



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.*

How great are our parents and families at St Mary MacKillop???

The answer is “They are Fantastic!!!” We had our first try as a polling venue for the election on the weekend. A small army of support emerged, through the work of our P and F, to set the event up for success. Teams prepared the bbq’s, bought the groceries, baked the cakes and treats and set up the equipment for the day. On the day we had a steady stream of volunteers who came in to help cook the food, sell the treats and tidy up at the end of it all.

In particular I would like to thank; Mrs Neal, Mr Bortolazzo, Mrs Watson, Mr and Mrs Randall, Mrs Darwen, Mrs Bryant, Mrs Lenihan, Mrs Bortolazzo, Mr and Mrs Petulla, Mr and Mrs Bartuccio, Mr and Mrs Rowan, Mr Christy, Mrs Borg and Mrs Groger who manned the barbecues and tables throughout the day. Thank you to Lincoln who also came to do some ‘social justice’.

You may be aware that our school hall was built through the “Building Education Revolution”, program funded by the federal government in 2010 using taxpayer funds. As such I felt, it is an appropriate use of this facility to make it available to the community for this event.

Through sales on the day and the fee for hire of the hall the school was able to collect \$2 000 to go towards our fundraising goal in 2019 which is the development of garden spaces in the school.

Thank you for supporting this event.

### Facilities

Just a reminder that 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

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Miss Lauren Izzard who has joined our team this year as part of our diversity team. Miss Izzard works across many of our classes but is particularly focussed on supporting Year 3 and 5. On behalf of our community, welcome to the St Mary MacKillop team.

Together We Grow  
Mr Scott Buchan - Principal



### **Sacramental Program – First Holy Communion**

Preparation for Holy Communion has begun. *Please remember as you are preparing your child to receive Eucharist, for the first time, it is important that you and your child attend Mass.* Through participating in the Mass the children will see where the Liturgy of the Eucharist fits within the structure of the Mass and they will observe first hand the reverence of this special Sacrament. I invite all in our community to pray for the children who are preparing to receive their second Sacrament of Initiation.

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

### **Mary Help of Christians – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> of May is the Solemnity of Mary Help of Christians –the Patron Saint of Australia.

Mary Help of Christians was adopted as patron of the infant Church of Australia in 1844 at a significant time in our history. British settlement was just over fifty years old, the transportation of convicts was coming to an end, and the first elections in Australian history had been held in 1843. Issues of land, immigration and education had begun to surface and the Church was involved in these social problems.

No priests were sent to the colony in its early days and Mass was not allowed, except for one brief year, until 1820. It was largely the Rosary in those early days that kept the faith alive.

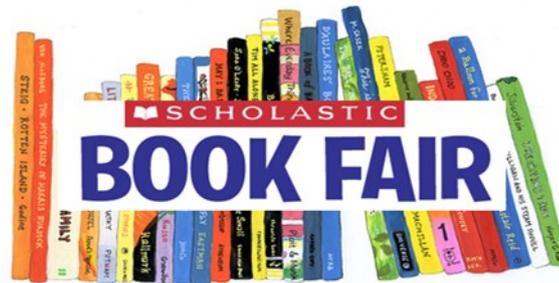
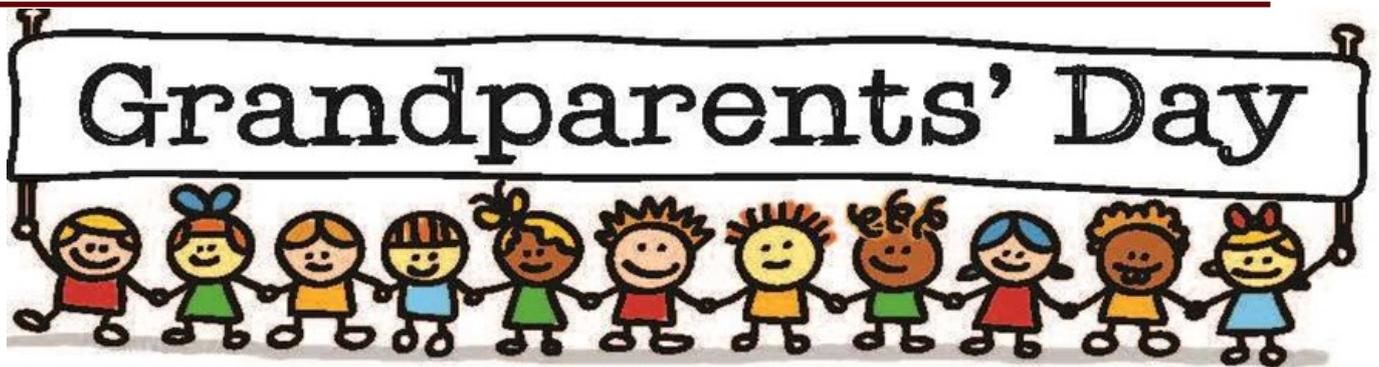
Catholic Australia remained faithful to Mary and was the first nation to choose her under the title Help of Christians, as principal Patroness. The Irish pioneer priest, Fr John Therry, dedicated St Mary's Cathedral to Mary. He arrived in Sydney in 1820 and assumed responsibility for the planning and initial construction of the Cathedral.

