



Dear Parents and Friends of St Mary MacKillop Primary School

UPDATED STAFF OF 2017

Early Stage 1:

Kindergarten Mrs Claire Harman (KH) and Miss Maryanne McNally (KM)

Stage 1:

Year 1 Mrs Deb Aliberti (KA) and Miss Nicole Jones (1J)

Year 2 Mrs Ashlea Milgate (2M) and Miss Natalie Franklin (2F)

Stage 2:

Year 3 Mr Darren McErlain (3M) and Mrs Donna Fox (3F)

Year 4 Mrs Leonie Mitchell (4M) and Mrs Amanda Joseph (4J)

Stage 3:

Year 5 Mrs Leesa Gillard (5G) and Mrs Rachel Paine/Mr Brad Carroll (5PC)

Year 6 Mrs Kim Mathewson (6K) and Mrs Margaret Meehan (6M)

Leadership Team:Principal: Mr Scott Buchan

Assistant Principal: Mrs Margaret Rowan

REC: Mrs Leesa Gillard

Stage Coordinators: Mrs Kelly Gray- Early Stage 1/Stage 1

Mrs Margaret Rowan—Stage 2

Mrs Margaret Meehan - Stage 3

Coordinator 1: Mrs Deb Aliberti

Teacher/Librarian: Mrs Maree Eisenhuth

Library Assistant: Mrs Marina Napoli

Learning Support: Mrs Kelly Gray

Mrs Niamh MacDonald

Mrs Chris Laffan

Mrs Joanne Tadic

Teacher Assistants: Mrs Marina Napoli

Mrs Judy Inskip

Mrs Simone Breia

Mrs Kristy Daines

RFF: Mrs Maree Eisenhuth.

Mr Brad Carroll

Leadership Team

Release: Mrs Joanne Tadic 5G

Mrs Maree Eisenhuth 6M

Administration: Mrs Chris Capolupo (Monday-Thursday)

Mrs Nicole Brock

Mrs Judy Inskip (Friday)

Learning Technology Coordinator Mrs Deb Aliberti

Learning Technology Trainee:Mr Nick Ramsay (Monday & Wednesday)

School Counsellor Mrs Jeanne Appleton (Thursday)

Maintenance: Mr Colin Meredith (Monday, Wednesday and Friday)

**THANK YOU
&
GOODBYE**

GOODBYE

I would like to say goodbye to everyone via my final newsletter before I leave St Mary MacKillop and commence my principalship in 2017 at Our Lady of the Rosary, St Marys.

As we come to the end of the 2016 school year we can look back with gratitude on the many blessings we have enjoyed this year. There have been many opportunities to pray, celebrate and learn together.

I wish to thank Fr Mathew & Fr Joe for their tremendous support, guidance, pastoral leadership and encouragement throughout 2016. I would like to thank you, our families, for your involvement, support and encouragement throughout this year in so many different ways. I thank all the St Mary MacKillop staff most sincerely for their committed and enthusiasm, their creativity and compassion, and also their great learning throughout 2016! And perhaps most importantly I would like to congratulate the children on their learning and efforts throughout this year in so many different ways – growing in faith and knowledge through Religious Education, numeracy, reading and writing, sport, creative arts, leadership, friendships, social skills development and so much more!

To those children, families and staff moving on to new communities next year, our very best wishes to you for the journey ahead. A final fond farewell to staff who are moving on next year: **Mr Steve Cauchi, Mrs Julie Brigden, Ms Connie Mulders, Mrs Ros Wheaton, Miss Sarah Chircop, Mr Meinardo Benitez & Mr Jordan Greenhaigh.** May God bless you and keep you safe today and always.

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

One of the most popular activities of the Advent and Christmas seasons is the singing of carols. We have “Carols by Candlelight”, “Carols in the Park”, “Carols in the classrooms” and all express happiness and joy. However, not all carols were composed in happy or joyful circumstances and the “Twelve Days of Christmas” was one such carol. When Henry VIII had his falling out with Pope Clement VII, he set about to dismantle the Catholic Church and to establish the Church of England. Catholics were not permitted to practise their faith openly or even in private; if they were caught, the consequences were severe: heavy fines, imprisonment, even death.



