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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.

I had the wonderful opportunity last Monday night to meet with the Parents and Friends Executive team and thank them for their service and support in this very difficult year. As part of this meeting we decided to postpone our AGM to elect a new executive for our P and F for 2021. An AGM will be held in Week 6 of Term One next year (health advice willing). In the interim, the current executive members will act as caretakers of P and F business until the AGM is held.

On behalf of the staff and students of St Mary MacKillop I offer my heartfelt thanks to the members of our 2020 P and F executive. Their generosity, talent, wisdom and sense of fun have kept us connected to the community spirit this year during our physical separation. They have embodied the teaching of St Mary MacKillop, - "Never see a need without doing something about it".

I welcome our caretaker 2021 executive team for Term One and look forward to working with them as a new and exciting year approaches.

President: Vice President: Paul Bortolazzo

Treasurer: Kylie Beasley Secretary: Michelle Darwen

Major Fundraising: Catherine Watson General Fundraising:

**Parent Representative Council:** 

### **Staffing News**

As the year draws to a close and we finalise staffing for 2021 there will be some changes for us next year. We will welcome back a number of our team who have been spending time with their families through maternity leave. Sadly this also means that some of our current team will not be joining us as part of the regular staff next year. Our sincere thanks and warmest best wishes got to Miss Gibbons, Mrs Viski and Mrs Borg as they move to new and exciting roles in other communities next year.

We welcome as a new member of our team, Mrs Nicole Darby. Mrs Darby joins us from the community of OLOR St Mary's where she has held a diverse range of roles and brings with her a wealth of experience. I am sure that you will help her feel welcome and pert of our team.

Thank you for your patience as we organise our staffing for next year's class groups. In planning for the new school year, please find below a list of staff and grades for 2021 as they currently stand. There are still some positions that will be appointed in the coming weeks:

#### 2021 Staffing

Kindergarten Miss Brittany Gillespie (KG) Miss Brittany Carey (KC)

Year 1 Miss Stephanie Nielsen (1N) Mrs Maryanne Churchill and Mrs Margo Woodhead (1M)

Year 2 Miss Cassie Wotherspoon (2W) Miss Lauren Izzard (2I)

Year 3 Mrs Amanda Joseph (3J) Mr Darren McErlain (3M)

Year 4 Miss Victoria Vella (4V) Mrs Michelle Jarrett(4J)

**Year 5** Mr Caimin Harris (5H) Mrs Nicole Darby (5D)

Year 6 Mr Grant Martin (6G) Mrs Kay Moore (6M)

# News from Scott—Continued

**Diversity Teachers (Learning Support):** 

Mrs Margaret Rowan Mrs Niamh MacDonald Mrs Ashlea Milgate

Mrs Leesa Gillard Mrs Jessica Tredinnick Mrs Deb Aliberti Mrs Michelina Bizzanelli

School Counsellor: Mrs Jeanne Appleton

**RFF Teachers:** 

Mrs Rachel Paine (Physical Education)

Mrs Rachel Nekic - Term One (Creative Arts) Mrs Claire Harman - Term 2 - 4

Coordinator Release: Mrs Maree Eisenhuth

**Teacher Librarian**: Mrs Maree Eisenhuth :

Teacher Assistants: Mrs Judy Inskip Mrs Simone Breia Mrs Kristy Daines Mrs Marina Napoli

Administration Office Mrs Monique Kearins (M-F) Mrs Nicole Brock (Tue-Th) Mrs Jo Groger (M, Tue, Fri)

IT Trainee: Thomas Nguyen Maintenance: Mr Colin Meredith

School Leadership Team:
Principal: Mr Scott Buchan

Assistant Principal: Mrs Margaret Rowan

Religious Education Co -Ordinator: Mrs Leesa Gillard

Co-ordinators: Mrs Amanda Joseph

Together We Grow

Mr Scott Buchan - Principal

## **Compass Parent Portal - Communication and Student Reports**

This term we have opened up a new tool for communicating between home and school. It will replace our current 'Skoolbag App' as the means for sharing notes and official communication.

