



Dear Parents and Friends of St Mary MacKillop Primary School.

DEVELOPING YOUR PASSION

We have all heard people urge us to "Follow your passion." But what if you have no idea what you're passionate about? And it pays to remember that the reality of following your passion is not always easy or quick. It takes effort and time to develop a direction in your life that you know if the one you want to follow forever, whatever it takes.



Perhaps what we should be doing is *developing* our passion, finding out where our interests lie and exploring them.

We can start by moving towards what we are interested in. Career paths are developed, not discovered. Learning a new language could lead to a love of the food of that country and a career in cooking or writing or travel. Learning to play the violin can lead to loving another instrument or enjoyment of the world of music.

Doing things you quite enjoy may lead to the one thing you are really passionate about. A first job can be an opportunity to begin the process. You may discover a talent for leadership or teaching others or keeping records or cleaning. Take the first steps and you have more chance of arriving at the destination you really want.

Look for purpose. That means realising that we are hard-wired not only to gratify our personal desires but also to care for others. We often find ourselves when we are helping others. Ask yourself, were different? What problem can I help solve? How can I contribute?" You can try writing down your answers. Psychologists have found that writing about your values helps to motivate you.

Keep an eye on the finishing line. Your first hobby or job may not last very long. You may try out lots of things before you discover your lifelong passion. You may even find several things that excite you at different times in your life.

But the more you do and learn, the more valuable skills and knowledge you will find and the more doors will open to you. The key is to give things a go and then give 100% to whatever you are doing. Life is a journey of learning and it can be surprising where we find the most important lessons.

PLEASE SIGN IN

All Parents and relatives are required to sign in at the office when ever volunteering or helping at our school.



Thought for the Week

Time is a precious thing.

Never waste it.

-Gene Wilder

Have a Blessed Week
 Michael Siciliano
 PRINCIPAL

Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy: 8th December 2105 – 20th November 2016



Year of Mercy Logo



Diocese of Parramatta Logo

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

Last KIT the Spiritual Works of Mercy were introduced. This week I would like to unpack the third and fourth works and their implications for our lives today.

The seven Spiritual Works of Mercy are:

- To instruct the uninformed;
- To counsel the doubtful;
- To admonish sinners;**
- 2. To bear wrongs patiently;**
- 3. To forgive offences willingly;
- 4. To comfort the afflicted;
- To pray for the living and the dead.

www.usccb.org www.thedivinemercy.org

Admonish Sinners

Admonish sinners means to help and guide those who make mistakes because we are called to "speak the truth in love," as St. Paul put it (Eph 4:15), with both courage and compassion. We are asked to not judge, but be supportive in helping others find their way and correct their mistakes. Together we can learn to walk more closely with Christ. In humility we must strive to create a culture that does not accept sin, while realizing that we all fall at times. It is certainly not easy to do. It takes finding just the right moment and just the right words, and saying them in a way that clearly affirms the human dignity of the person.

Bear wrongs patiently

This means to be patient with those who make mistakes. This is a tough one. In God's merciful love, we certainly ought to share the Catholic Faith with those who are far from Him because they need His mercy so badly. (Don't we all!) It is an act of merciful love to share the faith with those who need it and to pray for them. On the other hand, we must be patient with God's work in other people's lives. We must never harass, pressure, or manipulate anyone. There is a famous bumper sticker that reads, "Please be patient: God is not finished with me yet!" That sums up pretty well what our attitude should be. Our job is but to sow the seeds of faith in the hearts and minds of those who are in grievous error. But change has to come in God's own time. Even if we never see for ourselves the fruit of our efforts, God will surely do His part to water with the grace of conversion the seeds we have planted, when and if people are ready to receive that gift. Until then, we are just to be patient with those in error, to share the truth with them as best we can and to pray for them, trusting in God's mercy and patience with us all.

The Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Thursday September 8th

The Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary has been celebrated in the Church since about the 8th Century. This is one of only three birthdays celebrated in the Church Calendar — the Birth of Jesus (December 25), the Birth of John the Baptist (June 24) and the Birthday of Mary, the mother of Jesus (September 8th)

The birth of Mary was miraculous. She was conceived without sin as a special grace because God had selected her to become the mother of His Son. There is nothing contained in Scripture about the birth of Mary or her parentage, though Joseph's lineage is given in the first chapter of the Gospel of Matthew. The names of Mary's parents, Joachim and Anne, appear in the apocryphal "Gospel of James", a book dating from the 2nd Century AD, not part of the authentic canon of Scripture. According to this account, Joachim and Anne were also beyond the years of child-bearing, but prayed and fasted that God would grant their desire for a child.

Religious Education News—Continued

In celebrating the nativity of Mary, Christians anticipate the Incarnation and birth of her Divine Son, and give honour to the mother of Our Lord and Saviour.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation is the final sacrament of the three Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Confirmation is a Sacrament of mature Christian commitment, perfects our baptism and brings us the graces of the Holy Spirit that were granted to the Apostles on Pentecost Sunday.



Confirmation is the sacrament of maturity, coming of age and empowerment. It is administered by the Bishop (or his representative) through the laying-on of hands and anointing with the Oil of Chrism accompanied by prayer. During the Sacrament of Confirmation the Bishop calls down the Holy Spirit and the candidates receive the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, which are: Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgement, Wonder and awe in God's presence, Courage, Knowledge and Reverence.

The effect of the Sacrament of Confirmation is to give the candidates the strength to follow Jesus and to become involved in the mission which Jesus left to the Church.

Congratulations to the following students who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on at either 5pm or 7:30pm on Tuesday 13th September in our parish church St Nicholas of Myra.

Lachlan A, Cheyenne A, Reyce A, Marcus B, Jorja B, Riley B, Ky B, Joshua C, Alex C, Ella C, Nicholas C, Laura C, Daniel C, Lachlan C, Jennifer C, Emma D, Olivia E, Abigail F, Joshua F, Jessica G, Ella G, Lachlan H, Mitchell H, Chloe H, Monique H, Mason J, Chloe K, Brayden K, Keely M, Zack Mc, Ace M, Christian P, Jacoby P, Bruno P, Chloe P, Kye R, Ben R, James R, Stefania S, Hannah S, Isabella S, Annabelle S, Caroline S, Brock S, Michael T and Samuel W

Mary MacKillop International Missions Fund– Used Postage Stamp Collection

Do you have used postage stamps that you can donate to fight poverty? Your used stamps can be recycled to help the poor. This activity will run for the whole term and is very simple. Just cut the stamps off the envelopes, leaving a generous margin and bring them into school. Each class has a plastic sleeve to place the collected stamps in.

Your used stamps, that you would generally throw out, can be recycled to help the poor in outback Australia and in countries like East Timor and Peru.

During 2015 \$34, 500 was raised and since this this initiative began in 2001 \$125,000 has been raised to help the Sister's of Mary MacKillop International.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Mrs Gillard
Religious Education Coordinator



LION KING JNR NEWS

WHAT IS NEEDED AND WHEN....

All classes are asked to bring their selected costume pieces as mentioned in the schedule below in the backpack or in a plastic bag with their name clearly marked. Kindergarten and Year 1 will be wearing their sports uniform for easy costume changes on both the Tuesday Dress Rehearsal and the day of their matinee eg.

