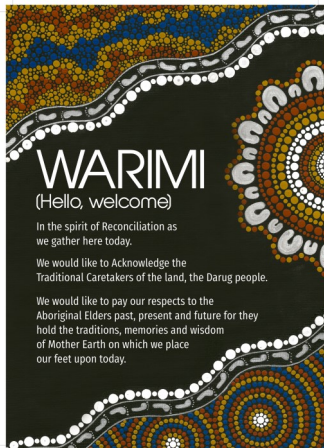




Dear Parents and Friends of St Mary MacKillop School,

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.



NAIDOC WEEK

This year NAIDOC week is celebrated from 7 – 14 July across Australia. **NAIDOC** (National **A**boriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee) **Week** celebrates the history, culture and achievements of **A**boriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Local groups and councils run community activities throughout this week in our local area and it may be a great opportunity for you and your family to engage with the culture and history of our nation's first people during the holiday break.

As a school community we acknowledge and appreciate the traditional caretakers of this land with the welcome to country on this page.

As a community we have just completed one of the most important components of our work **in building a supportive partnership of school and parents** – Half Yearly Interviews. The strength and quality of this vital partnership can be measured by the engagement of staff, students and parents at this time. With the weather at its coldest and the daylight at its shortest, with the temptation of State of Origin matches and warm heated homes before us, the partnership is lived through this time spent together supporting the children.

As you would know, the quality of any partnership is built upon relationship. No effective quality relationship can be built without good communication. Thank you for standing with the school and your child to engage in this critical communication. It is an investment in the quality of our partnership and ultimately the quality of our school and your child's education.

I thank our professional and dedicated staff for their part in forging this partnership. It can be missed at times that the staff stay back at school across a number of late nights, donating their time (there is no paid overtime in our work), giving generously of time that should be spent with their families. That is the commitment and dedication of the people who work in our school and the value they place on the partnership.

Facilities

Just a reminder that we have commenced 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. It will be a great improvement to our facilities.

Together We Grow
Mr Scott Buchan - Principal

News from the Assistant Principal

Commencing next term the sport days will be changed as follows:

Monday— Year 2, Year 4 and 3H

Tuesday— Kindergarten, Year 1 and 3M

Wednesday—Year 5 and Year 6

SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR ST MARY MACKILLOP SCHOOL

Just a reminder Term 3 students will need to wear their full winter uniform.

Girls' Winter Uniform

- School tunic or bottle green slacks
- Lemon long sleeve blouse with Peter Pan collar
- Green elastic-held tie
- Bottle green zip up jacket or sweater with school emblem
- Bottle green jumpers or cardigans may be worn under the jacket
- Black knee high socks or black tights
- Black shoes

Boys' Winter Uniform

- Grey school trousers
- Long sleeve pale lemon shirt
- Bottle green tie
- Bottle green zip up jacket or sweater with school emblem
- Bottle green jumpers may be worn under the jacket
- Grey socks
- Black shoes - NOT BOOTS OR JOGGERS

Hats:

Bottle green hats for boys and girls. Children are to wear the school hat in the playground at all times.

NO HAT, NO PLAY.

Caps: Years 5 & 6 children may wear bottle green caps with school emblem. Available from Lowes.

JEWELLERY:

No jewellery is to be worn with the exception of:

One set of gold or silver studs/sleepers may be worn in pierced ears.

HAIR:

If hair is below shoulder length, it must be tied back with a bottle green ribbon or scrunchie. Hair is not to be coloured for either boys or girls. Hair cuts are to be suitable for school for both boys and girls.

No hair extensions (NO MULLET, NO. 1, ZIG ZAGS or RAZORING).

Have a lovely and restful holiday.

Margaret Rowan
Assistant Principal

Sacramental Program – First Holy Communion

We pray for and congratulate the following children who have received their First Holy Communion (on the weekend of the 22nd/23rd June and 29th/30th June). The reception of this Sacrament is another step in their initiation into the Catholic Church.



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, 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

A big thank you to Mrs Colleen Nicholas, the Sacramental Coordinator at St Nicholas of Myra Penrith, for preparing the children so well.

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

Beanie, scarf and Donation Day

On Monday 24th June members of the Year 6 RE Team - presented the following donations to representatives of Penrith Community Kitchen and St Vincent de Paul:

16 bags full of beanies, scarves, gloves, socks and blankets; and \$400 for the St Vincent DePaul Winter Appeal; AND 70 bags of non-perishable groceries for Penrith Community Kitchen. This food will go towards making many meals to feed the needy and homeless this winter.

