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Dear Parents and Friends of St Mary MacKillop School,

From all of us at St Mary MacKillop Primary school we wish you a safe and Merry Christmas and a happy new year. We thank you for your continuing support and look forward to seeing you all in the new year.



Important Information for Next Year

Staff will return to school on Tuesday, 28th January 2020. Years 1-6 will commence school Wednesday, 29th January 2020 and Kindergarten will commence Thursday, 30th January 2020. All students are required to wear their full summer school uniform. Our opening school mass and Year 6 Leadership Ceremony will be 13 February at 9:15am in our school hall.

Staffing News

Thank you for your patience whilst we finalised our 2020 staffing.

2020 Staffing

Kindergarten Miss Brittany Carey (KC) Miss Brittany Gillespie (KG)

Year 1 Mrs Maree Eisenhuth (1E) Miss Stephanie Neilsen (1N)

Year 2 Miss Lauren Izzard (2I) Miss Cassandra Wotherspoon (2W)

Year 3 Mrs Amanda Joseph (3J) Mr Darren McErlain (3M)

Year 4 Mrs Kay Moore (4M) Miss Victoria Vella (4V)

Year 5 Mr Caimin Harris (5H) Miss Nicole Jones (5J)

Year 6 Mrs Michelle Jarrett (6J) Mr Grant Martin (6M)

Diversity Teachers (Learning Support):

Mrs Margaret Rowan Mrs Niamh MacDonald Mrs Claire Harman

Mrs Leesa Gillard Mrs Maryanne Churchill Mrs Deb Aliberti

School Counsellor: Mrs Jeanne Appleton

RFF Teachers:

Mrs Rachel Nekic (Physical Education)

Mrs Jenni Viski and Mrs Natalie Borg (Creative Arts)

Coordinator Release: Mrs Margo Woodhead

Teacher Librarian: Mrs Maree Eisenhuth Library Assistant: Mrs Marina Napoli

Teacher Assistants: Mrs Judy Inskip Mrs Simone Breia Mrs Kristy Daines

Administration Office Mrs Monique Kearins (M-F) Mrs Nicole Brock (T-Th) Mrs Jo Groger (M, Tue, Fri)

IT Trainee: Pablo Cortes Maintenance: Mr Colin Meredith

School Leadership Team:

Principal: Mr Scott Buchan Assistant Principal: Mrs Margaret Rowan

Religious Education Coordinator: Mrs Leesa Gillard

Coordinators: Mrs Amanda Joseph Mrs Niamh McDonald Mrs Kay Moore

Together We Grow

Mr Scott Buchan - Principal

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers Social Justice Activity: Thankyou!

Our last Social Justice Initiative for 2019 has been a huge success! On Wednesday 11th December, the St Mary MacKillop community presented Mr Joe Tabone, a representative from the St Vincent de Paul Society, with 103 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 everywhelmed with our generosity. These items have

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 Vincent de Paul Social Awareness Award

At the end of the year the St Vincent de Paul Society likes to acknowledge school students who show an awareness of Social Justice in their community.

Put simply, an awareness of Social Justice is about understanding that all people should have the same rights and opportunities; and that resources should be shared fairly so that all people feel safe and secure.

This year we had two recipients of the St Vincent de Paul Social Awareness Award:

Amalia S (3H) and Emily V (4J)

Both Amalia and Emily decided to cut their beautiful long hair to support "Hair with Heart." This charity supports children who are sick, disadvantaged or who have special needs by using human hair to make wigs for people who have lost their hair due to a medical condition.

Both Amalia and Emily wanted to make a difference to the lives of families and children in need. Amalia had 36cm of her lovely hair cut off and raised \$1 690 and Emily cut off 52cm of her golden tresses and raised over \$5 755.27.

A part of being Catholic is our call to Mission. Jesus asks us to 'love our neighbour'. Amalia and Emily demonstrated this by reaching out to others in need. They put their faith into action.

On Friday 13th December, Mr Joe Tabone presented Amalia and Emily with a certificate and gift to acknowledge their service to others. On behalf of the entire St Mary MacKillop community, we congratulate Amalia and Emily.

Sacramental Program First Reconciliation 2020

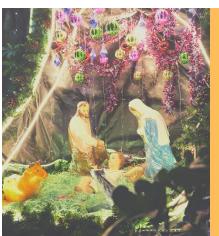
Preparation for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation at St Nicholas of Myra Parish will be in Term 1 next year. To be eligible for First Reconciliation, **children must be in Year 3 or above and must be baptised.** Parents wishing to enrol their children in the program must attend an information meeting, which will be at St Nicholas of Myra Church on **Tuesday 25th February 2020 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, Mary Gale, as soon as possible.