Kindergarten: Tuesday & Thursday

Year 1: Tuesday & Wednesday

*Tuesday 13th September - DAY Both Casts

All classes - All costume pieces (in school bag or a plastic bag with name clearly marked)

*Wednesday 14th September - DAY Yellow Cast

*Thursday 15th September - DAY Green Cast

EVENING Yellow Cast (with Make-up)

*Friday 16th September - EVENING Green Cast (with Make-up)

Kindergarten / Year 1	Bright Coloured T-Shirts	Jeans or Dark Pants
Year 2	Brown or Green T-Shirts	Jeans or Dark Pants
Year 3	White or Black T-Shirts	Jeans or Dark Pants
Year 4	Blue T-Shirt / Shirt	Blue Jeans
Year 5	Brown or Black Shirt	Dark Pants
Year 6	Brown or Black Shirt	Dark Pants
Choir	All Black	Dark Pants
Grades are working hard in class at creating masks, headpieces and additional items to assist with their costume.		
Students are required to have basic face makeup done at home before they arrive at school for evening performances. We recommend some blusher on the cheeks and a light lipstick just enough to look effective under the stage lights.		
Principal Cast members and Dancers have already been given separate information.		
Black leggings are a suitable alternative to pants/jeans		
It is preferable that all shirts have NO print on them where possible.		

DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR TICKETS AT THE OFFICE!!

Yours from Pride Rock,
Mr. Brad Carroll and Mrs. Margaret Meehan



LION KING Jnr CASTING



	YELLOW <i>Wed 14th Sept- 12pm matinee Thurs 15th Sept- 6pm evening</i>	GREEN <i>Thurs 15th Sept - 12pm matinee Fri 16th Sept - 6pm evening</i>
I Just Can't Wait...	YEAR 1	KINDY
Hakuna Matata	2A	2M
Circle of Life	3W	3M
He Lives In You	4BL	4M
Be Prepared	5G	5PM
Stampede	6Mc	6M
Young Simba/Simba	James Rowan/ Nick Cheam	Lachlan Heather/ Olivia Ashton
Young Nala/Nala	Sarah James/ Isabella Smith	Sienna Murphy/ Georgia Bullock
Scar	Ky Breust	Grace Allen
Mufasa	Francesco Licastro	Brayden King
Rafiki	Isabella Redmond	Abbey Keane
Sarabi	Lily Loughland Larsen	Violet Neal
Sarafina	Hannah Selby	Olivia Williams
Zazu	Hayden Walsh	Stefania Saliba
Timon	Javier Turner	Romy Edgar
Pumbaa	Oliver Zakostelsky	Zack McGillicuddy
Shenzi	Skye Real	Ella Grennell
Banzai	Lachlan Harris	Ella Carroll
Ed	Xavier Whalen	Thomas Volkiene
Shadow Dancer	Jorja Bowman	
Lionesses	Monique Heidtmann, Chloe Proud, Grace Hicks, Talei Simmons	
Mouse / Scar's guards	Josh Camilleri / Billy Woodburn	
	CHOIR / DANCERS	

P & F News

A huge thank you to all parent helpers at our Father's Day stall and Father's Day BBQ! Thanks to Shay from Irish Butcher, Mike & Jen Hicks from Outback for donating sausages and everyone else who came along and made the day a huge success!

Michelle Darwen
President
On behalf of P&F Executive Team



ROYAL COMMISSION INTO INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

The Diocese of Parramatta is required to appear before the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, Case Study 44. This public hearing is expected to begin on

Monday 12 September 2016

For more information please refer to the Royal Commission website
www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au/public-hearings/case-studies

For anyone needing information and support please contact the Diocese of Parramatta information line on (02) 8838 3470. Operational from 03/09/2016 until 07/10/2016, Mon to Fri 7am-10pm, Sat and Sun 9am-5pm.

The Child Protection Information Line 1300 661 015 is available for families who would like more information about protocols or support services in Catholic schools run by the Diocese of Parramatta.

