

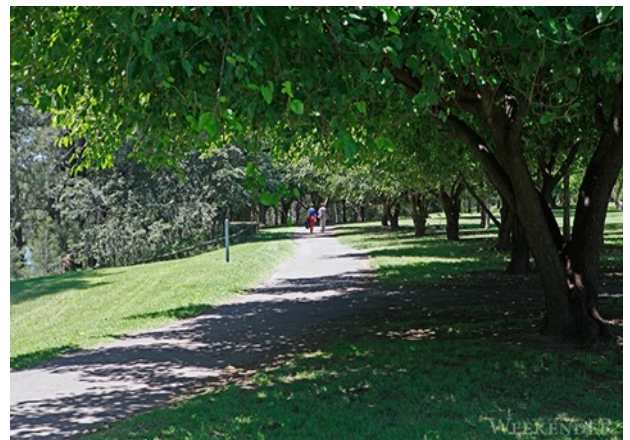


Dear Parents and Friends of St Mary MacKillop School,

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.

Last Friday, the staff of our school had the opportunity to come together for a day of prayerful reflection and formation. The focus of the day was 'Spring' and it was a time for appreciation and gratitude. Our day started down at the Nepean River where we were able to engage in focussed worship, scripture and companionship with colleagues. We travelled together around the banks on the 'river walk', stopping regularly to pray. The weather was beautiful and the blossoms on the trees set the scene. We returned to school where we came together in a Liturgy of the Word before spending the afternoon working in teams on developing our understanding of the new religion curriculum.



On behalf of the staff at St Mary MacKillop I would like to thank you for your support I providing the opportunity for whole staff development.

Thank you to the P and F, in particular Jo Randall, Veronica Neale , Catherine Watson and Kate Clarke for the terrific Trivia Night on Friday. It was a great celebration of community and a wonderful display of support for our school and kids.

Staffing News

Over the past two weeks we have been graced with two blessings of good news for our teaching team here.

Firstly we congratulate Maryanne Churchill (KC) and her husband Kyle on the expected arrival of their first child early next year. We wish them all the joys and blessings that come with parenthood and look forward to welcoming a new baby into our community.

Secondly we can also share the news that there is another addition to the family of Rachel and Mick Paine. Rachel is currently due to return from maternity leave but will be with us for only a short time before welcoming a fourth child into the world early next year. I am sure that Payton, Henry and Liam are excited to meet their new brother or sister in 2020.

Together We Grow.

Mr Scott Buchan - Principal

Mary MacKillop International Fundraiser



On Thursday 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 created a GOLD COIN mural of Mary MacKillop's famous phrase of:

Never see a need without doing something about it.

As a school community we were able to raise \$750, which 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!

Mary MacKillop International

Mary MacKillop International (MMI) is the aid and development organisation of the Sisters of St Joseph. In the spirit of Mary MacKillop, they work in partnership with local communities in Australia, throughout Timor-Leste, Peru and Papua New Guinea in the areas of education, health and livelihoods. Their program aspirations are that all members of the community can read and write, enjoy good health and have sustainable livelihoods.

By partnering with local communities MMI brings dignity to thousands of children, women and families. With this in mind, we can be assured that our donation will help those less fortunate in our world.





As many of our students are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, it is an opportune time to reflect on our understanding of this sacrament.

The sacrament of Confirmation builds on the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion and completes the process of initiation into the Catholic community. It establishes young adults as full members of the faith. This sacrament is called *Confirmation* because the faith given in Baptism is now confirmed and made strong. During Baptism, parents and godparents make promises to believe in God and the Church on a child's behalf. At Confirmation, the candidates renew those same promises, this time speaking for themselves.

During Confirmation, the focus is on the Holy Spirit, who confirmed the apostles at Pentecost and gave them courage to practice their faith. Catholics believe that the same Holy Spirit confirms during the Sacrament of Confirmation and gives them the same gifts. The seven *gifts* of the Holy Spirit are: wisdom, understanding, right judgment, courage, knowledge, reverence and awe.

A bishop celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation, because each bishop is a successor to the Apostles, upon whom the Holy Spirit descended at Pentecost—the first Confirmation. The bishop wears red vestments to symbolize the red tongues of fire seen hovering over the heads of the apostles at Pentecost.

Confirmation is administered by the laying on of hands, which signifies the descent of the Holy Spirit, and the anointing of the confirmation candidate with chrism (an aromatic oil that has been consecrated by a bishop). At the time of anointing the bishop will say "*Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit*" This seal is a consecration, representing the safekeeping by the Holy Spirit of the graces bestowed on the Christian at Baptism.

All baptized persons can and should be confirmed. The effect of the Sacrament of Confirmation is to give strength in faith and for the practice of faith.

