

Feed My Lambs  
John 21:15

# Maitland Lutheran School Newsletter

1st December 2023 - Term 4, Week 7



## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### WEEK 8

5th Dec - Year 6 Grad on the Green 5pm  
6th-8th Dec - Year 6 Aquatics Camp  
6th Dec - New students (Yr 1-9) to MLS  
for transition afternoon  
7th Dec - Year 9 Rite Journey Dinner  
8th Dec - Years 7-11 Awards Service 9am  
8th Dec - Year 10's Last Day

### WEEK 9

12th Dec - Foundation -Year 6 End of Year  
Service 9am  
13th Dec - Last day of school - normal  
dismissal 2.55pm

# This Week's Message

## WISH

*Christmas is a time for making wishes - right? As a boy I remember wishing for all sorts of things for Christmas - a dog, a 10 speed racing bike, a new cricket bat and a metal detector to name a few. I had mixed results in getting my wishes. My guess is many of our parents have their children bombarding them with wishes right now. Oh the pressure!*

*As adults we probably make lots of wishes too. It is very easy to wish our "wants" into our life and think our lives would be better because of them. I wish I had a new car - it would make travel and fitting the kids gear so much easier. I wish I could have tomorrow off - it would give me time to catch up. I wish I could afford an overseas holiday - it would provide me with an experience like many of my friends have had. Dare I say it - I wish my kids would play nicely with each other - it would give me some peace and quiet!*

*"For anyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." Matthew 7:8*

*When we pray we are heard by God. He doesn't always give us what we are wishing for, but he does give us what we need in that moment.... We can often look back in the rear view mirror and go "Wow, thanks God, you had it right."*

*God works all things together for our good (Romans 8:28). There is great comfort in knowing we have a God who takes the time to listen and answer us in His way.*

*So, do we need to wish this Christmas? Not really because Christmas reminds us that Christ came to earth to give us love, hope, peace and joy.*

*To all in our school community please enjoy a truly Blessed Christmas with your family.*

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*It is that time of year where there are so many school and sporting events happening it is difficult to keep up with. Some Knockout Sports are still needing finals to be played - we will acknowledge these on our Facebook page when completed. It is however important to recognise our school team that won the State Regional Hot Shot Tennis Championships. What an amazing effort, there are more details in the newsletter. Congratulations also to our musicians who were involved in activities with St Ignatius College on Wednesday and Thursday before presenting an amazing concert last night. Special thanks to Nathan Wright for his time and effort to provide this unique opportunity for our students along with Deb Schwartz and Sharelle Rowe-Sims.*



*Please look at the dates for the Secondary School and Primary School End of Year Services. We will be presenting the Rowan Ramsey MP award at the Secondary School Service and the Fraser Ellis MP Award at the Primary Service. Class awards for the relevant year levels will be presented at both these services. We look forward to celebrating the achievements of our students at these services.*

*A massive thank you to Ben and Neil Kohlhagen who reapt the school paddock this year and Ben Francis and Dylan Schulz who carted the grain. Special thanks to Dylan and his work team who planted the crop and managed it right through to harvest with the assistance of Shaun Hasting who sprayed fence lines. We are aware of grain donations made by a number of families to our farm account and thank those families for their generosity to the school.*

*At the Primary End of Year Service we will be farewelling Tayla Sheahan (Year 1/2 Teacher) who is moving to teach at the Blair Athol Lutheran School in Adelaide next year. Tayla has been a selfless contributor to our staff team and a gifted and amazingly hard working educator. We thank Tayla for her contributions and wish her every success at her new school.*

*We thank the families and students leaving our school community at the end of this year. Our school is made up of so many parents and students it is always sad to part company at the end of a school year. We do wish God's blessing on all who will not be with us in 2024.*

*Finally on behalf of all the staff we wish all in our community a truly Blessed Christmas. We are aware that many in our school community are still reaping and were held up by the recent wet weather. We pray for a smooth finish to harvest hopefully before Christmas. To all our families travelling over the break we pray for safety on our roads and hopefully a refreshing Summer break.*

