



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.

I hope that you have noticed that when I speak to the school community, I will often connect how St Mary MacKillop Catholic Primary School lives its mission in every opportunity.

On Friday I saw our mission being lived on many occasions. The first was when I attended the Year Six grade mass. This was the last grade mass that these students will have before graduation and it was strongly attended by families. At the end of the mass I had the opportunity to point out to the students that they were truly blessed that their parents had chosen for them a catholic school. A school with Christ at its centre. A school where they have been supported to develop their relationship with their God on a daily basis as part of their education. This is truly something for them to be grateful for.

On Friday night I attended the first SMM 'Boys Night In' which was organised by our P and F. With the Panthers playing the rugby league final on the television that night I was sceptical about the turn out for the activities. I had nothing to worry about as we had a great response from the dad's in our community. Boys from kindergarten through to Year Six arrived with their Father's (and father figures) to engage in the activities. A great team of dads and mums had thoroughly prepared the night and it was supported by nine of our ex-students who currently attend St Dominic's College. The boys played a variety of games and sports, had a sausage sizzle dinner, competed in a paper plane contest and finished with some trivia and 'Just Dance' on the big screen. It was a great night and a living example of the partnership of school and parents that make our school a truly great school. Thank you to all those who gave of their time and talent to organise this brilliant event and thank you to all those who attended to bring it to life.

Together We Grow.

Mr Scott Buchan – Principal

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to the following students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation - the final Sacrament of Initiation - on Tuesday 12th September:

Jessica A, Brayden A, Tayla B, Georgia B, Mikayla C, Elise C, Trinity D, Liam E, Isabella F, Kate F, Emily F, James F, Ilaria G, Vashti G, Judith G, Georgia G, Emelia G, Lachlan H, Mitchell H, Bryce H, Liam H, Amy J, Brianna K, Kalinda K, Alic L, Ella L, Lachlan L, Amelia Mc, Lincoln Mc, Jake Mc, Emily Mc, Joshua M, Jayden M, Whyte O, Ava O, Angelica P, Julian P, Lily P, Peony P, Olivia R, Kyle R, Chontelle R, Grace R, William S, Kaden V, Jeremy V, Matilda V, Genevieve W, Emily W, Tori W, Elle W and Xavier X.

These children have been graced with the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit and are now full members of the Catholic Church.



Praying The Rosary

Traditionally the month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary and this has been a tradition in the Catholic Church for a long time. Catholics pray the Rosary because it is a powerful prayer to God through His mother, Mary.

The word 'rosary' comes from Latin and means a garland of roses, the rose being one of the flowers used to symbolize the Virgin Mary. It is recognized as a truly biblical form of prayer—after all, the prayers that comprise it come mainly from the Bible.

During the month of October there will be a school focus on the Rosary. The students in Years 3-6 will focus on learning and praying The Rosary during whole school prayer time at 2pm on a Friday afternoon.

Whilst we have Rosary beads at school the children are encouraged to bring in their own set of beads to personally enhance their prayer experience and to foster the prayerful practice in their own homes.



The Sign of the Cross In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be To The Father Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Fatima Prayer O my Jesus, forgive us our sins; save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of thy mercy. Amen.

The Hail Holy Queen Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

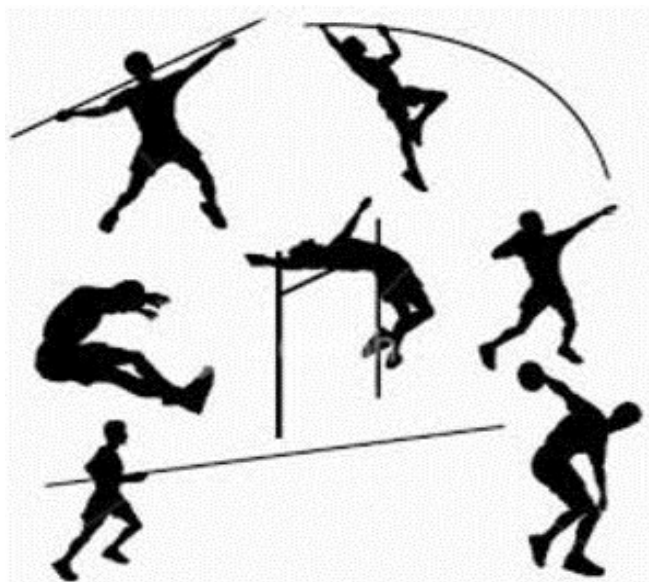
V - Pray for us, O holy Mother of God
R - That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

