

ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 3 WEEK 2
FRIDAY 26 JULY 2024

Principal's Message

From our Principal Mr Michael Gavaghan

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we embark on the second semester of this school year, I am filled with enthusiasm and optimism for the opportunities that lie ahead. The first half of the year was marked by remarkable achievements and growth, and I am confident that we will continue to build on this momentum.

Our primary focus for this semester is to enhance student engagement in learning as we continue our involvement in the Flourishing Learners West initiative. As I have previously explained, this initiative involves many of the Catholic primary schools of the Western region working together with our regional consultants to implement Science of Learning and Science of Reading. During term 3 we will continue strengthening classroom mastery strategies and reimagine our whole school reading and spelling approach. At the same time we continue to work with the teachers in strengthening consistent use of teacher skills that support the changes being introduced. Our next pupil free day is on Friday 16 August, where the teachers will once again combine with over 600 other teachers with a learning focus on Reading & Spelling.

Highlights of this term will be:

- Book Week, to be held in the week of 19-23 August featuring a Book Week parade on Friday 23 August.
- Father's Day breakfast and footy day on Friday 30 August.
- Year 3 Camp to Sovereign Hill - 21st & 22nd August.
- Year 5 Camp to Sunnystones - 4th - 6th September

This week illness has hit St. Andrew's hard and we have had to send many students home with gastro-like symptoms. Please assist us to reduce the spread of this highly transmissible illness by keeping students home if they are complaining of not feeling well. I understand that it is not always easy to provide care if they're at home but we are trying to keep our teachers healthy as well as the whole student body.

Principals in Catholic schools have a significant role in shaping the culture in which effective teaching and learning occurs in a Catholic context. Through engaging and inspiring the school community, principals develop a shared vision, mission and strategic direction for the school. They are learners themselves; constantly striving for improvement in all aspects of their leadership practice in order to enhance the outcomes for all students. In this spirit, MACS offers and expects principals to nourish their spiritual lives through faith formation activities.

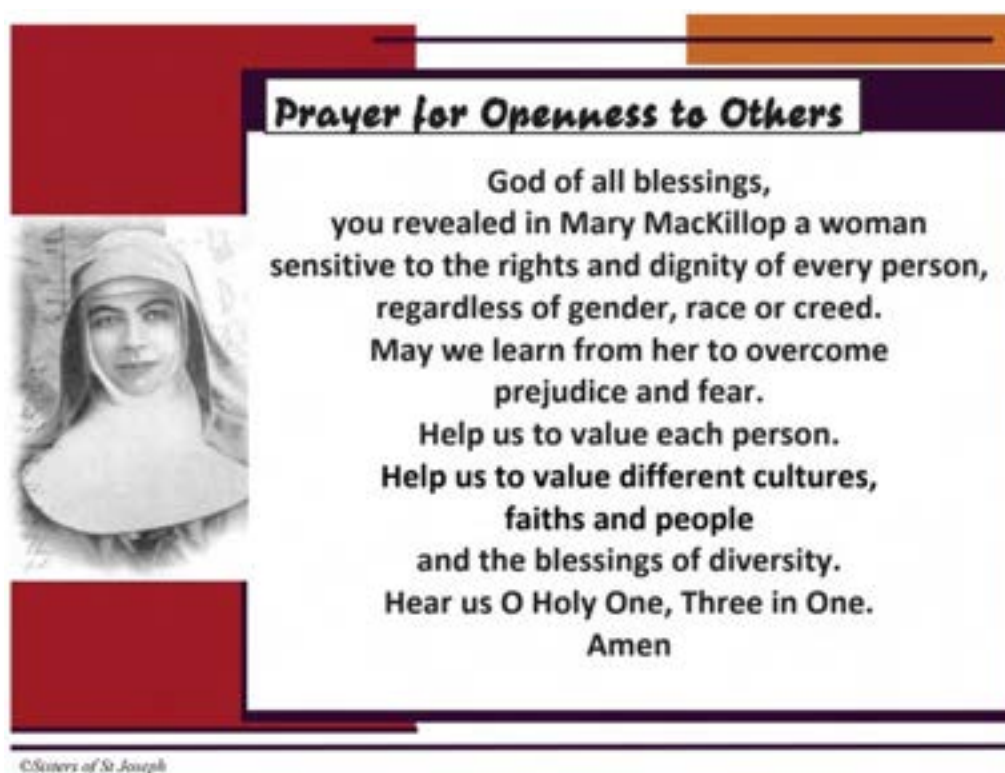
Lisa Black and I have been accepted to participate in a Mary MacKillop pilgrimage titled, Missionary Spirit in Catholic Education: A journey with Mary MacKillop during the week of August 19 - 23. We will travel from MacKillop College, Werribee, through Portland and Penola and conclude in Adelaide. I look forward to sharing this experience with the school community on our return. Glenn Mugavin has also been chosen to participate in a MACS program titled Inspired to Lead. This program will see Glenn join with other catholic school leaders to journey to Rome, Assisi and Siena during the term 3 school holidays to explore these famous holy sites with a spiritual director.