As a faith community we are encouraged to pray for the following Confirmation candidates as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation:

Emily B, Marie B, Riley B, Emma B, Jake C, Emma C, Maddison E, Kymberley F, Taylah G, Abbi G, Stefania G, Myer J, Cameron J, Jayden J, Georgia K, Summer K, Gabrielle L, Darcy L, Jenna Mc, Siobhan Mc, Harrison M, Jasmyn M, Jonathan M, Chanelle N, Isaac O, Melinda P, Alex P, Rylee R, Elizabeth R, Sara R, Amber S, Amelia T, Chantelle W and Cooper W

Mrs Leesa Gillard

Religious Education Coordinator

Sporting News

Congratulations to all of our Netball Gala Day Champions. The sun was not the only thing shining on Wednesday 28 August, SMMP was shining too. The Senior mixed team and 10 year old girls team walked away undefeated. Our senior boys narrowly missed out on a win that went on a countback of the scores. Each team experienced a win on the day and as always, we are so proud of our school's sportsmanship and overall effort.

Thank you to the many parents that also came down and supported us on the day. Special mentions to our team coaches, who offered time to train at school and to chase the teams around on the day making sure they were at the courts ready for the hooter; Tabatha Knowles, Elisha Bowman, Jo Randall, Jess Tong, Nat Sibbald, Catherine King, Alison Martino, Emma Raven, and Leanne Goncalves.

Miss Jones and Miss Wotherspoon



9 Years teams



10 Years



11 Years



Senior Girls



Senior Mixed



Senior Boys



School Uniform

From Monday 16th September (Week 9) until the end of Term 3 students are welcome to choose between either full summer or full winter uniform.

The forecasted weather for the coming weeks is quite variable so you are welcome to change to full summer or full winter uniform depending on the weather each day.

From the start of Term 4, Monday 14th October, all students must be wearing full summer uniform

Leaving Students

A reminder that families are required to give at least 10 school weeks notice in writing if you are leaving the school. Please provide details in writing to the school office or email

stmarymackillop@parra.catholic.edu.au

News from Kindergarten

This fortnight, Kindergarten has welcomed real, live baby chicks and ducklings into our learning space! The chicks have joined us to enhance our Science learning around Living Things as well as our Religious Education learning God our Creator. The students are loving watching the chicks and ducklings hatch and grow and have been very affectionate towards our new class mates!



Literacy

On Thursday 5th September we celebrated National Literacy and Numeracy Week. We started the day with a whole school book parade and it was so wonderful to see all the great dress ups! The theme Reading is my Secret Power meant we had super hero's, wizards, mystical creatures, sports stars, and lots of weird and wonderful characters from everyone's favourites Dr Seuss and Roald Dahl. Following our book parade, students participated in Shared Reading activities with the shortlisted 2019 books and numeracy lessons. A big thank you to Mrs Eisenhuth for orchestrating the day and to all the mums and dads who helped their students dress up and share the joy of reading!

Mrs Churchill

Literacy Coordinator



Parent Contact Information

PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE CHANGED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

As you may be aware, we have a new finance system in place at St Mary MacKillop. The finance system requires an email address for both parents.

If you wish to receive a receipt when making a payment we ask that you ensure that the school has the correct email address. For our new families the receipts will be emailed to parents/caregivers nominated on the enrolment form however if there have been any changes please notify the office so that student records can be updated accordingly. Please also make sure your current Home/Mobile/Business numbers are up to date as well.

We loved seeing so many dads, grandads, uncles etc at our Father's Day BBQ! Such an event would not be possible without the amazing volunteers who always support us. We'd like to thank Mike and Jenni Hicks from Outback Steakhouse for their generous support of the bbq as well as Anthony Flynn, Anthony Randall, Rick Jenkins, Paul Muir for cooking up and serving up a storm!

We would also like to thank the wonderful ladies who helped at the Father's Day Stall, setting up, selling gifts and packing up at the end. Thank you to Michelle Lynch, Kristi Cavanagh, Leng Rubeli, Catherine King and Holly Pareezer.

If there is anyone we have forgotten to name, please accept our apologies! Your help is always appreciated

Wowzers! What a fundraising kind of term we've had! A huge thank you goes out to every member of St Mary MacKillop Primary who participated and/or donated to the Colour Explosion and the 'Casino Royale' Trivia Night.

They were both an amazing success and couldn't have been, without the support of our wonderful community. Our phenomenal fundraising efforts will provide beautification to our school grounds. Our community raised the following amounts:

Colour Explosion **\$12077.50**

Trivia Night **\$4608.00**

A special thanks goes out to our sponsors for the night:

Russell Sykes from Smash'N'Entertainment

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Without their support at the Trivia Night, it wouldn't have been such a success!

Please support our sponsors who support our school.