Concerns or allegations about any criminal offence should be reported to NSW Police on 131 444. The Diocese of Parramatta is committed to continuously reviewing and improving its child protection policies and procedures. For more information please visit www.safeguarding.org.au

Dates for Your Diary Term 3- 2016

<i>DAY</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
Friday	9 September	2:20pm 4pm & 4:30pm	Whole School Assembly & KA/KH Item Confirmation Practice
Tuesday	13 September	9:30am 12pm	Lion King Jnr Yellow Dress Rehearsal Lion King Jnr Green Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday	14 September	12:00pm	Lion King Jnr Matinee (Yellow)
Thursday	15 September	12:00pm 6:00pm	Lion King Jnr Matinee (Green) Lion King Jnr Evening Session (Yellow)
Friday	16 September	2:20pm 6:00pm	Whole School Assembly Lion King Jnr Evening Session (Green)
Monday	19 September		MacKillop Athletics Carnival @ Homebush
Friday	23 September	2:20pm	Stage 3 Touch Gala Day @ Kingsway St Marys Whole School Assembly Term 3 CONCLUDES

Dates for Your Diary Term 4- 2016

Monday	10 October		Term 4 Begins
Friday	14 October	10:00am 12:30pm-1:30pm 2:15pm	Mission Mass and Expo @ St Patrick's Cathedral Kindergarten 2017 Playgroup Session # 1 Whole School Assembly
Monday	17 October		Gymnastics Program begins
Tuesday	18 October		Mr Cauchi @ EMU Training St Dom's Discovery Day
Thursday	20 October	4:30pm-5:15pm 5:30pm-6:30pm	K -2 P & F Disco 3-6 P & F Disco
Friday	21 October	12:30pm-1:30pm 2:15pm	Kindergarten 2017 Playgroup Session # 2 Whole School Assembly
Monday	24 October	12:30pm-3:00pm	Way of Mercy Cross School Celebration
Thursday	27 October		Year 5 Teen Ranch Excursion
Friday	28 October	12:30pm--1:30pm 2:20pm	Year 5 Teen Ranch Excursion Kindergarten 2017 Playgroup Session # 3 Whole School Assembly & 4BL Item

Kids Can Act

Drama Studio

For kids of all ages

September Holiday Workshops

"SOUTH PENRITH Neighbourhood Centre"
Cnr Trent St & Birmingham Rd, SOUTH PENRITH. (Behind Southlands)

Get in now!!! Don't miss out the EARLY BIRD RATE!

The Day I Fell into A Crazy Story Book ...and Survived Mon 26th Sept (10.00am - 3.00pm)

Have you ever fallen into a storybook? Well, if you do, just make sure it isn't this crazy Fairy Tale Find out what happens when a boy falls into a fairy tale. He finds himself, being yelled at by a girl saying, "How dare you be on this page?!" and says she is Goldilocks After contending with her, a very angry wicked stepmother, and a disappointed Cinderella, all he wants to do is find his way out. Can he escape the book and can make everything happily ever after again... or can he.

Puppetry 3 Wednesday 28th Sept (9.00am - 1.30pm)

Children are naturally curious! This is an opportunity to allow them to spark their imagination and feed their curiosity. Children communicate more easily with a puppet on their hand, giving them confidence to express their ideas and feelings. The children 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, (rod puppets, concertina puppets) They take home a puppet theatre to make as well!

One Crazy Night (AGES 9-15 YEARS) Wednesday 28th Sept (2.00pm-6.30pm)

In this Workshop, we will look at some unusual characters who are trapped together in a petrol station shop during a storm. Once we have established some traits and the personality of each, we will then create a scene with all of them. The students will explore characters such as a 'Protective Mother', a 'Very Strict Teacher', a 'Pregnant Woman', a 'Punk', a 'Cool Macho Dude', a 'Grumpy Boss' and a 'Shop Assistant'.

Outside The Box -Act Make & Paint 3rd & 4th Oct (10.00am - 3.00pm)

Get creative! Ignite your mind! Look inside and see what you can find. In this integrated craft and performance workshop the children have to think outside the box. They will explore what makes them special and unique, what their own special talents are. Over the two days the children will paint and decorate their own large box that is a symbol of themselves. The second day will culminate with a performance based on their discovery, for their special audience

One Super Duper Crazy Knight Friday 7th Oct (9.30am - 2.30pm)

When a mysterious spaceship comes crashing in to Dream Land, everyone goes to investigate it. An old, fat knight emerges and starts attacking them! Who is this so-called knight? It seems like he's missing a few marbles... The children will make their own knights helmets & swords, wizard's hats or princess hats & wands to take home.

