



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 term I shared in each edition of the newsletter, how we have created new, really dynamic teams of staff this year to work together in delivering our school vision for your child. Not all of these teams however, have classroom teachers. We have many staff that share other talents and gifts with our community.

In our school office we have Mrs Capolupo, Mrs Brock and Mrs Groger. They are the first point of contact for our families and community. They look after the first aid issues in the school, the communications in all its many forms between home and school. They assist in the financial operation of the school.....the list goes on and on. Amazingly they do this complex work with a smile and a kind word every day.

In our classrooms we have a team of Teacher's Aides. Mrs Inskip, Mrs Breia, Mrs Daines and Mrs Napoli, support our students and our teaching team in everything from reading practice, to playground duty to implementing student health plans. They wear many 'hats' to help us be successful across all of our classes and students.

To help us with our facilities we have Mr Reynolds and Mr Meredith looking after our resources and facilities. Mr Reynolds has a focus on technology and looks after our network as well as classroom devices. Mr Meredith looks after our grounds and gardens to ensure a wonderful environment for learning and play.

Delivering our mission for each and every student at our school is a huge undertaking. The classroom teachers alone would not be able to deliver the quality we want for our children. Each of these teams is a genuine cooperative team that do amazing things for our kids and are a priceless support for our classroom teachers.

Facilities

The recent school holidays were an opportunity for us to get some maintenance and facilities projects done without causing disruption or risk to our learning and students. Over the Easter break we were able to; repair all electrical faults with lights etc.. fix a broken water pipe and repair the concrete, complete the replacement of all air-conditioners from Year 1- Year 6, Repair the motorised curtains in the school hall, repair two of our external school gates and have our cleaners come in to do a big holiday clean.

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.

Staffing News

Congratulations to Mrs Milgate and her husband Michael. They welcomed baby Sophie to their family on Sunday, 28th April. Another congratulations to Mrs Tredinnick, her husband Geoff and daughter Teegan. They welcomed baby Zoe into their family over the weekend. We wish both Mrs Milgate and Mrs Tredinnick all the very best as they move to this next chapter of their lives together.

Welcome back to Mr McErlain. After a well earned term of Long Service Leave, Mr McErlain will take over teaching duties for Year 3 for the rest of the year..

Together We Grow
Mr Scott Buchan
Principal

Monday 13th May	Tuesday 14th May	Wednesday 15th May	Thursday 16th May	Friday 17th May
Preparation Day- No testing permitted.	Day 1 Testing Session 1 9.30-10.30 Year 3 Writing 9.30-10.30 Year 5 Writing	Day 2 Testing Session 1 9.30-10.30 Year 3 Reading Session 2 11.30-12.30 Year 5 Reading	Day 3 Testing Session 1 9.30- 10.30 Year 3 Language Conventions Session 2 11.30-12.30 Language Conventions	Day 4 Testing Session 1 9.30-10.30 Year 3 Numeracy Session 2 11.30-12.30 Year 5 Numeracy
Monday 20th May	Tuesday 21st May	Wednesday 22nd May	Thursday 23rd May	Friday 24th May
Day 5 Testing Catch Up Testing	Day 6 Testing Catch Up Testing	Day 7 Testing Catch Up Testing	Day 8 Testing Catch Up Testing	Day 9 Testing Catch Up Testing

Parent information link for Naplan 2019

<https://www.nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/naplan-online-information-brochure-for-parents-and-carers.pdf?sfvrsn=4>

Headphones

Could all children in Years 3 and 5 please bring headphones in on Monday in preparation for the online Naplan testing.

The Season of Easter

The celebration of the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday) is the beginning of the season of Easter.

While the Vigil marks the end of the celebration of Holy Week, and the end of repentance and conversion for which Lent prepared the community, it is much more a beginning. It is the beginning of a new season of grace and a time of joy and thanksgiving, for Easter is not one day or one solemnity—it is a fifty day celebration from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday.

The colour of the Season of Easter is white or gold reflecting new life, fulfilment, rejoicing and joy.