Let us Pray: O God, whose only-begotten Son, by his Life, Death and Resurrection has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech thee, that while meditating upon these mysteries of the most holy rosary of the blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mrs Leesa Gillard
Religious Education Coordinator

MacKillop Athletics Trials - Olympic Park

The MacKillop Athletics Trials were held at Sydney Olympic Park on Monday 18th September. We had 6 students representing not only our school but the Parramatta Diocese: Mitchell H (100m, 200m, Long Jump, Shot Put) Millie Jay C (Long Jump) Ciaran M, Caleb K, Ryan G and Lincoln M (Junior Boys Relay.) What a huge achievement to qualify through school level, Zone level and Diocesan level to compete on the Olympic Track! Well Done! We are very proud of you!



Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day - St Marys

The Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day will be held tomorrow, the 22nd September at Kingsway Fields, St Marys. Good Luck to our 32 competitors. We know you will represent our school with pride. A big thank you to Mrs Paine, who will be attending the Gala Day with our students and to the parent helpers who have volunteered as coaches; we really cannot attend these fun filled Gala Days without our parent coaches, so thank you!

School Gymnastics PE Program - At School

Next Term, we will be welcoming back to our school the School Gymnastics Program which will form the basis of our weekly PE lessons here at school. Each week, every student will have the opportunity to participate in a 40 minute supervised gymnastics session run by qualified instructors. The students will engage in floor routines as well as using equipment such as the mini tramp, beam and rings. The students will be developing their strength and balance. These sessions will take place in our school hall on Mondays and Tuesday. Please check with your classroom teacher as to your child's new sport day for Term 4. We are looking forward to a wonderful gymnastics program!

Diocesan Gymnastics Competition - Rooty Hill

The Diocesan Gymnastics Competition will be held at Rooty Hill on Friday, 3rd November. This competition is open to any child, age 8 and above, who is experienced in gymnastics routines and has the skills to compete against other gymnasts in the diocese. Notes have been sent home to those students who have expressed interest and the full team list (which has a limit of 20 students) must be sent to Margaret Thornton by tomorrow, Friday 22nd September.

Maryanne McNally

Sport Coordinator

We have had a busy Term 3 in the library, with much to acknowledge and celebrate. Congratulations to the **189 students who successfully completed the 2017 Premier's Reading Challenge**. A wonderful effort from all concerned, certificates will be presented to students later in Term 4.



We celebrated Book Week with an Australian history based performance from School Performance Tours, students were engaged and entertained, from learning how to shear a sheep and play a didgeridoo to hearing about the struggles and good fortunes that our pioneers experienced.

We have purchased many new books for our library, and appreciate the assistance with covering these books from Mrs Gillard and Mrs Ellis. If any of our parents/carers have some time to spare we can always use some help in the library, just leave a message at the school office.

Also, if any families have A4 sized scrap paper, we will happily take it off your hands for our students who come into the library at lunch times.

Our library is always abuzz with activity at lunch times, with students working on their research tasks, playing a board game, drawing, Maths Club, construction activities or just having some quiet time with a book or two.



Student borrowing will resume in Week 1, Term 4.

Please return all library books by the end of the week.

Enjoy the break,

Mrs Maree Eisenhuth

Teacher Librarian

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**.

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.

Mobile Phones

We have had a number of recent cases where students have picked up the wrong mobile phone from the office as it looks similar to their own. Could you please ensure that your child's phone is clearly labelled with their name, this will also assist us to contact any students who forget to collect their phone at the end of the day. Also a reminder to turn the phone off or onto silent mode before dropping them at the office in the morning.

