



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.*

There are many examples that I can share each fortnight of the outstanding work that the staff are undertaking to provide the very best education for your child. On this occasion I would like to focus on our school's involvement, as pioneers for the diocese, in developing the new Religious Education curriculum that will be adopted by all schools from next year. Every primary school in Australia must teach six KLA's (subjects) to pass school registration. When you chose a Catholic Education for your child, you also chose a seventh subject area, Religious Education for them.

As with all of our subjects, there must be a government approved course of study (a curriculum) with an accompanying set of guidelines for what is taught and when it is taught (a syllabus).

2018 saw the launch of a new Learning Framework for Religious Education in the Diocese of Parramatta. The Bishop's own motto 'Duc in Altum' (Go out into the deep) has provided the inspiration for this ambitious project. This new Learning Framework will be the basis of a new approach to Religious Education which will replace "Sharing Our Story" the current curriculum that has been in place for over 20 years.

The process of developing a new Learning Framework for Religious Education has been a co-creation with students, parents, teachers, clergy and system leaders. At the heart of the process was the commitment that the student wonderings about their faith would be the catalyst and the inspiration of the Learning Framework. The new approach is based on an experiential and inquiry based pedagogy and responds to learning elements of the Review of Religious Education that took place in 2014.

The draft Learning Framework for Religious Education is being trialled in Term 2 and our school has taken up the exciting opportunity to be a part of the trial in both of our **Year 1** classes this year. This will replace the current Sharing Our Story Program for Term 2. All St Mary MacKillop teachers will participate in a Professional Learning Program for the new Learning Framework throughout 2019 and will be well prepared for its implementation. This is an exciting opportunity for our community to further enhance our approach to Religious Education and promises to offer great learning for our staff and students.

I commend the hard work, creative thinking and innovative design that Miss Neilsen, Mrs Eisenhuth and Mrs Gillard are giving to this endeavour. They have worked tirelessly all year with specialists from our diocesan office and schools across our system to lead our whole community in this huge learning. It is not often that a new Religion Curriculum comes along and I am excited that our school is at the forefront of building faith education for our kids today and into the future.

#### Facilities

Just a reminder that later this term we will commence a big project where we will remove the entire roof of the school and replace the old leaking tiles with new colourbond sheets of metal (like we have on the hall). I am in discussion with the builders at the moment to minimise disruption to our students and learning whilst carrying out this upgrade work.

Together We Grow.

Mr Scott Buchan - Principal

## News from the Assistant Principal

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### **Tell them from Me Survey**

You are invited to provide feedback on your experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Mary MacKillop Primary School.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

[www.tellthemfromme.com/stmarymackillop](http://www.tellthemfromme.com/stmarymackillop)

### **Parent Teacher Interviews**

In Week 8 your child will receive their half yearly report. We will be holding our Parent/Teacher Interviews in Week 9 of this term. A note will be sent home with your child this week to book in Parent/Teacher Interviews using our online system.

### **Staff Development Day**

On Tuesday, 11 June we have a staff development day. This is a pupil free day for our students.

Margaret Rowan  
Assistant Principal

### **Sacramental Program – First Holy Communion**

The word 'communion' means to be united with; Catholics believe that in Holy Communion we are united in a special way with Jesus Christ.

At his Last Supper, Jesus said of the bread that he shared among his followers, "Take and eat, this is my body."

When we receive Holy Communion, Catholics believe that in a mysterious way we are sharing in the body and blood of Christ. Holy Communion and the whole celebration is also known as Eucharist, from a Greek word meaning thanksgiving. First Eucharist is a special occasion – a further step in becoming one with Christ and united with the people of God. For most people First Eucharist takes place at about the age of 9-10 years. Children should have an understanding of the sacrament that is appropriate to their age. Hopefully, this understanding will develop over the years. The church affirms that parents are the first educators of their children in the faith. You are handing on your faith to your children all the time. You have the wonderful responsibility of preparing your child to receive the Eucharist for the first time.

Usually the celebration of First Eucharist takes place at Sunday Mass. This is the most appropriate time. As the first reception of Eucharist marks a key step in the initiation of your child into the community of the church, it is most appropriate that the gathered community welcomes your child. The celebration of Mass is not just a special occasion for your family, but for the whole parish community.

