki Carabetta, who began with us earlier this week. The bench will be painted under Nikki's guidance, to incorporate themes of Reconciliation, friendship and connection and we look forward to this opportunity to learn more about Aboriginal culture and Reconciliation through this project. Many thanks to our Aboriginal Education focus teacher, Antoinette Di Paolo for coordinating this project.

## NAPLAN Results

As Ruth Taylor advised in the last newsletter, our school has shown strong results in the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) this year. These assessments took place in Term 1 for our Year 3 and 5 students, and we can now share with you our data in comparison with all Catholic Schools in South Australia and with the Catholic Schools in the western region, of which we are a part. Our results this year have shown good improvement when compared to last year's results, and our students have exceeded the CESA averages in 9 of the 10 assessment areas. This data helps to confirm that the programs and intervention we have implemented are having a positive effect on our student's learning. NAPLAN of course is just one of the sources of information we use to assess student learning and identify the impact of our teaching and learning programs.



## Administration

Thank you to our administration staff who have taken on additional duties following Maria Apostolou's resignation. We know we can never replace Maria, however we are carefully looking at how best to move forward in relation to staffing, particularly in the areas of marketing, communications and ICT. Misty McGuire, our Students Services Officer, has this week taken on the task of preparing the newsletter whilst learning and implementing the new format and I remain very grateful for the 'can do' attitude of all our wonderful staff here at St Joseph's School.

Wishing you a wonderful week.

Marianne Farrugia

Principal

## From the APRIM

### Prayer

Loving God, when you created the world and all the people in it, you gave us a special person called Mary MacKillop. We thank you for her life and the example to live as Jesus did. We ask you to bless us and the needs we name.

For all the people in the world who are suffering and without food and clothing, we ask you through Mary MacKillop to send kind and generous people to help them.

God our Father we pray for families, help us all to love and care each other.

For all the people who are poor and have no one to love them, we ask that you help us all to find ways of giving our love and help to them in any way we can.

God of friendship, we pray for all those children who are different from us and feel left out, give us courage to be a friend to them.

## Sacramental Program

It is with great joy that we warmly congratulate Orlando on his recent celebration of the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. This meaningful event highlights his commitment to his faith and his acceptance of God's grace and forgiveness.

Orlando's dedication in preparing for and taking part in this sacrament demonstrates his deepening understanding of spiritual growth.

As Orlando continues on his faith journey, may the grace he has received through the Sacrament of First Reconciliation inspire him to live with compassion, faith and love.



## Mary MacKillop Feast Day

"Let no obstacle deter us from proceeding with courage."

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

On Thursday, August 8, our school community came together to celebrate the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop with a day of meaningful and joyous events. The day began with a Whole School Mass, led by Father Santhosh and our enthusiastic Year 1/2 Team. Our Mass was a beautiful reflection of our faith and a fitting tribute to Australia's first saint, whose courage and compassion continues to inspire us today.

As part of our celebrations, we recognised students who demonstrate the values and qualities of Mary MacKillop. These students, through their actions and attitudes, represent the spirit of our school's charism, living out the values of courage, fairness, and love that Mary MacKillop championed. Special awards were presented to these students, recognising their commitment to following her example "In All Things Love".

The day also included a fun Market Stall Fundraiser, with each class contributing through creative and thoughtful fundraising ideas as part of Mary MacKillop Today's "Be Fierce for Fair" initiative. Inspired by Mary MacKillop's example, our students demonstrated their

dedication to being fierce in the face of adversity, fair when confronting injustice, and loving towards everyone they encounter.

We are incredibly proud to announce that, through the efforts of our school community, we raised an impressive \$1,549.90. These funds will go Mary MacKillop Today, supporting vital projects across Australia, Timor-Leste, Peru, and Fiji, making a real difference in the lives of those in need.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of our staff, students and families for supporting our fundraising efforts. Their generosity and involvement are invaluable, and together we can truly honour the legacy of St Mary MacKillop. This event celebrated her remarkable life and strengthened our community as we worked together to support a cause that reflects her values. May we continue to be inspired by Mary MacKillop's example, carrying forward her legacy of courage, compassion, and service in all that we do.

Enjoy these highlights from our students:

- I drew a picture of Mary MacKillop. She was loving and caring. I got yummy lollies from the 3/4l lolly bag stall. **Olive, Preschool**
- Our Feast Day helped others just like Mary MacKillop helped the poor. It was great. We liked being with our friends. There was lots of food. **Zoe & Lana, 5/6O**
- I had fun because I got a toy, and it was cute. I liked singing "We Come to Your Table Now" at Mass. **Eleanor, 1/2M**
- Mary MacKillop teaches us "In All Things Love". This means that if you see a need do something about it. I had fun going to the stalls and playing with my friends. My favourite stall was the lucky dip. **Erin, 3/4AB**
- I was drawing Mary MacKillop. She was a great teacher. I bought lots of things at the Market Stall. **Kyprian, RF**
- Today was wonderful because we got to buy stuff from the stalls. I was with my friends. We celebrated Mary MacKillop Feast Day with a Mass and raised money for charity. **Jake, 5/6DG**
- All of our 1/2 classes came together for brain food, recess and lunch. At the stalls I bought my favourite "Block Fruits". We raised money for Mary MacKillop Today. **Kanish, 1/2RM**
- I went to the Mary MacKillop Stalls. I got toys and candies. We sang "Mary MacKillop Beneath a Cross of Stars" at Mass today. **Rosie, RC**
- Father Santhosh reminded us to do something that shows love. I helped Aethan with Maker's Empire. Today was fun and exciting. I was really happy that we raised lots of money. We had a Lucky Dip Stall. **Maria, 3/4N**
- We had the Mary MacKillop Stalls. I had fun because I bought things. Mary MacKillop opened a St Joseph's School. **Lac, RS**
- I liked that we went to the stalls. We could buy good stuff. I was excited to get my award. I'm kind to others like Mary MacKillop, she was also kind. **Khai, 3/4I**
- I had fun on Mary MacKillop Day. I bought toys. **Charlie, 1/2B**
- My favourite stall was the food stall. We sold nearly everything. We raised money for Mary MacKillop Today. Mary MacKillop went out of her way to teach other people. **Lucas, 5/6T**





