



Dear Parents and Friends of St Mary MacKillop School,

Our school constantly strives to be:

A Christ centered community which challenges students to develop their unique gifts and talents through a supportive partnership of school, parents and parish.

As a community we have just completed one of the most important components of our work in building a supportive partnership of school and parents – Half Yearly Interviews.

The strength and quality of this vital partnership can be measured by the engagement of staff, students and parents at this time. With the weather at its coldest and the daylight at its shortest, with the temptation of World Cup Football matches and warm heated homes before us, the partnership is lived through this time spent together supporting the children. As you would know, the quality of any partnership is built upon relationship. No effective quality relationship can be built without good communication. Thank you for standing with the school and your child to engage in this critical communication. It is an investment in the quality of our partnership and ultimately the quality of our school and your child's education.

I thank our professional and dedicated staff for their part in forging this partnership. It can be missed at times that the staff stay back at school across a number of late nights, donating their time (there is no paid overtime in our work), giving generously of time that should be spent with their families. That is the commitment and dedication of the people who work in our school and the value they place on the partnership.

Together We Grow.

Mr Scott Buchan - Principal

Staffing Update

Over the past few weeks several staff changes have been finalised for the remainder of 2018.

As you are aware, Mrs Leonie Mitchell will be taking Long Service Leave for Terms 3 and 4 before retiring from full time teaching. I write to inform you that Miss Victoria Vella will replace Mrs Mitchell, teaching 4M for the remainder of this year. Miss Vella has worked at St Mary MacKillop over the last 2 terms as a casual classroom and learning support teacher. The students have had an opportunity to meet and interact with her over the previous months, which we feel will help make the transition as smooth as possible for students.

We are also pleased to announce that Mrs Natalie Borg will commence as a specialised music teacher, working with our Year 3 and Year 4 classes on Wednesday each week in Term 3 and 4, the focus will be on teaching the school strings program. Mrs Bernadette Quigley will continue teaching Creative Arts on Monday and Tuesday in Terms 3 and 4.

Mrs Deborah Aliberti will be returning from maternity leave part time and will work with KM and 2G students whilst their teachers are on release to complete executive duties.

Mrs Nicole Brock is returning from maternity leave part time and will work Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in the office. Mrs Joanne Groger will continue working in the office on Monday, Tuesday and Friday for the remainder of the year.

Stage Co-ordinators for Terms 3 & 4:

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 - Mrs Margaret Rowan, **Stage 2** - Mrs Amanda Joseph, **Stage 3** - Mrs Margaret Meehan

Mrs Maryanne McNally has been appointed as a one point co-ordinator which means that she will be released for half a day each week to perform executive duties.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school and the community

Social Justice Activity: St Vincent de Paul and Penrith Community Kitchen

Beanie and Donation Day - Wednesday 20th June

On Wednesday 20th June we had our Term 2 Social Justice activity that supported the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal and Penrith Community Kitchen.

The community support of this social justice activity was amazing and I would like to thank every student and their family for their amazing generosity.

Overall your donations amounted to:

34 bags full of beanies, scarves, gloves, socks and blankets; and \$300 for the St Vincent DePaul Winter Appeal; AND

75 bags of non-perishable groceries for Penrith Community Kitchen. This food will go towards making many meals to feed the needy and homeless this winter.

Congratulations St Mary MacKillop, every one of you helped to make this winter better for a lot of needy people..... thank you for your support.



Members of the Year 6 RE Team - Emily Mc, Amelia Mc, Ilaria G and Peony P presenting our donations to representatives of Penrith Community Kitchen and St Vincent de Paul.

St Nicholas of Myra Parish Sacramental Program – Confirmation

Parent Meeting Tuesday 31st July at 7pm

Parents wishing to enrol their children in the program must attend an information session, which will be at St Nicholas of Myra Church on Tuesday 31st July 2018 at 7pm.

Further information regarding the program will be given at this meeting. ***To be eligible for Confirmation, children must be in Year 5 or above. They must be baptised and have made their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.***

If you have any questions regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation please contact the Sacramental Coordinator, Colleen Nicholas.