School Canteen

We will have new canteen operators from the beginning of term 4. Our new vendors are called Classroom Catering and a copy of their menu is attached at the end of this newsletter.

Orders can still be placed online using flexischools with the only change being the cutoff for same day ordering which is now 8:30am.

Students can still place their orders through the classroom baskets following our current canteen process.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call the school office.



Lost Property

There are a lot of jumpers and jackets in lost property at the moment. If your child has lost their jumper or jacket, please feel free to come up after school to check the lost property basket.

Term 4 ~ Summer Uniform

When school resumes on October 9 for the beginning of Term 4 all students should be dressed in full summer uniform.

We hope you all enjoy the school holidays!



FETE 2018 - Trash and Treasure

Planning a spring clean over the school holidays?? Why not put aside any toys, dvd's, books, cd's, kitchen utensils, crockery etc that is in **good saleable / working condition** and donate it to the Trash & Treasure stall at next years fete. You can bring your unwanted wares up to the school from Wednesday, 18 October 2017.

Please no second hand electrical items.



FETE 2018 - Parent Stall Holders

Applications are now open for Stallholders at next year's fete. Applications forms are available via the Skoolbag App, Facebook page or through Veronica Neal.

Current parents at our school have first priority and we encourage you to get your completed applications in quickly.

Applications will open to the wider community on Monday, 30 October 2017.

Veronica Neal
P&F Fundraising

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

The promotion has now ended. Please send any stickers you still have, into the office by tomorrow, 22 September 2017.

We thank all our wonderful families for the role you have played in collecting stickers and look forward to providing the students and teachers with some awesome new resources.

BOYS NIGHT IN - THANK YOU!!

There was a great turn out last Friday night and it was wonderful to see all our families enjoying their time together!

A big thank you to the Bortolazzo, Neal, Peters, Borg, Carroll, McGillicuddy & Randall families for your hard work and enthusiasm.

We also acknowledge the students from St Dominic's College (many of them former students) for their community spirit in coming along to help out and run the night. They set a great example to their younger peers.

YEAR 3 - YEAR 6 DISCO - Thursday, 19 October 2017

5.00pm - 6.30pm, School Hall

All Year 3 to Year 6 students are invited to break out their dance moves and share the fun with their friends. \$5 fee upon entry. Cordial, glow bands and treat provided. Tea and Coffee will be available near the library for any parent wishing to wait for their child on premises.

We kindly request that any younger or older siblings that may accompany you, remain clear of the hall area.

Wishing all our students and families a restful break over the school holidays. Safe travels.

Dates for Your Diary Term 3—2017

<i>DAY</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
Friday	22 September	2:20pm 2:15pm-3:15pm	Stage 3 Touch Gala Day @ Kingsway St Marys Whole School Assembly Second Hand Uniform Shop Open Last Day of Term 3

Dates for Your Diary Term 4—2017

<i>DAY</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
Monday	9 October		Term 4 Commences
Friday	13 October	12:30pm-1:30pm 2:20pm	Kindergarten 2018 Playgroup Session 1 Whole School Assembly
Thursday	19 October	TBA	Yr 3—Yr 6 Disco
Friday	20 October	12:30-1:30pm 2:20pm	Kindergarten 2018 Playgroup Session 2 Whole School Assembly
Thursday	26 October		Year 5 YMCA Camp Yarramundi— Day1
Friday	27 October	12:30-1:30pm 2:15-3:15pm 2:20pm	Year 5 YMCA Camp Yarramundi— Day 2 Kindergarten 2018 Playgroup Session 3 Second Hand Uniform Shop Open Whole School Assembly
Friday	3 November	8:30 - 2:30pm 12:30-1:30pm 2:20pm	Parramatta Diocesan Gymnastics Competition Kindergarten 2018 Playgroup Session 4 Whole School Assembly
Wednesday	8 November	9:00-11:00am	Kindergarten 2018 Orientation Morning
Friday	10 November	2:20pm	Whole School Assembly
Thursday	16 November		Year 6 Canberra Overnight Excursion - Day 1
Friday	17 November	2:20pm	Year 6 Canberra Overnight Excursion - Day 2 Whole School Assembly
Friday	24 November	2:15pm –3:15pm 2:20pm	Second Hand Uniform Shop Open Whole School Assembly



St Mary Mackillop Primary School – Term 4, 2017



Eat Fresh: Healthy Body, Healthy Mind!

