



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.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Wishing all of our Fathers and father figures a wonderful day of appreciation for this Sunday. Thank you for all you do.

The past fortnight has been a wonderful time to be the principal of St Mary MacKillop Primary School. There has been so much to be proud of as the children have shone whilst demonstrating the complex learning that they have engaged in this year. I have had the opportunity to share my pride and joy at the St Nicholas Parish Council Meeting, our P and F meeting and at system leader meetings for the diocese.



Last week we had over 60 of our students perform at the Captivate 10th Anniversary showcase. This spectacular event held at Homebush allowed our students to demonstrate the great learning they have been doing in the performing arts. Whether they were dancers, instrumentalists in the orchestra or singers in the choir, the kids were absolute stars for our school and diocese.

We also have had many of our students demonstrate their athletic excellence and sportsmanship recently. The 80 children who attended the St Nicholas Netball Gala Day were terrific ambassadors for our school and put the learning that they have been doing in P.E. lessons into practice on the court. We also had an amazing group of students' progress from our school athletics carnival onto the Zone Athletics carnival. From there we had many students' progress to the Diocesan Athletics carnival and now we have a group of students selected for the elite Inter-diocesan level of competition.

I also travelled this week to Glenmore Park to observe the Voice of Youth cluster final. Our Year Six students have been articulate and intelligent in the construction and delivery of their speeches this year. The three students who ultimately represented our school were outstanding models of the sophisticated learning that takes place during literacy time across our school. They presented challenging, well researched and at times funny opinions and views that engaged the audience.

Of course the opportunity for our kids to demonstrate, perform and showcase how they apply the sophisticated learning that takes place in the classroom would not be possible without the continuous support and guidance of the wonderful staff that work in our school. Their generosity of time and talent as well as their ability to challenge each and every student to develop their unique gifts and talents amazes me and makes me a very proud principal indeed.

Staffing News

Mrs Rachel Paine will be taking leave from our school in Term Four to welcome a new arrival to her family. We wish her, her husband Mick and Payton and Henry all the very best and look forward to meeting the new addition to their family. We are advertising for a replacement for Mrs Paine whilst she is on leave.

Together We Grow.

Mr Scott Buchan - Principal

Mary MacKillop International Fundraiser: The final figures are in!!!!

On Wednesday 8th August we celebrated the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, the patron saint of our school. As part of our celebration we held a fundraising activity where the whole school participated in a class coin weigh-in.

All the coins have now been counted and I am pleased to announce that \$1,625 was raised. This is a fantastic accomplishment! Congratulations to all the generous people in our wonderful community! The money raised has now been forwarded to Mary MacKillop International to continue the good work started by St Mary MacKillop and now carried on by the Sisters of St Joseph. Thank you for your continued generosity!



Father's Day Celebrations – Friday 1st September

Please join us on Friday 1st August 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 and 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)

9:15am - Father's Day Liturgy in the hall.

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

10:15am - Open classrooms

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 11th September:

Cooper B, Layla B, Elise B, Austin B, Samarah B, Katie-Maree C, Millie-Jay C, Amelia D, Isla D, Liam D, Ava D, Thomas F, Rafferti G, Ryan G, Thomas G, Sophie H, Jacob H, Jarred H, Caleb K, Georgia M, Xavier Mc, Ella Mc, Christian Mc, Mia M, Ciaran M, Marcus M, Oliver N, Lily O, Jordan P, Maurice P, Riley P, Thomas R, Ben R, Jacob R, Madeleine S, Tanae S, Lachlan S, Tayla S, Anastacia W, Daniel W and William Z



At Confirmation these children will receive the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

These seven gifts were first received in the [Sacrament of Baptism](#) are then they are strengthened in the [Sacrament of Confirmation](#), which is one of the reasons why the Catholic Church teaches that Confirmation is properly viewed as the completion of Baptism. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit give us strength to help us through life. The seven gifts are:

Religious Education News

Wisdom: The ability to see God in everyone and everything everywhere.

Understanding: The ability to comprehend that we are followers of Christ.

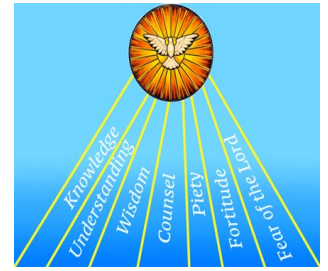
Counsel (Right Judgment): The ability to know right from wrong and to choose to do what is right.

Piety (Reverence): The ability to have deep respect for God and the church.

Knowledge: The ability to understand the meaning of God.

Fortitude (Courage): The ability to overcome our fear and to stand up for what is right in the eyes of God.

Fear of the Lord (Wonder and Awe): The ability to be aware the God is all-powerful, all-loving, all-perfect. To be in admiration of all the wonderful things God does.