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September Holiday Workshops

SPRINGWOOD COURT 133 Macquarie Road, **SPRINGWOOD**. (Next to Domino's)

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One Super Duper Crazy Knight Tuesday 27th Sept (9.30am - 2.30pm)

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Outside The Box -Act Make & Paint 29th & 30th September (9.30am - 2.30pm)

Get creative! Ignite your mind! Look inside and see what you can find. In this integrated craft and performance workshop the children have to think outside the box. They will explore what their own special talents that make them special and unique. Over the two days the children will paint and decorate their own large box that is a symbol of themselves. The second day will culminate with a performance based on their discovery, for their special audience.

The Day I Fell into A Crazy Story Book ...and Survived

Wednesday 5th Oct (9.30am - 2.30pm)

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Puppetry No.6- Shadow Puppets Thursday 6th Oct (9.00am - 1.30pm)

Make your own shadow puppets and watch them come to life!

What sort of characters will you create? In this integrated craft and performance workshop, the children will discover techniques on how to breathe personality into their cartoon creations.

They also take home a puppet theatre to make!

One Crazy Night - (AGES 9-15 YEARS) Thursday 6th Oct (2.00pm - 6.30pm)

In this Workshop, we will look at some unusual characters who are trapped together in a petrol station shop during a storm. Once we have established some traits and the personality of each, we will then create a scene with all of them. The students will explore characters such as a 'Protective Mother', a 'Very Strict Teacher', a 'Pregnant Woman', a 'Punk', a 'Cool Macho Dude', a 'Grumpy Boss' and a 'Shop Assistant'.

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6M Poetry

BACON!

Delicious
Tender, terrific, taste
Crunch crunch
Sizzle sizzle
Yum, yum, yum
I'm a fan
Especially when it's
cooked in a pan
Bacon 4 life
Canadian, American and
more
You're always looking for
more
Sooo tasty
Sooo yummy
Sooo great
Enjoy it with a mate
Bacon comes from heav-
en
BACON!! BACON!!
BACON!!

By Oliver Z



Accumulative Poem

Hippy.
Cool hippy.
Flower-loving, cool hippy.
Long-haired, flower-loving, cool hippy.
Blonde, long-haired, flower-loving, cool hippy.
Cute, blonde, long-haired, flower-loving, cool hip-
py.
By Grace.

Oztag

A poem by Cody Dwyer in 6M

Thursday nights
With no lights
It's basically footy
Just with tagging

15 minute halves
Could hurt your calves
Grass as green as shrek
Tag!!! Tag!!! Tag!!! Tag!!!

Some people are cheetahs
Too fast to chase
It might be a race
To the finish

Wind pushing me back
The tag in my reach
I trip
NOOOOOO!!!!!!!!!!

We come back
I score a try
It was so great
I might just die

We end up winning
I jump in joy
This poem was just
A long decoy

6M Poetry

Fire

Big dark grey ash coming to people's
houses
Fire started by people
People animals
land gone
Houses gone
people crying
This is where half of earth has gone
Xbox ps4 burnt
bedroom gone
Wood wasted
Next time get a house of brick
Or metal
Kids crying
No ipad ipod iphone
that means
No more pokemon go
Use water to kill the fire
that's one tip

make sure you
Call 911
I would say don't waste your own money
On a house that can get on fire easy

Lots of lives can be lost
There wouldn't be any
News reports in helicopters
Reporters wanted to see what happened
3 words
DON'T START IT

By Peter Stewart

The Storm

A poem by Cody Dwyer in 6M

We wait in line
I take my seat
My heart starts to beat
THUMP!!! THUMP!!!