**DATES TO  
REMEMBER**

**5TH DECEMBER – YR 6 GRAD ON THE GREEN 5PM**

**7TH DECEMBER – YR 9 RITE JOURNEY GRAD DINNER 6PM**

**8TH DECEMBER – YR 7-11 AWARDS SERVICE 9AM**

**12TH DECEMBER – FOUNDATION-YR 6 END OF YEAR SERVICE 9AM**

**13TH DECEMBER – LAST DAY OF TERM, NORMAL DISMISSAL**

**2024**

**25TH, 29TH & 30TH JANUARY 9AM – 3PM**

**UNIFORM AND STATIONARY COLLECTION – MLS SCHOOL OFFICE OPEN FOR UNIFORM PURCHASES  
AND STATIONARY COLLECTION**

**1ST FEBRUARY – TERM 1, 2024 COMMENCES**

**1ST FEBRUARY – YEAR 12 RETREAT TO ADELAIDE**

# PRAYERS FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

As we come to the end of the year we want to pray for our school community:

We pray for Rebecca (MLS Parents & Friend's President), Sam and Matilda Honner and your extended family on the recent sudden passing of Richard. Please know that we are here for you all and you are each in our constant prayers.

We know that there are other families also finding this time extremely tough with loved ones in hospital unwell and also families who are grieving the loss of loved ones who have recently passed away. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

We pray for families as they finish harvest, travel for holidays, and prepare for Christmas. This can be a fun and difficult time. May each of our families be refreshed and enjoy creating special memories this holiday time. Many Blessings

School families in our prayers for week 7, 8 & 9 are: Teya & Ameerah Wilson, Liarna & Luka Durkey, Alesha, Evelyn & Jack Wheeler, Jason Wood, Gabby Wiese, Khiana Gates, Archer, Hugh, Oliver, Asha, Gabrielle & Jayden Whittaker, Zara & Maddison Wissell, Blake Warren, Hudson White, Richard, Mikayla & Raymond Weetra-Webb, Reece & Greg Wanganeen, Lincoln & Asha Wegener, Natasha Zoumis, Milla & Mikalah Zwar.



## FROM THE LIBRARY

Please return ALL books to the Library by Wednesday Week 8 December 6th. This includes all Library books, text books, class novels and lexiles, so that a stock take can be done before end of year. Thanks - Library Admin.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



Archie 1st Dec  
Jonathan 1st Dec  
Amelia 3rd Dec  
Kyren 3rd Dec  
Jasmine 4th Dec  
Claire 5th Dec  
Jacob 5th Dec  
Gabrielle 6th Dec  
Chelsea 7th Dec  
Aidan 13th Dec  
Thomas 13th Dec  
Archer 14th Dec  
Layla 14th Dec  
Maeve 15th Dec  
Liam 16th Dec  
Amelie 17th Dec  
Kitty 17th Dec

Sofie 19th Dec  
Ivy 19th Dec  
Blair 20th Dec  
Reece 21st Dec  
Grace 22nd Dec  
Violet 22nd Dec  
Bianca 23rd Dec  
Maddison 23rd Dec  
Isabella 24th Dec  
Hannah 25th Dec  
Joseph 25th Dec  
Beryl 29th Dec  
Evalyn 30th Dec  
Brady 31st Dec  
Tyson 31st Dec  
Kennedy 31st Dec

# FIRST AID

On the 28th of November, a group of students from years 10 and 11 chose to undertake the opportunity of completing a certified first aid course.

As part of the course, we learnt and demonstrated how to deal with various medical emergencies, such as the recovery position, CPR for all ages, treatment for snake and spider bites and finally how to safely and efficiently manage someone with asthma and anaphylaxis.

Prior to the practical training, we also completed 4 hours of online theory as an introduction to the course.