On 13th November, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta provided families with usernames and passwords to access the portal. We have received positive feedback from parents who have accessed the Parent Portal, letting us know how easy it is to use

If you haven't already accessed the portal we encourage you to log in as soon as possible to ensure good service of communication when we phase out the Skoolbag App.

2020 End of Year school reports will be accessible on the parent portal at the end of week 9.

We will need to hear from you before Friday 4th December if you are having trouble accessing the portal to ensure that we can troubleshoot any issues prior to the reports being made available for parents.

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# Religious Education News

# The Season of Advent (Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November)

The Season of Advent, which began last Sunday 29th November, is a period of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Advent marks the beginning of the Church year and the liturgical readings change

at the start of Advent from Year A to Year B as part of the church's three-year cycle.

The Season of Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day and ends on Christmas Eve. The colour of this season is purple. This is the colour of penitence as well as the colour of royalty to welcome the Advent of the King.



The word 'Advent' comes from Latin and means "coming;" its purpose is to look forward to the coming of Christ to Earth; it is a season that focuses on waiting. So, "Advent means something new is coming. This is really what the Christmas season is all about, isn't it? It's the celebration of the ADVENT of a new era. God broke into time and space and entered our world"

Through prayer, we can enter into God's world and ask Him to prepare our hearts the way He prepared all of history to receive the gift of His Son. During Advent we can try to cut away the distractions to make sure there's "room at the inn" of your heart this year.

Some simple things to pray for during Advent:

Pray for attention to what truly matters, without being distracted by trivial things.

Pray for opportunities to learn something new regularly.

Pray for the grace to be able to rest, become aware of God's presence, and enjoy it.

Pray for strong relationships with other people in the community.

Pray for peace.

Pray for freedom from all that burdens you.

Pray for joy and a sense of humour.

Pray for confidence in God's love for you and trust in His power to work things out for the best in your life.

Pray for a genuine awareness of God's grace in your life and the humility to extend grace to others.

Pray for a passion to pursue justice.

#### St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers Social Justice Activity: Thankyou!

Our last Social Justice Initiative for 2020 has been a huge success! Today, the St Mary MacKillop community presented Mr Joe Tabone and Mr Anthony Ruzgas, representatives from the St Vincent de Paul Society, with 95 bags of grocery items. Mr Tabone and Mr Ruzgas, on behalf of the St Vincent de Paul Society, were overwhelmed with our generosity and expressed their sincere thanks to all the children and their families. These items will be used to make Christmas Hampers for the needy within our community. I would also like to extend my appreciation for the outpouring of support to this important appeal.

We have certainly made this Christmas Season special for many local people in need. The words spoken by St Mary MacKillop; "Never see a need without doing something about it" are truly alive within our school community.

If there are any further donations please feel free to send them to school and we will forward them to St Vincent de









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# Religious Education News-Continued

# **2020 Christmas Celebration**

In this current time, we cannot celebrate the Christmas Season in the traditional way that we usually would at St Mary MacKillop, however, acknowledging the birth of Jesus is at the heart of our community.

For this reason, the students have been busy in class/stage groups preparing a Christmas presentation that will be posted onto social media in Week 10. It is hoped that this whole school production will bring you joy as you enter the holiday season.

Mrs Gillard

Religious Education Coordinator

# Sport News

Congratulations to Koby Laslo (Year 5) for being selected in the 2021 Parramatta Diocesan Basketball Team. Koby Lasalo will represent PARRAMATTA DIOCESE on Friday 26th February 2021 at the MACKILLOP Basketball Trials in Wollongong. We wish him all the best.

We would also like to acknowledge Deklan Xerri for trialling for the basketball team.

Cassandra Wotherspoon Sport Coordinator



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# Year 6 Canberra Camp

On Thursday and Friday, 19th and the 20th of November, 5t Mary Mackillop's Year 6 leaders were given the privilege of going to Canberra for an overnight excursion. The 57 crazy and excited kids were accompanied by 5 teachers: Mr Martin, Mrs Jarrett, Mrs McDonald, Mrs Rowan and Mr Buchan.

