



News from Scott

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 Friends of St Mary MacKillop School,

Staffing News

As the year draws to a close and we finalise staffing for 2022 there will be some changes of grade for a number of our teachers next year. 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 2022 as they currently stand. There are still some positions that will be appointed in the coming weeks:

2022 Staffing

Kinder	Mrs Nicole Darby	(KG)	Miss Stephanie Nielsen (KM)
Year 1	Miss Cassie Wotherspoon	(1G)	Mrs Rachel Paine and Mrs Margo Woodhead (1M)
Year 2	Mrs Amanda Joseph	(2G)	Miss Lauren Izzard (2M)
Year 3	Miss Victoria Vella	(3G)	Mrs Kay Moore (3M)
Year 4	Mrs Michelle Jarrett	(4G)	Mrs Ashlea Milgate and Mrs Maree Eisenhuth (4M)
Year 5	Mr Caimin Harris	(5G)	Mrs Jessica Tredinnick (5M)
Year 6	Mr Grant Martin	(6G)	Mr Darren McErlain (6M)

Diversity Teachers (Learning Support):

Mrs Jacqui Van Der Burg Mrs Niamh MacDonald Mrs Leesa Gillard
Mrs Michelina Bizzanelli Mrs Maryanne Churchill

School Counsellor: Mrs Jeanne Appleton

RFF Teachers:

To be appointed (Physical Education) To be appointed (Creative Arts)

Coordinator Release: Mrs Margo Woodhead

Teacher Librarian: Mrs Maree Eisenhuth

Dates For Your Diary

Monday, 6th December
Year 6 Fun Day

Tuesday 7 December
6:00pm-8:00pm
Year 6 Graduation Mass
& Ceremony

Wednesday 8th December
9:00am-9:45am
Year 6 Awards Ceremony

Thursday 9th December
2pm-3pm
Class Promotions

Tuesday 14th December
Last Day of Term 4 for
Students

Tuesday 14th December
5:00pm-7:00pm
Year 6 Farewell Disco

Wednesday 15th December
9:00am-10:30am
Kindergarten 2022 Orientation

Wednesday 15th, 16th and 17th
December
Staff Development Days
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Tuesday 1st February
Years 1-6 Commence Term 1
2022

Wednesday 2nd February
Kindergarten Commence Term 1
2022

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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: Mr Jacob Hill

Maintenance: Mr Colin Meredith

School Leadership Team:

Principal: Mr Scott Buchan

Assistant Principal: Mrs Jacqui Van Der Burg

Religious Education Co-Ordinator: Mrs Leesa Gillard

Co-ordinators: Mrs Amanda Joseph and Mrs Jessica Tredinnick

Change to naming for Class Groups in 2022

You will notice with the staffing for next year, every class is identified by the grade and either a letter G or a letter M (e.g. 1G and 1M). The 'G' represents our school colours – Green and Gold, whilst the 'M' represents our patron saint – Mary MacKillop. We have been asked to make this change by our diocesan office. The reasoning for the change is explained below:

"In 2021, one of the major issues faced by some Primary schools was around the naming convention used for grade classes and the downstream impact on other systems such as Compass Reports, Scheduling and PTA.

Our school currently names grade classes using the initials of the teachers such as: 6S for Mrs Smith's class. The limitation of this convention is, if and when a teacher changes during the year, then the class name must also be changed. The time between when a teacher changes and when the class is renamed (by the Compass team) has caused some concern for schools.

The below proposed naming convention removes the need for this renaming process.

Approximately 80% of CEDP primary schools use generic form group names based on colours such as: KB (Kinder Blue), 1G (1 Gold) etc.

In 2022, we request all Primary schools to adopt this naming convention to ensure schools can avoid the challenges associated with current practices."

School Crossing Supervisor

You may have noticed recently that our pedestrian crossing is not always attended before school or after school. Since our last KIT, I have contacted the 'Centre for Road Safety – Transport for NSW' who provide us with this service. I clarified with them the issue and challenges that this creates for our community.

They were very understanding and explained to me that they have had a significant number of medical retirements in their team following this year's COVID lockdown. Whilst they have been endeavouring to use their casual / relief staff to support our community, they have a huge demand across their service currently. Transport for NSW is presently recruiting staff and the process concludes next Friday. This should allow them to employ replacement staff for their team and provision a better and more reliable service for us in the future.