All enquires to Mary Gale at St Nicholas Parish: Phone – 4721 2509

Email: sacramental@stnicholasofmyra.org.au







Reconciliation

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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 centred, 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

Mathematics Assessment Interviews—2020

Next year, St Mary MacKillop will be trialling a new way to conduct our Mathematics Interviews. These interviews help the teachers gain a better understanding of your child's mathematical skills and reasoning and form the basis for Numeracy planning for the year.

Traditionally, we have held these on the first two days of the school year. Students were scheduled in for a 30min time slot. Any student that wasn't tested in the first two days was scheduled in either before or after school.

In 2020, there will be a significant change. Students in years 1-6 will all start school on the 28th of January (Wednesday). From Wednesday to Friday, each grade will have extra teaching staff assigned. During these three days, Maths interviews will be run throughout the day. While the testing is being carried out, lessons will continue to run for the students.

This will mean that booking in interview times is no longer necessary and all students in Years 1-6 will begin school on Wednesday, 28th January.

Kindergarten will begin for all students on Thursday 29th January. Some parents may receive a phone call from the Office to request an MAI interview time for their child on Wednesday. The Kindergarten team will run scheduled interviews Wednesday only.

Amanda Joseph Numeracy Coordinator

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Last Monday, Kindergarten and Year 6 celebrated the end of the year with a Buddy Liturgy and BBQ Farewell. Kindergarten have loved having their Year 6 buddies this year and will miss them as they move onto High School!

A big THANK YOU to our wonderful P&F who prepared the BBQ for our students.













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Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) Resource List 2020

Welcome to a brand new school year! Here is the resource list for students going into Year 1 and Year 2 in 2020.

At the end of this year, 2019 teachers will send these resources home with your child, for cleaning or replacement for 2020.

- Paint Shirt
- Library Bag
- Headphones







Please have these items with your child on the first day of school.

In addition, your child is required to come to school with:

A small pencil case with a glue stick, coloured pencils and/or crayons

Please label all items with your child's name.

School will provide all other stationary basics including scissors, rulers, lead pencils, rubbers and sharpeners. These resources are funded by the resource levy included in the school fees.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year of learning!

Year One and Two Teachers

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Stage 2 and Stage 3 (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) Resource List 2020

Welcome to a brand new school year! Here is the resource list for students going into Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 in 2020.

At the end of this year, 2019 teachers will send these resources home with your child, for cleaning or replacement for 2020.

- Paint Shirt
- Library Bag
- Headphones







Please have these items with your child on the first day of school.

In addition, your child is required to come to school with:

- · A small pencil case with a glue stick, coloured pencils and textas
- A personal dictionary

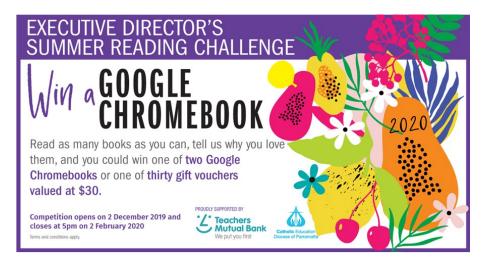
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Stage Two and Stage Three Teachers

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Cathie & the Fairy, Fairy Godmother (4 - 15yrs)

LISTEN/CREATE - Cathle is a girl with 4 brothers and a bit of an attitude. Join in the amazing adventure when her Fairy, Fairy Godmother turns her into a rat. The children will listen and learn amazing storytelling techniques & be on the edge of their seats or rolling on the ground with laughter. Join the adventure and help shape what happens next.

The Rumour (Let's Make A Movie) (5 - 15yrs)

ACT/MAKE - They just started at a new school. Why has it turned into such a big deal? They think the school camp is the perfect place for them to sort it out! A rumour sparks a social media fiasco..

Time To Draw, Paint & Make (5 - 15vrs)

MAKE & DO - Want a break from screen time and have a little creative time? Let's draw, chat, paint and make for an afternoon of great old fashion fun. Then take your masterpiece home to show.

The Very Fairy Princess (4 - 12yrs)

ACT/DANCE/MAKE - Practice flying, make artworks, using sparkles & glitter and wear your tutus and

Pirates of the Has-been (4 - 15yrs)

Wait There's More! Sell It! (4 - 15yrs)

ACT/ MAKE - Today we will learn the art of persuasion and how to sell any product to anyone. Convince the audience they really need it and to buy anything you offer. Can you sell ice to the Eskimos? Let's make and film some fabulously fun add.

No Such Thing as Dragons (4 - 15 yrs)

ACT/MAKE - What has scales, breathers fire, 8 gets kids excited? We will look at fabulous dragon tales, make dragons masks, as well as act out some tales.

