



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.

Christ, as we know, was an inspiring and courageous leader. St Mary MacKillop was a passionate, faithful and committed leader. I am very pleased to see that these qualities of leadership are clearly present in the staff of our school and that they are developed and grown in the students of our school. I am able to say that we really do 'walk the walk' of trying to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and Mary as a Christ centred community.

Last night I had the opportunity to join Georgia Grady and Levi Choice (our 2018 school captains) at a civic function hosted by Penrith City Council and Mayor John Thain. At this function, the captains and their families were acknowledged and recognised for the excellent work they do in our school. I also have the chance to meet and talk with our school captains and vice captains each Monday. At our meetings we explore our thoughts and ideas on leadership as well as discuss tasks and events. I believe that I learn as much from these meetings as the children do.



This term our Year 6 students are also demonstrating their leadership across the school through the Peer Support Program. Each Friday every Year 6 student is responsible for guiding a group of students in developing their understanding of a theme. This year the theme is 'bullying'. The groups consist of students from K-5 mixed together as peers. It is challenging work for Year 6 but they are well supported by their teachers. During these sessions it is clearly evident that the leadership skills of our children are rich and well developed. The product of home and school working together for many years, the leaders ability to communicate, develop relationship and guide learning is clear to see.

I want to congratulate our school captains and all of our Year 6 students for the leadership that they have shown so far this year and commend them for leading in the ways of Christ and St Mary MacKillop.

Staffing News

Our school will have a further change to our staffing in Terms 3 and 4 of 2018. You may be aware that one of the industrial rights of all teachers within the teaching profession is access to Long Service Leave. At the end of Term 2, Mrs Mitchell will be taking a block of Long Service Leave that encompasses Terms 3 and 4. We have commenced a process to appoint a replacement teacher and will make you aware of the successful applicant later this term.

When Mrs Mitchell contacted me to request Leave, we also discussed the thirty years of wonderful service that she has given this community, its staff and its students. Mrs Mitchell let me know that her intention is to retire from full time teaching at the end of this year. This news was both happy and sad for me. I am happy for Mrs Mitchell and her family as she begins this next chapter of her life but sad for our community who will miss her so very much.

I will announce in coming weeks the arrangements to farewell Mrs Mitchell at the end of this term.

Together We Grow.

Mr Scott Buchan - Principal

Sacramental Program – First Holy Communion

Preparation for Holy Communion began on Sunday 20th May and Wednesday 23rd May for the children who have enrolled in the First Communion Sacramental Program.

Please remember as you are preparing your child to receive Eucharist, for the first time, it is important that you and your child attend Mass. Through participating in the Mass the children will see where the Liturgy of the Eucharist fits within the structure of the Mass and they will observe first hand the reverence of this special Sacrament.

I invite all in our community to pray for the children who are preparing to receive their second Sacrament of Initiation.

Masses and Liturgies – Reverence and Safety

St Mary MacKillop is a unique Catholic school, in the fact that we do not have a parish church on site for celebrating masses and liturgies. Prior to the construction of the hall many of our liturgical celebrations had to be held outside and were dependent on weather conditions.

Our beautiful hall is a wonderful space that is used for so many educational activities, however, whenever we use our hall for a religious celebration (prayers, liturgies or masses) this space becomes sacred, as it is our school church.

We are currently reminding and teaching our students about reverence in the hall - before, during and after all prayer times. When our hall becomes God's house it is important that we quieten ourselves to prepare to praise and talk to God.

Out of respect and reverence we do not eat or drink during a liturgy or mass. In addition ***hot drinks cannot be consumed during religious celebrations due to our duty of care and Work, Health & Safety regulations about hot drinks around students.***

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Mary Help of Christians – Thursday 24th May

Thursday the 24th of May is the Solemnity of Mary Help of Christians – the Patron Saint of Australia.

Mary Help of Christians was adopted as patron of the infant Church of Australia in 1844 at a significant time in our history. British settlement was just over fifty years old, the transportation of convicts was coming to an end, and the first elections in Australian history had been held in 1843.

