



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 and Carers,

Our teachers, staff and students pride themselves on Being Safe, Respectful, Learners at every opportunity and especially whilst at school. At times, this can be a challenge and difficult to deliver upon but nonetheless it remains important to us and we work hard to achieve it. I have noticed that recently, our afternoon dismissal has not been as safe or as respectful as our school would expect. This has also been recognised by the staff here at St Mary MacKillop and our school crossing supervisor.

At present there are a few additional challenges for our community such as the ongoing road work at Tukara Road, changes in dismissal processes (at pre-schools, primary schools and high schools which all impact upon our families) and an increase in parents collecting students at 3pm due to working from home. Whilst these challenges are very real for us as a community, the priority of Being Safe, Respectful, Learners, remains as the most important factor for us all here at St Mary MacKillop.

Therefore I call on you, as we finish this school term, move through the holiday period and commence Term 3, to support our 'home and school partnership'. You can help by working with us to improve our afternoon dismissal processes. I have included below, the most recent advice that we have from Roads and Maritime Services around School Zone Rules to support us in this work.

Together We Grow

Scott Buchan
 Principal

Keeping In Touch

SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?*

FACT Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need **YOU** to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.

<p>No Parking You have 2 minutes to drop-off or pick-up and must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.</p> <p>No Stopping Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a No Stopping Sign applies.</p> <p>Bus Zone You must not stop your vehicle in a Bus Zone unless you are driving a public bus.</p> <p>Mobile Phone Use Do not use a hand held mobile phone while driving.</p> <p>Speeding Offences The fines and demerit points for speeding offences in school zones have been increased.</p>	<p>Pedestrian Crossings Do not stop on or near a marked crossing.</p> <p>Driveways Do not stop on or across a driveway.</p> <p>Lane Filtering /Overtaking Motorcyclists must not overtake or lane-filter in an active school zone.</p> <p>Double Parking Do not double park in a school zone.</p> <p>Footpath and Nature Strip Do not stop on a footpath or nature strip.</p>
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SCHOOL ZONE

8 - 9:30
2 - 4
SCHOOL DAYS

40

*Fines current as of July 2017. Fines and demerit points are subject to change.

New Religious Education Curriculum

Religious Education in the Diocese of Parramatta has undergone much change in the last two years. Term 3 2020 marks the next step towards a new curriculum that will replace 'Sharing Our Story', the current curriculum that has been in place for over 20 years.

The process of developing a new approach, currently known as the Draft New Curriculum, has been a collaboration with students, parents, teachers, clergy and system leaders. This innovative and ambitious project has led to the development of Learning Cycles (one per term), that apply scripture and tradition in a meaningful way to the contemporary life of young people. This endeavour supports our students to grow in faith and understanding through prayer, reason and action in daily life.

In Term 3, using experiential learning through student inquiry, students in Stage 2 and 3 will engage with one Learning Cycle (unit of work) from the Draft New Curriculum.

Stage 2 – What is a Sacrament?

Stage 3 – How do we find hope and joy?

In preparation for the 2021 implementation, teachers are continuing to participate in extensive theological formation and professional learning.

This is an exciting opportunity for our faith community of St Mary MacKillop to further exclaim our commitment to empowering all our young people to discover a meaningful and flourishing life.

We look forward to sharing this journey with you throughout the term and will keep you updated about opportunities that will extend the learning experience further for students and their families.

St Nicholas of Myra 2020 Sacramental Program

Please see below the re-scheduled dates for the 2020 Sacramental Program.

First Reconciliation

All candidates attended ONE family session prior to the CO-VID pandemic. They were also given the student workbook. It is assumed that this workbook has been completed over the past weeks. If not please complete with your child prior to the meeting listed below as it will be beneficial that each candidate has their workbook to refer to:

First Reconciliation Final Family Session (25th and 26th July)

Please bring the student workbook and attend ONE of the following sessions:

Saturday 25th July at 4:30pm (Parish Hall)

OR

Sunday 26th July at 8:30am (Parish Hall)

First Reconciliation Ceremony

Thursday 6th August at 5pm OR 7pm

First Holy Communion

Parent Meeting

7pm Tuesday 28th July (St Nicholas of Myra Church)

First Communion Commitment Masses

Saturday 1st August at 6pm

Sunday 2nd August at 8:30am OR 10am OR 6pm

First Communion Family Session 1

Saturday 15th August at 4pm OR Sunday 16th August at 8:30am

First Communion Family Session 2

Saturday 22nd August at 4pm OR Sunday 23rd August at 8:30am

First Communion Family Session 3

Saturday 29th August at 4pm and Sunday 30th August at 8:30am

First Communion practice

7pm Tuesday 1st September

First Holy Communion Masses

5th, 6th, 12th and 13th September



Religious Education News—Continued

Confirmation

Parent Meeting

7pm Tuesday 13th October (St Nicholas of Myra Church)

Confirmation Commitment Masses

Saturday 17th October at 6pm

Sunday 18th October at 8:30am OR 10am OR 6pm

Confirmation Family Session 1

Saturday 31st October at 4:30pm OR Sunday 1st November at 8:30am

Confirmation Family Session 2

Saturday 7th November at 4:30pm OR Sunday 8th November at 8:30am

Confirmation Family Session 3

Saturday 14th November at 4:30pm OR Sunday 15th November at 8:30am

Confirmation Practice

7pm Monday 16th November

Confirmation Mass

Wednesday 18th November at 5pm OR 7:30pm

If there are any questions please contact Mary Gale (Sacramental Coordinator) at St Nicholas Parish House 02 4721 2509

Email: sacramental@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

Mrs Gillard

Religious Education Coordinator



School Fees

Thank you to those families who have been able to pay the Term 2 Accounts.