JANUARY HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS Cathle & the Fairy, The Very Fairy Princess Fairy Godmother Time To Draw. Time To Draw. Paint & Make Cathie & the Fairy, No Such Thing Pirates of the Has-Been Fairy Godmother as Dragons USE YOUR \$100 Call Cathie Wait! There's More! CREATIVE KIDS 0414 475 158 Sell it! www.kidscanact.com.au VOUCHER



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WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

KEEP AN EYE ON THE P&F FACEBOOK PAGE OVER THE HOLIDAYS FOR UPDATES -

St Mary MacKillop P&F, South Penrith

OR

St Mary MacKillop Primary Fete, Penrith

2020 Fete Update

RAFFLE DONATIONS – We are in need of donations for our fete raffle and chocolate wheel, if you have anything in mind that would help raise some funds for our school, let us know today! We are hoping the have our raffle prizes finalised early in the new year.

Ask around - do you have a friend or family member (or yourself) who owns a business who could donate products to the school? We have some great raffle prizes on offer, so stay tuned for details. Raffle tickets will be sent home to families early next year.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We are doing a huge shout out to any families within our school who have businesses that would like to promote and in turn sponsor our school. Sponsorship packages start at \$150.

We have been extremely fortunate in welcoming three of our top sponsors to the St Mary MacKillop community:

Platinum - Wildman Cranes

Gold - Outback Steakhouse

Gold - Bella Dental Penrith

Sponsorship packages still available:

Silver - \$750 each, have your name and branding on these awesome stalls. Choose from the Chocolate Wheel, Cake Stall, Kidzone, Trash & Treasure, Basket Stall or Garden Stall.

Bronze - \$250 each, your chance to sponsor the fete as well as promote your business for all to see.

Trades Board - \$150 each, be featured on our Trades board at the fete! Let St Mary MacKillop help promote your small business!

Plenty of opportunities for your business to support St. Mary MacKillop and for the families of the St Mary MacKillop community to support your business.

Email smmppandf@gmail.com to receive your Sponsorship proposal.

TRASH AND TREASURE – If you're doing a clean out, consider setting aside anything that is no longer useful for you but in good condition to donate it to our Trash and Treasure Stall. Donations will be welcome from the start of the 2020 school year. Electrical items cannot be accepted.

GARDEN STALL – Our Garden Stall will be a green thumb's delight, but we need your help to get started. If you have any plants you could start taking cuttings from and/or empty pot plants/containers, get in contact with us. We would love all of the support we can get.

STALL HOLDERS – Spots are filling FAST, we only have a couple of spots left! We are starting to finalise our stall holders for the fete, if you would like to be one or know someone who is interested, contact us for an application form today!

RIDES, RIDES AND MORE RIDES – Once again we will have some amazing rides and inflatables at this year's fete. Ride passes will be available for purchase online at EARLY BIRD PRICES NOW!!! https://www.trybooking.com/BGFQI

If you want to pay for your ride band using cash or bank transfer, please get in contact with Catherine at smmppandf@gmail.com or text 0408971675.

Have a wonderful Christmas as we look forward to an exciting 2020.

Catherine Watson

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Enjoy fun rides, delicious food & `awesome performaces!

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Pre-purchase ride passes: www.trybooking.com/BGFQI

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Pates for Your Piary Term 4 - 2019

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	
Wednesday	18 December		Last day of Term for Students	
Thursday	19 December	Staff Development Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS		

Pates for Your Piary Term 1 - 2020

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	
Tuesday	28 January		Staff Development Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	
Wednesday	29 January		Years 1-6 Commence School	
Thursday	30 January		Kindergarten Commence School	
Thursday	13 February	9:15am	Opening School Mass & Year 6 Leadership Ceremony	

TERM 4, WEEK 10



All correspondence to: CEDP Primary Sport Parramatta Diocese Aengus Kavanagh Education & Equity Centre PO Box 215, Rooty Hill 2766 Tel (02) 9407 7114 Mobile 0408 278 918

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2020 Team Sport Trials

Parramatta Diocese 2020 Information For Parents of current Year 4 and Year 5 students

Registration window open

Dear Parents,

Parramatta Diocesan Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2020 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term Four in 2019 and in 2020. 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 2020 be invited to attend. To facilitate this, Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:

Sport	Age Group	Trial Date	Nominations Open	Registration closing date
AFL	Open boys & girls	Feb - Mar 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday 6th February 2020
Basketball	Open boys & girls	19th November 2019	Open 28 Oct 2019	Monday 11th November 2019
Cricket	Open boys & girls	Feb - Mar 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday óth February 2020
Diving	10/11yrs & 12/13yrs girls & boys	Term One 2020	Nominations Open in 2020	Registration via CSSS in 2020
Football (Soccer)	Open boys & girls	Feb - Mar 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday 6th February 2020
Golf	Open boys & girls	Term Three 2020	Nominations Open in 2020	Registration via CSSS in 2020
Hockey	Open boys & girls	Feb - Mar 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday óth February 2020
Netball	Open girls	Feb - Mar 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday 6th February 2020
Rugby League	Open boys & girls	Feb - Mar 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday óth February 2020
Rugby League	11 yrs boys & girls NB. No State team selected for 11 yrs	Feb - Mar 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday óth February 2020
Rugby Union	Open boys	May 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday 6th February 2020
Softball	Open boys & girls	Feb - Mar 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday óth February 2020
Tennis	Open boys & girls	22nd November 2019	Open 28 Oct 2019	Monday 11th November 2019
Touch	Open boys & girls	Feb - Mar 2020	Open 28 Oct 2019	Thursday 6th February 2020