Some of the student's favourite parts of the course included:

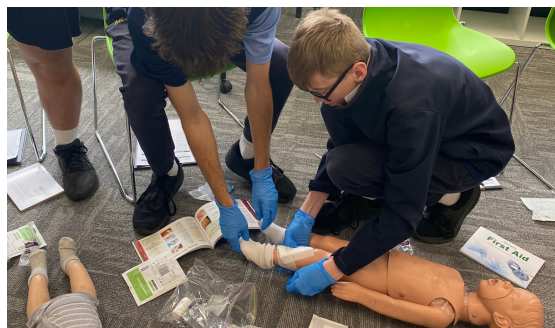
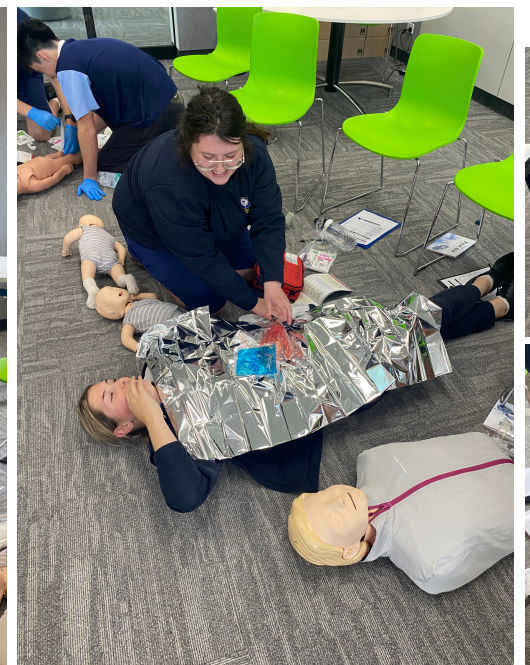
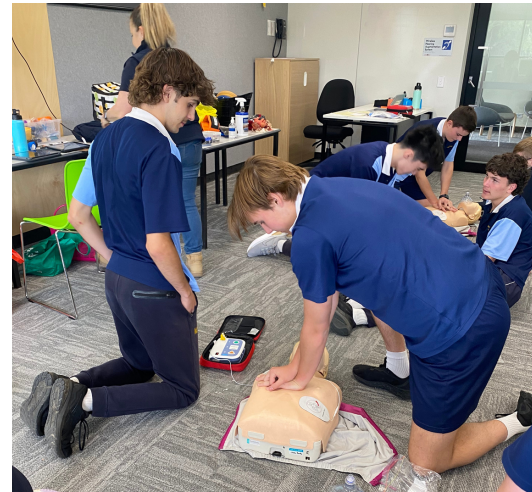
**Oscar:** I enjoyed learning how to put someone in the recovery position and completing the overall course.

**Macushla:** My favourite part of the course was learning how to properly assist a snake and spider bite.

**Sophie:** I especially enjoyed the CPR side of the course, specifically learning the difference between various ages from infants, children and adults.

**Angus & Jude:** We enjoyed completing the overall course, specifically learning CPR and how to use a defibrillator.

**Jason:** I really enjoyed working with my peers and learning new skills that are beneficial in the real world.



# YEAR 1/2 & YEAR 2 EXCURSION

On Friday the 17th of November, the year 1/2 and year 2 classes travelled to the Moonta Railway and Museum as part of our Integrated Curriculum studies.

Each class enjoyed a train ride around the heritage mining area, learning about the process of mining copper which happened there one hundred years ago (1862-1923).

At the Moonta Mine Museum, each class also had the opportunity to walk through the 14 rooms including displays related to the Cornish miners' lifestyles, war memorabilia and sit in a furnished olden day classroom. We also learnt that the famous Lolly Shop was once a Post Office as we enjoyed a small treat on our return to school.

