



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.*

I wish to extend to each and every one of our families a heartfelt;

#### HAPPY ST MARY MACKILLOP FEAST DAY

Last week we celebrated the Feast Day of our Patron Saint in style.

On Thursday, we travelled by bus to St Nicholas of Myra Church to celebrate mass with Fr Joe and our community. This was a beautiful school mass led by our Year 6 team and celebrated with our kids ..... I am so proud. The children gave generously through their reading, acting, singing, serving and reverent participation. All the kids were thanked with an iced doughnut, kindly donated by the P and F during the afternoon at school.

When we had finished our lunch break, the children attended a performance of our 2019 Talent Quest finalists up in our school hall. The acts were diverse and showcased students from all across our talented school.

We also called upon the generosity of our community and collected coins donated from each class. During the afternoon we all gathered on the playground to spell the message "St Mary MacKillop never saw a need without doing something about it" in gold coins. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this fun fundraiser activity. The proceeds of \$748.65 will be supporting the works of the Sisters of St Joesph.

I am sure that you would be aware that the talents and hard work of the students are matched by the wonderfully gifted and dedicated staff that work here at St Mary MacKillop. However, I feel it is always worth reminding you of the fabulous people we have here supporting your child to develop their gifts and talents. To our team of staff I say 'thank you' for all you do for our school and community.

St Mary MacKillop South Penrith is a fantastic school that does so many things right. However, like any organisation, we are not perfect and therefore from time to time we will make mistakes. We accept the challenge to develop our gifts and talents as a school and part of that is accepting feedback and complaints from our community.

If you find that you have concerns about your child's learning, welfare or relationships at school I encourage you to contact your child's teacher to organise a time to share your concerns. Your child's teacher can then address your concern or direct it to the appropriate person in the school.

I am also available to discuss your concerns. If you would like to meet with me to share your concerns, I ask that you make an appointment through the school office. The office staff will seek some brief description of your concern so that they can support me in being prepared to meet with you or to direct your concern to the best person for investigation and resolution.

Thank you for helping to make our school great and for working with us to continue to grow. I have included below, a reminder from our diocesan guidelines.

*Reminder for our school community If, at any time, you find that you have a concern with the school, you are encouraged to come to the school and speak with the teacher/s, assistant principal and/or principal, to identify your concern. It is our aim to work with all members of our school community to ensure that we do the very best to provide a productive, safe and enjoyable learning experience for our students and professionally fulfilling experience of our staff. If you would like to raise a concern, the Catholic Education Office has guidelines for ensuring that complaints are handled fairly. Information about how to handle complaints either informally or formally is available from the school office and/or within the Complaint Handling Guidelines. These documents can be accessed on the system website [www.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au)*

#### Facilities

We are coming to the end of our work 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 hopeful that you have seen or will see soon how wonderful it looks. It is a great improvement to our facilities and makes our building look very fresh.

Together We Grow.

Mr Scott Buchan - Principal

## Religious Education News

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Last Thursday we celebrated our Feast day. Thank you everyone who came and was a part of our Feast day. Special thanks to our Parents and Friends who provided our school with a special treat.



## Sport News

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Unfortunately, this year we had a number of technical issues with the software program used to generate our Age Champion and Runner Up athletes. As a result, we made an error in announcing this years champions. We have since gone back and manually checked and calculated the data and identified errors. Obviously this was no fault of the children and we apologise for any disappointment this may have caused. Please note, we double checked the House Point Tally and the Nepean Zone Team and these results did not contain any errors and were not affected. We are putting processes in place to ensure this will not happen again.

Sincerely,  
Mrs Maryanne Churchill and Miss Nicole Jones  
*Sport Team*

## Father's Day 2019

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On Friday, August 30 our Parents and Friends committee will be hosting a breakfast barbeque before school to celebrate Father's Day. Families are invited to come and share a sausage sizzle and coffee/tea from 8.15am



Following the breakfast barbeque, all families are warmly welcome to attend our **Father's Day Liturgy** in our school hall on **Friday August 30 at 9.00am**. After the liturgy, families are invited to visit their child's classroom.