On Saturday 17 August, St Andrew's Parish are holding their major fundraiser for the year, A Dinner Dance at Werribee Italian Sports Club, Tickets are \$60.00 per adult and \$30.00 per child. Tickets are available from the Parish. I strongly encourage you to consider supporting this event.

As we move forward, let's work together to make this term a memorable and productive one. Thank you for being an integral part of our school community.

Regards,

Michael Gavaghan



Prayer for Openness to Others

God of all blessings,
 you revealed in Mary MacKillop a woman
 sensitive to the rights and dignity of every person,
 regardless of gender, race or creed.
 May we learn from her to overcome
 prejudice and fear.
 Help us to value each person.
 Help us to value different cultures,
 faiths and people
 and the blessings of diversity.
 Hear us O Holy One, Three in One.
 Amen

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SUBWAY lunches can be ordered for the rest of the year through the Canteen Hub website:

<http://app.canteenhub.com.au/login>

You can place an order up until 5pm on the Wednesday before the Friday delivery date, our next delivery date is:

Friday 9 August.

PARENT ASSOCIATION

The meeting scheduled for Monday 22 July has been rescheduled to Monday 5 August due to Amy Jilbert, the current chairperson, having a new baby, Alexander. We congratulate her and the family.

Thank you for the wonderful support of the Neon Disco, held at the end of last term. The amount raised was \$5,743.00. Thank you to the wonderful army of parents who offered to help in many different ways on the night, it made the job for the staff a lot easier.

Our next major events are:

Father's Day stall on Monday 26 August & Tuesday 27 August.

Trivia Night on September 13 (start getting your tables together)

STUDENT ABSENCES

Please ensure that you are notifying the office or your child's teacher in the event of your child being away. You must give the reason for the absence.

For longer periods of absence, such as in the event of a holiday, please notify the school office in writing, enquiries@sawerribee.catholic.edu.au

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the School Advisory Council will be held on Tuesday 6th August. At each meeting we provide time for Parent Voice. If you have ideas or questions you would like to see discussed by our School Advisory Council please forward them to principal@sawerribee.catholic.edu.au with the subject, Parent Voice.

The current parent members of the School Advisory Council are Kearan Gibaldi, Steven Carvalho, Jenny Douglas, Anyieth Ngueny and Richard Shortt.

Office Hours

Please note that office hours are
8:30am - 4:00pm Monday to
Friday.



PE News

From our PE Teacher Ms Sally Taylor

Yr 6 Hobsons Bay / Wyndham Divisional Winter Gala Day Netball Finals

Congratulations to our Yr 6 Netballers, Amelia, Etain, Mila, Angel, Mathilde, Kiraleigh and Isabella who were runners up in the Divisional Winter Gala Day on Tuesday.

This is a magnificent achievement and we are extremely proud of you all, especially playing short, missing Natalia and Grace due to injury.

A big thank you to the parents who were able to support the girls each day from the sidelines.



From our Netballers

On the 23th of July, 8 year 6 girls (Isabella, Kiraleigh, Etain, Mathilde, Amelia, Angel, Natalia, and Mila) from the netball team represented our school in Altona. We played our best and came runners up. We would like to thank Mrs Sweeny, for being an amazing coach to us and Matthew for driving us to and from the Altona sports centre. We thank Miss Taylor for organising the Gala day and we thank the parents for coming to the 1st round and the finals to cheer us on.

Upcoming Events:

- Yr 5 and 6 Footy Clinics - Tuesday 6th and 13th August
- Yr 3 and 4 Footy Clinics - Wednesday 7th and 14th August
- Year 5 Hoop Time Trials - Tuesday 6th August
- Year 6 Hoop Time Trials - Tuesday 13th August
- Werribee District Athletics Carnival - Tuesday 20th August
- Footy Fun Day - SEDA Activate inflatables- Friday 30th August
- F-2 First Aid in Schools Program - Friday 13th September
- Yr 5 and 6 Hoop Time Competition - Monday 16th September

Catholic Identity News

From our Deputy Principal Mr Glenn Mugavin

Teaching and Learning about St Mary of the Cross MacKillop



St Mary of the Cross MacKillop is Australia's first official saint and her feast day is Thursday 8 August. **Our next whole-school mass will be for the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop on Thursday 8 August at 9am in St Andrew's Church.**

Families are most welcome to join us in prayer at this mass.