The apostles' acts continue the work of Jesus, through the ways they bring his liberating message and his healing.

And Jesus is very much with us during the Easter Season, offering us his peace.

We ask to be able to share our faith and our love with others.

Jesus said,

"Why are you so frightened?

Why do you doubt? ...

...you must tell everything that has happened.

-- Luke 24:38, 48

*He's
Risen!*



2019 Sacramental Program – First Holy Communion

The Holy Communion Program began on Tuesday night (7pm, 7th May) with a Parent Information session. The Commitment Masses for First Holy Communion are this weekend; Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th May. You can attend any of the following masses at St Nicholas:

Saturday 11th May at 6pm

Sunday 18th May at 8:30am, 10am or 6pm.

At the Commitment Mass you will need to present your completed Enrolment Form that was handed out at the Parent meeting on Tuesday 7th May. All children who wish to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion **must** be enrolled in the program.

All enquires to Colleen Nichols (Sacramental Coordinator) at St Nicholas Parish

House 47212509.

Email: sacramental@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

Project Compassion 2019 (Social Justice Initiative)



Religious Education News—Continued

Project Compassion, our first Social Justice Initiative for the year, has come to an end and our school community has given generously to raise \$1547.55 for Project Compassion. This is a fantastic effort and the money will really help those most in need in our world. Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion.

Your donation will provide much needed support for programs around the world that provide vulnerable people with the skills and opportunities they need to establish a better quality of life.

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion 1800 024 413

Social Justice Initiatives

Throughout the school year the St Mary MacKillop community is involved in many Social Justice initiatives. These initiatives complement the Religious Education Programs taught in each grade and aim to foster in the students a deep desire to help others less fortunate than themselves. The Social Justice activities that we will be involved in this year are:

Project Compassion
Catholic Care
St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal
Penrith Community Kitchen
The Mary MacKillop Institute
Catholic Mission
St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Social Justice programs allows Christians to reach out in compassion and unity to those who are most in need – it is truly living the message of Jesus and St Mary MacKillop “Never see a need without doing something about it”.

Mother’s Day Liturgy: Friday 10th May

Mother's Day only comes around once a year, so when it does you have to make it count. After all, our mums do so much for us and this is the one day each year that's all about them. It is important to show our appreciation for the achievements and efforts of mothers and mother figures so please join us for our Mother’s Day festivities on Friday 10th May.

Timetable of events as follows:

9:15am – Mother’s Day Liturgy in the hall

This liturgy will be prepared and led by Kindergarten.

During our prayer time we will pray for all mothers and ask God to keep them in his loving care.

9:45am – Mum’s Morning Tea

Organised by the P & F for adults and toddlers – Outside the library. Gold coin donation for CatholicCare - who support families in the local area. All students will be in classrooms at this time

10:15am – Open classrooms

(Please note: No hot beverages can be taken into classrooms)

10:45am – Student eating time (parents might like to sit with their child(ren) and have a picnic)

11am – Play Break

11:30am – Normal classes resume



Mother’s Day Stall

From 11:30am all classes will visit the Mother’s Day stall. The gifts will range from \$1 - \$10. If you would like your child to purchase a gift please send them to school with some money to spend.

A big thank you to the Kindergarten teachers, students and the P & F for organising this special day to honour our wonderful mothers!!!

New Religious Education Curriculum

The Parramatta Diocese has and continues to be in the process of developing a new Learning Framework for Religious Education. 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 new Religious Education curriculum is a co-creation with students, parents, teachers, clergy and system leaders. At the heart of the process is the commitment that the student wonderings about their faith would be the catalyst and the inspiration of the Learning Framework.

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 Year 1. 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.

We look forward to sharing this wonderful experience with you throughout the year and will keep you updated of the details of the trial as it proceeds.