When Australia became the first country to have Mary Help of Christians as Patroness, it became the first country to have a mother-cathedral under the same title.

On the Solemnity of Mary Help of Christians we pray the following prayer:

*Almighty God, Deepen in our hearts our love of Mary Help of Christians.  
Through her prayers and under her protection,  
may the light of Christ shine over our land.  
May Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace.  
Grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens.  
Bless especially the men and women of the Australian Defence Force and their families.  
We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.  
Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.*





**Grandparent's Mass and Book Fair: Friday 31st May**

Please join us on Friday 31st May as we honour St Joachim and St Anne the grandparents of Jesus; and give thanks for the gift of our grandparents.

9am – Grandparent's Mass in the hall - prepared by Year 3 (no hot beverages in the hall please. Book fair will be closed during the Mass)

10:05am – Grandparent Morning tea (For adults only – no students, due to WHS. Book fair open)

10:30am – Open classrooms

11am – Student eating time (Grandparents are invited to sit with their child(ren) and have a picnic)

11:15am – Play Break (Book fair will remain open)

11:45am – Normal classes resume

Please note: *All classes will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair with their teacher after normal classes resume. The Book Fair will close on Friday afternoon, so all purchases need to be finalised by then. Thank you*



Leesa Gillard  
Religious Education Co Ordinator

## Peer Support 2019

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In week 1 of this term we commenced our Peer Support program with classroom teachers introducing our topic on “Relationships” while our year 6 leaders were busy preparing and training for their leadership role. The whole school participates in Peer Support lessons for 30 minutes each week. The year 6 leaders facilitate a small group of 10-12 younger students, who work together through a number of structured activities. Each teacher will supervise 2-3 groups in their classroom. We are working on a module called Keeping Friends helping us explore the concept of friendship, build relationships and develop skills in empathy and critical thinking. The module runs for 8 sessions. We encourage you to talk to your children about Peer Support every week as it will help to reinforce the concepts learned in each session.

During the last two sessions we discussed the qualities of friends and how important it is to cooperate and listen to each other and the different kinds of friends we have.

### Week 4

This week in the Peer Support session, children will be focusing on the importance of support networks and the role that friends play in each others lives. Children will construct a visual representation of this during the session. Encourage your child to identify friends they have who can provide support to them if the need arises.

### Week 5

During Peer Support this week the children will be looking at how to play in a friendly way in order to maintain friends and build positive relationships. Through various activities children will discover the importance of taking turns and having consistent rules throughout a game. This week help your child practice these skills by encouraging them to play games with siblings, family or friends.

## Wizard of Oz

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Over the Easter Weekend two year six girls Ella M and Tanae S were involved the world first stadium performance of the Wizard of Oz at Newcastle Entertainment Centre.

The girls were involved in a 600 strong mass ensemble and the shows were an enormous success. Being such a huge production the process has been a lengthy one. The audition process started May last year. First rehearsal were in September last year.

For the holidays they spent the whole two weeks rehearsing in each day excluding the public Easter Holidays getting prepared for the world first. The girls conducted themselves extremely well over the rehearsal period and performed beautifully throughout the four shows.

The girls will also be heading the Sydney Production when it comes to Sydney. Congratulations to Ella and Tanae!



## THE SPLIT STRATEGY

Numbers are split into tens and ones. For example, 46 becomes four tens (40) and six ones (6), and 33 is three tens (30) and three ones (3).