Our Year 4 students are learning more about St Mary, particularly of her as a model of service in education and care to the most needy, both in Australia and throughout the world.

As a school we are having special activities to acknowledge the significant influence of the Josephites on our school community.

Families are encouraged to learn more about Mary MacKillop together [here](#).

Connection to the Parish community - Mass for the Feast of the Assumption

Our next 'Buddy' mass is Thursday, 15 August at 9am. Our Year 3s and Year 4s are attending the parish mass for the Feast of the Assumption. Families are most welcome to join with them in prayer at mass.

The Assumption celebrates Mary's passing over, body and soul, from this world into the glory of heaven. It is the principal feast of the Blessed Virgin.

More information [here](#).



Year 3 News

From our Year 3A Teacher, Ms Tennille Purton

On Tuesday the 16th of July 2024, the Year 3s went back in time to the 1800's! We did our whole school day like the students of the past did. The teachers were very strict and if you were silly by talking without being told to or not listening you had to stand in the corner of the classroom. They also had a cane that they tapped on the table as they walked past. Our teachers dressed up and looked like they were from the past because they were wearing long blue dresses, bonnets, gloves and a shawl. Some of the teachers even dressed up like nuns. They were wearing a long brown dress that covered their whole body and they had a habit on their heads.

Every time a teacher entered the room we stood up and greeted them by saying "Good morning ma'am" or "Good morning Sir" as we bowed to them. We even had to hold our hands out everytime we entered the classroom for a hand inspection. If your hands were dirty or you had marker on them the teachers would say "Child! What is this? Go and wash your hands!"

We did lots of activities that were from the past. One of our favourites was making dolls out of pieces of material. We had to wrap it around a ball of paper and tie it together using a rubber band. Once it was secure, we used a pencil to draw a face on the doll. We also used a feather called a quill that we dipped in ink to write the alphabet in cursive. In the 1800's you were not allowed to be left handed, so some of us had to use our right hands which was a bit tricky. During our arithmetic lesson, we had to chant the times tables and then write it down on a chalkboard.

We had so much fun during our day in the past and most of us wish we could have school like it's the 1800's everyday!

By Nico and Livia



CREATIVE ARTS

FOUNDATION

Last term we explored the element of line. We experimented making different types of lines using different mediums including watercolour, pastel, collage



1/2

Our 1/2 classes have started to learn about colour. They were inspired by the work of Indigenous Artists The Nurmina Sisters, drawing on warm or cool colours and shapes in the environment. They created Penguins that will be sent to Tasmania to be a part of the Australian Antarctic Festival



3/4

Our 3/4 classes last term explored Tabelaux as a drama form. They created their own Tableau, drawing on elements of drama and performed these using a checklist to help them

Tableau Checklist		
Different Levels	Low/Medium/High Left/Right/Center	
Different Body Shapes	Open/Closed	
Character + Spatial Relationships	Using positive or negative space Formal/informal (staging) Interaction between characters	
Open to Audience (Cheat Out)	Audience awareness for actors blocking	
Emotion	Shown through body language and facial expressions	

5/6

Our 5/6 classes have been busy writing scripts, making props and performing in their own rendition of The Day the Crayons quit. They are creating Visual Literacy videos for their buddies



Year 4 News

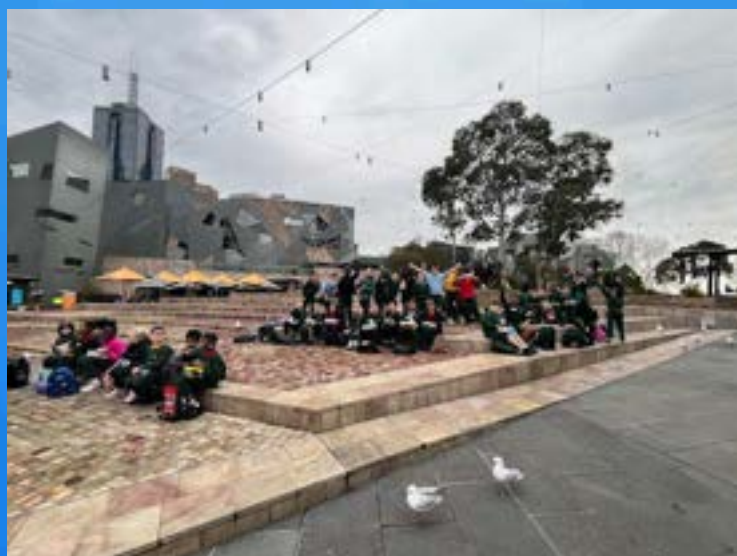
From our Year 4B Teacher, Ms Kathryn Eastman

On Friday the 19th of July, the Year 4 students went on an excursion to ACMI and the NGV in Melbourne.

