



# St Mary's Primary School Warners Bay

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**We acknowledge the Awabakal People – the first custodians of this land**

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**Office hours:**

Monday-Thursday 8:15am-3:30pm  
Friday 8:15-3pm

**Upcoming Events**

For more events please refer to our  
Community Calendar on Compass

**Advanced Notice:**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> October  
11:30am & 6:30pm  
School Musical 'I Wonder...'



St Paul wrote to the Ephesians, "Don't hold grudges against others or lose your temper. No more shouting or insults. Don't be spiteful. Instead, be kind to each other and forgive as God has forgiven you. You are God's precious children. Try to love like Jesus has loved you".

***God our Father,  
You Love us all and want us to be kind to each other.  
Help us to forgive and make peace.  
Amen.***

Dear Parents and Carers

During this lockdown, if you're having difficulty or feeling stressed with the added pressure of now being teacher to your children, please remember:

You don't need to replicate the school experience.

Don't try to be your child's classroom teacher.

**Keep being the teacher that you already are.**

We trained for years to teach the way we do,  
just as you have trained for years to teach your children the way you do.

We couldn't take over your job overnight, and you aren't expected to do ours all of a sudden.

Read with your children. Cook with your children.

Enjoy the outdoors with your children. Make and create things with your children.

Sing and dance with your children. Play with your children.

Above all, keep being the kind, calm role model your child needs through this challenging time.

This is how you teach an important life lesson.

**Keep being you.**

**Your children are learning from you every single day.**

We hope to see you again soon!

The Staff of St Mary's

*Learning Together - Enriching Lives*

## Catholic Faith

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Sunday 8th August, was the feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. St Mary MacKillop holds a special place in our hearts, as she is Australia's first saint and the founder of the Sisters of St Joseph. The sisters founded our school, St Mary's Warners Bay, in 1959.

Mary cared about the people who had no one to look after them. She met Father Julian Tenison Woods who also wanted to do something for the poor children who could not afford to go to school. Together, in 1866, they began the first St Joseph's School in an old stable in Penola, South Australia. As a Religious Sister, Mary dedicated her life to doing God's work.

Mary MacKillop lived by the saying "*Never see a need without doing something about it*" (1871). Today, Mary MacKillop's legacy continues with the Sisters of Joseph. They continue their work worldwide, tending to the needs of the poor, sick and elderly and we thank them for all the work they do. St Mary MacKillop challenges us to identify how God speaks to us in our everyday lives. God is found in the everyday, ordinary workings of our lives and is never far away.

Each classroom in our school has a special statue of St Mary MacKillop on their prayer table. This statue reminds us of the sacrifices St Mary MacKillop made throughout her lifetime, the faith she held even when faced with extreme challenges, and the work the Sisters of St Joseph do to benefit those in our own community.

Congratulations to **Oscar Vincent** (2 Gold) who won the Koori Kids and Dept of Veterans Affairs 2021 ANZAC Day colouring in / poster competition! There were 63, 925 entries – what a fantastic achievement!



Our sincere sympathy to the **Hope** family (**Amity and Ellody**) on the recent death of their Great Grandfather.

## Learning From Home

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Although lockdown has not been extended at this stage, we are planning learning from home tasks in anticipation of it continuing next week.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding the learning for your child please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher – we are here to help.

## Learning

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This term in Mathematics, Year 6 have been working on collecting, interpreting and displaying data in various graphs. Students have collected information on various topics including the Olympics, their heart rate after physical activity and personal interests. They have learnt why we use different graphs and how to create each type. Year 6 particularly enjoyed producing a line graph by measuring exercise and their pulse rate per minute.



## Wellbeing

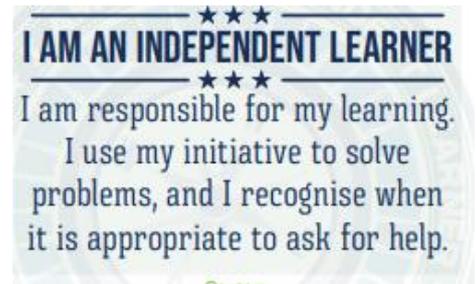
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This week we were planning to focus on the learning disposition of being an **independent learner**.

**This is especially important when learning from home!**

This disposition involves using initiative, asking for help and owning your learning.

We will continue to use and develop these learning dispositions for the rest of our lives. We should never stop learning.



## Awards

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**Principal:**  
**Campbell Hull (3 Gold)**

**Merit:**  
**Olivia Ong, Joshua Wasiak (3 Gold)**

## Sport

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Congratulations to all students who participated at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July. The following students have been successful and will move onto the next level at the Polding Athletics Carnival.

Junior shot put- **Sophie McCallum (4 Blue)**

Junior discus- **Charlie Forsythe (4 Blue)**

11-Year-old discus- **Jacinta Alexander (5 Blue)**

Senior 200m, Discus – **Emma McCallum (6 Blue)**

Senior 200m, 100m – **Chayce Afa (6 Gold)**

Senior discus- **Noah McCallum (6 Gold)**

## Library

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### **2021 Book Week**

The 2021 CBCA Book Week is taking place on 21 – 27 August which is Term 3 Week 7.

**Hopefully we will be able to all dress up as our favourite BOOK character during Book Week!**

More details to follow!

Each year as we celebrate Book Week, we celebrate the best of Australian children's books, their authors and illustrators.

This year the theme for Book Week is "Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds".

