



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.

At this time of the year our teachers are analysing assessment tasks, reporting student growth and progress and preparing to meet with you to discuss your child's learning.

Throughout the year, teachers regularly meet with their teaching partners to reflect, analyse and compare each students work with the syllabus standard. This reflection phase allows teachers the opportunity to evaluate the success of teaching strategies as well as setting a clear direction for future planning for the learning of the students in their class. This phase allows for individual needs to be clearly understood and specific programs to be developed.

At St Mary MacKillop we have developed high expectations for our students' learning. When you receive your child's report, remember to refer to the statements of achievement that describe your child's level of success in each Key Learning Area. Also remember to pay attention to your child's work habits. You might like to keep the following four tips in mind when reading your child's report:






- Look for strengths first. Focus on the strengths and celebrate these areas. Take into account your child's effort and attitude to learning. If the report indicates that effort needs attention, then they have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, speak to your child about how pleasing this is and how it has a positive impact on their learning.
- Broaden your focus to form a picture of your child's progress as a member of a social setting. How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence their happiness and well-being.
- Discuss the report with your son or daughter talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.

Students from Years 1 to 6 will receive a level of achievement in each Key Learning Area based on a scale described by the letters A-E. It is important to remember that the majority of students are expected to receive 'C' grades which indicate that they are achieving the expected outcomes. Students in Kindergarten will receive a level of achievement based on a scale: Working Towards, Working At and Working Beyond.

A lot of time and consideration is put into allocating the grades for each student. Grades are allocated based on a number of variables such as student work samples, assessment tasks, observations and class work.

Please keep in mind that your child's grades may have varied from previous years, especially if they have moved into a new stage this year.

Sometimes the A-E scale is confusing for parents as it is not graded in the same way that reports were constructed when we were at school. To put the A-E reporting system into perspective, it may be helpful to look at the analogy below for driving a car.

E	D	C	B	A
<p>A person on 'L' plates must always be accompanied by an experienced driver.</p> 	<p>A person on 'P' plates, drives independently but is still learning.</p> 	<p>Full drivers licence, like most of us!</p> 	<p>Advanced driver training with extra skills.</p> 	<p>Grand Prix Racer!</p> 

Together We Grow

Scott Buchan
Principal

Sacramental Program – First Holy Communion

We pray for and congratulate the following children who have received (10th or 11th June) or will receive (17th or 18th June) their Sacrament of First Communion. The reception of this Sacrament is another step in their initiation into the Catholic Church.



Sienna B, Elise B, Samarah B, Louis C, Katie-Maree C, Millie-Jay C, Amelia D, Isla D, Liam D, Ava D, Rafferti G, Ryan G, Thomas G, Sophie H, Jacob H, Jarred H, Elisha I, Caleb K, Georgia M, Xavier Mc, Ella Mc, Christian Mc, Marcus M, Isaac M, Oliver N, Lily O, Jordan P, Julian P, Maurice P, Jack P, Riley P, Ben R, Jacob R, Madeleine S, Tanae S, Anastacia W, Hannah Y and William Z.

Whole School Mass 9:15am Friday 23rd June The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

At 9:15am on Friday the 23rd June we will celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with a whole school mass. The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a tradition that has developed over the centuries. This important feast day reminds us of the love Jesus has for all of us. The love of Jesus is a real, unconditional love and in our Mass we will give thanks for that love and pray that all who are lost may find their way back to God their loving father. We look forward to sharing this special prayer time with you.

Mrs Gillard

Religious Education Coordinator



Library News

The library has been a busy place in recent weeks—a huge thank you to all the families who supported and assisted with our annual Book Fair.

The students always enjoy purchasing books from the fair and thanks to sales exceeding \$7000, we will be able to purchase new resources to support our teaching and learning.

Special thanks to Mrs Lynch, Mrs Ellis, Mrs Neal, Mrs Chiappetta and Mrs King for your time and assistance. Our colouring in competition was well supported. Winners will be announced at assembly on Friday.

Please continue to encourage students to borrow books from the library each week—the Premier's Reading Challenge closes in August, so make sure students keep reading and logging their books.

- ♦ Winner of the hamper to support the Cancer Council was Grandma Kath (Grandmother to Joshua and Harrison Mifsud).
- ♦ Jellybean competition won by Grandma Claussen.

Maree Eisenhuth
Teacher Librarian



**MISSING SCHOOL
= MISSING OUT**

Early primary children learn new sounds and words every day. These are important building blocks upon which all future learning is built.

