



Dear Parents and Friends of St Mary MacKillop Primary School.

## **FINDING THE JOYS OF PARENTHOOD**

Raising children is hard work, often thankless and mind-numbing - and yet often the most rapturous experience available to adults. Most of us suppose that parents are both happier and more miserable than non-parents, that child rearing dictates a wider emotional range than people have generally known before it. Most parenting stresses its participants to their limits, no matter how much they love their children. Children upstage all the other components of their parents' lives, and good parenting involves both helicoptering and disengagement.



One parent said, "I have never quite sorted out the conundrum of how I could be distracted into thinking about something as tiresome as e-mail when I was with my beloved kids. If I lost all my e-mails, I'd manage, but if I lost my children, I'd never recover; yet still I sometimes find it hard to stay in the moment with them".

There is no contradiction in this seeming paradox; tolerating our children is the cornerstone of loving them. Children may complicate our lives but they also make them simpler.

Children's needs are so overwhelming, and their dependence on us so absolute, that it's impossible to misread our moral obligation to them. We bind ourselves to those who need us most, and through caring for them, grow to love them, grow to delight in them, grow to marvel at who they are.

There is a useful distinction to be made between our 'experiencing self' – living in the present moment – and our 'remembering self' – putting together our life narrative.

Our experiencing selves prefer doing the dishes – or napping, or shopping, or answering e-mails – to spending time with our kids. But our remembering selves assert that no-one – and nothing – provides us with so much joy as our children.

It may not be the happiness we live day to day, but it's the happiness we think about, the happiness we summon and remember, and stuff that makes up our life-tales.

Acknowledgement: The Paradox of Modern Parenthood by Jennifer Senior

**Best Wishes to Mrs Brigden, Mrs Wheaton and Ms Mulders.**

I invite the St Mary MacKillop to join me in extending our best wishes to Mrs Julie Brigden, Ms Connie Mulders and Mrs Ros Wheaton who are retiring from St Mary MacKillop at the end of this year. Mrs Julie Brigden has been a teacher for 42 years of which 31 of these years have been at St Mary MacKillop. Mrs Wheaton has taught for 40 years and has been at St Mary MacKillop for 8 of these years. Ms Mulders has been a teacher for 40 years of which 6 have been at St Mary MacKillop. These fine educators have touched the lives of thousands of children and they will be greatly missed by students, colleagues and parents. I know you will all join me in wishing Julie, Ros and Connie well as they start a new chapter in their life.

I invite you to offer up these prayers for Mrs Brigden, Ms Mulders and Mrs Wheaton.

**Father God,**

As we say farewell to our loved ones we entrust them into your care.

We pray for happiness and joy to be ahead of them,  
for wisdom and guidance to be beside them,  
and for grace and truth to be behind them,  
pushing them onwards into your goodness.

We know that you will always love and protect them,  
wherever they go.

Amen.

**Lord God**

Thank you for the extraordinary love,  
commitment and creativity  
these wonderful teachers have given this school.

Thank you for the way they have served us  
and given out so much to the children we care for.

We pray that they will go on to find new treasures each day,  
and that the blessing of Christ would be upon all that they do.

Amen.

**May The Road Rise Up To Meet You**

*(celtic blessing)*

May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
the rains fall soft upon your fields  
and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

**2017 Religious Literacy Assessment: Year 4 and Year 6**

During Term 3 all Year 4 and Year 6 students in the Parramatta Diocese completed an on-line assessment of their religious literacy development. This assessment required the students to answer a series of multiple choice questions related to their learning in Religious Education.

In addition, the Year 4 students completed a variety of learning tasks related to the Religious Education unit, Reconciliation: God's Forgiveness and Healing.

Religious Education in Catholic schools has always aimed to develop children's capacity to express their growing understanding, appreciation, thoughts, questions and insights into God, Jesus, the Scriptures, the Church, the Sacraments, Prayer and life as a Christian. This is essential to their participation in the religious life of the school, the parish and wider community.

The results of these assessments are now finalized and the students of St Mary MacKillop Primary performed exceptionally well. Overall Year 4 were 4.3% above the diocesan average. In particular excellent results were achieved in the domains of Sacraments (8.8% above diocesan), Scripture (5.8% above diocesan average), Prayer and Christian Life (both 5.1% above diocesan average)

In addition, Year 6 were 7.3% above diocesan average. In particular outstanding results were achieved in the domains of Scripture (12.8% above diocesan average), God (11.1% above diocesan average), Prayer (8.1% above diocesan average) and Church (6.6% above diocesan average).