Australian children's literature enriches our nation and is truly a national treasure. In our school library we have a treasure trove of magnificent and varied texts available for loan.

At St Mary's Primary School, we are preparing for this celebration by sharing the shortlisted Early Childhood and Picture books with the classes. Students will be involved in various Book Week activities during library lessons.

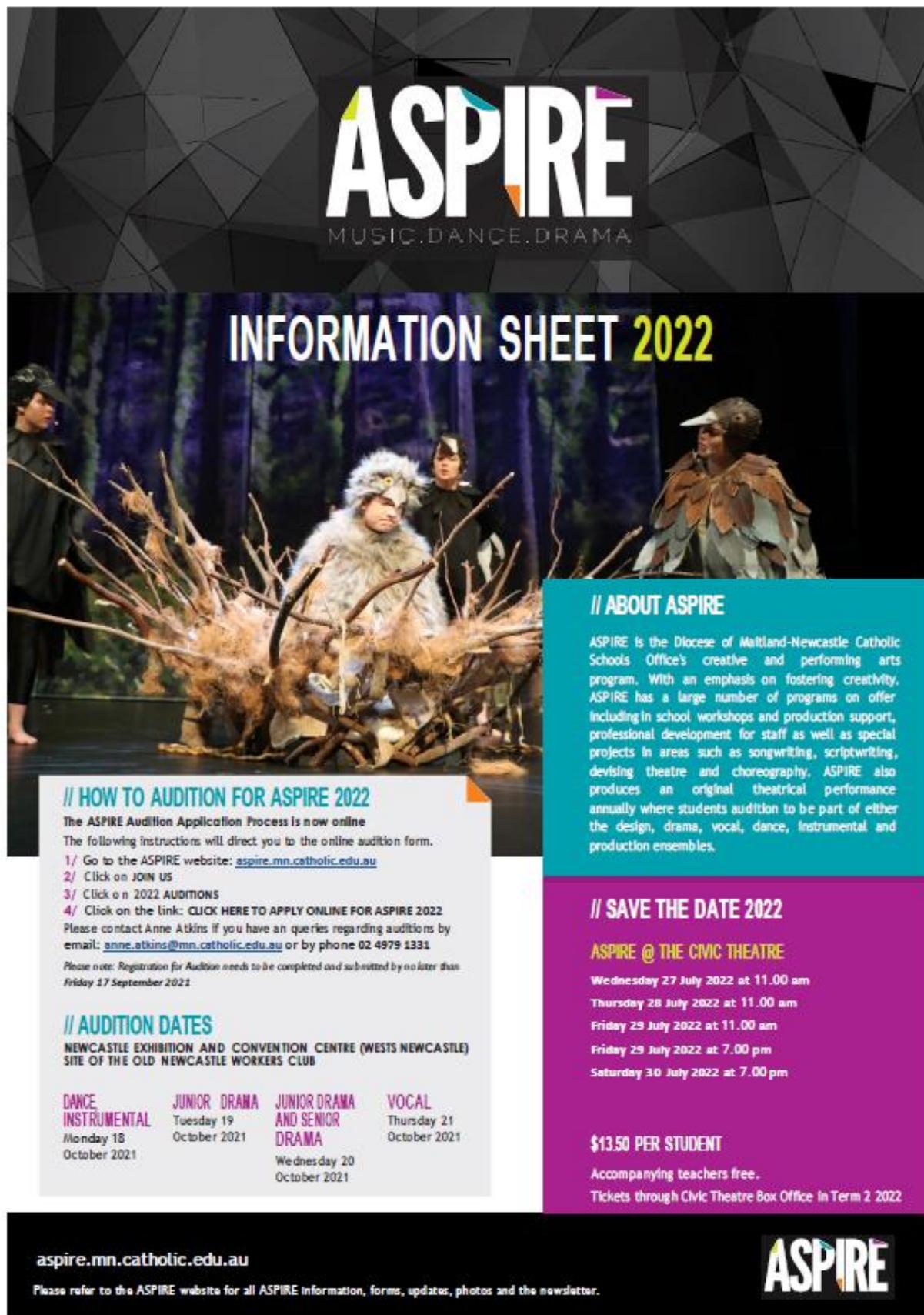


The shortlist of The Book of the Year Awards and Notables can be found at

<https://www.cbca.org.au/shortlist-2021>

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Let's celebrate all that Australian literature has to offer and bring our own treasured words, images and stories alive in our own families and the wider Australian community young and old, enjoy our "Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds".



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NEWCASTLE EXHIBITION AND CONVENTION CENTRE (WESTS NEWCASTLE)  
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DANCE INSTRUMENTAL	JUNIOR DRAMA Tuesday 19 October 2021	JUNIOR DRAMA AND SENIOR DRAMA Wednesday 20 October 2021	VOCAL Thursday 21 October 2021
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Friday 29 July 2022 at 7.00 pm  
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**\$13.50 PER STUDENT**  
Accompanying teachers free.  
Tickets through Civic Theatre Box Office In Term 2 2022

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St Dominic's Centre, Mayfield, is a specialist systemic Catholic school that actively supports the Catholic mission. We have proud Dominican traditions which are evident in our relationships and rituals.

In partnership with families, St Dominic's Centre is a Kindergarten to Year 10 school that provides excellence in education for children who have differing abilities. All programs offered at St Dominic's aim to promote spiritual, personal, social and academic growth, with an emphasis on family and community.

**Enrolments are now open!**

Contact us today.

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