Your child needs to feel at home in the parish community. Therefore, ideally, your child should receive First Eucharist at whichever Parish and Mass she or he usually attends.

<http://www.catholicaustralia.com.au/>



We currently have 48 children in our school involved in the Sacramental Program. I invite all in our community to pray for the following children who are preparing to receive their First Eucharist (second Sacrament of Initiation):

*Xavier A, Ava A, Lucas B, Anna B, Neve C, Giuseppe C, Charlotte C, Mikaylah D, Evelyn D, Claude E, Kelsey E, Joseph F, Bradley F, Rayna G, Lani G, Vincent G, Jenaya G, Cadence G, Gabriel G, James G, Stefania G, Jay H, Koby L, Blake L, Sienna M, Charlotte M, Gabriel M, Cruz M, Alex M, Luke M, Ava N, Rhys N, Melinda P, Aadil P, Ava P, Cooper P, Josh P, Madeleine P, Zachary P, Tristan R, Amelia R, Charlotte S, Lillie S, Ella S, Luke S, Taylah T, Emily V and Deklan X*

### **Social Justice Activity: St Vincent de Paul and Penrith Community Kitchen**

#### **Wear your Beanie and Bring a Donation Day!**

#### **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

This term our Social Justice Initiative will be based around supporting the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal and Penrith Community Kitchen. With winter upon us both these worthwhile charities are in need of our support.

The St Vincent de Paul Society expects to see an increase in demand for assistance over the winter months. With energy prices and the cost of living increasing, more Australian families are struggling to make ends meet and cover basic household expenses.

Penrith Community Kitchen, is a community project that is staffed by volunteers and has been operating for 20 years. It is open five days a week and provides approximately 900 meals each week.

Sadly, too many Australians will experience a long, cold and often lonely winter this year. As part of our social justice program, on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June we will have a Donation and beanie day. All the children will be asked to wear beanies to school and donate one or more of the following items:



## Religious Education News—Continued

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### St Vincent de Paul needs donations of:

- *beanies*
- *gloves*
- *scarves*
- *blankets*
- *money (gold coins or notes)*

### Penrith Community Kitchen needs donations of non-perishable food such as:

- *Tinned food such as; soups, vegetables, meat, tuna, salmon*
- *Packets of rice, pasta or cous-cous*
- *Bottles of pasta sauces*

All donated items will be collected and presented to the appropriate charity. Thank you in advance for your help in reaching out and supporting those in need in our local community.

### Pentecost: Sunday 9th June

Sunday, the 9th June is the Feast of Pentecost, one of the most important days in the Christian Calendar. Pentecost is celebrated fifty days after Easter and concludes the Season of Easter.

*'When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.'* Acts 2:1–4

Pentecost has a central place in the Christian Story. Prior to the coming of the Holy Spirit, the disciples were confused and afraid by the recent events they had experienced - The Crucifixion and Resurrection of their leader and teacher, Jesus.

Pentecost was a turning point for the disciples. It inspired, united and strengthened them by transforming their minds and hearts. They no longer simply remembered Jesus, they courageously proclaimed Him alive with boldness and conviction throughout the world.

The liturgical colour of Pentecost is red and this important day is considered the birthday of the Christian Church.

Spirit of life

***Fill our emptiness with your fullness***

Spirit of power

***Stir our hearts afresh***

Spirit of love

***Touch us, and through us, our neighbour***

Spirit of Creativity

***Enable and empower the gifts you have given***

Spirit of Eternity

***Draw us ever deeper into your Kingdom***



Mrs Gillard

Religious Education Coordinator

## Peer Support 2019

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### Week 6

In this week's Peer Support session the children will be exploring how to join groups and how to accept others into their friendship group. The activities will give the children a chance to practice these skills, as well as how to say no in a respectful way, cope with being told no and inviting others to join them.

Encourage your child to discuss with you the importance of saying no to people in a respectful way so that they don't lose friends. Also discuss with your child various options they have at school if they should find themselves without anyone to play with during break time.