Issues of land, immigration and education had begun to surface and the Church was involved in these social problems. No priests were sent to the colony in its early days and Mass was not allowed, except for one brief year, until 1820. It was largely the Rosary in those early days that kept the faith alive.



Catholic Australia remained faithful to Mary and was the first nation to choose her under the title Help of Christians, as principal Patroness. The Irish pioneer priest, Fr John Therry, dedicated St Mary's Cathedral to Mary. He arrived in Sydney in 1820 and assumed responsibility for the planning and initial construction of the Cathedral.

When Australia became the first country to have Mary Help of Christians as Patroness, it became the first country to have a mother-cathedral under the same title.

On the Solemnity of Mary Help of Christians we pray the following prayer:

Almighty God, Deepen in our hearts our love of Mary Help of Christians.

*Through her prayers and under her protection,
may the light of Christ shine over our land.*

May Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace.

Grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens.

Bless especially the men and women of the Australian Defence Force and their families.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.

Grandparent's Liturgy and Book Fair: Friday 1st June

Please join us for our Grandparent's Day Liturgy on Friday 1st June at 9:15am in the hall. This Liturgy will be prepared and led by Year 3.

During our liturgy we will pray for all grandparents and ask God to keep them in his loving care.

More specific details to follow shortly.



Mrs Gillard

Religious Education Coordinator

Book Fair

As part of our Grandparents Day celebrations we will once again hold our annual Book Fair in the St Mary Mackillop library on **Friday 1st June**.

Students and families will have the opportunity to purchase books from the library after the Liturgy, a percentage from the sales of the books will go towards purchasing resources to support the teaching and learning in our school community.

Students will receive a promotional brochure this week that can be used to purchase books online prior to the Fair.

Once again we will be running a colouring in competition to promote the Book Fair, students can complete and return their entries via their classroom teachers. Please ensure name and class is clearly written on the entry.

Mrs Maree Eisenhuth

Teacher Librarian



Tell Them From Me - School Survey

We are inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Mary MacKillop Primary School

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

<https://www.tellthemfromme.com/stmarymackillop>



Peer Support Group Program

The Peer Support Group Program continues for all students. There will be 8 sessions and each week will have a different focus.

Week 3

Children will review the bullying triangle and remember that bullying affects everyone in the school, not just the person being bullied. Everyone in our school has the right to feel safe and there are lots of ways children can help to build a positive school environment. The children look at 3 responses to situations; anxious, angry and assertive and discuss which would be the most helpful for them. Ask your child how they are planning to be more assertive with others.



Week 4

This week in Peer Support children will look at some of the reasons why bullying occurs and what sort of activities could be undertaken instead. Bullying behaviour is often the result of anger, loneliness, boredom or the desire for fun or attention. It is also linked to a lack of empathy by those doing the bullying. If children can encourage one another to engage in more productive activities then the incidence of bullying behaviour in our school may decrease.

We will keep you updated with the progress of this program through the KIT .



Busways School Opal Tap Campaign Term 2

We have received the following information from Busways:

Term 2 will see Busways continuing to look to your school for support in our efforts to enforce the use of Opal cards on our buses.

This term will see Busways Inspectors checking to ensure students are using their Opal cards when boarding the school bus. Students that do not present a valid Opal card will be asked to pay a fare. Failure to produce a valid Opal card or bus fare will result in the Inspector recording the student's name.

Below is an example of the form our Inspectors will use.

Route Service/School Bus	Date	Students Name	Grade	Comments
<i>Eg School bus 4620</i>	<i>25/5/18</i>	<i>John Smith</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Invalid School Opal card</i>

After the school inspection the names that were recorded will be emailed to the school, with a request for the school to follow-up with the students and parents/guardians concerned.

All students need to produce a •School Opal card •Child/Youth Opal card •Or pay a fare to travel on our buses.

