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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.*

Dear Parents,

I wanted to commend to you an experience that our school had with two NRL players, the Penrith Panthers and a local business (Penrith Toyota) last week. In short, Toyota offered to work in partnership with our school and Penrith Panthers to plant a new garden outside Year 3 to acknowledge World Tree Day.

Our school takes leadership seriously and endeavours to build capacity in our students to help direct our growth and development as community. For the young leaders who participated in designing and planting the garden, they were supported by, in my opinion, two excellent examples of leadership in James Tamou and Frank Winterstein. The ability of these men to relate quickly to the students and build effective communication, to advise and support both the Year 6 leaders and their kindergarten buddies and to promote the importance of community in both word and action was impressive.

I am passionate about promoting the opportunities for young people to develop their unique gifts and talents and equally committed to developing quality community through authentic partnership. Last week provided a great example of both these priorities being brought to life.

Thank you to the team at Toyota for the donation of plants, materials and the media support and also to Penrith Panthers for sending out their players.



**Facilities**

Just a reminder that we are still working on a big project where we have removed the entire roof of the school and replaced the old leaking tiles with new colourbond sheets of metal (like we have on the hall). I am in ongoing discussion with the builders to minimise disruption to our students and learning whilst carrying out this upgrade work and much of it is being done on weekends. It will be a great improvement to our facilities.

Together We Grow.

Mr Scott Buchan - Principal



### Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August

#### **Mary MacKillop's Story 1842 - 1909**

On January 15, 1842 Mary MacKillop was born of Scottish parents, Alexander MacKillop and Flora MacDonald in Fitzroy, Victoria. Mary, the eldest of eight children, was well educated by her father who spent some years studying for the priesthood in Rome but through ill health had returned to Scotland until 1835 when he migrated to Australia with his parents. Unfortunately, he lacked financial awareness, so the family was often without a home of their own, depending on friends and relatives and frequently separated from one another.



From the age of sixteen, Mary earned her living and greatly supported her family, as a governess, as a clerk for Sands and Kenny (now Sands and MacDougall), and as a teacher at the Portland school. While acting as a governess to her uncle's children at Penola, Mary met Father Julian Tenison Woods who, with a parish of 56,000 square kilometres, needed help in the religious education of children in the outback. At the time Mary's family depended on her income so she was not free to follow her dream. However, in 1866, greatly inspired and encouraged by Father Woods, Mary opened the first Saint Joseph's School in a disused stable in Penola.

Young women came to join Mary, and so the Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph was begun. In 1867, Mary was asked by Bishop Shiel to come to Adelaide to start a school. From there, the Sisters spread, in groups to small outback settlements and large cities around Australia, New Zealand, and now in Peru, Brazil and refugee camps of Uganda and Thailand. Mary and these early Sisters, together with other Religious Orders and Lay Teachers of the time, had a profound influence on the forming of Catholic Education as we have come to know and experience it today. She also opened Orphanages, Providences to care for the homeless and destitute both young and old, and Refuges for ex-prisoners and ex-prostitutes who wished to make a fresh start in life.

Throughout her life, Mary met with opposition from people outside the Church and even from some of those within it. In the most difficult of times she consistently refused to attack those who wrongly accused her and undermined her work, but continued in the way she believed God was calling her and was always ready to forgive those who wronged her.

Throughout her life Mary suffered ill health. She died on August 8, 1909 in the convent in Mount Street, North Sydney where her tomb is now enshrined. Since then the Congregation has grown and now numbers about 900, working mainly in Australia and New Zealand but also scattered singly or in small groups around the world. The "Brown Joeys" may be seen in big city schools, on dusty bush tracks, in modern hospitals, in caravans, working with the "little ones" of God - the homeless, the new migrant, the Aboriginal, the lonely and the unwanted, in direct care and in advocacy, in standing with and in speaking with. In their endeavours to reverence the human dignity of others and to change unjust structures, the Sisters and those many others who also share the Mary MacKillop spirit continue the work which she began.