So, Catholics devised a “coded” carol as an instruction tool for their children. It was called the “Twelve Days of Christmas” and its images covered the essentials of their Catholic Faith. The “true love” is God; the “me” is every baptised person; the “partridge in a pear tree” is Jesus and his cross; the “two turtle doves” are the New and Old Testaments”; the “three French hens” are faith, hope and charity; the “four birds” are the four Gospels; the “five golden rings” are the Pentateuch which were the first five books of the Hebrew Scripture that contained the “law” or teaching and instructions; the “six geese-a-laying” are the six days of creation; the “seven swans” the Gifts of the Holy Spirit; the “eight maids” the Beatitudes; the “nine ladies dancing” the fruits of the Holy Spirit; the “ten lords” the ten commandments; the “eleven pipers” the eleven faithful Apostles; the “twelve drummers” the twelve articles of faith in the Apostles Creed.

Another popular Christmas Activity is to erect the Christmas tree and clothe it with “robes” of decoration. Most probably, the Christmas tree had its origin through a combination of two medieval religious symbols: the Paradise Tree and the Christmas Candle. Around about 1000 A.D. Advent Plays told the stories of creation and the fall of Adam and Eve. Usually, the plays ended with a promise of the coming of a Saviour. The Garden of Eden was depicted by a fir tree with apples hanging on it; it was called the Paradise Tree. The custom moved from being outside plays to being in-home celebrations, where Christians would hang apples and other meaningful items on the tree, including small candles to remind them of God’s gift to them of Christ the Saviour, the “light of the world”. The Christmas Candle was lit on Christmas Eve to symbolise Christ the light of the world; the candle remained lit for the entire Christmas period.

The third most popular Christmas activity is the setting out of the crib, which is an attempt to reconstruct the stable and manger environment in which Christ was born. The crib, as we know it, dates from St Frances of Assisi who, on Christmas Eve 1223, celebrated the stable scene with a sermon about the humble surrounds into which Jesus was born in the very humble town of Bethlehem.

All these real activities and symbols of Christmas are there to help us to celebrate the real meaning of Christmas: the birth of Jesus, God's Son. It is somewhat of a forlorn wish that peace will be in our home during the Christmas period, as peace runs the great risk of being overrun by feverish activity, which could mean that all the "superficials" are well attended to, while stress levels are given a "boost" and home budgets given a "bust".

Christmas should be a time of great celebration but within an atmosphere of peace and joy. "I bring to you good news of great joy, for to you is born this day a saviour who is Christ the Lord."

Luke 2:10,11

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Mrs Marina Napoli has been on sick leave over the past few weeks. Please keep Mrs Napoli and her family in your prayers.

Merry Christmas!!

The staff of St Mary MacKillop would like to wish you and your loved ones a joyous and peace-filled Christmas. May it be a time when the love which the Christ child brought into our world inspires us to give generously to others and to celebrate the most important things in life..... love, family, friends, hope, peace and joy!

Good bye & God Bless
Michael Siciliano
PRINCIPAL



Reminder of School Hours

School Supervision at St Mary MacKillop commences at 8.15am in the morning and concludes at 3.30pm in the afternoon. If you require child minding facilities outside these times please contact the following before and after school care centres listed below. Parents are not leave children unsupervised before the school gates open at 8.15am.

- Kidz Klub 02 4732 4402
- Mrs P's 02 4733 1921
- Tandara – 02 4732 3190
- Kids Academy 0418 446 246
- Sporty Kids Care 0417 402 902





St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers – Social Justice Activity

Thankyou!

Our last Social Justice Initiative for 2016 has been a huge success! On Thursday 8th December, the St Mary MacKillop community presented Mr Joe Tabone, a representative from the St Vincent de Paul Society, with 75 bags of grocery items. Mr Tabone, on behalf of the St Vincent de Paul Society expressed his sincere thanks to all the children and their families and was overwhelmed with our generosity. These items have now been used to make Christmas Hampers for the needy within our community. I would also like to extend my appreciation for the outpouring of support to this important appeal. We have certainly made this Christmas Season special for many local people in need.