There is much to celebrate in these results and together we will continue to build the students knowledge and understanding of their Catholic faith. Each Year 4 and Year 6 student will receive an individual report that will be sent home in Week 9.

**Thought for the Week**

So great is the strength we possess in our unity.

Mary MacKillop 1874

Have a Blessed Week  
Michael Siciliano  
PRINCIPAL

## End of Year Reminders

### ***Not Returning to St Mary MacKillop Primary in 2017:***

If your child (K-5) is not returning to St Mary MacKillop in 2017 we need this confirmed in writing as a term's notice must be given to enable us to plan our overall staffing and learning groups for next year. It will also assist us with enrolment enquiries we are receiving for next year.

### **2017 Bus Travel:**

The State Government will be issuing School Opal cards to students for free travel between home and school.

2017 Kindergarten, new applications and any children moving into Year 3 will need to apply online via the following link:

#### **Step 1:**

Complete the application at [transportnsw.info/school-students](http://transportnsw.info/school-students)

#### **Step 2:**

Print, sign and date the completed application, then return the form to the school office for endorsement.

#### **Step 3:**

The school will then send the application to Transport department.

Once approved, the School Opal card will be sent to the address provided on the application.

#### **Who needs to apply**

Most students who already have a school student travel pass won't need to apply for the School Opal card. It will be sent to the student's school at the beginning of the school year in 2016.

An application is needed if the student

- Has not had a travel pass before
- Is moving from Year 2 to Year 3
- Is moving from Year 6 to Year 7
- Is changing schools
- Is changing address

#### **How to apply**

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##### **Step 2**

Print, sign and date the completed application, then submit it to the student's school for endorsement.

##### **Step 3**

The school then sends the endorsed application to Transport for NSW. Once approved, the School Opal card will be sent to the address provided on the application.

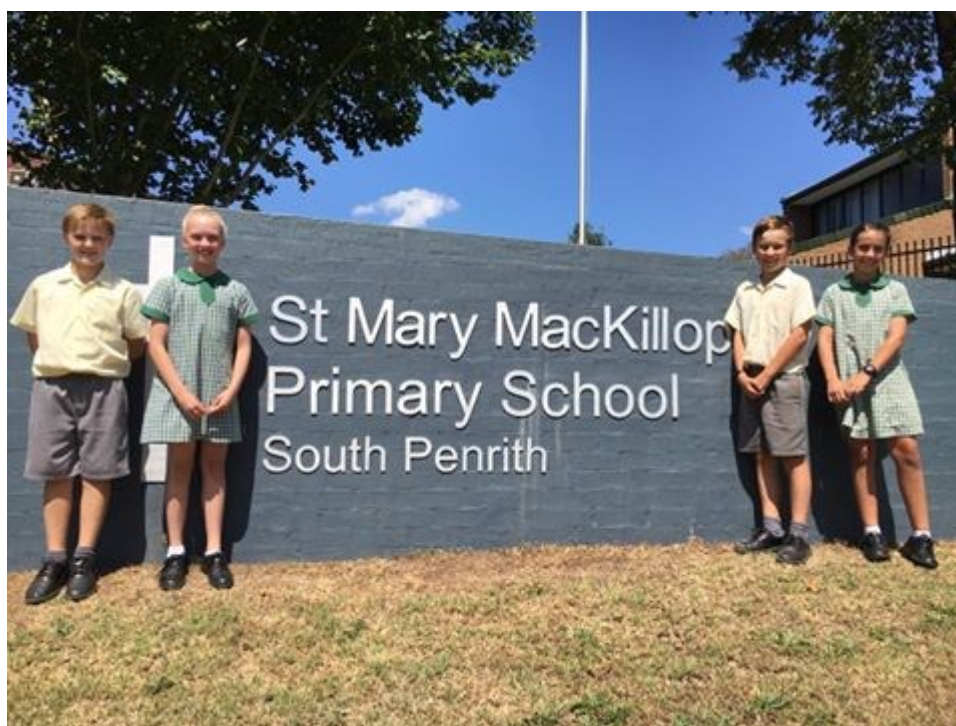


A parent or guardian must apply for students 15 years and under. Students 16 years and over must apply for themselves.