This great Australian woman inspired great dedication to God's work in the then new colonies. In today's world, she stands as an example of great courage and trust in her living out of God's loving and compassionate care of those in need. *(Extract from the Sisters of St Joseph).*

#### **St Mary MacKillop Feast Day Celebrations: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August**

This year, to honour our school patron, St Mary MacKillop, we have a fun-filled day planned which will include:

- *Students participating in grade based activities to learn more about St Mary MacKillop*
- *A whole school mass at St Nicholas of Myra at 11:15am (this will be led by Year 6 and all parents, friends and parishioners are warmly invited to join us. Please make sure you have returned your child's permission note)*
- *A special treat from the P & F*
- *A whole school fundraiser for the Mary MacKillop Institute in East Timor*

The country of East Timor is Australia's closest neighbour, yet it is a very poor country. The work of the Sisters of St Joseph in East Timor is very important – they provide education, food, clothes, clean water and love to the needy. *The fundraiser will involve every class combining together to make a St Mary MacKillop GOLD COIN mural.* This fundraiser, will, in a simple way, help our school community to carry on St Mary MacKillop's motto of "Never see a need without doing something about it." So start collecting your GOLD COINS now!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

- *Talent Quest Showcase*

### St Nicholas of Myra Parish Sacramental Program – Confirmation

#### Parent Meeting Tuesday 13th August at 7pm

Parents wishing to enrol their children in the program must attend an information session, which will be at St Nicholas of Myra Church on Tuesday 13th August at 7pm.

Further information regarding the program will be given at this meeting. ***To be eligible for Confirmation, children must be in Year 5 or above. They must be baptised and have made their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.***



If you have any questions regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation please contact the Sacramental Coordinator, Colleen Nicholas.  
Ph: 4721 2509  
Email: sacramental@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

#### Feast of the Assumption: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August is the Feast of the Assumption, a holy day of obligation. The Feast of the Assumption celebrates the belief that the body and soul of the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken into heaven after the end of her earthly life. God gave her this privilege because of her sinlessness and role as the Mother of Jesus.

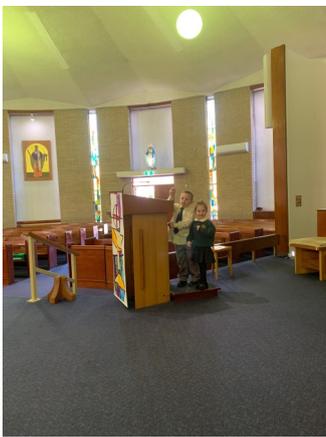
Mary's assumption into heaven is seen by many as a fulfilment of Jesus' promise to all faithful servants; that they too will be received into the kingdom of God. To celebrate the Feast of the Assumption there will be a prayer experience for the students. A timetable will be shared soon. All parents and friends are invited to attend.

Mrs Leesa Gillard  
Religious Education Coordinator

### Kindergarten Church Excursion

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Kindergarten enjoyed their very first excursion last week. We took a short trip to our local parish, St Nicholas of Myra. The excursion was part of our Religious Education learning around how communities celebrate their faith. A big thank you to Mrs Gillard and Mrs Rowan and the lovely parents who joined us for this special outing.



**Nepean Zone Athletics Carnival**

The Nepean Zone Athletics Carnival will be held in Blacktown on Friday 9th August. We have a team of 35 students competing in track and field events. Please see the 2019 Order of Events for the day. Best of luck to our MacKillop athletes!



**PARRAMATTA DIOCESE PRIMARY SCHOOLS - ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVALS 2019**

8:30am start – Cumberland Zone (6/8) Nepean Zone (9/8) Blacktown Zone (13/8) Hills Zone (15/8)