DJ/MC/SINGER

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Dates for Your Diary Term 3 - 2019

<i>DAY</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
Friday	13 September	9:15am 2:20pm	Year 4 Mass Whole School Assembly - Year 6 Item Stage 2 Boys & Girls Touch Football Gala Day
Tuesday	17 September	3:15pm	Fete Committee Meeting
Friday	20 September	9:15am 2:20pm	Year 1 Liturgy Whole School Assembly
Tuesday	24 September		Kindergarten Excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm
Friday	27 September	2:20pm 2:00pm-3:00pm	Whole School Assembly Second Hand Uniform Shop Open LAST DAY OF TERM 3

Dates for Your Diary Term 4 - 2019

<i>DAY</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
Monday	14 October		TERM 4 Commences
Friday	18 October	2:20pm	Whole School Assembly
Thursday	24 October	2:00pm-2:45pm	Kindergarten 2020 Playgroup Session No. 1
Friday	25 October	2:20pm 2:00pm-3:00pm	Whole School Assembly Second Hand Uniform Shop Open
Thursday	31 October	2:00pm-2:45pm	Kindergarten 2020 Playgroup Session No. 2
Friday	1st November	2:20pm	Whole School Assembly



TRUE LEARNING

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Cost per child: \$50 (Siblings: \$45)

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Activities run 9.00am – 3.00pm

Location: Luddenham

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM - VACATION CARE

WEEK ONE		
MON 30 SEP	Eyes and Ears and Mouths and Noses Can chickens smile? Do ducks have eyelashes? Are puppies' noses wet?	South Penrith
TUES 1 OCT	Over, Under, Around and Through Design and create an animal obstacle course and race against Coco!	South Penrith
WED 2 OCT	Patter, Paddle and Clip Clop So many different feet! We'll take a close look and figure out why.	South Penrith
THU 3 OCT	Horse Play A day of horsey-themed fun. NO RIDING.	Luddenham
FRI 4 OCT	NO PROGRAM TODAY (THE ANIMALS ARE HAVING AN EXTRA LONG WEEKEND!)	
WEEK TWO		
MON 7 OCT	LONG WEEKEND	
TUE 8 OCT	Waddle, Trot, Jump, Hop Duck dive, hop aboard and jump to it – a day all about movement.	Luddenham
WED 9 OCT	Fur and Feathers Soft, scruffy, smooth, shiny, fluffy. A close look at some furry & feathered friends.	South Penrith
THU 10 OCT	This Way and That Way Animals stick together in flocks, herds and packs. Can we keep them together?	South Penrith
FRI 11 OCT	Snap It, Sketch It, Paint It, Shape It Capture our furry and feathered 'models' in photos, drawings, paintings and clay.	South Penrith

Cost per child: \$50/day

DISCOUNTS

Early Bird, booked and paid in full by 18 Sep: Take 10% off

Siblings: First child \$50, siblings on same day \$45 each

Multiple days: First day \$50, other days booked & paid at same time \$45/day

BOOKINGS: www.truelearning.com.au under 'Programs'

QUESTIONS: Wendy Truelove

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OCTOBER HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Mon 30th September Springwood Lewin St	Tue 1st October Springwood Lewin St	Wed 2nd October Penrith	Thu 3rd October Springwood Court
Comedy Skit Day 9:00am - 2:00pm	1,2,3 Let's Make A Movie Rewind Let's Start Again 9:30am - 1:30pm	Time for Another Adventure 9:00am - 2:00pm	Magic, Spells and Illusions 9:30am - 1:30pm
	Puppetry No. 2 1:30pm - 5:00pm	Storytelling Magic 2:00pm - 5:00pm	Storytelling Magic 1:30pm - 5:00pm
Tue 8th October Penrith	Wed 9th October Springwood Court	 <p>USE YOUR \$100 CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHER</p> <p>Call Cathie 0414 475 158 www.kidscanact.com.au</p>	
DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND Magic, Spells and Illusions 9:00am - 2:00pm	1,2,3 Let's Make A Movie Time for Another Adventure 9:30am - 1:30pm		
Puppetry No. 2 2:00pm - 5:00pm	Bring Your A Game 1:30pm - 5:00pm		

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Family Shows



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with Tony Finch

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WHO: For the whole family
WHEN: Wednesday 2 October, 10-11am
TICKETS: \$7 per person (children under 2 free)



WAKE UP AND READ

with Frank Ozo

This funny comedy show combines music, drama, mime, puppetry, magic and circus all linked with short charming tales. Every tale is a piece in a story puzzle about how Frank the comedian became an avid reader, how reading is cool and can change your life. Frank's tales are full of real world fun, laughter, colour and fantastic tricks.

WHO: For the whole family
WHEN: Wednesday 9 October, 10.30-11.30am
TICKETS: \$7 per person (children under 2 free)



Young People



HENNA WORKSHOP

with Ranjeeta Saini

Have fun with henna in a hands-on workshop. Create your own designs, get tips on handling a henna cone and learn the secrets to make your own henna paste at home. Practice a range of motifs then decorate yourself in your own henna style.

WHO: 10-16 year olds
WHEN: Wednesday 9 October,
2-4pm
TICKETS: \$18 per student

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