## Congratulations to our 2017 Captains!

Our 2017 School Captains are Isabella and Brayden. Our Vice Captains are Stefania and James.





### Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy 8th December 2015—20th November 2016



Year of Mercy Logo



Diocese of Parramatta Logo

#### **Closing of the Year of Mercy**

The Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis comes to a close on Sunday the 20 November 2016. The Year of Mercy has been a special time for the whole people of God to remember the gift of mercy that comes to us from the Father and to consider the manner in which we are the face of God's mercy to those we come into contact with each day.

As the Pope plainly puts it "we need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. The signs he (Jesus) works, especially in the face of sinners, the poor, the marginalised, the sick and the suffering, are all meant to teach mercy. Everything in him speaks mercy. Nothing in him is devoid of compassion."

The Pope is clear that mercy is the essence of Jesus; in all he does and says, mercy is the core foundation of God.

The beauty of this year has been that it is not only a call to experience God's mercy but to experience the exercising of mercy. The Pope mentions the last part of chapter 18 of St Matthew's Gospel where St Peter asks Jesus how many times he must forgive his brother, whether seven times was enough. However, Jesus replies "Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times (Matthew 18:22)". I once heard someone tell me that this isn't just 77 times, but seven to the power of 70. A number that is almost uncountable. That is how many times we must forgive, for we have been forgiven more.

The good thing is that Jesus follows this by telling the apostles the parable of the unforgiving debtor to explain this concept – where there is a master who forgives a big debt of one of his debtors when mercy was sought, but then that person threatens the one who owes him just a trifle with jail if he does not pay what he owes, even though mercy was sought. The master then rebuked and punished the debtor for his lack of mercy. If it is true that we are this debtor to whom a massive debt has been cancelled shouldn't we exercise the same level of mercy on others who could never wrong us the way we have wronged God?

Pope Francis states "Just as he is merciful, so we are called to be merciful to each other". He continues saying that mercy "becomes the criterion for ascertaining who his true children are". Christians are bound to turn into their Father, because they have the same nature. Our Father is God and his nature is one of mercy in the face of injustice.

The world is full of injustices; we can go on rants and other sorts of crusades to fight these, however, the biggest impact we can have is by showing mercy. The Pope says, "mercy is not opposed to justice but rather expresses God's way of reaching out to the sinner, offering him a new chance to look at himself, convert and believe". The only thing we have to do is accept this mercy, for God's mercy is without end.

God is there ready to forgive me and pick me up when I have fallen, if I want Him to pick me up - for he leaves me free to accept or not to accept the mercy.

How can my heart not be filled with gratitude and joy for the new life that Christ offers me – a life where I don't have to hold on to anger, but rather show mercy because mercy has been shown to me?

Therefore, as this Year of Mercy is ending and the door closes, God opens a window. Let us leave this window open to the mercy that this year has allowed us to experience – not only so that we may experience the mercy of God, but so that we can show mercy to others.

By Vincenzo Ferraioli <http://catholicleader.com.au/>

**2016 Christmas Celebration: The Season of Advent**  
**Whole School Mass 9:15am Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November and**  
**whole school prayer each Friday at 2pm**

Due to our School Musical, The Lion King being extended to include K-6 this year, our 2017 Christmas Celebration will be on a slightly simpler scale. This celebration will be equally as religious as past years and will be held during school time over a series of weeks.



Our Christmas celebration will focus on the Season of Advent – a period of getting ready and waiting. Our celebrations will begin with a whole school mass at 9:15am on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November to mark the start of Advent and all in our community are warmly invited to attend.

Our celebrations will then continue each Friday in the hall at 2pm where we will pray and light the candles of the Advent Wreath, prior to our weekly assembly, as we count down to the birth of Christ. Once again a warm invitation is extended to all in our community. We look forward to sharing this special time with you. More specific details will follow shortly.

**The Season of Advent**

The Season of Advent, which begins this Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Advent is a period of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Advent marks the beginning of the Church year and the liturgical readings change at the start of Advent from Year C to Year A as part of the church's three year cycle.