Help your children achieve their best by getting them to school on time every day.

every learner every day ✓

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SMMP FETE - MAY 2018

Our school Fete is a huge event which has proven to be a fantastic day out for our community. Our first planning meeting will be scheduled for mid July in Term 3, and everyone is welcome to attend.

We all have our own talents to share and this is a great opportunity to use yours! Keep an eye on this space and our school Facebook page for further details.

BACK TO THE 80's TRIVIA NIGHT: 2017 MAJOR FUNDRAISER - FRIDAY, 28 JULY 2017

Break out the fluoro and crimp your hair. This promises to be a fun night for all, with a Live Band, Silent Auctions, Games and prizes galore.

BYO drinks and nibbles. Prizes for Best Dressed and Best Decorated tables.

Contact the school office on (02) 4736 3466 to book & pay for tickets/tables.

\$10 per person (8 people per table only)

Spread the word, tell your friends and family. Only 30 tables available and they are already booking out fast!

We have some fabulous items on offer in our Silent Auction including a Private BBQ for you & 14 friends by Outback Steakhouse Penrith, an Overnight Stay for Two with breakfast at Novotel Wollongong, signed Panthers Jersey and more!!

As part of our major fundraiser, Raffle tickets will also be coming home to each family this week. 10 tickets per book at \$1 each, with some awesome prizes on offer!

We will also be holding a prize draw every Friday at assembly from 23 June 2017 for those families who have returned tickets :)

P&F GENERAL MEETINGS

The P&F meet once a Term generally in week 5 or 6, at 7pm in the school hall.

It is an open invitation to all Parents and Friends of the school to attend and hear what is happening in our school, faith and local community.

Updates are given on the fundraising and community building activities within the school and parents are invited to share their concerns and ideas about new initiatives.

Our next meeting will be in Term 3 and we warmly invite parents to come along :)

SAVE THE DATE

Boys Night In - Friday, 15 September 2017

Calling all Dad's!! We would love to have your input and involvement in organising this event. Please contact us at escarroll1@gmail.com if you would like to be part of the planning.

*Keep an eye on the school Facebook page for more details on our upcoming events *

Erin Carroll
P & F President

Week 6—16 June 2017

We further develop the idea of belonging this week in Peer Support. Having looked at the role of family last week now we look at our network of friends. The children identify all the groups to which they belong and the friends they have in each group. The activities are designed to encourage the children to appreciate the wide network of friends they have and the importance of humour between friends.

Discuss the ways your child uses to show their friends that they care about them and encourage them to do these things regularly.

Week 7—23 June 2017

This week in Peer Support the children learn the need to develop a range of coping strategies. In order to become more resilient, children need to have a number of different ways of coping with difficulties. Through the various activities, children learn to distinguish between helpful, resilient ways of coping and less helpful, non-resilient ways.

Discuss with your child the ways they have chosen to cope with difficulties that may arise in their life and encourage them to practise these regularly.

School Photos

School photos have now been issued. Order forms are available from the front office if you would like to order School Captains, Sports Captains or a Year 6 Muck Up Photo all photos are \$17.00.

You are more than welcome to come and view these photos prior to buying them.



Dates for Your Diary Term 2—2017

<i>DAY</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
Thursday	15 June	6:00pm	Maths Olympiad Choir / Orchestra Showcase at Nagle College
Friday	16 June	9:15am 2:20pm 4:30pm-8:00pm	Year 4 Grade Mass Whole School Assembly Half Yearly Reports to go Home Voices Music Showcase # 2 at Nagle College
Monday	19 June	6:00pm 7:00pm	Orchestra Showcase # 3 at Nagle College Year 6 Farwell Parents Planning Meeting Parent Teacher Interviews Commence
Tuesday	20 June	6:00pm	Voices Showcase at Nagle College
Thursday	22 June		Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day Jamison Park
Friday	23 June	9:15am	Whole School Mass—Sacred Heart of Jesus No School Assembly today
Thursday	29 June		Stage 2 Boys and Girls Soccer Gala Day at Jamison Park
Friday	30 June	2:20pm 2:15pm-3:15pm	Whole School Assembly Second Hand Uniform Shop open Last Day of Term 2

Dates for Your Diary Term 3—2017

<i>DAY</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
Monday	17 July		Term 3 Commences
Friday	21 July	2:20pm	Whole School Assembly
Thursday	27 July		Maths Olympiad
Friday	28 July	2:20pm 2:15pm-3:15pm 6:30pm	Whole School Assembly Second Hand Uniform Shop Open P & F Trivia Night
Friday	4 August		Staff Development Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Thursday	10 August		Nepean Zone Athletics Carnival
Friday	11 August	2:20pm	Whole School Assembly