Ph: 4721 2509

Email: sacramental@stnicholasofmyra.org.au



Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop: Wednesday 8th August

Please join us for our whole school mass, organised by Year 5, on Wednesday 8th August for our patron Saint Mary MacKillop. More specific details will follow early next term.

Mrs Gillard

Religious Education Coordinator

Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day:

On Tuesday 26th June, the Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day was held at Jamison Park. We were blessed with fabulous weather and a great day of sport with our school mates. I want to thank every student for the sportsmanship displayed on the day and the parents who came to encourage our students. Lastly, a big thanks to our amazing coaches, Mr Watson, Mr DeGennaro & Mr Radat - thank you for your efforts, we couldn't have done it without you! Our girls team won 2 games, lost 1 game and drew 4 games. Our boys Gold team won 4 games, lost 1 game and drew 2 games. Our boys green team won 5 games, lost 1 game and drew 1 game.

Congratulations to all the boys and girls for your efforts! Mrs Middleton



Girls team: Tia B, Myer C, Neve C, Mikaylah D, Kelsey E, Rayna G, Taylah G, Sara R, Amber S, Ella S, Jasmin T.



Gold team: Brok C, Logan C, Koby L, Jonathan M, Aaryan N, Alex P, Josh P, Luke S, Jack W, Cooper W, Deklan X.



Green team: Xavier A, Guiseppe C, Jet G, James G, Jay H, Cameron J, Blake L, Harrison M, Liam M, Tristan R, Isaac T

Lost Property

Please clearly label your child's clothing and personal belongings. Jumpers and jackets are often handed in to lost property with no name on them so they are unable to be returned to students. These items are donated to the second hand clothing store at the end of each term.

It is also a timely reminder to check that the clothing which your child has is their own as quite often children will accidentally pick up and take home jackets/jumpers which are labelled with another child's name.

Items which have been handed into the office this year which still have not been claimed include mobile phones, jewellery, sunglasses & reading glasses and keys. Please contact the school office if you have misplaced any of these items.

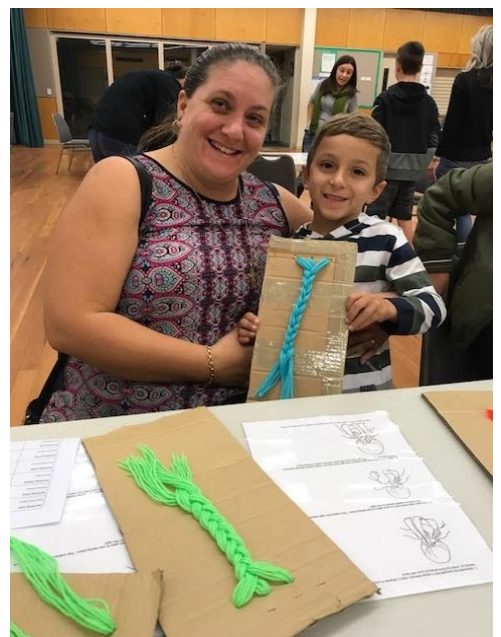
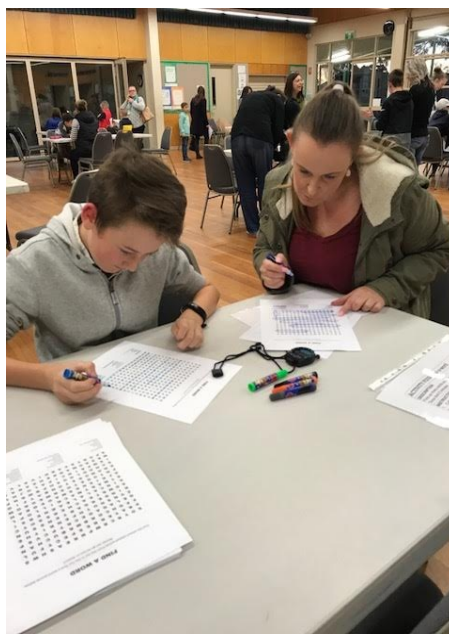


P&F News

The P&F would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your endless support in term 2. It was a busy term with our amazing Fete, beautiful Mother's Day stall, supporting the Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea, our ever popular Grandparents Day, the wonderful Book Fair and to end the term our first ever Mums and Sons night.