Everyone arrived at school at 6:15am. We drove for a while until we stopped at Goulbourn. We ate, played, stretched our legs and had a toilet break. 2 hours later, we arrived at Canberra, at the War Memorial. There we participated in a remembrance day ceremony. Then we drove to Parliament House where we went into the two chambers, the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Then we drove to Leumeah Lodge to have dinner and get into our cabins, while we got ready for the scavenger hunt at the Arboretum. Dinner was delicious! The last activity was a scavenger hunt and I'm sure everyone had a blast. The last thing we did for the day was have a shower and get ready for bed. Don't forget all of the lollies we ate.

The next morning was an early rise. We all packed our bags before we went to breakfast. When we eventually finished eating breakfast, we went back on the bus to old Parliament House to learn a bit more about the Senate and after that we went to the EEC (Electoral Educational Centre) to learn how to vote and the steps that are taken to vote properly.

We went to the old Parliament House rose gardens to eat and have a break. When we left the gardens, the long drive back to school commenced. We had a break to stretch our legs at a park called Pheasants nest. We had apples, cookies, poppers and bags of chips. Then we arrived back at school.

We were very lucky to have this opportunity. We learnt so many things that we couldn't have in the normal classroom. We are so grateful and lucky to have this happen and a big thanks to the teachers that made this beautiful opportunity go ahead.

By Georgia and Stefania

## PACER INFORMATION

Students from our school have recently undertaken an educational tour of the nation's capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of programs that focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of young Australians being able to visit Canberra as part of their Civics and Citizenship unit. To assist families in being able to meet the cost of this excursion, the Australian Government contributed \$20.00 per student. This was possible due to the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon the completion of the excursion.













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# School Fees and Finance

As we are coming to the end of the school year, receipt of Cash/EFTPOS will close on Friday 11th December 2020. If you have any outstanding school fees or payments that you wish to make to our school please do so prior to this date. Bpoint, BPay and AUSPOST will still continue as normal.

## We also advise that Student Banking will also close on Friday, 11th December.

If you have any queries regarding your account or you were not affected financially by COVID-19 however require financial assistance or set up an arrangement, please contact Mrs Monique Kearins, Senior Finance Officer on 02 472 3200 or email <a href="mailto:MMKP-SPRHFees@parra.catholic.edu.au">MMKP-SPRHFees@parra.catholic.edu.au</a>

# Not Returning to St Mary MacKillop Primary in 2021

# ARE YOU LEAVING THE ST MARY MACKILLOP COMMUNITY AT THE END OF THIS YEAR? (EXCLUDING YEAR 6 moving to high school)

It is a legal requirement that parents advise the school in writing -

- The last day of attendance at St Mary MacKillop
- Name of the new school your child/ren will be attending
- Any changes to contact information including change of address

## Please note Leavers Forms are available from the school office

#### Please ensure:

- All library books and reading books are returned
- Collect your child's belongings from the classroom
- An arrangement has been put in place for any outstanding fees

Please note: A full terms notice in writing must be received before the parent/quardian terminates the student's enrolment during Terms 1, 2 & 3. If sufficient notice is not give the parent/guardian is to pay the school one terms school fees including any Diocesan fees applicable.

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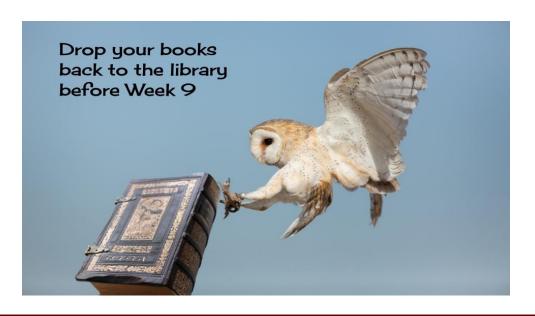
Notice is accepted anytime during Term 4.