Together We Grow

Mr Scott Buchan - Principal

Religious Education News

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers – Social Justice Activity

Our last Social Justice Activity for the year is coming to an end, but there is still time to donate.



We are asking that families donate what they feel they can from the list below. This list is displayed in every classroom and is being promoted by the teachers. It is hoped that if we work together we will help to make Christmas a special time for all in our community.

Could all donations please be well within their expiry date and returned to school by Monday 6th December.

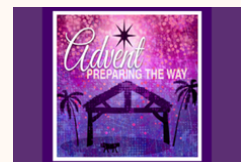
- tin of leg ham
- Christmas cake
- Christmas pudding
- long life items - vanilla custard, cream, milk, Kraft Cheddar Cheese
- tins of: fruit salad, vegetables (carrots, peas, corn), tuna, salmon
- packets of chips
- salsa dip
- bottles of soft drink, fruit juice, cordial
- packets of mixed nuts
- jelly crystals
- salad dressing and gravy mix
- packets of biscuits: sweet or savoury
- reusable shopping bags
- coffee, tea, Hot chocolate, Milo, sugar
- packets of rice and pasta
- instant mash potato
- Christmas bon-bons, plates, napkins
- packet of lollies
- shortbread



The hamper items will be presented to Mr Joe Tabone from the St Vincent de Paul Society to be distributed to those most in need in our community. Thank you so much for your generosity and support.

The Season of Advent (Second Sunday of Advent – 5th Dec)

Advent is the first season in the church calendar. Beginning four Sundays before Christmas, its purpose is twofold: first, it prepares us for the celebration of the birth of Christ and second, it reminds us that we are eagerly waiting for Jesus' return in glory.



"Prepare the way of the Lord," serves as a main theme of this season. As we get ready for Christmas, we should not neglect to prepare our lives for Jesus, who came as "the light of the world."

Dear Jesus,
you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth at Christmas.
Amen.

Religious Education News

2021 Christmas Celebration

With the current COVID restrictions in schools, 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 teachers and students have been busy in grade groups preparing the Christmas Story through a video presentation. This video will be posted onto the school Facebook page before the end of the year.

From everyone at St Mary MacKillop, we hope that this whole school production will bring you joy as you enter the Christmas Season.



Mrs Leesa Gillard
Religious Education Coordinator

Office News

Leaving Families

A term's notice (10 school weeks) in writing must be given to the Principal before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be payable. The notice can be given any time during term for the next term. Where appropriate notice has been received a pro-rata credit can be calculated based on a pro-rata 40 week year. One exception is that notice in writing will be accepted at any time during Term 4 in relation to the following years' enrolment i.e. the notice period of 10 school weeks will be waived in this circumstance. If you know your child (Kindergarten-Year 5) will be leaving at the end of the year, please advise the school as soon as possible.

2022 Parramatta Diocese Team Sport Trials
Expression of Interest registration window open

Dear Parents,

Parramatta Diocesan Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2022 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term One & Two in 2022. *Students in Year 4 in 2022 MAY nominate for the sports of Basketball, Hockey, Softball, Tennis & Touch Football only.*

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those students that **MUST** demonstrate an **ABOVE AVERAGE** ability, **HIGH LEVEL OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT** or in particular sports demonstrate **REPRESENTATIVE** playing experience in their nominated sport. In most sports, students should have experience playing regular competition outside of school.

To facilitate this, Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in some sports and others are through CSNSW Sport at MacKillop level and nominations will be available through the CSNSW Sport portal in 2022:

TEAM SPORTS

Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports to select Parramatta Diocesan teams:

- ☐ **AFL** - Boys/Girls combined team
- ☐ **Basketball** - Boys and Girls team
- ☐ **Cricket** - Boys and Girls team
- ☐ **Hockey** - Boys and Girls team
- ☐ **Football** - Boys and Girls team
- ☐ **Hockey** - Boys and Girls team
- ☐ **Netball** - Boys/Girls combined team
- ☐ **Rugby League (U11's)** - Boys/Girls combined team
- ☐ **Rugby League (U12's)** - Boys/Girls combined team
- ☐ **Rugby Union** - Boys/Girls combined team
- ☐ **Softball** - Boys and Girls team
- ☐ **Tennis** - Boys and Girls team
- ☐ **Touch Football** - Boys and Girls team

The following sports will be held at the MacKillop level and nominations will be available through the CSNSW Sport portal in 2022:

- ☐ **AFL Girls**
- ☐ **Diving** - Boys and Girls team
 - *Springboard: 8 Years, 9 Years, 10 Years, 11 Years, 12/13 Years - Girls & Boys
 - *Platform: Open Girls & Open Boys
- ☐ **Golf** - Boys and Girls team - 18 Hole Competition Students must have a golf link number and handicap.
- ☐ **Rugby Girls 7's**

All Team Sports trials will be held in Term One & Two in 2022.