Mrs Gillard
Religious Education Coordinator

Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country 2019

Wow! What an incredible day for St Mary MacKillop on Tuesday 7th May 2019. We had 47 students from St Mary MacKillop represent our school at the Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country at Eastern Creek. As always our students conducted themselves in a manner that reflected our school core values; safe, respectful, learners and we could not be more proud of them. A huge congratulations to them all! Here are photos of our teams and age groups that represented us on the day. For results and times please check out the link : <https://www.multisportaustralia.com.au/races/15530>

Special shout out to our students who made it into the top 10 this year:

8&9 Year Boys

Alex M - 4th

Jai W - 5th

Fynn M - 9th

8 & 9 Year Girls

Maddison S—5th

10 Year Girls

Tia B—1st

12 Year Boys

Thomas R—1st

12 Year Girls

Ava D —7th



8&9 Year Boys

Jai W, Lucas G, Oliver M, Akex M, Brock D & Fynn M



8&9 Year Girls

Brooke P, Ava N, Charlotte M, Maddison S, Sienna K & Sophia W



10 Year Boys

Bradley F, Josh P, Joseph F, Blake L, Aaryan N & Giuseppe C



10 Year Girls

Anna B, Tia B, Amelia R, Charlotte C, Siobhan M & Summer K



11 Year Boys

Liam M, Oliver N, Caleb K, Cooper W & Alex P



11 Year Girls

Stefania G, Chantelle W, Amber S, Layla B, Abbi G & Stella M



12 Year Boys

Jordan P, Christian M, Isaac M, Thomas G, Ciaran M & Thomas R



12 Year Girls

Crystal P, Emily B, Tanae S, Georgia M, Rafferi G and Ava D'Costa

Congratulations to all of these students, they will be presented with a ribbon at our next whole school assembly. Thank you to all of the parents who were able to come and spectate, as well as help out Miss Jones in the grandstand. We are so lucky to be part of such a supportive school community. Also, thank you to our coaches; Mrs Churchill, Miss Vella and Miss Wotherspoon who helped us prepare for today. We look forward to hearing the results of the students who have made it on the next stage.

Go MacKillop!

Miss Nicole Jones

Teacher Representative

Tomorrow we are holding our Mother's Day stall so please be sure to send your child with money to buy a special gift. Presents range in price from \$1 to \$10.

The P&F wish all the mums, grandmas and female role models in our children's lives a very happy mother's day for Sunday xx



Next Saturday, 18th May, our school will be a polling station for the Federal Election. We will be holding a BBQ and cake stall on the day as a fundraiser for our school. Please tell your family and friends to come along and vote and grab a delicious bacon and egg sandwich!!

We are looking for helpers to bake for the cake stall or to cook or serve at the BBQ. If you can help for a long time or a short time it is all hugely appreciated so please send an email to the P&F at smmppandf@gmail.com and we will be in touch,



Don't forget our Colour Run is being held on Friday, 5th July This will be a fun filled day so please be sure to send your permission slip and \$7.00 per child to the school office by Friday, 17th May.

Our next P&F meeting will be Tuesday 4th June 7pm in the school hall, we'd love to see you there. And please like our Facebook page to be kept up to date on P&F activities and news! <https://www.facebook.com/smmppf/>

Veronica Neal
P & F President



Second Hand Uniform Shop

Our second hand school uniform shop will be open Friday, 10th May at 8:45am and will close during the Liturgy. The Uniform Shop will reopen after the Liturgy and will close at 10:45am.

The second hand uniform shop is open the last Friday of every month

Hair with Heart

Emily Vella, 4J decided to cut & donate her hair to Hair with Heart, Variety the Children's Charity.

She has grown her hair for 10 years & has never had a proper haircut. She has fundraised \$5755.27 to date & on 20/4/19 cut 50cm of her hair as her donation to make a children's wig for children with medical disabilities.

To help Emily with this wonderful cause, you can donate here:

<https://hairwithheart.everydayhero.com/au/emily-s-hair-with-heart> .