As part of our liturgy reflection, we are asking families to send in photos of fathers and their children via the school email address: [stmarymackillop@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stmarymackillop@parra.catholic.edu.au) by no later than **Monday August 26**.

We look forward to a wonderful celebration of our Dads and father figures.

Year One Teachers



## Sport News

Congratulations to our Athletics Champions and Runner Ups for 2019. Each year we get to see the sporting talent that St Mary MacKillop has to offer and this year was no different. Another great year, well done, we are very proud of you.



*Jai W & Alex M (Junior Boys), Summer K & Tia B (Junior Girls), Caleb K & Oliver N (11 Year Boys), Amber S & Layla B (11 Year Girls), Jarred H & Ryan G (Senior Boys), and Rafferti G, Millie-Jay C & Ava D (Senior Girls)*

### **Nepean Zone Athletics Carnival**

Last Friday, 9th August, 36 St Mary MacKillop students travelled to Blacktown International Sportspark to compete in the Nepean Zone Athletics Carnival. The students represented our school with pride and should be very proud of their achievements to make it to this event. On the day, MacKillop had some outstanding results. All four of our relay teams finished in the top 4 and have qualified for the Diocesan Carnival. On top of this, we have 13 students who have qualified for individual events! This is a great success and worth applauding! Finally, huge congratulations to the following students who took home trophies on the day for Age Champion or Runner Up:

Tia B - Junior Girls Age Champion  
Summer K - Junior Girls Runner Up  
Amber S - 11 Years Girls Age Champion  
Jarred H - Senior Boys Age Champion

Congratulations to these four students for these incredible results! A special mention to Jarred, who equalled the Zone Record in the 200m Senior Boys event. He now jointly holds this record with ex-MacKillop student, Uuale E! Go MacKillop.

We wish all our Diocesan qualifiers the best of luck in next weeks carnival. We are all very proud of you!

Mrs Churchill & Miss Jones  
Sport Team

### ST MARY MACKILLOP FEAST DAY

Last Thursday the children had a wonderful day of celebration for the feast of St Mary MacKillop. The donuts donated by the P&F were very well received by the children!



### 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

### Trivia Night 'The Casino Royale'...

Our Trivia Night 'The Casino Royale' promises to be a fun night for all!

Tickets have been selling well so far, but still plenty of room for you to come and join in on the fun.

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 been lucky enough to have Rusty from 'Smash'N'ENTertainment' donate his time for our Trivia Night. He'll be sure to make it an entertaining night! If you're looking for a DJ/MC/Singer for your next function, just give Rusty a call on 0405800703.

Tickets are selling well for our 2 raffles - remember, tickets are limited, so get in quick!

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.

On the Trivia Night, we'll also be pre-selling delicious sweet and savoury platters for \$30, the perfect accompaniment to your table.

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

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

### P&F MEETING

The next P&F meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th August@ 7pm in the school hall, everyone is welcome to attend and we hope to see you there!

Veronica Neale  
P & F President

## Dates for Your Diary Term 3 - 2019

<i>DAY</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
Friday	23 August	9:15am 2:20pm	Kindergarten Liturgy Whole School Assembly Diocesan Athletics Carnival
Tuesday	27 August		Voice of Youth Final (Year 6) @ Bethany
Friday	30 August	8:15am-9:00am 9:15am 10:00am-10:45am	Father's Day Breakfast Father's Day Liturgy Open Classrooms Father's Day Stall NO WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TODAY
Friday	6 September	6:30pm	<b>Staff Development Day (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)</b>  Trivia Night
Friday	13 September	9:15am 2:20pm	Year 4 Mass Whole School Assembly
Friday	20 September	9:15am 2:20pm	Year 1 Liturgy Whole School Assembly
Tuesday	24 September		Kindergarten Excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm



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