Mrs Leesa Gillard
Religious Education Coordinator

Voice of Youth

On the 27th August, Year 6 travelled to Bethany Primary School for the Voice of Youth Cluster Final, where three of our school representatives delivered their speeches. Peony P, Liam E and Kate F all delivered fantastic speeches. There were 12 year 6 students presenting their speeches from different schools including St Mary MacKillop, Holy Family, Bethany and Our Lady of the Way.

We listened to some amazing speeches from all students. It was very hard for the judges to choose one winner. Three awards were presented on the day -first place, runner up and a Social Justice award. Tara S from Bethany came first delivering a speech about Female Rights and Tristan S from Bethany received the Social Justice award for his speech on Global Warming. A huge congratulations to Kate F for her excellent speech on 'Did God get it Right?', she did an amazing job and was awarded runner up on the day.

Congratulations to all our Year 6 students that participated in the Voice of Youth Competition.

Written by: Ava O, Angelica P, Peony P, Chontelle R, Amelia M



Sports News

The Diocesan Athletics Carnival took place at Blacktown International Sportspark on Thursday 23rd August. St Mary MacKillop had 17 students participating in this event, including both girls relays teams.

It was a wonderful day and we are very pleased to recognise the following students, who finished in the top 4 for their event and will now progress to compete at the NSWCPs MACKILLOP TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS on Monday 24th September:

Junior Girls Relay Team - Amber, Summer, Layla, Cadence

Amber S- 100m, Long Jump

Thomas G - Discus

Jarred H - 100m, 200m, Long Jump

Olivia R - 800m

Jarred Haydon was named the 11 Years Boys Age Champion! Congratulations Jarred, what an outstanding achievement! Furthermore, Jarred broke the 200m 11 years boys record TWICE! In the heat and in the Final. Jarred ran the 200m in a time of 27.83 seconds. AMAZING!!

Maryanne McNally
Sport Coordinator



P & F News

On Friday, 31st August 2018 the P & F will be holding a breakfast BBQ for the Dads, Grandads and special men in our children's lives. We will start serving from 8:15am and will finish before the liturgy.

Year 6 Parents

Year 6 Farewell plans are coming along nicely. For a great night please remember to send photos of your child at school functions on a USB clearly labelled with your name so we can start working on the slideshow. Our next Year 6 Farewell Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 5th September @ 6:30pm at Jamison Hotel.

Veronica Neale
P & F President

Library News

BOOK CHARACTER PARADE FRIDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER AT 9AM. IN THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND (WEATHER PERMITTING)

ALL WELCOME TO CELEBRATE LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK.

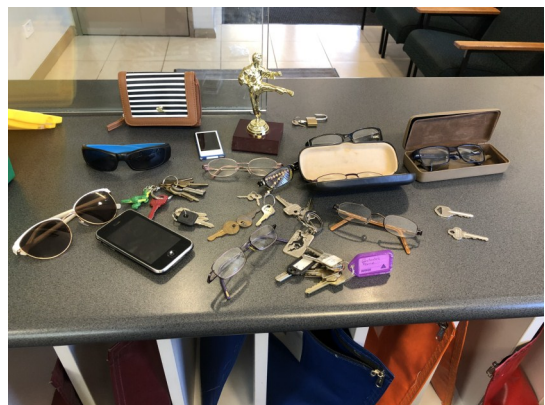
DRESS UP AS A FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER OR TO THE THEME OF FINDING YOUR TREASURE.



CLOSES FOR STUDENTS: Friday August 31, 2018

Please make sure you have logged your books by this date to ensure you receive your 2018 Premier's Reading Challenge certificate in

Term 4. Kindergarten students' reading records have been logged.



These items are in our school office. If you have lost any of these items please come and see us.

Netball Gala Day

Congratulations to ALL 78 of the fabulous students who participated at the Netball Gala Day at Jamison Park on Tuesday 28th August.

All of our competitors tried their best, they experienced wins, losses and draws, they had a tonne of fun and most importantly were amazing ambassadors representing our school with such wonderful sportsmanship.

An extra congratulations to our 8 Years, 9 Years Gold and 9 years Green teams who came away as MEDAL WINNERS!!!

A HUGE thank you needs to go to our coaches. Not only did you have a huge job to do on the day, but you all gave up time during the last couple of weeks to come and train the players - We are so grateful!!!

Thanks to Alison Martino (8 years), Karen Cutts (9 years green) Tabitha Knowles (9 Years Gold) Nat Sibbald (10 Years) Jacinta Selby & Meagan Geyer (11 Years) Marni Wilson (12 Years Green) Susie Jameson (12 Years Gold) and Lee Anderton (Senior Boys)
GO MACKILLOP!!

Mrs Claire Harman & Mrs Kimberley Mathewson



Chess is back!

When?

Monday Primary students (make sure you bring a partner! It is a two player game.)

