



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 State of Origin 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.

Staffing News

Nicole Brock will be taking leave from our school office next term to welcome a new arrival to her family. We wish her all the very best. We have advertised, interviewed and appointed a replacement for her whilst she is on leave.

We welcome Mrs Joanne Groger to our staff commencing in August. I am sure that you will join with me in welcoming Joanne to our team and encourage you to drop into the office to meet her and say hello.

Parking Issue

I have become aware that some of our families have been using the staff driveway as a place to stop and drop off children. This is extremely dangerous to the children on the crossing, cars on Fragar Road and pedestrians on the footpath. It is also likely to result in a fine from the Parking Rangers who enforce the 'school zone parking rules'. Please find a legal and appropriate place to drop children off in the morning and help to keep everyone safe.

Together We Grow.

Mr Scott Buchan - Principal

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

Mufti and Donation Day - Wednesday 14th June

On Wednesday 14th 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 fantastic and I would like to thank every student and their family for their amazing generosity.

Overall your donations amounted to:

19 bags full of beanies, scarves, gloves and blankets; and \$450 that have been donated to the St Vincent DePaul Winter Appeal; AND

101 bags of non-perishable groceries. 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.

St Nicholas of Myra Parish Sacramental Program – Confirmation

Parent Meeting Tuesday 25th July

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 25th July 2017 at 7.00pm.

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



Mrs Leesa Gillard
Religious Education Coordinator

CAPTIVATE SEASON

The Captivate Season was a huge success for St Mary MacKillop in 2017. We had 52 students across Years 4, 5 and 6 take part in the season as part of the Combined Choir, String Orchestra and Selected Voices group. Performances were held at Nagle College, Blacktown and some students performed on one night, others two nights and a few students across 5 nights! A very big thank you to Mrs Rowan, Mrs Meehan, Mr Russek, Mrs Bray, our school office staff and Mr Buchan for their assistance with supervision, rehearsals and organisation. A big thank you to the parents for their dedication and commitment in transporting students to rehearsals and performances.



Congratulations to Maddie S, Louis C, Isla D, Tayla S, Ava D, Lily O, Xavier M, Mia M, Ella D, Sophie H, Riley P, Katie-Maree C, Georgie R, Samarah B, Stacey E, Elise B, Noah W, Mikayla C, Lachlan L, Grace R, Emily F, Kate F, Emilia G, Lachlan S, Emily M, Brianna K, Matilda V, Jessica A, Ava O, Georgia B, Angelica P, Georgia G, Brayden A, Bruno P, Jennifer C, Monique H, Chloe H, Chloe P, Lachlan H, Brayden K, Jessica B, Caroline S, Isabella S, Ella C, Livie P, James R, Hannah S, Emma D, Annabelle S, Olivia E, Ella G, Zack M

JUNIOR CHOIR PERFORMANCE

The Junior Choir (students in K, 1, 2, 3) will be performing at tomorrow's whole school assembly (Friday 30th June, 2.20pm). They have been working on a medley from a recent Disney Film. Mrs Mathewson, Mrs Aliberti and I, along with the choir, hope to see you there!!



ST MARY MACKILLOP TALENT QUEST

It's that time of the year again for all the musicians, magicians, comedians, actors and dancers of St Mary MacKillop to make themselves known!! To coincide with the Feast Day of St Mary MacKillop, we will be holding our Talent Quest Showcase on the afternoon of Tuesday 8th August in the hall. This showcase will include performances from the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters from each stage heat. The stage heats will take place during weeks 2 and 3.

Students who are interested in performing will be given forms to fill out and return to their class teacher at the commencement of next term.

Students are invited to use the holiday period to think about and rehearse their act for the Talent Quest. More details to follow.

KINDY BEAT CIRCLES

Kindergarten have been enjoying learning about the beat and using different instruments collaboratively. Here is KH exploring beat concepts using percussion instruments, glockenspiels, boom-whackers and drums.