St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish

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 28th 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.

As the year draws to a close and the Christmas Season is fast approaching I offer the following reflections:

Life Is An Advent Season **CONNECTIONS, 11-28-93**

"Life is a constant Advent season: we are continually waiting to become, to discover, to complete, to fulfill. Hope, struggle, fear, expectation and fulfillment are all part of our Advent experience.

The world is not as just, not as loving, not as whole as we know it can and should be. But the coming of Christ and his presence among us—as one of us—give us reason to live in hope: that light will shatter the darkness, that we can be liberated from our fears and prejudices, that we are never alone or abandoned.

May this Advent season be a time for bringing hope, transformation and fulfillment into the Advent of our lives."

Christmas Affirmation

I BELIEVE that Christmas is more than a time for parties and ornaments; it is a time for

remembering Christ and the incarnation of God's love in human flesh.

I BELIEVE there are gifts more important than the ones under the Christmas tree, the things we teach our children, the way we share ourselves with friends, and the industry with which we set about reshaping the world in our time.

I BELIEVE that the finest carols are often sung by the poorest voices; from hearts made warm by the wonder of the season.

I BELIEVE in the angel's message that we should not be afraid—that the Child of Bethlehem is able to overcome all anxieties and insecurities.

I BELIEVE in prayer and quietness as a way of appropriating Christmas—that if I wait in silence I will experience the presence of the one born in the manger, for he lives today as surely as he lived then.

I BELIEVE in going away from Christmas as the wise men went: "another way." I want to be different when these days are past—more centered, more thoughtful, more caring.

AND I BELIEVE God will help me.

Amen

May the joy of the Christmas Season be with you and I wish everyone a happy and holy Christmas.

Mrs Leesa Gillard

Religious Education Coordinator

P & F News

Thank you to everyone who helped out & joined in for the Gingerbread House night. Kids and parents alike had a great time decorating and catching up before Christmas.

Big thanks to the Cilia, Peters and Carroll families for their hard work and enthusiasm in organising this year's event.

2017

If you are interested and would like more information on being involved and an active part of the P & F please contact escarroll1@gmail.com.

Keep an eye on the school Facebook page over the holidays as we will be advertising our events for Term 1.

Wishing all our students, parents, teachers, family and friends a very safe, happy and holy Christmas with your loved ones. See you in 2017!

Erin Carroll

On behalf of the SMMK P & F



News from Mr Cauchi

With a heavy heart I would like to bid farewell to all the wonderful families, parents and students whom I have had the great pleasure of working with over my 7 years at St Mary MacKillop. I will leave with fond memories of this very special community and take with me a piece of each of you. Thank you to the many families who have passed on their well wishes and gratitude over the past few weeks. My job has made a lot easier working with a very dedicated and caring staff. The teachers at St Mary MacKillop are not only exceptional educators, they are also genuine in their care and concern for the children. I can not thank them enough for everything they do for our students. The staff, parents, wider community and students, both past and present will forever hold a special place in my heart.



God Bless
Mr Cauchi

Creative Arts News

Talent Quest 2016

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the stage heats for the St Mary MacKillop Talent Quest this year. The talent was exceptional, creative and inspiring and the confidence which the children showed was impressive.

A further congratulations to the following students who performed on Thursday 1st December to great acclaim at the Talent Quest Showcase:

Indie B, Lucca and Claude E, Jack W, Charlotte C, Charlotte S, Anna B, Isla M, Stella M, Georgia K, Louis C, Oliver N, Jessica A, Lachlan S, Tayla B, Chontelle R, Georgia B, Genevieve W, Ella C, Sienna M, Jedd K, Isabella R, Abbey K & Grace A

Captivate Immersion Program

Congratulations to Sienna M, Ella C, Georgia B and Isabella S for being selected and representing our school as part of the Captivate Immersion Program during Week 9. The week culminated in a very successful presentation at The Joan, Penrith on Friday 9th December. Well done!!

String Instrument you want to sell??