# Library News

Attention Year 6 families and students who are not returning in 2021. Library returns need to be finalised before the end of week 9, as any outstanding books will remain in the student's name when they continue to another school. This can have an impact on student learning because high school policy does not allow any student to borrow from the library if they have outstanding items against their name. We will provide a list of students and their loans for families to check and return, if there are any issues around this, please contact Mrs Eisenhuth or Mrs Napoli so that it can be resolved.

Mrs Eisenhuth Teacher Librarian

Mrs Napoli Library Assistant



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# P & F Fete News

#### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We need people power to help coordinate the St Mary MacKillop Fete 2021! Are you a great:

- event organiser
- social media warrior
- donation seeker

We need hands on deck, so any help that can be offered would be amazing!

Please get in contact with <a href="mailto:smmppandf@gmail.com">smmppandf@gmail.com</a> to let us know your super powers, and let's make this fete the best one yet!

#### **SPONSORSHIP**

We have been extremely fortunate in welcoming our top sponsors to the St Mary MacKillop community:

Platinum - Wildman Cranes

Gold - Outback Steakhouse

Gold - Bella Dental Penrith

Silver - West Air

#### Sponsorship packages still available:

Silver - \$750 each, have your name and branding on these awesome stalls. Choose from the Chocolate Wheel, Cake Stall, Kidzone, Trash & Treasure, Basket Stall or Garden Stall.

Bronze - \$250 each, your chance to sponsor the fete as well as promote your business for all to see.

Trades Board - \$150 each, be featured on our Trades board at the fete! Let St Mary MacKillop help promote your small business!

Plenty of opportunities for your business to support St. Mary MacKillop and for the families of the St Mary MacKillop community to support your business.

Email smmppandf@gmail.com to receive your Sponsorship proposal.

**TRASH AND TREASURE** – If your doing a clean out, consider setting aside anything that is no longer useful for you but in good condition to donate it to our Trash and Treasure Stall. Donations can be taken to the school office. Electrical items cannot be accepted.

**RIDES, RIDES AND MORE RIDES** – Once again we will have some amazing rides and inflatables at this year's fete. Ride passes will be available for purchase at the beginning of 2021.

Looking forward to an amazing fete! Catherine Watson









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# Sport News

#### 2021 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials are OPEN!

ALL 2021 Team Sport Trials are OPEN, however, the Summer Sports of **BASKETBALL & TENNIS** registrations close for these sports only on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November as these trials are planned for November & December 2020. This will be confirmed closer to the date due to COVID-19 restrictions and venue availability.

All other sports trials will be held in Term One & Two in 2021.

Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2021 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials. It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who **display an above-average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport**. While teams are open in age it is strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2021 be invited to attend.

Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports: AFL, Basketball, Cricket, Hockey, Football, Hockey, Netball, Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union, Softball, Tennis & Touch football. The sports of Diving & Golf will be held at the MacKillop level.

To be eligible for selection for these trials the **2021 CEDP Primary Sport TEAM Registration** Form must be completed. Please visit the Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport website or Facebook for the link and information.

WEBSITE: www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au

#### FACEBOOK: Primary Sport Parramatta Diocese

This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for 2021 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. Parents may complete this form to attend a selection trial. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and MUST be approved by the child's school. For the child to attend the nominated trial or event, the school approves students based on playing history and selection criteria. All fields and especially "Representative Experience" if applicable to the sport MUST be completed. Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the **2021 CEDP Primary Sport TEAM Registration** Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.

More detailed information can be located in the 2021 CEDP Parra Primary Sport Rep Team Trials Info for Parents COVID19 information sheet

#### 2021 Primary Sport Trials COVID-19 Information as of 3rd November

The prevailing COVID Safe restrictions regarding school sport events and public gatherings will be observed at the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials

- Parents will be advised of the protocols to be followed according to the public health orders in force at that time of the trial.
- It is possible that this will restrict parent/spectator access to the venues as currently parents/spectators are not permitted at school events. Participating students will then remain in the care of the nominated Parramatta team managers for the duration of the trials.
- Parents/carers will be required to provide a mobile phone number that they will be able to be contacted on should they be required to return to the venue at any time.