For all of you who were able to attend the Mums and Sons night we hope you had a great night interacting with your sons in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Nights like this would not be possible without our fantastic helpers...from the pre-planning of the night right through to the running the activities, cooking up an impressive bbq and staying back to clean up so our thanks goes to Natalie Borg, Natalie Sykes, Althea D'Costa, Cheryl Freeburn, Linda Proud, Hayley Walton, Sonya Peters, Marissa Midgley, Paula Micallef, Jo Randall, Catherine Watson, Gina Micallef, Anthony Flynn, Paul Bortolazzo, Brayden King, Jasmine Neal, Lillian Neal, Bethany Neal, Violet Neal, Aleah McNamee, Chloe Proud, Natasha Joseph, Kaiyen Biasi, Christina Giannacopoulos. And never fear Dads and Daughters your night will come in term 4!

We wish you all a safe and relaxing school holiday break!



Veronica Neal
P&F President

Building Child Safe Communities - Forms For All Volunteers

'Building Child Safe Communities' is an initiative developed by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta that enhances our commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care. It is now a requirement that all volunteers complete an online undertaking form that confirms expectations in relation to behaviour whilst volunteering at schools. This undertaking form also seeks to determine the suitability of volunteers and contractors by requiring them to declare that they do not have a criminal history involving children.

Volunteers – please access the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>, then click on 'Child Protection Training Forms' (halfway down page on the right hand side).

Then click on '**Volunteer Form**' (halfway down page).

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are volunteering.

If you would like to be a parent helper at sports carnivals, reading groups, gala days, excursions etc you will need to complete the form.

School Fees

Thank you again for your patience with any issues you may have experienced with school fees while CEDP have transitioned the management of school fees.

If you have not yet received your school fee statement or have requested a direct debit arrangement which has not yet commenced could you please contact the school office on 02 4724 3200.

School Banking

School banking day is Friday. School banking encourages your child to develop regular savings habits by giving them the opportunity to deposit money into their Youthsaver account at school each week. If you are interested in school banking and your child does not already have a Youthsaver account you can apply online at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking or visit any CommBank branch.



School Contact Information

St Mary MacKillop has migrated to a new digital phone system which in turn means our phone number has changed. The new school phone number is **02 4724 3200**.



Phone Number Change

The old phone number is still in effect and will be for the next 12 months, however, when we call you the new contact phone number will be shown on your caller id.

Afternoon Pick Up

Please pick up all children at 3pm across the road in the park. Do not come into the playground to collect your child or take them from lines as this creates safety issues for our children.

The teacher on duty will bring any children who are not collected from the park by 3.05pm up to the school playground onto our waiters line. If a child is not collected by their parent across the road, please **DO NOT** keep the child waiting with you, they must return with the teacher on duty.

If your child is on waiters, they can be collected from the playground between 3.10pm—3.30pm

Thank you for caring for our staff and kids.

Changing After School Travel Arrangements

If you need to change the after school travel arrangements for your child on a permanent basis, could you please forward a note to the classroom teacher.



If a change to after school travel arrangements is required after you have dropped your child at school, please contact the school office. Please be mindful that the office staff need to communicate this message to teachers and students and the process for this is to send a form to the child via the office bag which is collected from the office at **2pm**. We ask that you please, where possible, make these requests before **2pm** so that we can ensure the message reaches your child in a timely manner.

School Bag App Instructions

For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).



Dates for Your Diary Term 2 - 2018

<i>DAY</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
Friday	6 July		Last Day of Term 2

Dates for Your Diary Term 3 - 2018

Monday	23 July		First Day of Term 3
Friday	27 July	11 - 2pm	Captivate Orchestra Rehearsal - John Paul II Schofields
Monday	30 July	11 - 2pm	Choir Rehearsal - Nagle College Blacktown
Wednesday	1 August	9:30am - 11:30am	Dance Rehearsal - John Paul II Schofields
Wednesday	8 August	TBA	Mary MacKillop Feast Day Mass
Friday	10 August		Nepean Zone Athletics Carnival
Monday	20 August	9am - 2:30pm	Captivate Showcase Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday	21 August	7pm - 10pm	Captivate's 10 Year Anniversary Showcase Performance Quaycentre, Sydney Olympic Park
Wednesday	22 August	7pm - 10pm	
Thursday	23 August		Diocesan Athletics Carnival
Tuesday	28 August		St Nicholas Netball Gala Day
Thursday	30 August		Father's Day Stall
Friday	31 August	8am—9am 9am - 10:30am	Father's Day Breakfast Father's Day Liturgy & Open Classrooms