It's that time of the year when the new Year 3 students are looking to purchase string instruments. If any families have unwanted instruments they wish to sell whether it be your child has discontinued the program or has outgrown a violin, please send a note to Mr Carroll as many families are looking to buy second hand instruments and I will put you in contact.

Strings 2017

A reminder to all parents of current strings students that your child will automatically be re-enrolled in the strings lessons program for 2017 unless otherwise notified in writing to the office. If your child wishes to begin lessons at the commencement of 2017, especially Year 3 2017, please pick up an application form from Mr Carroll or at the office. Please return the application by Week 2 of Term 1, 2017.

2016 - Looking back

What a wonderful creative year we've had. Congratulations to all our students who have been apart of:

- Nightingale Choir
- Captivate Choir
- Captivate Voices
- St Mary MacKillop Orchestra
- Penrith/Mountains Orchestra
- Captivate Showcases
- Immersion Program
- Dance-athon (with Pistachio Entertainment)
- School Fete
- Class & Grade Assemblies
- Talent Quest 2016

And who can forget the fun we all had with THE LION KING JNR. Thank you for your continued support of our Creative Arts Program and I wish you a very Musical Christmas.

Mr. Brad Carroll
Creative Arts

Student Banking

Due to a new finance system being implanted into our school next year the office staff will be unable to process the Student Banking. We are seeking a parent volunteer who can assist with this. The Commonwealth Bank are happy to send out a representative to train you.



If you would like to volunteer please put your name down at the office.

Sports News

The Parramatta CEDP Sports Awards were held last Wednesday 7th December at St Aidan's Primary School. To be invited to attend the night, any student aged 8-12 from the Parramatta Diocese must have qualified for at least one MacKillop team and one NSW State team. Out of the 1600 plus students in our diocese in that age bracket, only 29 students were eligible. All 29 were recognised with a medal and certificate, presented to them by Australian Netballer Paige Hadley.

Following this presentation, Margaret Thornton then awarded 5 prestigious awards for things like Excellence in Sport with Disability, Courage in Sport, Determination in Sport and finally, the Sporting Excellence Award for 2016.

It was with enormous pride that we watched the Sporting Excellence Award for 2016 be awarded to our very own, Uaale Elisara of Year 6. This is an enormous achievement and the first time this highly esteemed award has been given to a St Mary MacKillop student. We congratulate Uaale again, for the many achievements he made this year in Athletics and Rugby Union. We thank him for being the mature, humble, determined role model he has been at MacKillop and wish him all the best for the future. We look forward to following your journey, Uaale, and know you will do great things!

On the weekend I went to the central coast to compete in a touch football gala day. I was selected to play for Penrith and we had to verse Orange and Manly and some other areas too. We played 5 games on Sunday and we won them all. We made it to the final and we had to play Orange. The score was 3-2 and Penrith won! I had lots of fun and am looking forward to more gala days in January.

Ella D 3W

Miss Maryanne McNally

Sport Coordinator



Library News

We have certainly had a busy year in the Saint Mary Mackillop library in 2016.

Over 180 students completed the Premier's Reading Challenge, congratulations to the recipients of the Gold and Platinum awards for consecutive years of participation.

We had a very successful Book Fair, once again enabling us to purchase many resources for our teaching and learning.

The library is always a popular place to be at lunch times for a range of activities enjoyed by students from Kinder to Year 6, or to catch up on some research in History, Science and Geography.

Our beautiful new books have been available to students to borrow throughout the year, and for their learning, our History and Geography resources which have been so very generously covered by Mrs Betty Gillard, Mrs Nellie Ellis and Mrs Liz Whalen.

Without the support and generosity of these ladies, our books would not have been available for our students so quickly, so a HUGE thank you to these wonderful ladies on behalf of the St Mary Mackillop community for your time and support.

We look forward to another year with much happening in the library, keep reading in the break and a Happy Christmas to one and all.