At ACMI, we explored "The Story of the Moving Image" exhibition. This fascinating journey took us through the evolution of moving images, from ancient shadow puppets to contemporary art. We saw original cameras, iconic costumes, and movie sets, as well as sketches, clips, and artworks from various cultures and periods. We also used the Lens, a free tool provided by ACMI, to collect our favorite objects and artworks.

Following ACMI, we visited the National Gallery of Victoria. Stefania Fillipi, our Italian Language Assistant, led us through the renaissance collection and provided background information to some of the famous works displayed. This visit complemented our experience at ACMI by providing a broader understanding of artistic expression and cultural heritage.

Overall, the excursion offered insight into how people express themselves through art. A perfect lead into our Inquiry art unit.





What's your vision for Wyndham in 2050?

Love your community? Want to have a say in what Wyndham is like in 2050?

Then take this opportunity to share your feedback and help create the next Wyndham 2050 Community Vision (previously Wyndham 2040 Community Vision) as part of the Future Wyndham project.

Over the next year, Council will be undertaking an extensive community engagement process to inform the creation of the Vision, and there are lots of opportunities to get involved, including the online Future Wyndham survey, community workshops, online sessions and pop-up events.

For those keen to be involved in future stages of this project, and other projects, Wyndham City is also calling on all members of the community to sign up for the People's Advisory Panel.

The Future Wyndham survey and registrations for the People's Advisory Panel are now open and will close at 11.59pm on Sunday 25 August.

Get involved, make your voice count and let's shape our future together!

[Find out more and have your say.](#)

[Join the People's Advisory Panel](#)

Attend a Future Wyndham Workshop for Multicultural Community Members

If you are a multicultural community member, [you can register online](#) for one of our Future Wyndham Workshops.

Attend a Future Wyndham Workshop for community members living with disability

If you or someone you know is living with disability, you can register to attend a workshop via this [online registration form on The Loop](#).

Get in touch with us if you need any support or help to register:

Email: futurewyndham@wyndham.vic.gov.au

Call: 1300 023 411 and ask for Belinda Cliffe or Kate Imms.

JULY



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14	15 TERM 3 BEGINS	16	17	18	19 ASSEMBLY 9AM FOUNDATION 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL	20
21	22 PARENT ASSOC. MEETING 7PM	23	24	25	26 SUBWAY DAY PARENT CUPPA & CHAT 2PM	27
27	29	30	31			

AUGUST



2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 ASSEMBLY 9AM	3
4	5 TEETH ON WHEELS	6 SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL 6:30PM	7	8 FEAST OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP SCHOOL MASS 9AM	9 PJ DAY SUBWAY DAY PARENT CUPPA & CHAT 2PM	10
11	12	13 SOUTH SUDANESE COMMUNITY FORUM 6PM	14 TEETH ON WHEELS	15 FEAST OF ASSUMPTION YEARS 3/4 MASS 9AM	16	17 ST ANDREW'S PARISH DINNER DANCE
18	19	20 INTERSCHOOL DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL	21 YEAR 3 CAMP SOVEREIGN HILL	22 YEAR 3 CAMP SOVEREIGN HILL	23 BOOK WEEK PARADE 9AM SUBWAY DAY PARENT CUPPA & CHAT 2PM	24
25	26 FATHER'S DAY STALL PARENT ASSOC. MEETING 7PM	27 FATHER'S DAY STALL	28	29	30 FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST ASSEMBLY 9AM FOOTY DAY	31

SEPTEMBER



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1	2 MACS SURVEY BEGINS	3	4 YR 5 CAMP SUNNYSTONES	5 YR 5 CAMP SUNNYSTONES	6 YR 5 CAMP SUNNYSTONES SUBWAY DAY PARENT CUPPA & CHAT 2PM	7
8	9	10 SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL 7PM	11	12	13 ASSEMBLY 9AM TRIVIA NIGHT 6PM	14
15	16 YRS 5/6 HOOP TIME	17	18	19 DIM SIM DAY	20 LAST DAY OF TERM 3 SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1PM	21
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