Tuesday 4 May
Diocesan Cross Country

ELIGIBILITY - EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) NOMINATION FORM OPEN 23rd November

To be eligible for selection for these trials the **2022 CEDP Primary Sport TEAM Registration Form** must be completed. Please visit the Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport website or Facebook for the link and information.

This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)** for the 2022 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.

Access the information using any below:

1. Registration (Expression of Interest) link

[2022 CEDP Primary Sport TEAM Registration Form \(Expression of Interest\) - Sport Trials](#)

2. Primary Sport Parramatta WEBSITE link

www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au

3. FACEBOOK link

[Primary Sport Parramatta Diocese](#)

This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2022 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 **2022 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 **2022 CEDP Parra Primary Sport Rep Team Trials Info for Parents COVID19 information sheet**.

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DECEMBER/JANUARY HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS



WEDNESDAY 22 nd DECEMBER SPRINGWOOD FULLDAY DISCOUNT—\$160	THURSDAY 23 rd DECEMBER SPRINGWOOD FULLDAY DISCOUNT—\$160	FRIDAY 24 th DECEMBER SPRINGWOOD FULLDAY DISCOUNT—\$160
9.00- 2.00PM The Magic Glasses 1,2 3 LET'S MAKE A MOVIE \$99	9.00 -2.00PM 1,2 3 LET'S MAKE A MOVIE The Day The Toys Came To Life \$99	9.00-2.00PM 1,2 3 LET'S MAKE A MOVIE The Mystery Of The Secret Door \$99
2.00-5.00PM Puppetry \$70	2.00-5.00PM Drama Fun 101 \$70	2.00-5.00PM Storytelling Magic \$70
WEDNESDAY 19 th JANUARY SPRINGWOOD FULLDAY DISCOUNT—\$160	THURSDAY 20 th JANUARY SPRINGWOOD FULLDAY DISCOUNT—\$160	FRIDAY 21 st JANUARY SPRINGWOOD FULLDAY DISCOUNT—\$160
9.00- 2.00PM It Wasn't Me! I Didn't Do It! 1,2 3 LET'S MAKE A MOVIE \$99	9.00- 2.00PM The Princess & The Fairy Wish \$99	9.00- 2.00PM The Day The Toys Came To Life \$99
2.00-5.00PM Drama Fun 101 \$70	2.00-5.00PM Mime It \$70	2.00-5.00PM Puppetry \$70

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HOLIDAY WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

The Magic Glasses (4 -16yrs) **ROLE PLAY/ACT/STORYTELLING**

Where did these come from? What happens when you look through the "magic glasses"? What do you see? What powers do you gain? Where do they take you? Let your imagination go crazy! Try the Magic Glasses, what adventures they take you on?

Mime It! (4 - 16yrs.)

Students will learn how to hit the "mute button" and to focus on actions rather than sound to portray their story.

The Day The Toys Came To Life (4 -16yrs) **ROLE PLAY/ACT/STORYTELLING**

Is it a dream? Is this really happening? One magical night the toys come to life and have their own ideas how life should be run. Come join us for this magical adventure.

Drama Fun 101 (4-16yrs)

Have a great time trying out some fabulous group and individual drama techniques and games. Learn while having fun.

The Mystery Of The Secret Door (6-16yrs) **1,2 3 LET'S MAKE A MOVIE**

After moving into a new house, you discover a secret room, filled with all kinds of weird things. You see another door - when you open it there's a long tunnel, leading into darkness. Grab a torch and start walking... Where does it lead? What adventures will you go on? Who or what will you meet along the way? Now make the movie!

Storytelling Magic (6-16yrs)

Stories inform us, delight us, make us laugh, cry and entertain us. Come learn how to tell and share a great story.