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# Sport News-Continued

Current CEDP Guide for Sport and Physical Activity guidelines that the following advice applies to all CEDP school sport and should be read in conjunction with the current NSW Health guidelines, NSW public health order, venue protocols and CEDP and school specific directives.

- The number of participants including staff and parents/guardians (if permitted) attending a facility must be limited to ensure compliance with external venue restrictions (one person per 4 square metres of space, 1.5m distancing and to a maximum of 500 people).
- Even if sporting competition occur in an external venue, if the sporting activity is held 'non-essential' adults should not attend.
- The use of public change rooms should be avoided wherever possible. Students should come to school wearing their sport uniform and appropriate footwear where possible.
- Shared travel arrangements such as car-pooling should be avoided where possible.
- All sports or physical activities conducted must meet all recommendations listed in the <u>DoE Sport Safety Guidelines</u> including teacher/student ratios.
- Compliance with general COVID-19 restrictions concerning capacity / hygiene etc.

Currently, NO parents / spectators are permitted to attend school sport events. More detailed information will be provided for each individual sport trial via the Team Sport Trial Information sheet provided to approved students.

# COVID-19 Safety and Hygiene

The following hygiene measures will continue to apply to all sport and physical activities in schools:

- Practise good hygiene
- Staff and students are required to wash their hands prior to and at the conclusion of sport and physical activities. Encourage hand hygiene practices at regular intervals as required.
- Maintain good respiratory hygiene.
- Always discourage spitting or clearing of nasal or respiratory secretions.
- No shining of a cricket ball with sweat/saliva.
- Do not undertake physical exercise if unwell students should not attend school if they are unwell. If they become unwell during the day, they should be collected by a parent/carer.
- Do not share items such as drink bottles or towels Students should provide their own personal items such as water bottles, towels, clothing, etc as required for physical activities.
- Implement cleaning protocols All sport and physical activity equipment (including shared equipment and clothing such as school sporting singlets and bibs) must be cleaned at the end of each session. Equipment and/or clothing that cannot be cleaned after each use must not be shared.
- Cleaning environments Standard daily cleans as well as the cleaning of high touch areas should
  occur within sporting facilities, such as change rooms and in accordance with COVID-19 cleaning
  and sanitation requirements.
- Infection control Apply standard precautions for infection control.
- Regular protocols for spills of blood and other bodily substances must be followed where any clothing, equipment and surfaces are contaminated by blood or other bodily fluid.
- Physical contact shaking hands, high fives and hugging are to be avoided. Students must minimise
  any physical contact with others for the duration of a sport activity.

# PARRAMATTA TEAM SPORT TRIALS

| Sport             | Age Group                        | Trial Date         | Nominations Open         | Registration closing date             |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| AFL               | Open boys & girls                | Feb 2021           | Open 2 Nov 2020          | Friday 29th January 2021              |
| Basketball        | Open boys & girls                | 1st December 2020  | Open 2 Nov 2020          | Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2020 |
| Cricket           | Open boys & girls                | Feb – Mar 2021     | Open 2 Nov 2020          | Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2021  |
| Diving            | 10/11yrs & 12/13yrs boys & girls | Term One 2021      | Nominations Open in 2021 | Registration via CSNSW Sport in 2021  |
| Football (Soccer) | Open boys & girls                | Feb – Mar 2021     | Open 2 Nov 2020          | Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2021  |
| Golf              | Open boys & girls                | Term Three 2021    | Nominations Open in 2021 | Registration via CSNSW Sport in 2021  |
| Hockey            | Open boys & girls                | Feb – Mar 2021     | Open 2 Nov 2020          | Friday 5th February 2021              |
| Netball           | Open boys & girls                | Feb – Mar 2021     | Open 2 Nov 2020          | Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2021  |
| Rugby League      | Open boys & girls                | Feb – Mar 2021     | Open 2 Nov 2020          | Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2021  |
| Rugby League      | 11yrs boys & girls               | Feb – Mar 2021     | Open 2 Nov 2020          | Friday 5th February 2021              |
| Rugby Union       | Open boys & girls                | April 2021         | Open 2 Nov 2020          | Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2021  |
| Softball          | Open boys & girls                | April 2021         | Open 2 Nov 2020          | Friday 5th February 2021              |
| Tennis            | Open boys & girls                | 27th November 2020 | Open 2 Nov 2020          | Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2020 |
| Touch Football    | Open boys & girls                | Feb – Mar 2021     | Open 2 Nov 2020          | Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2021  |