Dates for Your Diary Term 2 ~ 2019

<i>DAY</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
Friday	9 May	8:45am 9:15am 10:00am 10:15am-10:45am 11:30am	Second Hand Uniform Shop Open Mother's Day Liturgy Mother's Day Morning Tea Open Classrooms Mother's Day Stall (NO ASSEMBLY TODAY)
Tuesday	14 May		Year 4 Excursion to Kurnell Year 3 & Year 5 Naplan
Friday	17 May	9:15am 2:20pm	Year 6 Mass Whole School Assembly
Friday	24 May	9:15am 2:20pm	Year 2 Liturgy Whole School Assembly
Friday	31 May	8:45am 9:15am	Second Hand Uniform Shop Open Grandparents Mass Open Classrooms Book Fair (NO ASSEMBLY TODAY)
Friday	7 June	9:15am 2:20pm	Kindergarten Liturgy Whole School Assembly
Monday	10 June		Queen's Birthday Public Holiday (NO SCHOOL TODAY)
Tuesday	11 June		Staff Development Day (NO SCHOOL TODAY)
Friday	14 June	9:15am 2:20pm	Year 4 Mass Whole School Assembly
Wednesday	19 June		Year 2 Excursion to Pioneer Village
Friday	21 June	9:15am 2:20pm	Year 5 Mass Whole School Assembly
Friday	28 June	2:20pm	Whole School Assembly Second Hand Uniform Shop Open

Does your child catch a school bus? Help them keep it!

As the bus operator that providing your child's school bus services, we're asking for your help getting your child to use their Opal card on every bus trip.

Since the introduction of the School Opal card in 2016, school bus patronage data has significantly dropped. This is not reflected in the number of students actually travelling on our buses for various reasons a large number of students are consistently not using their Opal cards as they should be.

Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used by transport planners and service schedulers to design the bus network that best serves the community utilising the resources available.

If students don't tap on and off then school bus services will appear underutilised and may be considered for cancellation based on low passenger numbers.

Please help us reinforce the message that tapping on and off every bus journey with an Opal card is essential to travel on the bus. This will ensure school services continue to be planned for the students that use it, providing the journey to school your children depend on.

To help us achieve this, please talk with your child:

- Ask them if they tap on and off the bus with their Opal card.
- If they do, congratulate them for doing the right thing and talk about why it's important.
- If they sometimes don't or never do, ask them why.
 - Are they confused about why they have to? Talk about why it's important, and that every tap tells the bus planners that the bus is needed.
 - Do they forget? Help them find a way to remember, such as getting into the habit of getting their Opal card out as soon as they arrive at the bus stop or bus line.
 - Is their Opal card at the bottom of their bag? Help find a handier place to keep it.
 - Are they influenced by friends or peers that don't tap? Talk about how they like to travel on the bus with their friends and how tapping is what keeps the service running.
 - Have they lost their Opal card? To order a new Opal card visit www.opal.com.au.

If there's another reason that you'd like to discuss with Busways, please contact us at info@busways.com.au. We are happy to listen and do what we can to help your child feel comfortable using their Opal card.

Thank you for helping us to best serve your school community.

Busways Blacktown P/L ABN 86 000 173 437	Busways Blacktown P/L Penrith Depot	Busways Blacktown P/L Windsor Depot	Busways Gosford P/L ABN 79 817 812 619	Busways Wyong P/L ABN 17 000 044 726	Busways North Coast P/L ABN 75 106 202 340
T (02) 9625 8900	T (02) 4721 9900	T (02) 4574 9200	T (02) 4368 2277	T (02) 4392 6666	T (02) 6583 2499
F (02) 9625 4703	F (02) 4732 6160	F (02) 4577 9054	F (02) 4368 2077	F (02) 4392 5831	F (02) 6583 2388
150 Glendenning Rd Glendenning NSW 2761	47-53 Mullins Rd Penrith NSW 2750	91 Mulgrave Rd Mulgrave NSW 2756	42 Empire Bay Dr Kincumber NSW 2251	9 Arizona Rd Woongarah NSW 2259	6-8 Derham St Port Macquarie NSW 2444



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

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- DO NOT **SHARE** FOOD
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OF "SAFE" FOODS.
- READ **ALL** INGREDIENT LABELS.

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