During the uncertain time for employment, we are grateful for your financial contributions and understanding that for many families, who may not be able to contribute. Fee relief is available to support families who are experiencing significant financial hardship as a result of COVID-19.

There are three ways that parents/carers can apply for fee relief with the process made as simple as possible. Information is available on the [CEDP website https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/Our%20Schools/School%20Fees/Fee%20Relief](https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/Our%20Schools/School%20Fees/Fee%20Relief)

We are here to help. Please contact our Senior Finance Officer, Mrs Monique Kearins if you have any questions on 4724 3200 during the hours of 8:30am – 3:30pm.

Sport Days Term 3

Sport days for Term 3 will be as follows:

Monday—Year 1 & Year 5

Tuesday—Kindergarten, Year 2 and 6J

Wednesday—Year 3, Year 4 & 6M

Rachel Nekic

Sport Teacher

P & F News

The P&F hope that all our families are well. We hope that you all have a safe and fun holiday break.

We are looking forward to restrictions easing more in the future and being able to enjoy our school community face to face again!

Veronica Neal

P & F President

Afternoon Pick Up

Please pick up all children at 3pm across the road in the park. Do not come into the playground to collect your child or take them from lines as this creates safety issues for our children.

The teacher on duty will bring any children who are not collected from the park by 3.05pm up to the school playground onto our waiters line.

If your child is on waiters, they can be collected from the playground between 3.10pm—3.30pm

Thank you for caring for our staff and kids.

Subscribing to the KIT (Keeping In Touch)

Our school newsletter is only sent home in hard copy for kindergarten the first newsletter of the year.

The newsletter is available by subscribing on the schools website www.mackilloppenrith.catholic.edu.au select News & Events> Newsletter and click on subscribe to our online newsletter, complete the form, you will then receive the newsletter each fortnight via email. You can also view the newsletter on the website under current issue.

Skool Bag App Instructions

For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).

School Communication

APPOINTMENTS

If parents have matters of concern, questions or difficulties, staff are available to assist. The first point of contact is the child's class teacher, followed by the Stage Co-ordinator.

To ensure availability please phone the office to make an appointment. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher regarding his/her progress it is necessary to make an appointment before or after school. Appointments with class teachers can only be made outside of school hours. Parents are asked not to disturb classes - if there is an emergency please go to the office.



TRUE LEARNING

WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

JULY 2020

Activities will be run a little differently these holidays.

Book your own private session which will be delivered just for your group.

It's simple:

1. Talk to your family and friends
2. Choose your activity
3. Select a date between **Monday 13 July and Friday 17 July**
4. Select a timeslot (**Morning or Afternoon**)
5. Book it in!



A minimum of four (4) participants is required per session.

ACTIVITIES

Kitten Capers

Set up an adventure playground for our kittens. Use your creativity to make toys for the kittens. Design and make a collar for our kittens, your own pet or favourite toy.

Designing for Dogs

Design and create an obstacle course for our dogs. Do some trick training. Make some toys out of a range of materials. Make a coat for our pups, your own dog or favourite toy.

Horsing Around

Horse-themed fun. Learn about our horses. Brush them and braid their manes. Take them on an obstacle trail. Make some horse treats and more. (No riding)

Animals All Around

A selection of activities from:

- "Kitten Capers",
- "Designing for Dogs" and
- "Horsing Around".

Animal Photography

Bring your own camera / iPad / phone to photograph animals, inc. kittens, puppies, ducks and horses. Get tips and tricks to get the best photos and lots of fun props to set up that perfect shot.



Cost per child: \$40/session

BOOKINGS:


Wendy Truelove | 0414 816 464 | wendy@truelearning.com.au

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Dates for Your Diary Term 3 - 2020

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	20 July		First day of Term 3 for Students
Friday	31 July	TBA	Second Hand Uniform Shop Open
Thursday	20 August		Primary Athletics Carnival **Subject to Health Advice** Confirmation will follow
Friday	28 August	TBA	Second Hand Uniform Shop Open

We're Back Term 3 **KIDS CAN ACT DRAMA**



Wednesdays during school terms.
Supervision provided from **3.00pm**.

YOUNGER KIDS (K-Yr. 2) -Class **3.15pm** (1 hour)

OLDER KIDS (Yr3- Yr7) - Class **4.15pm** (1 hour)
(Children from all schools welcome)

Supervision also available from **3.00pm till 4.15pm** for OLDER KIDS and after class for the YOUNGER KIDS until **5.15pm** upon request .

**CREATIVE KIDS
VOUCHER PROVIDER**

Mrs Cathie Parkes:- 0414 475 158
www.kidscanact.com.au

Mrs Parkes has taught for 12 years at St Mary MacKillop in a part time capacity.
She is always happy to chat to discuss your child's needs and answer any questions

LIKE OUR FACE BOOK PAGE :- <https://www.facebook.com/KidsCanActDramaStudio/>


After School Drama

@

St Mary MacKillop School Hall

Wednesdays

CLASSES START
WEDNESDAY
20th JULY



FREE TRIAL
CLASS!
Enrolment required

INFANTS KIDS (K-YR2) @ 3.15pm PRIMARY KIDS (YR3-6) @ 4.15pm
Limited Vacancies! Get in quickly!

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ENQUIRIES and ENROLMENTS to be completed through the website above or call Cathie. NOT the school office.

Is this safe?



PEANUT AND TREE NUT ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL



- DO NOT **SHARE** FOOD
- **WASH HANDS**
AFTER SNACK AND MEAL TIMES.
- **ASK QUESTIONS** IF YOU ARE UNSURE
OF "SAFE" FOODS.
- READ **ALL** INGREDIENT LABELS.

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provide a safe environment
for our friends with food allergies!