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# 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.

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# Dates for Your Diary Term 4 - 2020

| DAY       | DATE        | TIME           | EVENT  |  |
|-----------|-------------|----------------|--|--|
| Friday    | 4 December  |                | Staff Development Day (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)   |  |
| Monday    | 7 December  |                | Year 6 Fun Day   |  |
| Tuesday   | 8 December  | 6:00pm         | Year 6 Graduation Mass @ St Nicholas of Myra (two adults per child to attend)                                |  |
| Wednesday | 9 December  | 9am<br>2pm-3pm | Year 6 End of Year Awards Presentation<br>Class Promotions Afternoon   |  |
| Thursday  | 10 December | 9:30am-11am    | Kindergarten 2021 Orientation Session<br>2nd Hand Uniform Shop Open<br>Year 5 Yarramundi Overnight Excursion |  |
| Friday    | 11 December | 5pm-8pm        | Year 5 Yarramundi Camp<br>Year 6 Farewell Disco  |  |
| Wednesday | 16 December |                | Last day of Term 4 for Students  |  |
| Thursday  | 17 December |                | Staff Development Day (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS)   |  |

# Dates for Your Diary Term 1 - 2021

| DAY       | DATE       | TIME | EVENT  |  |
|-----------|------------|------|--|--|
| Wednesday | 27 January |      | Staff Development Day (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS) |  |
| Thursday  | 28 January |      | Years 1-6 Commence School                      |  |
| Friday    | 29 January |      | Kindergarten Commence School                   |  |

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# KIDS DECEMBER CAN ACT HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

#### For Puppet Sake! (4 –12yrs)

Children are naturally curious! Children communicate more easily with a puppet on their hand, giving them confidence to express their ideas and feelings. The children will have great fun as they try out different types of puppets. They will also make a number of their very own puppets to take home.

#### Su<u>perhero Academy</u> (4 –12yrs)

Does a superhero live inside your imagination? Unleash the power within! Find your inner hero!

. A super energetic workshop aimed at building confidence, self-esteem, and a healthy body! Design your own superhero and make your own cape and mask! Create your character, complete

with a catch cry and superpowers. Children take home their own superhero cape, mask and make their own arm cuffs.

#### If The Hat Fits (4 –15yrs)

Today we will have a ball and use hats to develop interesting characters, learn positive group dynamics, cooperation, and physical awareness. The hats will be used as a tool for creating, developing, and experimenting with characters. What type of character will you become?

#### Suitcase of Memories (4-15yrs) - 1,2,3 Let's Make A Movie

On the other side of the world a strange, curious suitcase was found. It had no name or address, and no one seemed to know where it came from. Use your powers of deduction to discover the secrets and history of this magical case. Come join us on this fabulous day where we excite our imagination & discover the secrets of the case. Let's film it!

#### But Wait There's More! Sell It! (4 -15yrs) - 1,2,3 Let's Film It!

Today, we will learn the art of persuasion and how to sell any product to anyone. Convince the audience they really need it and to buy anything you offer. Can you sell ice to the Eskimos? Let's make and film some fabulously fun ads.

Owner reserves the right to cancel any workshop

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# KIDS DECEMBER HOLIDAY WORKSHO

WEDNESDAY 23rd DECEMBER

SPRINGWOOD

9.30-2.30pm

For Puppets Sake!