### Week 7

In Peer Support this week children will be focusing on the skills of winning in a friendly way and coping with losing. The children will participate in various activities and discuss how to accept the outcome of a game, no matter what it is, in a friendly way in order to maintain those friendships.

During the week encourage your child to practice these skills in all aspects of life—whether it be in weekend sport or choosing what to watch.

## P & F News

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A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make our grandparents morning tea a huge success...thank you for baking, for setting up, for serving and cleaning up, as always we couldn't have done it without you and your help is greatly appreciated. All of the grandparents had a wonderful day and many complimented the wonderful food supplied, and I know they all appreciated a hot cuppa on that chilly Friday!



The countdown is on to our colour explosion to be held on Friday 5th July!! You would have received your child's sponsorship form by now. Sponsors can be signed up using the form sent home or by going online at [www.trybooking.com/BCMLM](http://www.trybooking.com/BCMLM).

Please make sure that you are getting as many sponsors as you to make our fundraiser a huge success and to enable us to raise funds for the beautification of the school grounds for our children to enjoy.

Don't forget we are collecting the Earn and Learn Stickers from Woolworths, if you are at Southlands drop them into our box or bring them into the school office! Every sticker counts!!



Our P&F meeting scheduled for Tuesday 4th June unfortunately had to be postponed. Our next meeting is now Thursday, 13 June at 7pm. We hope to see you there!

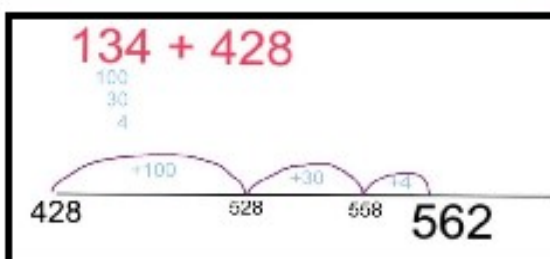
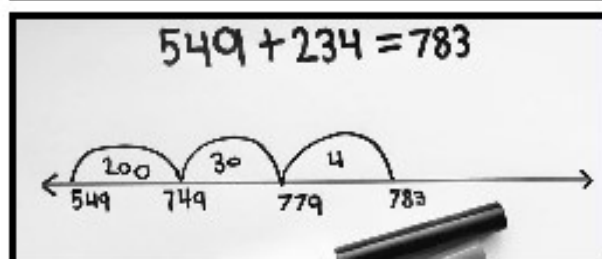
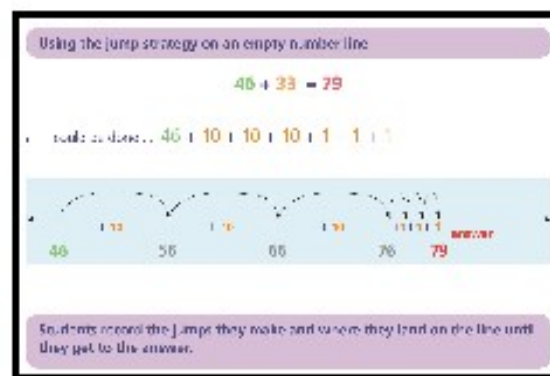
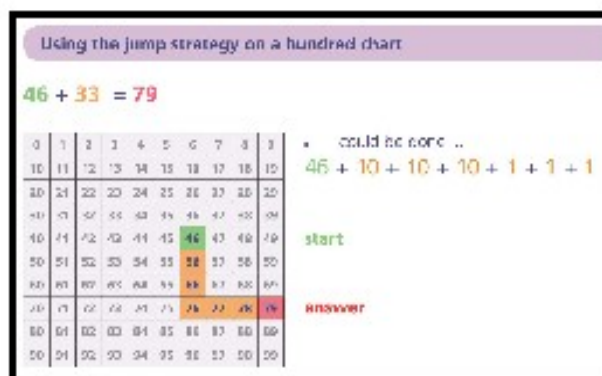
Veronica Neale  
P & F President



