



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.*

This year we have created new, really dynamic teams of staff to work together in delivering our school vision for your child. In each edition of KIT this term I will introduce the teaching teams as there are new faces and new grades for many of our team.

In Year 3 and 4 (Stage 2), we have Mrs Joseph and Mrs Vella as classroom teachers for Year 4 and Mrs Harman and Mrs Tredinnick as classroom teachers for Year 3. The Year 3 and 4 co-ordinator for this year is Mrs Joseph. Mrs Joseph brings a great depth of experience around the Stage Two structures and processes to this team having taught the grade for the past three years. Mrs Vella worked on our Year 4 team in 2018 and she has continued with us this year. Mrs Harman has moved from Kindergarten to join the team. She will also be supporting our school as a maths intervention teacher for grade 1. When she does this work Mrs Milgate will teach the class. Mrs Tredinnick has joined us from Holy Family, Granville and brings a wealth of experience with her that compliments the work we do here. Mrs Tredinnick will also be our Diversity / Learning Support team Leader this year. Whilst she carries out this role, Mrs Bizanelli will teach the class.

Whilst visiting Year 3 and 4 rooms so far this year I have observed some great 'hard thinking' from the students and teachers as they take on the challenge to grow and I am confident that a great year is ahead for the team.

### Welcome Barbecue

Our community came together and was at its brilliant best last Wednesday. The staff at the school felt that they and the work that they do was highly valued by those who visited the rooms. It was great to see the pride in the children as they took family to their classrooms and pointed out the great learning and important features. It was clearly evident that the supportive partnership of home and school is alive and well at St Mary MacKillop when we all gathered for a barbecue dinner. New families made friends whilst other friendships were revived around memories of school and the pride that everyone has in our kids.

A special thank you to the staff for giving up their family time for us, to the P and F who organised and ran the event and to Mike and Jen Hicks from Outback Steakhouse for making the cooking and service seamless and smooth.

### Attendance is the key to your child's success!!!

Throughout this year I will be raising the importance of children being **at school** and **on time** every day. It makes sense that for your child to succeed at school and continue to build on their learning, they need to be in the classroom.

If you are intending for your child to take leave for a period of 5 days or more, please collect and complete an application for a 'Certificate of Leave'. These are available from the school office. Once the leave has been approved by the Principal, a certificate will be issued and sent home with your child. This will usually be on a Friday.

Together We Grow.

Mr Scott Buchan - Principal

**You miss  
100%  
of the shots  
you don't take.**  
- Wayne Gretzky

### **Opening School Mass and Year Six Leadership Ceremony**

#### **9:15am Friday 22nd February**

Please join us for our Opening School Mass on Friday 22nd February at 9:15am. At our mass we will gather as a school community to pray for God's blessing on the school year and welcome Kindergarten and the new students across the grades to St Mary MacKillop Primary School. We will also induct the Year 6 students into their 2019 leadership roles.



We look forward to seeing you as we celebrate our Catholic Faith together.

### **2019 Sacramental Program - Reconciliation Parent Meeting, 7pm Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Feb**

The Parish based Sacramental Program will begin this year with the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance). Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will commence with a parent only session on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm.

If you wish to enrol in this program it is **compulsory that at least one parent/carer attend**. The meeting will be held in the St Nicholas of Myra Church. This program is for all children in Year 3 or above who have been baptised and would like to enrol in the Sacramental Program.



All enquires to Colleen Nichols (Sacramental Coordinator)  
at St Nicholas Parish House 47212509.  
Email: sacramental@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

### **Shrove Tuesday**

Shrove Tuesday is the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, which is the first day of Lent. It's a day of penitence and a day of celebration as traditionally it was the last chance to feast before Lent begins. Lent is a time of abstinence, of giving things up. So Shrove Tuesday was the last chance indulge yourself, and to use up the foods that aren't allowed in Lent. Giving up foods: but not wasting them. In the old days there were many foods that observant Christians would not eat during Lent: foods such as meat and fish, fats, eggs, and milky foods. So that no food was wasted, families would have a feast on the Tuesday, and eat up all the foods that wouldn't last the forty days of Lent without going off. For this reason, pancakes became associated with Shrove Tuesday as they were a dish that could use up all the eggs, fats and milk in the house with just the addition of flour.

As a way of honouring this tradition the canteen will be selling pancakes on Tuesday 5th March, so make sure you have returned your order.