The Princess and The Fairy Wish: -(4-16yrs) **ROLE PLAY/ACT/STORYTELLING**

Princess Heather's life is always so busy, and sometimes, she just wants to relax. As a result, she wishes that she was a fairy, as a fairy's life seems a lot easier than hers. However, when she turns into a fairy, things seem even more difficult than before.

It wasn't Me! I Didn't Do it! (9-16yrs) **ROLE PLAY/ACT/STORYTELLING**

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.

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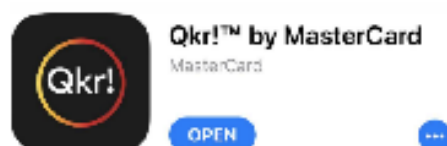
Qkr! mobile phone app

St Mary MacKillop is now offering an online payment service through *Qkr!* by Mastercard. *Qkr!* (pronounced 'quicker') is designed for busy parents and carers, this easy-to-use mobile phone application is suitable for both iPhone and Android Smartphones. This service is currently available for all non-school fee payments.

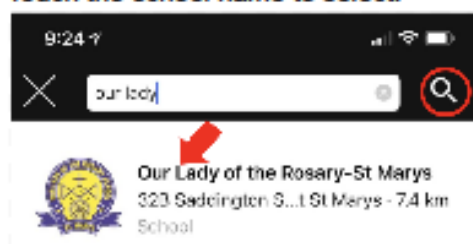
Communications will be distributed as new events and products become available for purchase.

How to get started with Qkr!:

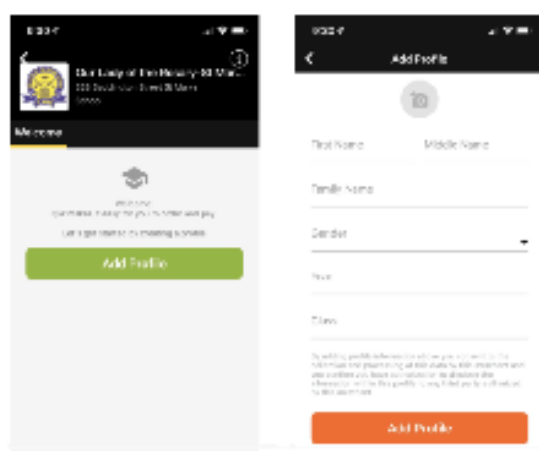
1. Install the *Qkr!* app on your smartphone.



2. Use the magnifying glass to search for *St Mary MacKillop South Penrith*. Touch the school name to select.



3. Select **Add Profile** and create a profile for each student at the school.



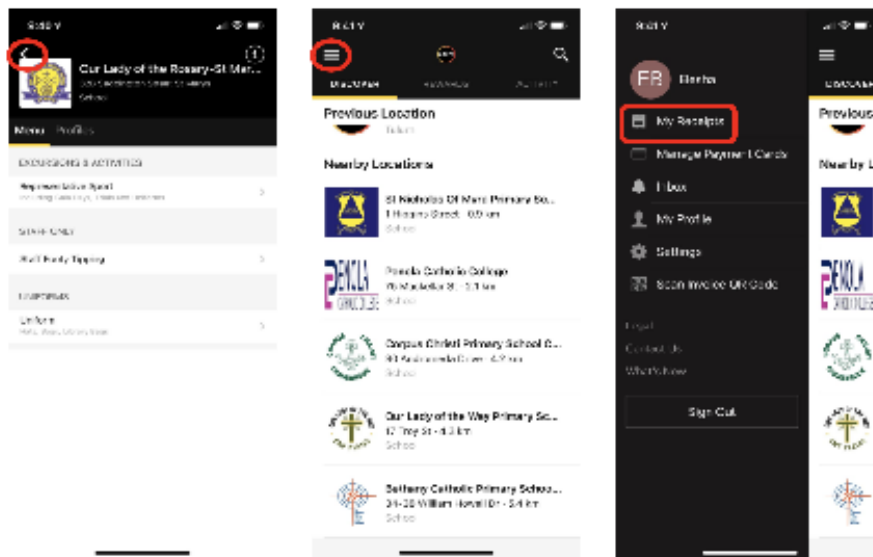
4. Once you have created a profile, you may view available items and purchase them.

5. Please note as purchases are made, a digital receipt will be stored within the app under My Receipts.

To access My Receipts, select < (top left)

Select ≡ (top left)

Select **My Receipts**



QKR - Watch a short video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TjH9HjbpIE4>

Is this safe?



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- 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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