As the Season of Advent approaches, it is helpful to re-familiarise ourselves with some of the important aspects of this time of waiting. The word *Advent* means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. The Season of Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day and ends on Christmas Eve. The colour of this season is purple. This is the colour of penitence as well as the colour of royalty to welcome the Advent of the King. The purple of Advent is also the colour of suffering used during Lent and Holy Week. This points to an important connection between Jesus' birth and death. The purpose of Jesus' coming into the world and dwelling among us, is to reveal God and His grace to the world through Jesus' life and teaching, but also through his suffering, death and resurrection.

As the calendar year draws to a close, family schedules and personal agendas fill with meetings, programs, parties and annual obligations. Yet this busiest time of year calls us to draw close to others, above all to God, who became flesh and lived with us. During Advent our challenge becomes – how do we find moments of quiet when we open ourselves to God's presence in our lives? I offer you the following prayer that might start your quiet time with God.

*God of Love,  
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.  
He is a sign of your love.  
Help us walk in that love during the weeks of  
Advent,  
As we wait and prepare for his coming.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Saviour.  
Amen.*



## Religious Education News

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### St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers – Social Justice Activity

As a Catholic community based on following the example of St Mary MacKillop, we are asked to think of those less fortunate than ourselves as we approach the season of Advent. As part of our community building and outreach we have been approached by St Vincent de Paul to help assemble hampers for the poor as a way of preparing for Christ's birth at Christmas.

Very shortly each child will be asked to generously donate specific items as our offering towards the marvellous work St Vincent de Paul does in helping those in need.

Once the hampers are finalised they will be presented to a representative from the St Vincent de Paul Society.

I ask that you please give this appeal your consideration, as it is one of the outreach activities we undertake as a Christian Community throughout the year.

### Sacramental Program: First Reconciliation 2017

Preparation for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation at St Nicholas of Myra Parish will be in Term 1 next year. To be eligible for First Reconciliation, **children must be in Year 3 or above and must be baptised.**

Parents wishing to enrol their children in the program must attend an information meeting, which will be at St Nicholas of Myra Church on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7.00pm.** Further information regarding the program will be given at this meeting.

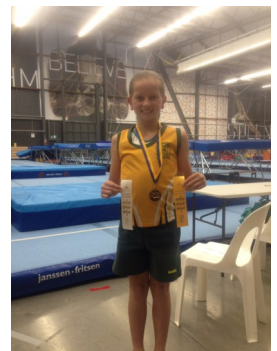
If your child has not been baptised, and you wish to enrol them in the program, please contact our Sacramental Coordinator, Colleen Nicholas on 47 212509.

Mrs Leesa Gillard  
*Religious Education Coordinator*

## Sport News

### Gymnastics Competition

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November the CEDP Gymnastics Competition was held at the Sydney Aquatic and Gymnastics Centre in Rooty Hill. We had 15 girls competing in static, floor routine, mini-tramp and short vault. Congratulations to Sienna K, Summer K, Rylee R, Georgia K, Channel N, Lily B, Stefania G, Jasmine C, Georgie R, Ella M, Taylor T, Sienna M, Keely M, Isabella S and Ella C who represented our school with pride. A huge congratulations to Keely, who finished 6<sup>th</sup> in static, 4<sup>th</sup> in mini-tramp and 3<sup>rd</sup> in short vault. A wonderful achievement! A big thank you to Mrs Tadic for supervising the girls on the day.



### Dance Fever

A couple of months ago I was selected to audition for *Cats the Musical*. My audition was held in Chatswood at the Concourse Theatre. In the audition there was 230 children and only 30 were selected to be in the show. A few days after my audition I got an email saying that I had made it into *Cats the musical!!!!* I was both happy and sad. I was happy because I was chosen to be in my first ever musical and perform in front of thousands of people but I was sad because it means I won't be able to go to Nationals in Queensland with my dance school, as they are in the same month. Every Sunday I rehearse for Cats from 1:00pm to 4:30pm. I have dancing nearly every night and on average I dance around 22 hours a week. Cats will be showing at the Concourse Theatre in Chatswood in January. I will be dancing in six shows and I can't wait!



Skye R - 6Mc

## Rugby Union Star

### NSW PSSA RUGBY UNION



I started playing union about 3 years ago. I didn't know how to play but throughout my playing time I have learnt many skills, made many teams, made many achievements and won many awards.