KIDS CAN ACT—JULY HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

MONDAY 9TH JULY SPRINGWOOD COURT	TUESDAY 10TH JULY SPRINGWOOD COURT	WEDNESDAY 11TH JULY SOUTH PENRITH	THURSDAY 12TH JULY SPRINGWOOD COURT	FRIDAY 13TH JULY SOUTH PENRITH
9.30-2.30pm The Princess & The Fairy Wish	9.00-2.00pm Pirates of the Has-Been	8.30-1.30pm The Princess & The Fairy Wish	9.00-1.30pm Drama Games & Scenarios	9.00-1.30pm But Wait There's More! Sell It!
	2.00-5.00pm A Bag Full Of Stories	1.30-5.00pm If The Hat Fits	1.30-5.30pm What Lies Beneath? (9-16yrs)	1.30-5.30pm What Lies Beneath? (9-16yrs)
	Half or Full Day	Half or Full Day	Half or Full Day	Half or Full Day
MONDAY 16TH JULY SPRINGWOOD COURT	TUESDAY 17TH JULY SPRINGWOOD COURT	WEDNESDAY 18TH JULY SOUTH PENRITH	For information, prices & bookings go to www.kidscanact.com.au Or call Cathie Parkes 0414 475 158	
8.30-1.30pm Puppetry No.1	8.30-1.30pm Mime & Mask	9.00-2.00pm Pirates of the Has-Been		
1.30-5.00pm But Wait There's More! Sell It!	1.30-5.00pm If The Hat Fits	2.00-5.00pm A Bag Full Of Stories		
Half or Full Day	Half or Full Day	Half or Full Day		

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT RATE

Owner reserves the right to cancel any workshops without a viable number. A refund or credit will be given.

KIDS CAN ACT — JULY HOLIDAY WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

The Princess and The Fairy Wish (4-12yrs)

Princess Heather's life is always so busy, and sometimes, she just wants to relax. As a result, she wishes that she was a fairy, as a fairy's life seems a lot easier than hers. However, when she turns into a fairy, her life seems even more difficult than before...

Pirates of the Has-been (4-12yrs)

A bunch of old pirates decide to come out of retirement to teach the young whipper snappers how to be a REAL Pirate. Come walk the plank, talk like a pirate and enter the world of the Has-been Pirates. Today we learn how to be a REAL Pirate.

A Bag Full Of Stories- Storytelling (4-12yrs)

The ancient art of storytelling is for all ages. Storytelling can encourage children to explore their own imagination and expressiveness. In our fast-paced world of mass media, storytelling can be a nurturing way to remind children that the spoken word is powerful, listening is important, and warm communication between people is an art.

Mask & Mime (4-14yrs)

Masks have a long history of use in performance. Students will develop an understanding of 'mime' as a technique used for expressing emotion, character, action and bodily movements. Students create their own masks & use these in mime performances.

If The Hat Fits (4-12yrs)

Today we will have a ball and use hats to develop interesting characters, learn positive group dynamics, cooperation and physical awareness. The hats will be used as a tool for creating, developing and experimenting with characters. What type of character will you become?

What Lies Beneath? Let's Make A Movie (9-16years)

Have you heard the noises coming from under the floorboards? Things are disappearing from the house, lights are on that you are sure you turned off and you can't find that old suitcase you brought in from the garage. Who or what could be responsible these mysterious happenings? Come film the story and help solve the mystery.

Puppetry No.1 (4-12yrs)

Children are naturally curious! Children communicate more easily with a puppet on their hand, giving them confidence to express their ideas and feelings. The children will have great fun as they try out different types of puppets. They will also make a number of their very own puppets to take home. They take home a puppet theatre to make as well!