Congratulations St Mary MacKillop, every one of you helped to make this winter better for a lot of needy people..... thank you for your support.



Mrs Leesa Gillard
Religious Education Co Ordinator

Athletics Carnival

Our Athletics Carnival was held at Parker Street Oval on Thursday 20th June. It was such a wonderful day! It was wonderful to see so many happy faces, having a go and cheering their house team on. We had a huge turnout of parent helpers and spectators, too.

Thank you, parents, for giving up your time to help us run our carnival smoothly. Thank you Nat Sibbald, Nathan King, Catherine King, Maddie Haydon, Kate Clarke, Sharlene Lonsdale, Jacinta Selby, Danielle Xerri, Rachel Nekic, Emma Bellman, Jo Randall, Amanda Lasalo, Beata Cirillo, Anthony Flynn, Aly Petula, Vanessa Renny and Amie Reid.

A big thank you to Mrs Brock, who worked tirelessly inputting all our results and to Miss Jones and Mrs Churchill for organising the carnival. Thank you to Mrs Woodhead who has been working with students during their PE lessons to record shot put results and set up before the day. We are still finalising shot put results, so age champions and house points will be announced early next term.

The PE Team



Year 2 Excursion to Pioneer Village

On Wednesday 19th June Year 2 attended the Australiana Pioneer at Wilberforce for our History Excursion. We rotated around several activities and learnt about how life was in the past. We learnt how butter was made, how water was pumped out of the ground, how clothes were made and washed and how the Blacksmith worked. We also went on a tractor ride and visited the animals. Lots of our students worked out that their life is pretty good now! We had a great day learning about the past!

Mrs Aliberti, Mrs Gillard & Miss Wotherspoon



Stage 3 Travel Expo

As part of our Stage 3 Geography unit, Year 5 and 6 have been learning about different Asian countries that they would like to travel to. The students researched interesting fun facts and information to help plan their travel information brochures endeavouring to make the experience life-like as much as possible. In small groups, students chose a country of interest within Asia to inform our school community. The students planned and prepared a stall for our 'Asian Travel Expo'. Students were very enthusiastic, flipping their classrooms upside down to present their country via Google Slide presentations, brochures, posters, handouts, quizzes, raffles and even some authentic Asian food with inspiration from their country. Thank you to everyone that was able to visit, we hope you learnt something new!

Stage 3 Teachers

Mrs Meehan, Mr Martin, Mr Harris and Miss Jones



P & F News

Due to the rain and the forecast for tomorrow our Colour Explosion will be postponed.

The online sponsorship will remain open and you are more than welcome to hand in any money you have already collected. We will advise of a new date in Term 3.

Thank you all for your amazing support of the Woolworths earn and learn program this year.

We wish to thank everyone who has helped us in some way this term be it big or small. We can't do what we do without you and we truly appreciate your support.

Enjoy the holidays, stay safe and we'll see you back for term 3!!

Veronica Neale
P & F President



Peer Support

This term Year 6 led the school in Peer Support lessons. This was a fun and enjoyable experience for all the students at St Mary MacKillop. We talked about making friends and keeping positive relationships in our lives. Year 6 had an amazing time and learnt some life long lessons such as, leadership, cooperation and keeping strong friendships.

Tomorrow Year 6 will be celebrating their success with their groups with a short prayer service and fun activity. We hope everyone enjoyed themselves making new friends in Peer Support Groups.

Anastacia and Rafferti

Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day

There were two teams of 13 students who played in a competition and had a positive and wonderful time. Mr Martin had the hard job of coaching both teams and was in and out of games. When one team was playing the next was almost starting. It was a tricky time slot but Mr Martin made it work. Both teams had to be on their best behaviour as we were out in public representing our school at this gala day. Both teams played well and tried their best efforts putting 110% into this.

For the Year 6 boys it was their last chance to play for the school soccer team as next year they will be going through another stage in their lives as they go and enter the huge world of high school. We took many photos and had a blast.

The Green Team played well playing 7 games-winning 1, drawing 2 and losing the rest. The Black Team also played 7 games and won 1, drew 4 and lost 2. Both teams ended up 5th out of 8 teams. Everyone showed great sportsmanship on the day. We are so proud.