Please explain to the students and parents involved that an Opal card is important because it is used to determine demand for bus services. If students don't have an Opal card to tap on and off the service will appear underutilised and may be considered for cancellation based on low passenger numbers.

For students that currently do not have an Opal card please direct them to the Opal website: www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/

Calling for old Smartphones!

St Mary MacKillop will be trialling using Google Cardboard this year. Google Cardboard is a virtual reality (VR) platform developed by Google for use with a head mount for a smartphone. Named for its fold-out cardboard viewer, the platform is a low-cost system. The benefits of using VR in education include;



- Enabling students to learn about science, history, and geography in a much more immersive way
- Promoting curiosity and exploration by inviting students to go on impossible field trips in space or in history
- Taking students to places where they can't physically go.

As we are trialling Google Cardboard, we need smartphones to get them working. We are asking for any old smartphones that you would be willing to donate. The VR apps only require WIFI capability. SIM cards and personal data should be removed off your phone (this can be done by restoring factory settings). If you don't have a charger to go with the phone that's not a problem.

Thanks in advance,

Amanda Joseph

Sports News

NRL Clinics

This Term, NRL Coaches are visiting SMMP to run NRL Clinics for our Year 6, Year 5 and Year 3 students. The students are enjoying improving their basic touch football skills and learning about positive sportsmanship and positive teamwork. These sessions are running in the regular PE lessons with Mrs Crystal Middleton.



Stage 3 Soccer Gala Days

The Stage 3 Soccer Gala Days will be held in Week 5 (Girls) and Week 6 (Boys) at Jamison Park, Penrith. A big thank you to Mrs Mathewson and Mrs Fox who have started taking names and trialling students for this exciting opportunity to represent our school.

AFL AUSKICK

AFL NSW visited our school last Friday and again on Tuesday to run a "Footy Frenzy" with the students during recess breaks. This activity was to raise awareness of the AFL AUSKICK Program that will be offered after school on Tuesday afternoons starting in Week 5.

WHEN: Tuesday afternoons Week 5, 6, 7 and 8

WHERE: Up on the hill

TIME: 3:10pm - 4:10pm

Please check the school facebook page for registration details if you would like your children to participate in this program.

Maryanne McNally

Sport Coordinator

Kindergarten Enrolments 2019



Enrolment Interviews for 2019 have recommenced and we look forward to filling the remaining spaces in our 2nd class. If you have a child who you would like to enrol into Kindergarten for next year, or know of a family who do, please hand your enrolment form in as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Playgroup and orientation will be sent out to families once the acceptance letter has been returned to the school office.

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 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 you need to make a change to after school travel arrangements 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 staff 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.

Skool 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).

We hope all of the mums had a wonderful Mother's Day and enjoyed the gifts that your children thoughtfully chose for you from our wonderful stall! A huge thank you to Catherine King, Michelle Lynch, Stina Paul, Calla Petrellis, Emily Smith, Naomi Murphy, Vanessa Butchard, Jo Randall and Carly Jenkins and Althea D'Costa for making the stall a great success.



Once again our St Mary MacKillop community came together and raised \$337.60 for the Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea held on Friday 11th May. Thank you for your amazing generosity for such an important cause. Thank you to the wonderful baking team of Naomi Murphy, Dominee Hyslop, Melissa Rowley, Sharlene Lonsdale, Marris-sa Midgley, Kylie Beazley, Natasha Atai, Linda Proud, Kathleen McNally and Aly Petulla and to those who helped serving Althea D'Costa, Carly Jenkins, Jo Randall



Also a thank you to the counting team who helped out on the day...Kylie Beazley, Naomi Murphy, Hayley Watson, Linda Proud If we have missed anyone we sincerely apologize, your help is greatly appreciated



Next Friday 1st June we will be having our grandparents liturgy which is always a fantastic occasion attended by a large number of people. As such we'd like to put a call out to anyone who could kindly bake some goodies for our grandparents morning tea....any slices, muffins, cakes, biscuits, tarts, lamingtons....it would all be greatly appreciated. Please email veron-icaneal101@gmail.com if you are able to help.