Paula Wegener & Tayla Sheahan



# CUPCAKE FUNDRAISER

*Our Indigenous leaders thought of a cupcake fundraiser initiative after meeting with Sara Singapore, our Indigenous mentor from Adelaide. Senior school students baked and iced the cupcakes, while our primary students helped with sales on the day. We raised \$289 toward Children's Day. Thank you to all of those who were involved in some way throughout this fundraiser.*



*As the end of the year draws near, students will begin to think about next year. They may be moving into middle school from primary school, middle school to senior school or starting a new school. They will be having new teachers and be in different classrooms next year with new expectations and new things to learn. While change is exciting, it can also be an anxious time as there are lots of things unknown. In the bible Deuteronomy 31:6 is a reassuring bible verse 'be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified, for the Lord God goes with you; He will never leave you or forsake you'.*

*Over dinner, or driving in the car, or walking along the beach are all great places to have conversations about how students are feeling about finishing the year and starting the new year. Big Life Journal, <https://biglifejournal.com/blogs/blog/help-kids-cope-big-life-changes>, have information about change and transition and helping our kids through these times, including:*

- 1. Give Them Time to Prepare*
- 2. Listen to Their Concerns*
- 3. Read Books About Big Life Changes*
- 4. Keep Routines the Same*
- 5. Provide Connection and Fun*
- 6. Give Them Choices and Ask for Help*

*Also check out Transition to High School for Teenagers. Claire Eaton <https://www.claireaton.com.au/>*

# YEAR 4 – SYMMETRY

The Year 4 class have been exploring symmetry. We have learnt about rotational symmetry and have completed a range of tasks to create our own artworks using reflection and symmetry.

Highlights of the unit include investigating the question of 'How might we use digital tools to help us make our drawings symmetrical'. Students drew a pattern on the template and then scanned it to their email. They then copied and pasted it and used the rotate feature to create rotational symmetry artwork.

Our next task included pancakes and lollies! Students had to draw a design using reflection and symmetry and then got to put their design onto a pancake! Thanks to community member Cheryle Schwartz for making the pancakes and helping out with the learning experience.





# YEAR 5 – CHEMICAL CHANGES

*In Integrated Curriculum this term the Year 5's have been learning about changes in matter. This week we had the opportunity to observe chemical changes thanks to Mr Anderson and his amazing science experiments. We observed that when there is a chemical change in matter it can create - gas - heat - colour changes - sound and odors. This was a really fun and entertaining way to see our learning in a very real way right in front of us!*



# TABLE TENNIS

A big thank you to the Maitland Table Tennis Club who have kindly donated 8 tables and nets to the school for our students to use. Thanks to the Vandepier Family who delivered them to the school. We look forward to using them for many years to come.



## COUNTRY STATE HOT SHOTS CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to our Year 3/4 Tennis Hot Shots team who played in the Regional State Finals this week in Adelaide. They won all of their games and came away as the Country State Hot Shots Champions! Here is what they had to say about the day.

**Oscar-** 'It was a really fun day winning some tennis matches. We got to play in the final and we won the day'.

**Lincoln-** 'It was fun to play tennis, we had good weather'

**Meg-** 'I liked hitting the ball shortly and the nice bounce that the balls get on the clay court. I liked playing on the smaller courts with lower nets. It was a really enjoyable day'.

**Libby-** 'It was hard playing against good teams. My partner and I won a few games but it was still really fun. It was great winning the whole day. I'm glad I got to be a part of this tennis team.

**Finn-** 'I enjoyed playing tennis and I would love to do it again. My partner Lucy and I had some good games. It was great we won the day'.

**Jimmy-** 'I enjoyed playing with Oscar. We didn't lose a game. It was awesome when we won'.

**Lucy-** 'I enjoyed playing with my partner Finn on the court. I hit some nice volleys and won some points. I really liked the opportunity to play in the Hot Shots Tennis carnival'.