THURSDAY 24th DECEMBER

SPRINGWOOD

9.30-2.30pm

Superhero Academy

2.30-5.30 pm

If The Hat Fits

WEDNESDAY 30TH DECEMBER

**SPRINGWOOD** 

9.30-2.30pm

1,2,3 Let's Make A Movie

Suitcase of Memories

> 2.30-5.30pm 1.2.3 Let's Film It!

**But Wait!** 

There's More!Sell It!

\$100 CREATIVE KIDSVOUCHER

REMEMBER TO USE YOUR KIDS **THURSDAY 31ST DECEMBER** 

PENRITH

9.30-2.30pm

Superhero **Academy** 



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# DS JANUARY

#### Super Duper Crazy Knight - ACT & MAKE(4 -13yrs)

When a mysterious spaceship comes crashing in to Dream Land, everyone goes to investigate it. An old, fat knight emerges and starts attacking them! Who IS this so-called knight? It seems like he's missing a few marbles... The children will make their own knights helmets & swords, wizard's hats or princess hats to take home.

Drama Games &Scenarios (4–15yrs)Great fun where children get to work in groups or individually and be creative. Working as a team improves friendships and teaches us how to work with , cooperate, develop leadership skills and listen to others.

Outside the Box- ACT, MAKE & PAINT(4 -15yrs) Get creative! Ignite your mind! Look inside and see what you can find. In this integrated craft /performance workshop the children have to think outside the box. They will explore what their own special talents are that make them special and unique. Over 2 days the children will paint/decorate their own arge box that is a symbol of themselves. The second day will culminate with a filmed performance based on their discovery.

The Day I Fell Into A Storybook...And Survived- 1,2,3 Let's Make A Movie (4-15yrs) Ever fallen into a storybook? What happens when you fall into a Fairy Tale. Find yourself, being yelled at by a girl saying, "How dare you be on this page?!" She says is Goldilocks. After contending with her, an angry wicked stepmother, and a disappointed Cinderella, all you want to do is find your way out. Can you escape and make everything happily ever after again? Let's film it!

# A Bag Full Of Stories- Storytelling(4 –15yrs)

The ancient art of storytelling is for all ages. Storytelling can encourage children to explore their own imagination and expressiveness. In our fast-paced world of mass media, storytelling can be a nurturing way to remind children that the spoken word is powerful, listening is important, and warm communication between people is an art.

## Puppetry DESIGN & MAKE(4 -15yrs)

Make your own puppets and watch them come to life! What sort of characters will you create? In this integrated craft and performance workshop, the children will discover puppetry techniques on how to breathe personality into their puppet creations. The children will also design and make a number of different types of puppets to take home!

#### t Wasn't Me! | Didn't Do It! -Let's Make A Movie OLDER STUDENTS (9-15yrs)

Have you ever been framed for something you didn't do or tried to get out of something you did? The students will develop the storyline from life experience and imagination, exploring times they may or may not have committed the "crime" or been framed for something they had no part in.

Owner reserves the right to cancel workshops without required numbers to operate

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# KIDS JANUARY CAN ACT HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

**MONDAY 18th JAN** SPRINGWOOD

One Super Duper Crazy

9.30-2.30pm

Drama Games & Scenarios

2.30- 5.00pm

SPRINGWOOD

KNIGHT!

**Outside The Box** 9.30-2.30pm



THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JAN

FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JAN **SPRINGWOOD** 

1,2,3 Let's Make A Movie

The Day I Fell Into A Storybook ...and Survived

9.30-2.30pm

**Puppetry** 8.30-1.30pm

A Bag Full Of Stories Storytelling

2.30-5.00pm

1.2.3 Let's Make A Movi It Wasn't Me! I Didn't Do It!

> 1.30- 6.30pm OLDER STUDENTS (9-16 years)

REMEMBER TO USE YOUR \$100 CREATIVE KIDS VOUCHER

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- DO NOT SHARE FOOD
- WASH HANDS
   AFTER SNACK AND MEAL TIMES.
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