We give a big thankyou to our parents for taking us on the day and supervising us. We also want to give a big thanks to Mr Martin for coaching both teams and supervising us on the day. He did a great job. We thank you.

Jordan P * & Vedh C



SMMP Thinking Mathematically!

2019 Numeracy Action Plan

To further develop students ability to use visual reasoning skills and efficiently use strategies when problem solving.

This year St Mary MacKillop's Numeracy goal is around developing reasoning and problem solving strategies.

This goal is closely linked with the NSW NESA Mathematics Syllabus. Having students articulate their thinking, their strategies and reasoning around solving problems.

Teachers and students are working together to build a toolbox of strategies with which students can call upon when problem solving. Furthermore, students are encouraged to share their understanding by clearly articulating their strategies and applied reason.

A common tool used at St Mary MacKillop to promote conversations is Newman's Prompts. These are a set of questions that prompt students to help process their thinking and reasoning skills.

These questions may also be useful as a tool at home when students are working on mathematical problems in Homework tasks or alternatively other planned maths activities.

For further information activities that can be done at home visit

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

Thinking Mathematically

NESA Mathematics Syllabus

develop understanding and fluency in mathematics through inquiry, exploring and connecting mathematical concepts, choosing and applying problem solving skills and mathematical techniques, communication and reasoning

NEWMAN'S PROMPTS

1. Read the question.

Circle the important information. Try and guess the words you don't know.

2. Explain what the question is asking you to do.

3. What will be the strategy you will use to find the answer?

Can you draw a picture, make a prediction or estimate, do some working out?

4. Go over each step in your working out

'talk aloud' as you do it so we can understand how you are thinking. Check your answer.

5. What is the answer to the question?

Write it down. Are you able to use another strategy to check this answer is correct?

The Numeracy Team

Dates for Your Diary Term 2 ~ 2019

| <i>DAY</i> | <i>DATE</i> | <i>TIME</i> | <i>EVENT</i> |
|------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Friday | 5 July | | 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 |
| Friday | 9 August | 2:20pm | Nepean Zone Athletics Carnival Whole School Assembly |
| Friday | 30 August | 9:15am | Father's Day Liturgy Father's Day Stall NO WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TODAY |
| Friday | 6 September | | Staff Development Day (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS) |

TRUE LEARNING

WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Each day includes a range of activities with a nature/animal theme for primary school to Year 8.

The program includes:

- * Natural science activities
- * Getting active
- * Being practical and hands-on
- * Developing skills
- * Friendship and fun

Children will take home something they've made and lots of new information.

*Engaged learning,
personal development
and fun.*

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Trent St, South Penrith

Drop off from 8am. Pick up by 6pm.

- * Bring lunch, morning and afternoon tea & a water bottle
- * Wear warm, old clothes and enclosed shoes

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multiple day
bookings.



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Bookings are essential

| MON 8 JULY | TUES 9 JULY | WED 10 JULY | THU 11 JULY | FRI 12 JULY |
|---|---|--|---|--|
| Garden Detectives How good are you at finding clues and solving problems? If you are lucky, you might find a four-leaf clover! | Get Agile Design and construct an obstacle course and see if you can beat Coco around it! | Yee Haa! Test your jackaroo/jillaroo (cowboy/cowgirl) skills with saddles, ropes, rounding up each other & more. | Chicken Little Calling inventors. Chicken Little is a messy eater! She scratches her food everywhere. What can we do? | Garden Detectives More activities involving finding clues, gathering information, doing challenges and solving problems! |
| SAT 13 JULY: FAMILY & FRIENDS, 1.30 – 3.00pm A special time where family and friends of participants can meet our animals and experience some of the activities first-hand. Details on website. | | | | |
| MON 15 JULY | TUE 16 JULY | WED 17 JULY | THU 18 JULY | FRI 19 JULY |
| Pony Pampering Make a bling browband, practice lots of different ways to braid manes and more. | Get Agile Design and construct an obstacle course and try to beat Coco around it! | Show Jumping Design and set up a show jumping course. Learn how horses walk, trot and canter and try it! | Get Cosy Design and make a personalised coat for your own toy, your pet or for one of ours! | Unbridled Fun Learn the Bushranger's quick getaway knot, make a halter, tie a lead rope, be a 'leader'! |

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Facebook has sneak previews of some of the activities I have planned

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