**Ted-** 'I enjoyed hitting the ball around with my friends'.



# SCHOOL BUS NEWS

*New buses have arrived!*

*We have recently taken delivery of some new buses as part of our bus replenishment program.*



*New additions to our school bus fleet include three low-km, second-hand Daewoo buses and one new Australian-designed bus, a Challenger V12. You may notice them soon on our daily school runs. These buses will lower the average age of our bus fleet, improving reliability and reducing maintenance demands. They will also be popular with our student-passengers, providing comfort beyond what some of our older buses were able to do. The new buses will give us the opportunity to retire some of our older and less-reliable buses.*

## **SOME NEW FACES IN THE BUS TEAM!**

*We have some new team members who are helping us keep our buses on the road. New drivers Gavin and Nick have already been slotted into the bus roster. As experienced heavy-vehicle drivers, they are both now helping get our students safely to school and home again each day. Xavier too has joined our team. As a vehicle mechanic, he will have an important role in ensuring the serviceability of our growing vehicle fleet.*

## **NEW SCHOOL BUS PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF ZONE!**

*With Glen St now closed to traffic in order to accommodate school-expansion projects, the school bus pick-up and drop-off zone has been moved around the corner to Osmond St. Osmond St is at the northern edge of the school boundary. This new zone is expected to be permanent. Future works are planned to ensure a space suitable for safe bus movement and student-passenger egress.*

## **THANKS TO OUR BUS TEAM...**

*It is easy to overlook the important contribution made by those in our school bus team. In getting our students to and home from school each day, they perform a vital service to the school community. Now that the end of the school year is upon us, it is an opportune time to thank them for the important contribution they have made this year.*

*We would like to thank all of our current bus drivers: Dave, Amelia, Gavin, Carol, Stephen, Vanessa, Chrissy, Mary, Nick, Dean and James. We also thank our in-house mechanic Xavier who helps keep the buses on the road.*

*Darren, who left us recently after many years of driving for us and helping with the mechanical repairs, also deserves our thanks.*

*Finally, thanks to some of our teaching staff who have helped us from time to time by driving when no others were available.*

*It has been a real team effort! The buses have kept rolling....*

*Our thanks to the whole bus team for their efforts in ensuring the safe carriage of our students.*

## **MLS YEAR BOOK / MAGAZINE**

*The 2023 School Year Book will be sent home in term 1 next year.*

*We are now including the whole years events / activities / results etc, and therefore it can only be completed after school finishes.*

*Students who are not returning in 2024, will have their copy of the Year Book posted to them.*

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Lutheran Church



**SOUTH KILKERRAN**

Sunday School lessons held weekly during school term.

Times

**ALL WELCOME**

Immanuel  
Kadina

St Paul's  
Maitland

St John's  
Sth Kilkerran

December 3rd	7.30pm	11am	7.30pm - Advent Evening + stay for supper & fellowship after
December 10th	9.30am	9am	11am

**MAITLAND**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
celebration

15 DECEMBER, 2023 | 5PM TIL LATE  
MARKET STALLS  
KIDS ACTIVITIES  
FOOD WINE & BEER  
LIVE CAROLS  
**SANTA**  
3 ROBERT STREET MAITLAND

**Curramulka**  
**Light Up 2023**  
Saturday 2nd December - Curramulka Community Club

Food, Drinks, Bar - Live Entertainment  
Face Painting & Henna Tattoos - Giant Inflatable Slide  
Bubble Disco - Glow Products  
Markets - Train Rides  
Photos with Santa in the Curry Cave  
Town Light Display from 8:45 pm

**Street parade 6:30 pm from Hotel Corner**  
All participants welcome - Assemble on Third Street by 6:15 pm

**ADELAIDE**  
**Strikers**  
**HOLIDAY**  
**PROGRAMS**

**Cricket Blast Holiday Program**  
**Kadina - Kadina Oval**  
**Thurs 4 & Fri 5 January**  
**930am-12pm each day**  
**Ages 5-10**

**VISIT [ADELAIDESTRIKERS.COM.AU](http://ADELAIDESTRIKERS.COM.AU)**  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**Female Footballers Wanted!**  
U16's (Born 08,09,10)  
Contact Mark Durdin - 0416 436 872  
Or Karen Woodroffe - 0400 241 738

"And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power."

*1 Corinthians 6:14*

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