TRACK EVENTS	TRACK EVENTS	FIELD EVENTS
<b>8:30- 9:30am</b>	<b>12:00pm – 12:45pm</b>	<b>8:30am – 9:00am</b>
1. Junior Boys Relay Final	27. Junior Boys 200m Heats	79 & 81. ParaAthlete Boys Shot Circle 1
2. Junior Girls Relay Final	28. Junior Girls 200m Heats	80 & 82. ParaAthlete Girls Shot Circle 2
3. Senior Boys Relay Final	29. 11yr Boys 200m Heats	83 & 85. ParaAthlete Boys Long Jump Pit 1
4. Senior Girls Relay Final	30. 11yr Girls 200m Heats	84 & 86. ParaAthlete Girls Long Jump Pit 2
<b>9:30am- 10:20am</b>	31. Senior Boys 200m Heats	91 & 93. ParaAthlete Boys Discus Circle 1
5. Junior Boys 800m Final	32. Senior Girls 200m Heats	92 & 94. ParaAthlete Girls Discus Circle 2
6. Junior Girls 800m Final	33. SWD Junior Boys 200m Final	
7. 11yr Boys 800m Final	34. SWD Junior Girls 200m Final	<b>9:30am – 11:00am</b>
8. 11yr Girls 800m Final	35. SWD Senior Boys 200m Final	57. Junior Boys Long Jump Pit 1
9. Senior Boys 800m Final	36. SWD Senior Girls 200m Final	58. Senior Girls Long Jump Pit 2
10. Senior Girls 800m Final	<b>1pm – 1:45pm</b>	59. 11yr Boys Shot Put Circle 1
87 & 89 ParaAthlete Boys 800m Final	37. 8yr Boys 100m Final	60. Junior Girls Shot Put Circle 2
88 & 90 ParaAthlete Girls 800m Final	38. 8yr Girls 100m Final	69. Senior Boys Discus Area 1
<b>10:20am – 12:00pm</b>	39. 9yr Boys 100m Final	70. 11yr Girls Discus Area 2
11. 8yr Boys 100m Heats	40. 9yr Girls 100m Final	
12. 8yr Girls 100m Heats	41. 10yr Boys 100m Final	<b>11:00am – 12:30pm</b>
13. 9yr Boys 100m Heats	42. 10yr Girls 100m Final	65. Junior Boys Shot Put Circle 1
14. 9yr Girls 100m Heats	43. 11yr Boys 100m Final	66. Senior Girls Shot Put Circle 2
15. 10yr Boys 100m Heats	44. 11yr Girls 100m Final	67. Senior Boys Long Jump Pit 1
16. 10yr Girls 100m Heats	45. 12yr Boys 100m Final	68. 11yr Girls Long Jump Pit 2
17. 11yr Boys 100m Heats	46. 12yr Girls 100m Final	77. 11yr Boys Discus Area 1
18. 11yr Girls 100m Heats	47. 13yr Boys 100m Final	78. Junior Girls Discus Area 2
19. 12yr Boys 100m Heats	48. 13yr Girls 100m Final	
20. 12yr Girls 100m Heats	<b>1:45pm – 2:15pm</b>	<b>12:30pm – 2:00pm</b>
21. 13yr Boys 100m Heats	49. Junior Boys 200m Final	61. Junior Boys Discus Area 1
22. 13yr Girls 100m Heats	50. Junior Girls 200m Final	62. Senior Girls Discus Area 2
23. SWD Junior Boys 100m Final	51. 11yr Boys 200m Final	73. 11yr Boys Long Jump Pit 1
24. SWD Junior Girls 100m Final	52. 11yr Girls 200m Final	74. Junior Girls Long Jump Pit 2
25. SWD Senior Boys 100m Final	53. Senior Boys 200m Final	71. Senior Boys Shot Put Circle 1
26. SWD Senior Girls 100m Final	54. Senior Girls 200m Final	72. 11yr Girls Shot Put Circle 2
<b>Note: The times scheduled for these events are a guide only. The convener reserves the right to alter order of events.</b>		

**Netball News**

Rafferti G recently represented the Penrith District Netball Association in the 2019 Division 1 NNSW Junior State Titles @ Baulkham Hills. Over 2,000 players, representing 232 teams from 85 Associations from all over NSW took part in the 3 day championship. After playing 19 games, Rafferti and her team were crowned State Champions. Rafferti was also named the Captain of the team which is an honour and privilege.