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.gu Click on "REP SELECTIONS" tab and scroll down to the SPORT you wish to register for and click on the "REGISTER" button below the heading "PDCPSSC Expression of Interest Registration Form". Each sport has a different registration criteria.

This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2020 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 and when completed, click SUBMIT.

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"**.

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.

\$10.00 trialing fee is payable to your school if your child has been approved and confirmed to attend the Parramatta Diocesan Trials

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2020 Team Sport Trials

Parramatta Diocese 2020 Information For Parents of **current** Year 4 and Year 5 students

Please note that the full day trials will be for boys cricket, boys soccer, boys rugby league & boys rugby union.

Due to the popularity of boys cricket, boys soccer and girls netball a maximum of 2 children only are eligible to trial from each school. Selection of the 2 boys and girls will be made jointly by the school sport coordinator and principal. Discretion can be sought.

Half day trial for tennis and netball... all other trials will be held after school beginning at 4pm.

MACKILLOP TRIAL

It should be noted that the main purpose of the Mackillop trial is to select a team to compete at the NSWPSSA Championships. The Inter-Diocesan Mackillop Trial is not a competition although a round robin format is often used to facilitate the selection procedure.

NSW PSSA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Children who are successful at being selected in the Mackillop team will compete at the NSWPSSA Championships. These championships involve three or four days of competition at various locations in NSW. Children selected in these teams may also be required to attend training sessions. At the NSW PSSA Championships a State team will be selected to participate at the School Sport Australia Inter State Exchange for some sports.

SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA

To be considered for selection in the NSWPSSA state team for participation at all School Sport Australia 12 Years & Under championships: Students mus be turning between the ages of 10 and 12 in the year of competition i.e. Students turning the ages of 8, 9 and 13 in the year of competition are not eligible for NSWPSSA State selection.

Please note the following information:

- Parents are responsible for all transport and supervision arrangements and must remain to supervise their child at the trial at all times.
- Children need to generally be of representative standard.
- Attendance at training days, where applicable is compulsory.
- The selector's decisions are final.
- Parents will need to make their own travel arrangements for children representing Parramatta at Inter-Diocesan MacKillop trials. This may mean travel to Sydney, Wollongong, Canberra, Wagga or Forbes.
- Please be aware that the teacher conducting the trial and accompanying the team to the venue is a "Team Manager" ~ not a coach.

If you would like your child to participate in one of the Parramatta Diocesan trials please complete the Team Online Registration Form that can be accessed via the website <u>www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au</u> ~ Click on "REP SELECTIONS" tab and scroll down to the SPORT you wish to register for and click on the "REGISTER" button below the heading "PDCPSSC Expression of Interest Registration Form".

SUMMER SPORTS NOMINATIONS for the sports of Basketball & Tennis close Monday 11th November 2019.

ALL OTHER SPORTS NOMINATIONS close Thursday 6th February 2020.

Information regarding the team sport trials can be found on the Primary Sport website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au and the Primary Sport Parramatta Diocese Facebook.

Good luck to all athletes as they progress through the School Sports Pathway.

Kind Regards,

Margaret Thornton

Teaching Educator Primary Sport ~ CEO Parramatta WEBSITE: <u>www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au</u> FACEBOOK: Primary Sport Parramatta Diocese

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ANIMAL CHRISTMAS PARTIES

19, 20 & 23rd December

Morning, afternoon & full day options in Mulgoa



Leave your children with me for an engaging program while you finish up work and/or your holiday preparations.

Send them to TRUE LEARNING for crafts, games, cooking and science / nature / maths activities (disguised as fun).

Here is how we do it:

What do the photos show:

- A. Ponies eating popsicles?
- B. The result of a STEM activity involving volume, mass, ratios, states of matter (liquids and solids)?
- C. Both?

(answer below)





Half day \$40, Full day \$60. More details and bookings: www.truelearning.online/Christmas Wendy, 0414 816 464

Follow TRUE LEARNING on Facebook for:

- School holiday program in January
- 2020 after school activities

FB.com/TrueLearningPrograms



Answer: It's C, but the horses just think it's their Christmas treat!





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- WASH HANDS
 AFTER SNACK AND MEAL TIMES.
- ASK QUESTIONS IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF "SAFE" FOODS.
- READ ALL INGREDIENT LABELS.



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