I tried out for the Parramatta team and by mistake I missed out on the training and was automatically out of the team. I didn't know until a friend of mine told me that I missed the training. My parents asked the Parramatta Sports Coordinator if I could get another chance and I did. I was good enough to play in the team and made many friends. We travelled to Forbes to play against other areas including Sydney, Wollongong and Wagga Wagga. It was a tough two days but I made it through and my hard work paid off as I then made the Mackillop team. I felt stoked but tired so off we went to my motel to rest. Some of my friends made it too and some didn't.

As I travelled to Mudgee to play for Mackillop I felt pumped and honoured by all the support. The other areas we played were Hunter, Polding, Sydney South West, Sydney West and many more. My first game was tough but we won and we thought that would have been our hardest game so far. As we continued to dominate teams we made the finals undefeated and we played the team that we versed first; Sydney South West.

Just as I thought we would lose, the team stuck to the game plan and structure and smashed the other team. As grand final winners there was more to it, the chance to make the NSW PSSA team. The team was being called out. As names were being called out I heard the word "Mackillop" and I was waiting for my number to be called and it did! I was so happy on the inside but so calm on the outside.

During the NSW competition we played many trial games against high schools and did pretty well, considering we only lost 1 game. We toured the Waratahs HQ and their culture was really interesting. In the plane on my way to Adelaide I slept, resting up to feel energised for the games I was about to play. We played on Port Adelaide, South Australia. The first game we played was against South Australia, we played pretty average in the first half but gave it all we had in the second half. I captained the first game and we won 41-0.



The second game we played was against the Northern Territory and we played the best we could throughout the whole game. We won 74-0 and I got player of the game. After strong wins on day one we still had to be on our game. All players were motivated and focused. As we stuck with the game plan we dominated. We scored 14 tries and conceded 0 points. Our strength in the game sent a message to our next opposition; Victoria. The final match of the tournament was difficult as this year was Victoria's best team yet. The Victorians were very well coached but we responded with physicality in the ruck, attacking and defending. We continued to be strong throughout the whole game and we beat them in all aspects of the game.

In the end NSW took home the Phil Waugh shield and were announced the top state in the country. The player highlights of the tournament were the awards as NSW had their own awards including NSW MVP, players player, best back and best forward. I thought that was the end of the day but suddenly there was a more prestigious award named: player of the tournament. The announcer took a long time and my heart raced faster and just as they announced the start of name, I knew it was me. I got up and took my award as I was the best player in the country. Also with free food to top it off. This award will be my most memorable moment for the rest of my life.

Uaale E - 6Mc



## **ST MARY MACKILLOP TALENT QUEST- Get Practising!!!!**

Our school will be holding our annual Talent Quest this term. The Talent Quest is an opportunity for students to showcase their skills whether it be performing as a singer, musician, magician, comedian and so on.

Please see below the dates where each grade will be holding “heats” in the Hall (*teachers and students only*).

Kindy/ Year 1/ Year 2

Years 3 / 4

Years 5 / 6

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

We will then be holding a Talent Quest Showcase in the Hall on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 11.30. All parents and friends are welcome to come and see St Mary MacKillop’s amazing talent.

Yours musically,  
Mr. Brad Carroll  
Creative Arts



## **Trial Twilight Swimming Carnival for 2017**

In 2017, St Mary MacKillop will trial a Twilight swimming carnival. Essentially, this means that students who wish to trial for the school zone team will be asked to nominate their events and then invited to trial on a given afternoon outside of school hours. Other children are welcome to come along and cheer and support their friends and family, however there will not be any 25m events.

Recently parents were invited to give feedback about this proposal. We received feedback both agreeing and opposing the proposal. Your feedback was taken into consideration and discussed. This decision was not taken lightly. It was a school- based decision made by the staff and it is influenced by many factors including:

1. Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 were asked to nominate their preference for a twilight or compulsory swimming carnival. The overwhelming majority of students voted for a twilight carnival!
2. Out of 203 children from Yrs 3-6 and 8yr old Year 2 children eligible, only one-third of students swam in a competitive 50m or 100m race at this years carnival.
3. In 2016, 43 non-swimmers remained back at school.
4. WHS requirements do not allow 'non-swimmer' novelty events any longer without the adequate supervision that we are able to provide.

