



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.*

Our world is moving through troubling and difficult times at the moment with many places around the globe struggling to maintain the peace and safety that we in Australia take as expected each and every day. One of our communities has had these challenges visit them in a very close and dreadful way. I have included a statement from our Executive Director of Schools, Mr Greg Whitby regarding this challenging time for our brothers and sisters in the diocese.

*The community of St Bernadette's Catholic Primary Lalor Park is in mourning with the confirmation that 7-year-old Julian Cadman, a student of St Bernadette's, lost his life in the attack in Barcelona last Thursday evening. Julian was a delightful little boy - curious and energetic with a kind and generous heart. He was much loved by his teachers and fellow students. The school community is feeling his loss deeply. Together with the St Bernadette's community, we pray for Julian's family, particularly his mother Jumarie who was seriously injured in the attack, his father Andrew, and for all those affected by this terrible event. The Diocese of Parramatta stands ready to provide the family and the St Bernadette's community with any assistance needed. Counsellors will be at the school this week, and for as long as they are needed, to support students and staff. The Cadman family have requested privacy at this incredibly difficult time and we encourage everyone to honour this request. Julian, you will be in our hearts always.*

I ask that you keep this family in your prayers at this time as well as those in the St Bernadette's community as they struggle to make sense of this desperate tragedy.

#### **Getting safely to school**

I also want to take the time to acknowledge and thank Tony who looks after our school crossing every morning and every afternoon. His commitment and dedication to the safety and care of our children is exemplary. It is a comfort to know that he is looking after our children to ensure that they get across the road safely.

Could I ask that we all support him in his work by doing our bit to help get all children safely to school and home again. Please do not park in the areas around the crossing as this obstructs the vision of the cars and of Tony. Please avoid using the school driveway to drop children off as this congests the crossing when you reverse back out again. Most importantly, when you see Tony please remember to say 'Thank you' as he really has the best interests of your child and ours at heart.

Together We Grow.

Mr Scott Buchan – Principal

### **Father's Day Celebrations – Friday 1st September**

Please join us on Friday 1st September as we honour our fathers and other special male role models in our lives. Fathers are very special people and the very presence of our fathers in our lives, or the memory of our fathers, is a gift. On Friday we will show our appreciation and love for all the men in our lives who give us care and protection, love and guidance.

On Father's Day it is a time to think about our fathers, to honour them, and to give thanks for them. This is a day for all fathers, to know how much we love and respect them. Most importantly this is a day for us to thank God, our Father in heaven, for His presence in our life.

*Dad, you're a wonderful father, so gentle, yet so strong.  
The many ways you show you care  
Always make me feel I belong.*

*You're patient when I'm foolish; You give guidance when I ask;  
It seems you can do most anything; You're the master of every task.*

*You're a dependable source of comfort;  
You're my cushion when I fall.  
You help in times of trouble; You support me whenever I call.*

*I love you more than you know;  
You have my total respect.  
If I had my choice of fathers, You'd be the one I'd select!*

*By Joanna Fuchs*



An outline of our morning is as follows:

**8:15am** - Father's Day sausage sizzle breakfast (please return your note for catering purposes. Thank you to the P & F for organising this)

**9 - 9:30am** - Open classrooms

**9:45am** - Father's Day Liturgy in the hall.

Please join us as Father Mathew and the Year 1 children lead us in prayer to celebrate our Fathers and the special love that they share with us.

### **The Sacrament of Confirmation**

Please keep the following children in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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



### **Parish Schools Mass – 10am Sunday 27<sup>st</sup> August**

To foster our school/parish relationship, the St Mary MacKillop and St Nicholas school communities will combine this Sunday, 27th August to lead and celebrate the 10am mass at our Parish Church, St Nicholas of Myra. The orchestra and choir will provide the music and there will be many of the students from both Parish schools participating in the mass. All in our community are warmly invited to attend as we celebrate our faith together.

Mrs Leesa Gillard  
Religious Education Coordinator

### **Second Hand Uniform Shop**

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The stock levels in our second hand uniform shop are running low at the moment. If you have any uniforms which your children no longer need and you would like to donate these to the second hand uniform shop, please bring them to the office, your donation would be greatly appreciated.

### **OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour**

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Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta warmly invites you to attend our Open Morning Tour on Wednesday, September 6, 2017.

Tour the College and discover how a Mercy Education empowers girls to expand beyond what they know they can be and enjoy a 'comfortable cup of tea' with the College Leadership Team.



The College is now enrolling for 2019.

Visit [www.olmc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.olmc.nsw.edu.au) to reserve your place or contact the Registrar 8838 1222 to discuss how your daughter can become a Mercy Girl.