God Bless,  
Seva Maitianos  
Leader of Religious Education



## Sports News

On August 7th 18 students competed at Park 15 at the SACPSSA Cross Country Carnival. Everybody completed the 2km run and as a school we had Lotye Parker win with a 1st place run and Livingstone Opiokeni finish in 2nd. We were lucky enough to have our Year 5 girls win the C Grade banner as well as our Year 6 boys. Overall, a fantastic day and our students represented our school with pride!

Congratulations to Clara Thomas-Trophimes for being selected to represent the Western Region in SAPSASA Soccer! She'll undergo 3 weeks of training and compete in a 3-day tournament from August 19-21 at Service FM, Gepps Cross. This achievement complements her impressive club soccer commitments with Adelaide Uni U12, the State Development Squad (U11), and the Adelaide United High Development Program (Girls). Well done, Clara!



## Visible Wellbeing Learning

This term as a part of our Visible Wellbeing learning, we are focusing on attention and awareness. Attention and awareness are defined as skills and practices that allow us to choose what we pay attention to, and how to maximise the limited selective attention spans that we have. Did you know that, even as adults, we only have an attention span of around 35 minutes!

Skills in attention and awareness help us to choose what we would like to pay attention to and, when necessary for our wellbeing, shift our attention to things that bring us joy and energy rather than something deflating or anxiety-inducing. If you are interested in integrating some attention and awareness activities into your family life, mindfulness is a great way to start, and the opportunities are almost unlimited! You may want to try apps like Smiling Mind or Headspace or take the family out for a day of mindful walking in a nature reserve near you!

## Term 3 Aboriginal Art Project

This term, we welcome Nikki Carabetta, an Aboriginal Art & Cultural Educator, who works with people of all ages to teach about Aboriginal culture, with a focus on art.

We are very fortunate to be able to work with Nikki this term to support and guide our school's SRC representatives to design and paint

our (newly purchased) 'friendship' & 'healing' bench. This of course, will be achieved through the lens of Aboriginal Art which will visually communicate the following underlying themes through drawing, design, and painting; reconciliation, respect, belonging, inclusivity, and acceptance.

This project links in well with our school's current Visible Health & Well-Being project and Anti-Racism focus this year.

The students will be part of the entire process from start to finish, i.e. planning and transferring the design from paper to the bench, then painting the design and dotting the background, depending on the design the students come up with.

We are very much looking forward to the students' collaborative efforts, so we can permanently fix our school's 'friendship' & 'healing bench' in a prominent space within our school grounds for students to value and utilise when needed.



## Welcome to the community

Charlotte Seacombe has welcomed a new baby sister, Harper Maisy Secombe. Congratulations to Charlotte and Grace, and parents Brandon and Jennifer. God has blessed you with the gift of Harper's love and life!

## Children's University

Please find attached The Children's University Term 3 Newsletter and Spring School Holiday Challenge, in readiness for the holidays.

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At St Joseph's Hindmarsh, learning is co-constructed and dynamic. Learners are encouraged to **IMAGINE**, **DISCOVER** and **CREATE** and to make meaningful connections with their world.

As capable learners they are given opportunities to develop capabilities that build their confidence and skills to engage with the curriculum and **ACHIEVE** excellence.

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# Acknowledgement of Country

St Joseph's Catholic School, Hindmarsh, acknowledges that we gather on the Country of the Kurna People of the Adelaide Region.

**St Mary of the Cross MacKillop**, was passionate about supporting and working alongside Indigenous Australians here in South Australia and across many parts of our country.

As a proud **Josephite school**, we acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this Land on which we celebrate today, the **Kurna People**. As we enter a time of sacred celebration, we pay our **respects** to Elders, **past, present and emerging**, for whom this Land is sacred. We **honour** the presence of the Ancestors who reside on this Land and whose spirituality flows through all creation.

Artwork by Tjungkiya Wukup  
(Linda Syddick) Napaltjarri



**St Joseph's  
School**  
HINDMARSH





**2024**  
**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
**WHERE DREAMS BEGIN...**

**MONDAY 23 - THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER**  
**Festival Theatre, Adelaide Festival Centre**

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Open to the Public



**St Joseph's Choir performing on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

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