There are many other factors influencing this decision. After the 2017 twilight event has concluded, it will be evaluated and reassessed for future years.

## **P & F News**

**P&F Meeting/AGM** – We had our P&F/AGM Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. It was nice to see some new faces as well as faces that we haven't seen in a while.

As current president of our P&F I would like to sign off with a few thank yous.

- Firstly I would like to thank the P&F team for 2016, Fiona Bryant, Jenny Inskip, Natalie Cilia, Erin Carroll, Wendy Attard, Cecily Ellston, Liz Whalen & your families. Your support, time away from your families & efforts are always amazing & I've appreciated everything you've done for this year for this great school so thank you.
- Jenni Inskip. Thank you for your dedication over the 7 years you have been apart of this school & the P&F, in the four years I've known you you've been such an asset to the team & I know you'll be sorely missed.
- To the staff of this great school for their guidance, knowledge & nurturing of our children, I believe you will continue to shape our children into great human beings.
- To Michael, thank you for your leadership & support to myself & the P&F this year. You'll be sadly missed when you depart our school at the end of this year but a huge asset to Our Lady of the Rosary, but I'm sure Scott will be a great addition to this school & the community.
- I'd like to extend my sincere thanks to YOU the Parents, Grandparents, extended families & friends of our school community, for your support, donations, time & effort in helping our school become GREAT!

A new committee has been elected for 2017 with some new faces/names to add to the mix which is great to see. Please join me in welcoming the St Mary MacKillop P&F Team for 2017. I know they will do great things for our school next year, with some exciting new fundraising options for 2017.

*President:* Erin Carroll  
*Vice President:* Tracey Marsh  
*Secretary:* Sonya Peters  
*Treasurer:* Michelle Darwen  
*Fundraising (Major):* Natalie Cilia  
*General Fundraising:* Veronica Neal & Natalie Borg  
*PRC:* Sonya Peters & Natalie Borg

**Michelle Darwen**  
**2016 President**  
**On behalf of P&F Executive Team**

## Dates for Your Diary Term 4- 2016

<i>DAY</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
Thursday Friday	17 November 18 November		Year 6 Canberra Excursion
Friday	18 November	9:15am 11:30am 2:20pm	Year 5 Liturgy K-2 Talent Quest (Heats) Whole School Assembly 3M & 3W Item
Wednesday	23 November	11:30am 5:30pm-9:00pm	Stage 3 Talent Quest (Heats) Jarrara Annual Awards Evening @ Blacktown
Thursday	24 November	11:30am	Stage 2 Talent Quest (Heats)
Friday	25 November	9:15am 9:00am-11:00am 2:20pm 2:15pm-3:15pm	Whole School Advent Mass Xavier College Orientation Morning Whole School Assembly & 5G Item Uniform Shop Open
Wednesday	30 November		PDCPSSC Awards
Thursday	1 December	11:30am	Talent Quest
Friday	2 December	2:20pm	Whole School Assembly 6M & 6MC Item
Monday	5 December	9:00am	Parent Helpers Morning Tea
Thursday	8 December	4:00pm-7:00pm	P & F Gingerbread House Decorating Afternoon
Friday	9 December	9:00am 2:00pm 2:20pm 2:15pm-3:15pm 6:00pm	Year 6 Fun Day Whole School Advent Prayer Whole School Assembly Uniform Shop Open Year 6 Disco
Monday	12 December		Kindergarten and Year 6 Buddy Farewell
Tuesday	13 December	9:15am 2:00pm 6.30pm	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony Class Promotions Year 6 Graduation Mass
Friday	16 December	2:00pm 2:20pm	Whole School Advent Prayer Whole School Assembly <b>Last Day of School for Students</b>

## Dates for Your Diary Term 1- 2017

<i>DAY</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
Friday	27 January		Staff Return <b>STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY</b>
Monday	30 January		<b>STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY</b>
Tuesday	31 January		Years 1-6 Commence
Wednesday	1 February		Kindergarten Commence School (full day)





# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S Summer Reading Challenge

Read as many books as you can, tell us why you love them, and you could win one of **four iPad minis**

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Entries close 7 February 2017

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## Kids Can Act

### Drama Studio

For kids of all ages

#### January 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!**

**For Puppet Sake** Thursday 12th Jan (9:30am - 2:30pm)  
Children are naturally curious! Cathie has just bought over \$1000 worth of new and exciting large puppets! This is an opportunity to allow the children 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. They will learn how to use and operate a variety of fabulous and magical puppets and have great fun as they try out them all out.