The carriage moves
Slowly making it to the top
I can see the beach
We stop

My dad is laughing
My brother is barfing
Fast turns
As quick as an antelope

The water is a sea
SPLASH!!!!
We walk off
I run on for my 11th time



6M Poetry

Forest

by Oscar Pisani

Dark frightening
Scary like a horror movie
Dark daring dreadful dragons
Green leaves
Sticks that prick you
Brown stumps
Humungous trees

Beautiful waterfalls
Glittering water
Different types of flowers
Red flowers
Blue flowers
Yellow flowers
There's so many animals
Brown deers
Black bears
Colourful birds
This is the place to be
Relax
Be calm
Explore
Have fun

Panthers

By Oscar Pisani 6M

Blue black
Strong fierce
We're better than you
We win
We score
Recruit a few
Win a game
Climb the ladder
The tigers are lame

Punch! Punch! Punch!
They do it for the fame
Panthers pleased
In the top 8
Panthers play to win the game
When they win they say
Too bad mate

6M

Boys
Girls

having fun

I feel like we have just won
Because we work hard all day
So then we can go out and play
Some of us play basketball
And some of us even play football!

When we come back from lunch we do
math, english and science
In math we learn about distance
In science we learn about mould
And in English we learn about how poems
are told
But at the end of the day we all realize
That we made it through the day
we actually survived!
Now it's time to go home and say goodbye.

TEAM VALOR

By Xavier P

Team Valor is the best
Better than the rest
We're so cool
We make the other team
Eat gruel

We take as fast
As the winds
Valor is red
Red
Red!
We have no time
For bed



Corpus Christi Primary School Market Day

Corpus Christi
Primary



Saturday 10th September 2016 - 11AM to 3PM

Stalls include:

Clothes

Candles

Children's Craft

Cake stall

Small gifts

Beauty Products

Family Fun:

Baby animals

Face Painting

Mini golf

Spray tattoos

Free live Entertainment

Games

School Hall @ Corpus Christi Primary School,
Andromeda Drive, Cranebrook

RAIN, HAIL OR
SHINE



For information on stall availability
please email
corpuschristi@parra.catholic.edu.au
with subject "Spring Market Question"

Food vendors: Pizza Hot dogs Ice-blocks
Cakes/Slices Fairy floss Tea/coffee

St. Bernadette's
60th

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Please join us

22ND OCTOBER 2016

Noyotel Sydney, NorWest

1 Columbia Court, Baulkham Hills

6:30 – 11:30pm

\$75 per person

Includes food, beverages and entertainment.

BOOKINGS: www.sbchpf.com

ENQUIRIES: sbchpf@gmail.com



Past students, teachers, families, friends and parishioners all welcome.

St Mary MacKillop Shopping Bus Tour Fundraiser



Dear Parents and Friends,

St Mary MacKillop Parent and Friends Committee is organising a Shopping bus tour as a fundraiser for the school. Last years bus trip was a huge success. It is a great opportunity to purchase Xmas presents, make great savings on purchases whilst enjoying the company of great people 😊

Shopping Highlights

- Home and Gift Warehouse
- Manchester Imports
- Men's, Women's and Children's Clothing
- Handbag Factory
- KB Toys
- Nuts and chocolate Warehouse
- Sullivans Clothing

Date: Saturday 8 October 2016

Time: 7am, to 6.30pm approx. leaving and returning from St Mary MacKillop Primary School– 150 Fragar Road South Penrith.

Cost: \$40 per person, includes morning and afternoon tea

Seats are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment (This includes the hire of the bus and Hostess with Bargain Buyers. Lunch is not provided so remember to bring something to keep you going! Cold drinks will be sold on the bus)

To book your seat please contact **Fiona Bryant** on **0412 279919** or **fionaw@smartchat.net.au** payment needs to be prepaid either by contacting Fiona Bryant or leaving the money at the school in a envelope marked 'shopping trip'