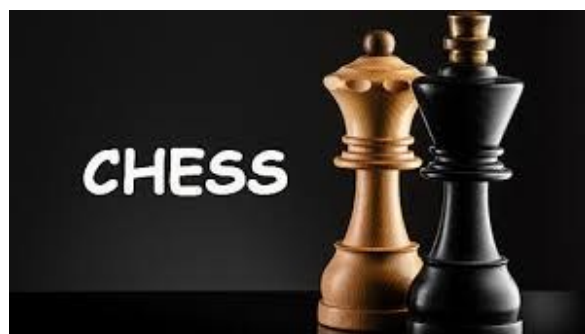
Tuesday Infants students (make sure you bring a partner! It is a two player game.)

Where?

6K-Mrs Mathewson's classroom.

Why?

Because chess is a great game which involves some 'hard thinking' skills.



If you would like to play chess any other day of the week the chess sets are available when the library is open during lunch breaks as well as everyday during the recess break on the Passive Playground.

Dates for Your Diary Term 3 - 2018

Thursday	30 August		Father's Day Stall
Friday	31 August	8am—9am 9am - 10:30am	Father's Day Breakfast Father's Day Liturgy & Open Classrooms
Thursday	6 September		Kindergarten Excursion to Featherdale
Friday	7 September	9am-10:30am 2:20pm	Book Parade Whole School Assembly (6M Item)
Friday	14 September	2:20pm	Talent Quest HEATS (K-Year 2) (Year 5 & Year 6) Whole School Assembly (3F Item)
Friday	21 September	2:20pm	Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day Talent Quest HEATS (Year 3 & Year 4) Whole School Assembly

Building Child Safe Communities - Forms For All Volunteers

'Building Child Safe Communities' is an initiative developed by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta that enhances our commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care. It is now a requirement that all volunteers complete an online undertaking form that confirms expectations in relation to behaviour whilst volunteering at schools. This undertaking form also seeks to determine the suitability of volunteers and contractors by requiring them to declare that they do not have a criminal history involving children.

Volunteers – please access the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>, then click on 'Child Protection Training Forms' (halfway down page on the right hand side).

Then click on '**Volunteer Form**' (halfway down page).

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are volunteering.

If you would like to be a parent helper at sports carnivals, reading groups, gala days, excursions etc you will need to complete the form.

School Fees

Thank you again for your patience with any issues you may have experienced with school fees while CEDP have transitioned the management of school fees.

If you have not yet received your school fee statement or have requested a direct debit arrangement which has not yet commenced could you please contact the school office on 02 4724 3200.

School Banking

School banking day is Friday. School banking encourages your child to develop regular savings habits by giving them the opportunity to deposit money into their Youthsaver account at school each week. If you are interested in school banking and your child does not already have a Youthsaver account you can apply online at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking or visit any CommBank branch.



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**.



Phone Number Change

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.

Afternoon Pick Up

Please pick up all children at 3pm across the road in the park. Do not come into the playground to collect your child or take them from lines as this creates safety issues for our children.

The teacher on duty will bring any children who are not collected from the park by 3.05pm up to the school playground onto our waiters line. If a child is not collected by their parent across the road, please **DO NOT** keep the child waiting with you, they must return with the teacher on duty.

If your child is on waiters, they can be collected from the playground between 3.10pm—3.30pm

Thank you for caring for our staff and kids.

Changing After School Travel Arrangements

If you need to change the after school travel arrangements for your child on a permanent basis, could you please forward a note to the classroom teacher.



If a change to after school travel arrangements is required after you have dropped your child at school, please contact the school office. Please be mindful that the office staff need to communicate this message to teachers and students and the process for this is to send a form to the child via the office bag which is collected from the office at **2pm**. We ask that you please, where possible, make these requests before **2pm** so that we can ensure the message reaches your child in a timely manner.

Skoool Bag App Instructions

For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).



22nd August 2018

SCHOOL BUS 4606 - PM SERVICE

**Jamison High School, St Mary Mackillop Primary School
& Orchard Hills Public School**

Consultation Period – 23rd August 2018 to 6th September 2018

Dear Parents and Students,

Busways are proposing to change the Route & Time of the Afternoon School Bus 4606 departing from Schools displayed above to Orchard Hills.

It is proposed that School Bus 4606 will depart from Jamison High School at 3:01pm (3 minutes earlier), St Mary Mackillop Primary School at 3:09pm (3 minutes earlier) then travel via the current route to Angophora Av & Caddens Rd then travel (L)Caddens Rd (L)Cadda Ridge Dr (R)O'Connell Ln (L)Caddens Rd (R)Ulm Rd (R)Castle Rd (L)Kingswood Rd to Orchard Hills Public School (3:30pm) then continues via current route to Penrith Anglican School.

Please provide your feedback in writing to info@busways.com.au.

For further information please contact Busways Customer Service on 9497 1870.

Yours sincerely

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