Mrs Maryanne Churchill  
Sport Co Ordinator



Welcome back to Term 3...how fast is this year going!!

We have a busy and fun filled term ahead with our Colour Explosion on 16th August, Father's Day BBQ breakfast and stall on 30th August and our Trivia Night on 6th September!

### **COLOUR EXPLOSION**

The Colour Explosion is all set to take place on Friday, August 16. Make sure you can obtain as many sponsors as possible. We'll be having prizes for the student who raises the most money and a class party for the class you raises the most money.

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) Extra sponsorship forms are available at the office.

This is one of our major fundraisers this year and will be so much fun for our children whilst keeping them healthy and active. Sponsorship forms are due back on the Colour Explosion Day!

Looking forward to a fun and colourful day!

### **FATHER'S DAY**

On Friday 30th August the P&F will be holding a breakfast BBQ for the Dads, Grandads and special men in our children's lives. We will start serving from 8:15am and will finish before the liturgy.

On this same day we will hold our Father's Day stall for the children to buy a gift for their dad. Gifts will be priced from \$1-\$10.

If there is anyone who would like to lend a hand by wrapping some Father's Day gifts at home over the next week or so we would greatly appreciate it! Please let us know via email to [smmppandf@gmail.com](mailto:smmppandf@gmail.com)

### **TRIVIA NIGHT**

Calling all secret agents, mystery women and international spies...

Our Trivia Night 'The Casino Royale' promises to be a fun night for all! Tickets are \$20 each, or a table of 8 for \$150. Grab your friends, family, neighbours or work colleagues for a great night out!

We have 2 AMAZING raffles on offer:

1. You could win a new Thermomix TM6, valued at \$2289! Only 250 tickets will be sold! The TM6 is a smart, connected appliance where you can enjoy step-by-step guided cooking directly on the screen of your TM6. Tickets are \$20 each.

2. Be in the draw to win a Bar Fridge stocked with Beer and Wine – to gear you up for finals season! Valued at approx. \$400! Only 200 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$10 each.

Tickets for the trivia night and raffles can be purchased at: <https://www.trybooking.com/BDVCZ>

Any questions, just message this page or email [smmppandf@gmail.com](mailto:smmppandf@gmail.com)

Veronica Neal  
P & F President

## School Fees

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Just a reminder that all Term 3 School Fees are due by 28th August 2019.



## Second Hand Cellos

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If you have a cello that you would like to sell please contact Anna Bray on [husselbee2@bigpond.com](mailto:husselbee2@bigpond.com) who would love to rehome your cellos!



# After School Drama



## Wednesdays



# St Mary MacKillop School Hall

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@ 3.15pm SUPER KIDS (K-Yr2)

@ 4.15pm COOL KIDS (Yr3-Yr7)

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**ENQUIRIES:- Mrs Cathie Parkes - 0414 475 158**

## Dates for Your Diary Term 3 - 2019

<i>DAY</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
Friday	2 August	2:20pm	Whole School Assembly—2W Assembly Item
Friday	9 August	2:20pm	Nepean Zone Athletics Carnival Whole School Assembly—1N Assembly Item
Friday	16 August		Colour Explosion
Friday	23 August	9:15am 2:20pm	Kindergarten Liturgy Whole School Assembly Diocesan Athletics Carnival
Friday	30 August	9:15am	Father's Day Liturgy Father's Day Stall NO WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TODAY
Friday	6 September		<b>Staff Development Day (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)</b>

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My focus is to make the experience fun and build the student's confidence. Every session is supportive and encouraging.

*"Often confidence is the most important ingredient for success. It empowers students to 'have a go', not be afraid of making mistakes and to ask for help when they need it."*

**Get in touch to talk about how I can support your child's learning in mathematics.**

Wendy Truelove (True Learning)

0414 816 464

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## SAVE THE DATE - SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM SEPT/OCT

Once again, the TRUE LEARNING School Holiday Program will be filled with engaging, educational activities.

There is one big change ... more ANIMALS. Because, let's face it, they make things fun!

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