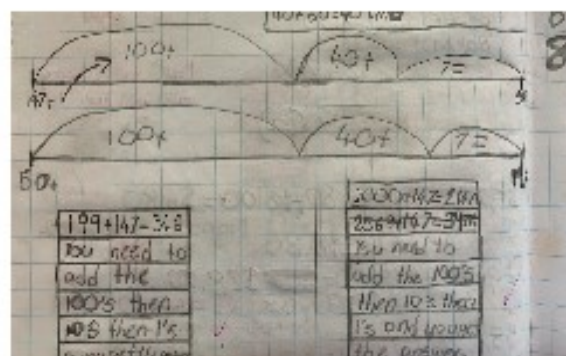
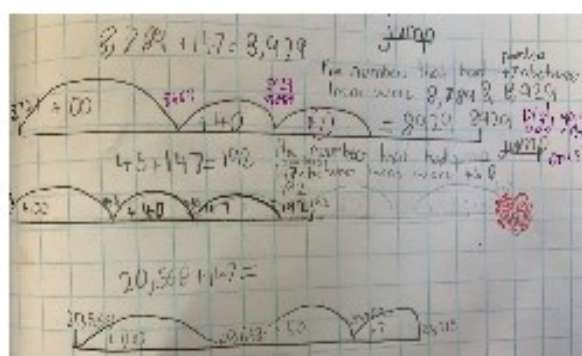
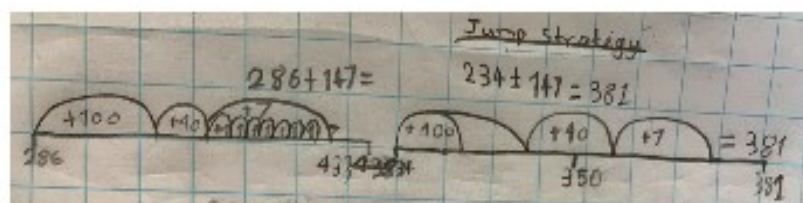
# SMMP Thinking Mathematically!

## THE JUMP STRATEGY

Start from the largest number and jump forward from it to get the final answer.



Here is some great work from Year 3 students around the Jump strategy.



For further information around activities that can be done at home visit

<https://www.numeracyathome.com/>

The Numeracy Team

## Dates for Your Diary Term 2 - 2019

<i>DAY</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
Friday	7 June	9:15am 2:20pm	Kindergarten Liturgy Whole School Assembly
Monday	10 June		Queen's Birthday Public Holiday ( <b>NO SCHOOL TODAY</b> )
Tuesday	11 June		Staff Development Day ( <b>NO SCHOOL TODAY</b> )
Thursday	13 June		Year 5 Excursion to Mary MacKillop Place
Friday	14 June	2:20pm	Whole School Assembly
Tuesday	18 June	8:30am-2:00pm	Dance Troup @ St John Paul II
Wednesday	19 June		Year 2 Excursion to Pioneer Village
Thursday	20 June		Primary Athletics Carnival @ Parker Street Oval
Friday	21 June	9:15am 2:20pm	Year 5 Mass Whole School Assembly
Friday	28 June	2:20pm 2:00pm-3:00pm	Whole School Assembly Second Hand Uniform Shop Open
Friday	5 July		Colour Explosion Day Last Day of Term 2

## Dates for Your Diary Term 3 - 2019

<i>DAY</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
Monday	22 July		Term 3 Commences
Friday	26 July	2:20pm	Whole School Assembly
Friday	2 August	2:20pm	Whole School Assembly



# MEAL DEALS

TERM 2 - 2019

**#1**

CHICKEN & LETTUCE SANDWICH,  
JUICE POP TOP,  
QUELCH STICK ICE BLOCK

**\$5.50**

**#2**

CHEESE SANDWICH,  
JUICE POPPER,  
FROZEN YOGHURT CUP

**\$5.50**

**#3**

SAUSAGES & GRAVY,  
MASH POTATO,  
FLAVOURED MILK (300ML)

**\$5.50**

**#4**

SINGAPORE NOODLES,  
JUICE BOMB CAN

**\$5.50**



Is this safe?



# PEANUT AND TREE NUT ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL



- DO NOT **SHARE** FOOD
- **WASH HANDS**  
AFTER SNACK AND MEAL TIMES.
- **ASK QUESTIONS** IF YOU ARE UNSURE  
OF "SAFE" FOODS.
- READ **ALL** INGREDIENT LABELS.

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for our friends with food allergies!