On Tuesday 5th June we will have our P&F General Meeting starting at 7.00pm in the hall. We'd love to see you there so please come along.

P&F Meeting



Save the date for our first ever Mums and Sons Evening to be held on Friday 22nd June from 5.30pm-7.00pm.....more details to come soon!!!!

The P&F Fete Committee are interested in hearing your feedback about the 2018 Fete. Please complete the survey to assist with planning of future events.

We appreciate you taking the time to provide your feedback.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8KNSXKX>

Veronica Neal

P&F President

Dates for Your Diary Term 2 - 2018

<i>DAY</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
Friday	25 May	9:15am 2.20pm 2 - 3:15pm	Year 2 Liturgy Whole School Assembly—2G Item 2nd Hand Uniform Shop Open
Tuesday	29 May		Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day - Jamison Park
Thursday	31 May		4M Cares Excursion
Friday	1 June	9:15am	Grandparents Liturgy Open Classrooms Book Fair NO WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Monday	4 June		Stage 3 Excursion—Museum of Fire
Tuesday	5 June	All day 7pm	Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day - Jamison Park P&F Meeting (school hall) All Welcome to Attend
Friday	8 June		Staff Development Day
Monday	11 June		Queen's Birthday—Public Holiday
Friday	15 June	9:15am 2:20pm	Kindergarten Liturgy Whole School Assembly—5M Item
Friday	22 June	9:15am 5.30pm– 7pm	Whole School Mass NO ASSEMBLY TODAY P&F Event - Mums and Sons Evening
Tuesday	26 June		Stage 2 Boys and Girls Soccer Gala Day - Jamison Park
Friday	29 June		Year 4 Liturgy Whole School Assembly—Year 1 Item
Thursday	5 July		Athletics Carnival
Friday	6 July		Last Day of Term 2

10 May 2018

Route 791

Dear Parents and Students,

Due to Transport for NSW requirements, commencing **Monday 4 June 2018**
Busways is changing **Route 791** currently departing **Penrith Station** at **2:53 PM**.

Route 791 will now depart at **2:51 PM** from **Penrith Station** and operate **2 minutes**
earlier throughout the trip.

There will no other changes to **Route 791**

For further information please contact Busways Customer Service on **9497 1870** or
9497 1869.

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Yours sincerely,

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For more information contact

Keeley Roberts: 0434 102 440 Email: keeley.roberts@afl.com.au

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2019 INFORMATION EVENING

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SEMINAR

Dealing With the Legal System

PRESENTED BY:

Mr. Richard Brading
Solicitor

At this Seminar you will learn

- How the Legal Process Works
 - How to choose the best lawyer for your situation
 - How best to prepare for and communicate with your Lawyer so as to minimize your legal fees,
 - The importance of having a Will
 - Options if you can't afford a lawyer or representing yourself
- Opportunity for Question Time

DATE

Tuesday, 05th June 2018

TIME

7pm—9pm

VENUE

13 Buller St,
North Parramatta

FEE

\$7.00



Diocese of Parramatta



CATHOLIC CARE
Social Services

Further Details and Bookings Essential

Solo Parent Services

Contact Rita

PH: 8843 2575

Email: soloparentsrvices@ccss.org.au

Stepping Beyond

Support Group for Separated / Divorced Adults



- Are you separated or divorced?
- Have your emotions overwhelmed you at times?
- Are you struggling with the impact this is having on your life?
- Is communication difficult with your ex-partner?
- Do you find it difficult to support your children through this process?
- Would you like support as you deal with your changed circumstances?

If you relate to any of the above, please call PH: 8843 2530 or e-mail Rita at soloparentservices@ccss.org.au for more information about our Support Group.



VENUE: 13 Buller St, North Parramatta
DATE: Last Tuesday of each Month (Jan –Nov)
TIME: 7.00pm – 9.00pm
COST: \$5.00

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