Every Day Hot Food

Chicken Nuggets	4 for \$2.80
Chicken Nuggets	6 for \$4.00
Party Pie	\$1.00
Corn on the Cob	\$1.00
Garlic Bread	\$2.00
Chicken Fingers (6)	\$3.50
Veggie Burger	\$4.00
All Burgers include salad	
Salsa Wrap	\$4.50
Chicken Caesar Wrap	\$4.50
Nemo Wrap	\$4.50
Chicken Tender Wrap	\$4.50
Lamb Kebab Wrap	\$4.50

Daily Specials

Monday

Traveller Pie	\$3.50
Sausage Roll	\$3.00

Tuesday

Fried Rice with Chicken Wings (2)	\$5.00
Pasta Bolognese	\$4.00

Wednesday

Lasagne	\$4.00
Sweet Chilli Wrap	\$3.00

Thursday

Beef Burger	\$4.00
Butter Chicken & Rice	\$4.00

Friday

Chicken Burger	\$4.00
Sausage Roll	\$3.00

Sushi Roll

(Available Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday)

Chicken & Cucumber	\$3.50
Chicken Teriyaki	
Tuna & Cucumber	

Sandwiches

AVAILABLE IN WHITE OR MULTIGRAIN

WRAP OR ROLL ADD 0.50c TO SANDWICH PRICE

Vegemite, Jam, Devon	\$2.00
Tomato, Cheese	\$2.50
Tuna or Egg	\$3.00
Leg Ham, Chicken or Salmon	\$3.50
Salad Sandwich	\$3.50
Lettuce Tomato, Cucumber, Beetroot & Carrot	
EXTRAS - Including Toasting	\$0.40

Salad

Cup

Fresh Fruit Salad	\$2.00
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Boxes

Garden Salad	\$4.00
With Ham or Tuna	\$4.50
With Salmon or Chicken	\$5.00
Add to your Salad box	ea \$0.40
Egg, Cheese, Avocado, Sprouts, Bacon, Croutons	
Chicken Caesar Salad	\$5.50

Canteen Bento Box

\$5.00

½ Sandwich, Chicken Wing, Cheese and Crackers, Seasonal Fruit & 2 Mini Muffins

Check with the Canteen for the current Meal Deals \$5.00

Snacks

Piece of Fruit	\$1.00
Cookies, Delights, Popcorn, Jumpy's	\$1.00
Assorted Chips	\$1.30
Screw Top Yoghurt	\$2.00
Fruit Yoghurt Cup	\$2.00
Banana Bread—Slice	\$3.00

Drinks

Juice - Poppers	\$1.60
Plain Milk 300ml	\$1.60
with Sippah Straw	\$2.20
Pop Top Juice	\$2.00
Bottled Water 600ml	\$2.00
Glee 99% Sparking Juice	\$2.20
Blackcurrant, Raspberry, Tropical	
Flavoured Milk Lite 300ml	\$2.30
Fruit 2o	\$2.50
Orange Mango, Dragonfruit	
Iced Tea LOW SUGAR 500ml	\$3.00

Ice Blocks

Zooper Dooper	\$0.80
Frozen Juice Cup/ Icy Mony	\$1.00
Lemonade, Mango or Strawberry Split	\$1.00
Flash Ice Block on Stick	\$1.50
Scooby Chocolate, Banana or Caramel	\$1.60
Looney Tunes Plain Ice Cream Cup	\$2.00
Slushie Cup	\$2.00

Visit the Canteen for ice block specials

PLEASE NOTE

- ♦ Afternoon Tea orders are to be **PICKED UP FROM THE CANTEEN.**
- ♦ All **ICE CREAMS** ordered with lunch are given out when the **LUNCH BAG IS RETURNED TO THE CANTEEN.**

Order Your Lunch Online

Orders can be placed before 8:30am

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