But Wait There's More! Sell It! (5-16yrs)

Today, we will learn the art of persuasion and how to sell any product to anyone. Convince the audience they really need it and to buy anything you offer. Can you sell ice to the Eskimos? Let's make and film some fabulously fun ads.

Drama Games & Scenarios (5-16yrs)

Great fun where children get to work in groups or individually and be creative. Working as a team improves friendships and teaches us how to work with, cooperate, develop leadership skills and listen to others.

www.kidscanact.com.au Cathie- 0414 475 158

After School Drama

CLASSES START
WEDNESDAY
7TH FEB

Wednesdays

FREE TRIAL
CLASS!

Enrolment required

St Mary MacKillop School Hall

SUPERVISION AVAILABLE FROM 3PM UNTIL 5.15PM IF REQUIRED

@ 3.15pm SUPER KIDS (K-Yr2)

@ 4.15pm COOL KIDS (Yr3-Yr7)

To enrol

www.kidscanact.com.au

ENQUIRIES:- Mrs Cathie Parkes - 0414 475 158



BECAUSE OF HER, WE CAN!

8-15 JULY 2018

NAIDOC WEEK AT OUR HOUSE

Tuesday July 10, 2018

10 am – 2 pm

Parliament of NSW

FREE FUN ACTIVITIES
ALL WELCOME!

Join us for a fun day filled with activities for the whole family including: **Didge & Dance**, **Aboriginal Art & Crafts**, **Wiradjuri Language Workshops** and **Storytelling**. Join us for the whole event or just drop in for a little while.

Sausage sizzle on the day!

(\$3 per sausage sandwich)



This event is organised by the NSW AECG Inc.
in association with Parliamentary Education



Bookings not essential

For more information:

Phone: (02) 9230 2047

Email: dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au

www.parliament.nsw.gov.au

Parliament of New South Wales,
6 Macquarie Street, Sydney



TWO - PART SEMINAR

Understanding Family Law

Saturday 25th August 2018

PRESENTED BY:

Accredited Family Law Specialist

Saturday 25th August - SESSION 1

10am – 12pm

Overview of the Family Law Act with Focus on Separation, divorce and children.

- Principles of Family Law Act
- Role of Family Law Courts
- Filing a divorce application
- Family violence
- How court determines the “Best interest of Children”
- Parental Legal Responsibilities
- Mediation
- Role of Independent Children’s Lawyer
- Filing Consent Orders for Children and Property

Saturday 25th August - SESSION 2

1pm – 3pm

Overview of the Family Law Act with Focus on Property

- What constitutes or determines Property
- Application of the Act in de facto or same sex relationships
- Requirement for Pre-action Procedures
- Spouse Maintenance
- Timetables under the Family Law Act
- Timetables within the Family Court

DATE

Saturday 25th August 2018

TIME:

Session 1 10am – 12pm

Session 2 1pm – 3pm

VENUE:

**St. Patrick’s Cathedral Hall
1 Marist Place, Parramatta
(off street parking via Victoria Rd)**

COST:

\$ 10.00 per session

\$20.00 for both Sessions

Please note: Morning - Afternoon Tea / Coffee provided

Please bring your own lunch if attending both sessions

FURTHER INFORMATION/BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Contact: Rita PH: 8843 2575

Email: soloparentservices@ccss.org.au

SCHOOL HOLIDAY KIDS YOGA WORKSHOP

MONDAY, JULY 9TH | 1-4PM | \$50 PER CHILD | EMU PLAINS
(\$45 FOR SIBLINGS) HEALTHY SNACKS PROVIDED
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!

ENGAGING ACTIVITIES & CREATIVE EXPLORATION OF YOGA.
A FUN FILLED EVENT NOT TO MISS!



ENLIVEN YOGA

ENQUIRIES OR BOOKINGS: JUSTINE | 0413 236 542

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- DO NOT **SHARE** FOOD
- **WASH HANDS**
AFTER SNACK AND MEAL TIMES.
- **ASK QUESTIONS** IF YOU ARE UNSURE
OF "SAFE" FOODS.
- READ **ALL** INGREDIENT LABELS.

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