### **Ash Wednesday Liturgy of the Word: Wed 6th March**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> of March is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. The Season of Lent is the 40 days prior to Easter (Sundays are not included in the count) and is a time of preparation for the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.



Ash Wednesday is the day for us to take stock of our spiritual lives and we are encouraged to attend Mass on this day in order to mark the beginning of the Lenten season. As Lent begins, we should set out specific spiritual goals we would like to reach before Easter and decide how we will pursue them—for instance receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

***To celebrate the beginning of Lent all students will attend an Ash Wednesday Liturgy of the Word at 9:15am in the hall. All parents and family members are warmly invited to attend this special prayer time.***

During the liturgy the ashes, which give Ash Wednesday its name, will be distributed. The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts.

The distribution of ashes, is a tangible reminder of our own need to focus on being better people. Through acts of penance comes a change of heart – a coming back to God. Our personal Lenten journey should be marked with reflection, prayer and penance. Throughout Lent we should strive to model the actions of Christ. As the prophet Joel wrote:

**'Now, now – it is the Lord who speaks –  
come back to me with all your heart.'**

Mrs Gillard  
Religious Education Coordinator



## Swimming Carnival

A big thank you to the wonderful parents and teachers who gave up their time to help out at our school Twilight Swimming Carnival on Thursday 7th February. It was a great evening and the carnival ran so smoothly thanks to the many hands who helped out. Students have received their ribbons and Age Champions will be announced and recognised at our next whole school assembly on Friday 1st March at 2:20pm.



## Nepean Zone Swimming Carnival

The Nepean Zone Swimming Carnival was held on Tuesday 19th February at Glenbrook Pool. We are so proud of the MacKillop students who represented our school so fabulously. Thank you to Mrs Milgate for being present on the day. We have some outstanding results to share from the day. A huge congratulations to Wyatt A, who was named Junior Boys Age Champion on the day! This is a fantastic achievement, well done Wyatt. A big round of applause for Oliver N, who was awarded 11 Years Boys Age Champion and also broke two Nepean Zone records! Amazing work, Oliver, we are all so proud of you.

We would like to congratulate the following students who will go on to represent our Nepean Zone at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival on Friday 22nd February.

Wyatt A, Tia B, Jarred H, Sienna K, Oliver N, Crystal P, Sara R, Madeleine S, as well as our Junior Girls Relay Team (Maddison S, Ava N, Tia B, Summer K) and our Senior Boys Relay Team (Jet G, Jarred H, Oliver N and Ciaran M.)

EVENT	NAME	SCHOOL	RECORD
11 Years Boys 50m Boys Freestyle	Oliver N (Year 6)	St Mary MacKillop	32.13
11 Years Boys 50m Boys Backstroke	Oliver N (Year 6)	St Mary MacKillop	40.88



Oliver N 11 Years Boys Age Champion



Wyatt A Junior Boys Age Champion





## Sports News—Continued

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### Cross Country

Our whole school Cross Country will be held here at school on Thursday 14th March, from 9:00am. Thank you to those families who have returned their note indicating they would be able to assist on the day with time keeping. A reminder, students need to race with the age **they are turning this year**. Year 2 students who are turning 8 this year may **choose** to participate in the 2km combined 8/9 year old race OR the 1km race with the Year 2 students turning 7 this year.



11Yrs and 12Yrs Boys and Girls - 3km  
8Yrs, 9Yrs and 10Yrs Boys and Girls - 2km  
7 Year Old Year 2 Students - 1km  
Year 1 Boys and Girls - 400m  
Kindergarten Boys and Girls - 400m

The top SIX finishers from each age group will qualify for the Diocesan Cross Country at Eastern Creek on Tuesday 7th May.

Maryanne Churchill  
Sport Co Ordinator

## P & F News

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Thank you to everyone who attended the Welcome BBQ on Wednesday 13th February, it was great to see so many families come along and enjoy the evening. A very special thank you to Outback Steakhouse for supporting us! Thank you to everyone who helped out on the night including Anthony Flynn, Mrs Bortolazzo, Paul Bortolazzo, Natalie Borg, Jo Randall, Catherine Watson and Michelle Darwen, your help is very much appreciated.



We have our first P&F meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 5th March in the school hall and we would love to see some new faces.

Veronica Neale  
P & F President

## Second Hand Uniform Shop

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Our second hand school uniform shop is open the last Friday of every month from 2pm - 3.15pm.

Girls summer and winter dresses \$5 each  
All other items \$2.



## School Fees

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We have received notification from The Catholic Education Department that school fee statements have not been posted to parents due to a technical issue. We are hoping they will be issued shortly.