### Addition

*Splitting the tens and only one group of ones:*

$$33 + 35 =$$

$$33 + 30 = 63 + 5 = 68$$

Therefore  $33 + 35 = 68$

*Splitting the tens from the ones:*

$$46 + 33$$

$$= (40 + 6) + (30 + 3)$$

$$= 40 + 30 + 6 + 3$$

$$= 70 + 9$$

$$= 79$$

This makes it easier to add the tens and the ones ( $40 + 30 + 6 + 3$ )

### Subtraction

$$63 - 35 =$$

$$63 - 30 = 33 - 5 = 28$$

Or

$$67 - 43 =$$

$$67 - 7 = 60 \text{ and } 43 - 3 = 40$$

$$60 - 40 = 20 \text{ and } 7 - 3 = 4$$

$$20 + 4 = 24$$

Therefore  $63 - 35 = 24$

Here is some great work from a Year 2 student around the split strategy.

On paper, you would work it out this way:

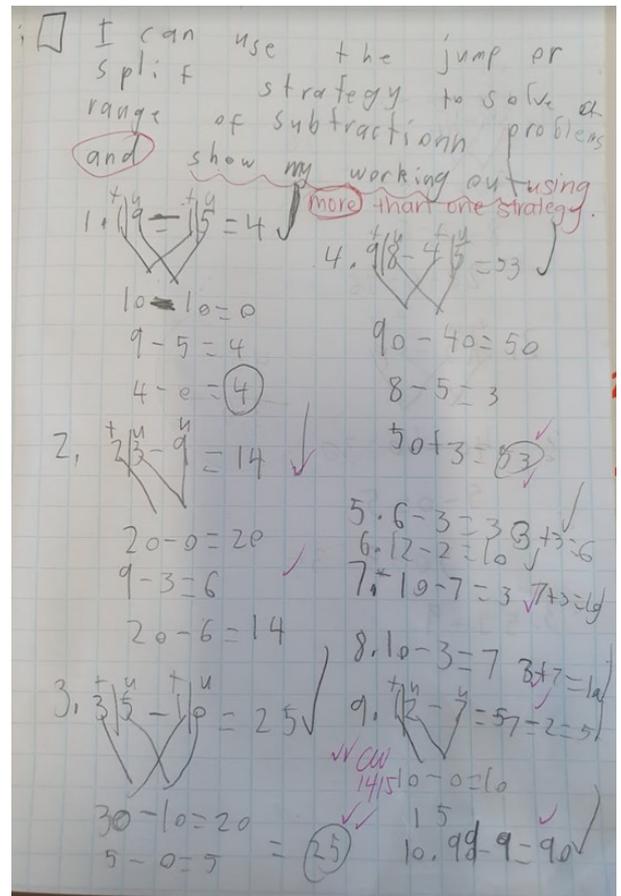
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For further information around activities that can be done at home visit

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

The Numeracy Team

### **ELECTION BBQ**

We wish to extend a huge thank you to everyone who helped out at the Election Day BBQ on Saturday. To the people who made an awesome BBQ/Cake Stall team we are extremely grateful for the time you gave up on the day. Thank you to Sides and Salads who donated 5kg onion for the BBQ and Screaming Beans for setting up and providing coffees. Special thank you to Michelle Lenihan, Jo Groger, Aly and Michael Petulla, Alex and Jocelyn Bartuccio, Natalie Borg, Prem Christie, Jo Bortolazzo, Anthony Randall, Lincoln and our amazing P&F team of Michelle Darwen, Jo Randall, Catherine Watson and Paul Bortolazzo.



To the fantastic bakers who did an amazing job of supplying our cake stall, we would love to name you all but honestly there were too many to mention!! We thank you for your time and generosity and your willingness to bake whenever we ask!!

Thanks to everyone's efforts, all monies raised will go towards the grounds beautification of our school which will benefit all of our children!

### **MOTHER'S DAY STALL AND MORNING TEA**

Thank you to all the wonderful ladies who baked and served at the Mother's Day morning tea, your baked goods were amazing and loved by our mums!

Thank you also to the wonderful ladies who so beautifully wrapped the Mother's Day gifts for our stall and to those ladies who served at the stall as well. Your help is truly appreciated.