**SMMP FETE - MAY 2018**

We are still looking for people to coordinate the following stalls:

**Sideshow games** (Choc-a-toss, Hoopla, Footy pass etc),

**Chocolate Wheel & Lucky Ticket.**

If this sounds like you, please come along to our next meeting on Friday, 25 August 2017 at 9.00am in the hall to find out more, or contact us at [escarroll1@gmail.com](mailto:escarroll1@gmail.com).

**WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN - KEEP COLLECTING**

There are only a few weeks left until the this promotion ends on 19 September 2017.

**All you need to do is place your stickers in an envelope, send it to school, and place them in the box provided in the office.**

A huge thank you to Mrs Tickner for taking time out to help collate all the stickers for our school!!

We also have a box available at Woolworths Southlands for anyone wishing to deposit stickers there :)

**FATHERS DAY GIFT STALL - Thursday, 31 August 2017**

All students are invited to purchase a gift for their Dad, Grandfather or other treasured male in their life.

Any extra gifts will be available for purchase during lunchtime. Prices range from \$1 - \$10. :)

**FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST & LITURGY - Friday, 1 September 2017**

Invitation to all Dad's to come along for a celebration in their honour. Be there by 8.15am to enjoy a bite to eat, before open classrooms and a beautiful school liturgy.

**BOYS NIGHT IN - Friday, 15 September 2017**

You're mission should you choose to accept it... join us for our first ever 'Boys Night In'.

A chance for all our male students to spend time with the important men in their life by bringing along their Dad, Grandad, Uncle or other treasured role model.

Enjoy games, music trivia, paper aeroplane competition, lucky door prizes, bbq dinner & drinks, a treat bag and more.

\$10 per person. Tickets available through order form (which has been sent home) or the school office.

PLEASE NOTE: This is an alcohol and smoke free event.

On behalf of Veronica Neal, Natalie Borg & Paul Bortolazzo

*SAVE THE DATE : YR 3 - YR 6 DISCO - Thursday, 19 October 2017*

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



# TRIVIA NIGHT 2017

## MAJOR RAFFLE WINNERS

**Thank you to everyone who bought and sold tickets.**

**Congratulations to all our winners.**

1 <sup>st</sup>	One nights accommodation at Crown Plaza Terrigal - premium Ocean View Room including full buffet breakfast for two adults in Sea Salt Restaurant – valid till 6/6/18	M Jasmin
2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 unlimited ride passes to Luna Park	M Darwen
3 <sup>rd</sup>	The Irish Butcher 2 x \$50 vouchers	E Woodburn
4 <sup>th</sup>	Studio 1000 Photo session and free 11x4 photo	L Cortese
5 <sup>th</sup>	Penrith Whitewater Rafting 90 minute guided tour	T Rowinski
6 <sup>th</sup>	2 adult passes to Taronga Zoo	J & G Fitzpatrick
7 <sup>th</sup>	KFC South Penrith \$30 voucher	J Quinn
8 <sup>th</sup>	Family Pass to Sydney Olympic Aquatic Centre	J Jasmin
9 <sup>th</sup>	Sydney Olympic Park Aim for Fun Archery Session	P Pirovic
10 <sup>th</sup>	Family Pass to Australian Pioneer Villiage, Wilberforce	L Dodson

**We wish to thank all our wonderful bidders who won items in our silent auction.**

Events like this take much time and effort to bring together. We would like to acknowledge with much gratitude the work of the Hicks, Carroll, Peters, Borg, Neal, Marsh, Darwen, & Keane families and the families who generously donated to our Raffle and Silent Auction.

We also express our great thanks to Mrs Brock, Mrs Capolupo and Mrs Aliberti for their time and input in helping to make the night such a success.

## THANK YOU... TO OUR SPONSORS



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### Dates for Your Diary Term 3—2017

<i>DAY</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
Tuesday	29 August		Voice of Youth
Thursday	31 August		Father's Day Gift Stall
Friday	1 September	8:15am 9:00 - 9:30am 9:45am	P&F Father's Day Sausage Sizzle Open Classrooms Father's Day Liturgy <b>No Whole School Assembly</b>
Friday	8 September	2:20pm	Whole School Assembly—KM Assembly Item
Friday	15 September	9:15am 2:20pm 6:00pm-9:00pm	Year 6 Mass Whole School Assembly-3F Assembly Item Boys Night In
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 <b>Last Day of Term 3</b>

### 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
Friday	27 October	2:15-3:15pm	Second Hand Uniform Shop Open
Friday	24 November		Second Hand Uniform Shop Open



# **PENRITH**

**IS CLOSING FOR  
RENOVATIONS  
FROM 4TH -  
20TH SEPTEMBER**

**UNIFORMS WILL BE  
AVAILABLE ONLINE  
DURING THIS TIME**