Payment options /plan information will be included with the statement.

## Afternoon Pick Up

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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 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.

## Subscribing to the KIT (Keeping In Touch)

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Our school newsletter is only sent home in hard copy for kindergarten the first newsletter of the year.

The newsletter is available by subscribing on the schools website [www.mackilloppenrith.catholic.edu.au](http://www.mackilloppenrith.catholic.edu.au) select News & Events>Newsletter and click on subscribe to our online newsletter, complete the form, you will then receive the newsletter each fortnight via email. You can also view the newsletter on the website under current issue.

## Skool Bag App Instructions

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### 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

## School Sunscreen

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The school uses the Ombra Ultra Sport SPF 50+ sunscreen. If your child cannot use this brand of sunscreen and would like to supply your own sunscreen for your child please bring this into the school office.



We would love to see you at our 2019 Open Night to learn more about what McCarthy Catholic College has to offer for your child.

Open Night Details  
Tuesday 19 March 2019  
5.00 - 8.00pm

Please contact the college Enrolment Officer Mrs Sharon Clarke on (02) 4728 8100 or by [McCarthy@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:McCarthy@parra.catholic.edu.au) for more information.

St Dominic's College  
**Open Day 2019**  
Sunday, 3rd March

**You are invited to join us for our Annual Open Day at the College from 10:00am to 2:30pm.**

**The morning session starts at 10:00am, followed by a tour of the College at 10:30am.**

**The afternoon session starts at 12:30pm, followed by a tour of the College at 1:00pm.**

St Dominic's College  
54 - 94 Gascoigne Street Kingswood NSW 2747  
Ph: 02 4731 1933  
Email: [info@stdominics.nsw.edu.au](mailto:info@stdominics.nsw.edu.au)  
Website: [www.stdominics.nsw.edu.au](http://www.stdominics.nsw.edu.au)



# 2020 ENROLMENTS

FOR GIRLS YEARS 7-12

Open Night: Monday 11th March 2019

5:30pm - 7:30pm

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Come along and see for yourself why girls are  
so happy to learn at Caroline Chisholm College.  
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**Tours of the college: 5:30 - 7:30pm**

**Principal's information sessions:  
6pm & 7pm**

Further information can be obtained on our  
website and Facebook pages.

[www.cccglenmorepark.nsw.edu.au](http://www.cccglenmorepark.nsw.edu.au)

**90-98 The Lakes Drive Glenmore Park**

Enrolment packages can be obtained by  
contacting the college on:

**4737 5500**

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IS IN OUR **DNA**

**OPEN DAY**

Tuesday 5th March 2019

**First tour 4pm**

**Second tour 5pm**



**XAVIER COLLEGE**



## Dates for Your Diary Term 1 - 2019

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday	22 February	9:15am	Opening School Mass & Year 6 Leadership Ceremony Diocesan Swimming Carnival
Tuesday	26 February	7pm	Reconciliation Meeting for Parents @ St Nicholas Church
Friday	1 March	2:20pm	Whole School Assembly
Tuesday	5 March	7:00pm	P & F Meeting (School Hall)
Wednesday	6 March	9:15am	Ash Wednesday Liturgy
Friday	8 March	2:20pm	Whole School Assembly
Thursday	14 March		Cross Country Carnival

# After School Drama



## Wednesdays



## St Mary MacKillop School Hall

SUPERVISION AVAILABLE FROM 3PM UNTIL 5.15PM IF REQUIRED

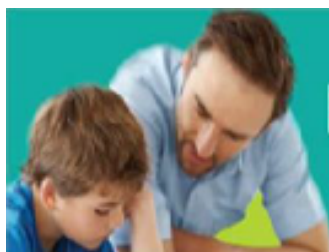
@ 3.15pm SUPER KIDS (K-Yr2)
@ 4.15pm COOL KIDS (Yr3-Yr7)

To enrol

## www.kidscanact.com.au

ENQUIRIES:- Mrs Cathie Parkes - 04 14 475 158





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## Anoushka Houseman

### Clinical Psychologist

Wellbeing Coordinator - Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP)

Register FREE now: [www.prc.catholic.edu.au](http://www.prc.catholic.edu.au)

**Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm (2 hours)**

(PRC AGM- will be held prior to guest speaker)

**St Patrick's Primary School: 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown**

Light supper and refreshments will be provided and

a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

[www.prc.catholic.edu.au](http://www.prc.catholic.edu.au)



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