**Lights Camera Action: - Design a Garbage Bag Costume! (2 days)**  
Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th Jan (10:00am - 3:00pm)  
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!

**Tooth Fairy School** Friday 20th Jan (10:00am - 3:00pm)  
In this workshop the children go to will go to Tooth Fairy School and learn how to become a real tooth fairy. We will learn how to fly, how to sneak without waking sleeping children and how to care for lost teeth as well as how to care for the teeth we still have. All children will take home their very own Tooth Fairy Rainbow Skirt to keep as well as making their very own tooth fairy box and wand.

**Super Hero Academy** Wednesday 25th Jan (9:00am - 2:00pm)  
Does a superhero live inside your imagination? Unleash the power within!  
Run, jump, fly! A super energetic workshop aimed at building confidence, self-esteem and a healthy body! Dress up in capes and masks and design your own superhero! Create your character, complete with a catch cry and super powers. Get physical and find your inner hero through creative improvisation and interactive games! Children take home their own super hero cape, mask and make their own arm cuffs and power pack to take home too.

**It Wasn't Me! I Didn't Do It! (9-16 yrs)** Wednesday 25th Jan (2:30pm - 7:00pm)  
This is one for the older students! Have you ever been framed for something you didn't do or tried to get out of something you did? The students will develop the storyline from life experience and imagination, exploring times they may or may not have committed the "crime" or been framed for something they had no part in.

**[www.kidscanact.com.au](http://www.kidscanact.com.au)**  
**Mob. 0414 475 158**

\*The owner reserves the right to cancel classes if they do not have a viable number of children enrolled.

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**It Wasn't Me! I Didn't Do It! (9-16 yrs)** Thursday 19th Jan (2:30pm - 7:00pm)  
This is one for the older students! Have you ever been framed for something you didn't do or tried to get out of something you did? The students will develop the storyline from life experience and imagination, exploring times they may or may not have committed the "crime" or been framed for something they had no part in.

**Lights Camera Action: - Design a Garbage Bag Costume! (2 days)**  
Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th Jan (9:30am - 2:30pm)  
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!

**Tooth Fairy School** Friday 27th Jan (9:30am - 2:30pm)  
In this workshop the children go to will go to Tooth Fairy School and learn how to become a real tooth fairy. We will learn how to fly, how to sneak without waking sleeping children and how to care for lost teeth as well as how to care for the teeth we still have. All children will take home their very own Tooth Fairy Rainbow Skirt to keep as well as making their very own tooth fairy box and wand.

**[www.kidscanact.com.au](http://www.kidscanact.com.au)**  
**Mob. 0414 475 158**

\*The owner reserves the right to cancel classes if they do not have a viable number of children enrolled.





# 2017 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials

Any Primary students enrolled in Parramatta Diocesan Schools in Year 5 and 6 in 2017 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term Four of 2016 (Summer Sports - Basketball, Cricket, Softball & Tennis) and Term One/Two in 2017 (Winter Sports - AFL, Football, Hockey, Netball, Rugby League League, Rugby Union & Touch).

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2017 be invited to attend.

Parramatta Diocesan trials in 2017 will be held in the following sports:

\*AFL (boys), Diving (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Football (B&G), Golf (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Netball (girls), Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union (boys), & Touch(B&G).

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website

[www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au). This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2017 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. You may complete this form to attend a selection trial or if you have been selected in a representative squad or team. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST** be approved by your child's school. In order for your child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of your school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated. **Please complete all fields and especially "Representative Experience"**.

Please ensure that the **SUBMIT** button has been pressed upon completing the form and notification email will be sent to the parent/guardian listed on the form confirming this expression of interest has been received.

**Your child's school will notify you one week prior to the trial date if your child is to attend to the Parramatta Diocesan trial for their selected sport by providing a trial information sheet.**

***Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.***

**Summer Sports Registrations close Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 5pm.**  
**Winter Sports Registrations close Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 5pm.**

Please contact your school sports coordinator for any further information.

Yours In Sport,

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