*Have a Happy and Musical Holiday,
Mr. Brad Carroll
Creative Arts*

P & F News

RECYCLED UNIFORM SHOP - Will be open from 2.15pm tomorrow, 30 June 2017.

SMMP FETE MAY 2018 - FIRST PLANNING MEETING

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 at **9.00am on Friday, 21 July 2017**, 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. We have 20 tables still available.

There are 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!! Some of these items will also be available to bid on via our Facebook page, for those who cannot make it to our event. Raffle tickets are available through the office if you require more, and there are some awesome prizes on offer! Thank you to those families who have already returned theirs :)

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

Peer Support

Week 8—30 June 2017

In this week's final session of Peer Support Groups the children will reflect on what they have learned over the past seven weeks. The activities help children identify their personal qualities, strengths and support network. They will be given the opportunity to practice ways of being resilient through role play and celebrate what they have learned.

Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day

Last Thursday, 22nd June, the Stage 3 boys that were selected for the soccer teams went to Jamison Park to participate in the Annual Soccer Gala Day.

What a fantastic day we had! Each team played 7 games throughout the day, and played some talented schools along the way. We experienced a couple of losses, some draws and a few wins throughout the day. I was so impressed with the sportsmanship and respect displayed by all on the day - the boys really did SMMK proud!


A huge thank you to Mr. Mifsud and Mr. Papalia who coached the boys on the day. Also to Mr. Gonzalez who assisted and refereed, to Mrs. Inskip who came along to help and to Miss McNally who trialled the boys for the teams at lunch time.

Year 5 Team - Lincoln Mc, Harrison M, Joshua Mifsud, Noah W, Liam E, Xavier X, Kyle R, Jake Mc, Jayden M, Billy S, Sean M, Levi C, Cooper B, Sean B.

Year 6 Team - Dominic G, Riley B, Christian P, Zack Mc, Gabriel D, Marcus B, Joshua F, Alex C, Sebastian L, Brayden K, Blake M, Lachlan C, Ky B, Liam P, James R.

Mrs. Mathewson



KIDS CAN ACT				
Monday 3 rd July	Tuesday 4 th July	Wednesday 5 th July	Thursday 6 th July	Friday 7 th July
Springwood	Springwood	South Penrith Guide Hall	Springwood	South Penrith Guide Hall
8.00am - 1.00pm	8.00am - 1.00pm	8.00am - 1.00pm	8.30am - 1.00pm	9.30am-2.30pm
A Magical Far, Far Away Land	Crazy Kooky Dress Ups	Tashi's Amazing Adventures	Ghost House	The Wonderful World of Dr Seuss
1.00 pm - 5.30pm	1.00 pm - 5.30pm	1.00pm - 5.30pm	1.00 pm – 6 pm	
Puppets & Storytelling	Comedy Skit Day	Mask Making	The Plane Crash (For older students 10—16 years)	
For DESCRIPTIONS and PRICES www.kidscanact.com.au Cathie 0414 475 158				
Monday 10 th July	Tuesday 11 th July	Wednesday 12 th July	Thursday 13 th July	JULY HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS STILL AVAILABLE Cathie is always happy to chat and find the right workshop. LIKE us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/KidsCanActDramaStudio/
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Dates for Your Diary Term 2—2017

<i>DAY</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
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
Tuesday	25 July	7:00pm	Confirmation Information Session St Nicholas Parish
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
Tuesday	8 August		Feast of Mary MacKillop Mass @ St Nicholas
Thursday	10 August		Nepean Zone Athletics Carnival
Friday	11 August	2:20pm	Whole School Assembly
Tuesday	15 August		Stage 1 History Excursion
Wednesday	16 August	11:00am-1:30pm	Danceathon
Thursday	17 August		Math's Olympiad
Friday	18 August	2:20pm	Whole School Assembly
Wednesday	23 August		To Federation & Beyond
Friday	25 August	2:20pm 2:15pm-3:15pm	Diocesan Athletics Carnival Whole School Assembly Second Hand Uniform Shop Open
Tuesday	29 August		Voice of Youth