### **COLOUR EXPLOSION**

Sponsorship forms have been sent home this week for The Colour Explosion taking place on Friday, July 5. This will assist in raising funds for beautification of the school grounds. Our students can be sponsored by using the 'Raise Funds' form or sponsors can go online. The Colour Explosion Sponsorship Link is [www.trybooking.com/BCMLM](http://www.trybooking.com/BCMLM)

This is our major fundraiser this year and will be so much fun for our children whilst keeping them healthy and active. If your child still needs to submit their Colour Explosion Permission Form, please send it in as soon as possible. Looking forward to a fun and colourful day!

### **GRANDPARENTS DAY**

We have grandparents day coming up next Friday 31st May and we would like to ask once again for your amazing baking skills to put on a morning tea for all of the grandparents. Grandparents day is our biggest morning tea of the year so your help is much appreciated. If you could drop your goodies off to school on the morning we would be very grateful.

### **WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN**

Thank you for all of the fantastic support you are showing through collection of stickers in the earn and learn program. These can either be placed in the box at Woolworths South Penrith, Woolworths Penrith Plaza or they can be put in the box in our school foyer.

### **2019 YEAR 6 FAREWELL**

Our preparations are underway for another Yr6 farewell evening.

The event will be held on Friday 6th December at our School Hall. We have a Facebook page (if you have Facebook) which we are posting regularly on, making decisions & exchanging ideas. If you do not have Facebook you can contact me through email at [michelle.darwen@outlook.com.au](mailto:michelle.darwen@outlook.com.au) or phone/text on 0423763926 please contact me if you have any questions or would like to be included on the decision makings & organisation of the event.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 4th July at 6pm in the School Hall, Marg Rowan will be there as the School representative. We hope to see as many parents as possible at this meeting to start organising the various aspects of this event.

### **P&F MEETING**

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

## Dates for Your Diary Term 2 - 2019

| <i>DAY</i> | <i>DATE</i> | <i>TIME</i>      | <i>EVENT</i>   |
|------------|-------------|------------------|--|
| Friday     | 24 May      | 9:15am<br>2:20pm | Year 2 Liturgy<br>Whole School Assembly  |
| Friday     | 31 May      | 8:45am<br>9:15am | Second Hand Uniform Shop Open<br>Grandparents Mass<br>Morning Tea and Open Classrooms<br>Book Fair<br><b>(NO ASSEMBLY TODAY)</b> |
| Friday     | 7 June      | 9:15am<br>2:20pm | Kindergarten Liturgy<br>Whole School Assembly  |
| Monday     | 10 June     |                  | Queen's Birthday Public Holiday <b>(NO SCHOOL TODAY)</b>   |
| Tuesday    | 11 June     |                  | Staff Development Day <b>(NO SCHOOL TODAY)</b>   |
| Friday     | 14 June     | 9:15am<br>2:20pm | Year 4 Mass<br>Whole School Assembly   |
| Wednesday  | 19 June     |                  | Year 2 Excursion to Pioneer Village  |
| Thursday   | 20 June     |                  | Primary Athletics Carnival   |
| Friday     | 21 June     | 9:15am<br>2:20pm | Year 5 Mass<br>Whole School Assembly   |
| Friday     | 28 June     | 9:15am           | Whole School Mass The Sacred Heart of Jesus<br><b>(NO ASSEMBLY TODAY)</b>  |
| Friday     | 5 July      |                  | Colour Explosion Day<br>Last Day of Term 2   |

**For a limited time, the canteen are offering a FREE cookie when you place a lunch order on Monday or Tuesday (minimum order \$5)**





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# Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

Adolescent and Child Psychologist

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Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

Doors open: 6:15 pm for 7:00pm (2 hours)  
(PRC General Meeting - will be held prior to guest speaker  
John XXIII Catholic College

160 Perfection Ave, Stanhope Gardens, NSW, 2768

Light supper and refreshments will be provided, and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

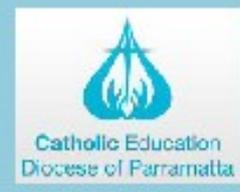
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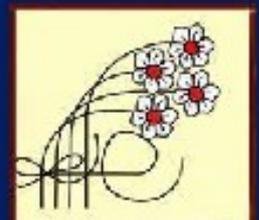


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## Floral Expressions

For details on the School fundraising program

Call Charles Lukasik on 02 9683 1116





# M E A L D E A L S

## T E R M 2 - 2 0 1 9

**#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)

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