Mrs Maree Eisenhuth
Teacher Librarian

A promotional poster for the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge. The background is a light blue sky with a large blue and white striped flag on the left, a white seagull in flight, and a blue and white striped sailboat on the right. In the foreground, a man wearing a straw hat and glasses is reading a book. A butterfly is perched on the book. In the bottom right corner, there are coconuts and a drink with a straw. The text is as follows:

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**

Enter online at www.parra.catholic.edu.au
Entries close 7 February 2017

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Mathematics Assessment Interviews

Our interviews are an opportunity to work mathematically with your child as close to the beginning of the year as possible. Mathematics Assessment Interviews for 2017 will be held on:

Friday, 27 January from 12:00pm until 4:00pm
Monday, 30 January 9:00am until 4:00pm

Mathematics Assessment Interviews will be held in late January 2017. Online bookings will be available from 13th December and will need to be finalised before Monday, 23 January 2017 when bookings for this event will close.

For parents that do not have internet access, a IPAD will be available at the front office from 14th December onwards for parents to make their own bookings. Interviews are 30 minutes. **BOOKINGS CLOSE 23rd of January 2017.**

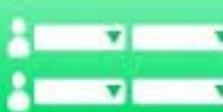
You can book school interviews for the times that suit your family.
Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

Simply enter the code **p7d96** and press “GO”

THIS CODE CHANGES—DO NOT USE YOUR LAST EVENT’S CODE



1  Enter your details

2  Select the teacher you wish to see

3  Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click **FINISH**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If you do not receive your email immediately—**Check your junk mail folder AND make sure you have spelled your email address correctly.**

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time and change your interviews until the bookings close on 23rd January 2017.

You may change your bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by revisiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address you used when you made your original booking.

Dates for Your Diary Term 4- 2016

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday	16 December	2:00pm 2:15pm	Whole School Advent Prayer Whole School Assembly Last Day of School for Students
Monday	19 December		Staff Development Day

Dates for Your Diary Term 1- 2017

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday	27 January		Staff Return MAI Testing STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Monday	30 January		STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY MAI Testing
Tuesday	31 January		Years 1-6 Commence MAI Testing (Kindergarten Only)
Wednesday	1 February		Kindergarten Commence School (full day)

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)
In this creative workshop the children use a variety of different coloured garbage bags, tape and other materials to design their own costumes. Once this is done we create the characters who wear these creations and make a play. This will then be filmed and shown to family and friends at the end of the second day.

Tooth Fairy School Friday 2th 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.

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2017 Diocesan School Fees

21 November 2016

Dear parents and carers

Please find below the 2017 Diocesan school fees schedule which includes a modest 3.0% increase on the fees from 2016. Every effort has been made to keep the fee increase to a minimum and I am pleased to report that the increase is *less than* the 3.3% education CPI increase for the same period.

School-based fees will also be limited to a 3.0% increase to ensure we have consistency across our Diocese. School-based fees cover the costs of important things such as technology and school administration.

I appreciate that from time to time, some families might experience financial challenges. With this in mind, I take this opportunity to remind you that confidential fee support is available through

- discounts for families with multiple siblings in our schools
- flexible payment plans
- hardship concession policies for families in need
- the Bishop Manning Scholarship Fund
- the Byawalla Co-contribution Scheme for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.

Tuition Fees - 2017

The 2017 diocesan tuition fees are outlined below:

ANNUAL FEES	No charge for 4th+ children	1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$1,131	\$849	\$567
	Years 1 – 6	\$1,461	\$1,095	\$732
	Years 7 – 8	\$2,028	\$1,521	\$1,014
Secondary	Years 9 – 10	\$2,250	\$1,689	\$1,125
	Years 11 – 12	\$2,874	\$2,157	\$1,437

The 2017 term rate for each of the first three terms is outlined below:

TERM FEES	Charged in Terms 1, 2 & 3	1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Primary	Kindergarten	\$377	\$283	\$189
	Years 1 – 6	\$487	\$365	\$244
	Years 7 – 8	\$676	\$507	\$338
Secondary	Years 9 – 10	\$750	\$563	\$375
	Years 11 – 12	\$958	\$719	\$479



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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. 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 28th October 5pm.
Winter Sports Registrations close Friday 3rd February 5pm.

Please contact your school sports coordinator for any further information.

Yours In Sport,
Margaret Thornton
Teaching Educator – Primary Sport
Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

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