



## 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.*

Our partnership between home and school was on display last Friday for our 2021 Athletics Carnival. With all of the children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, as well as most of Year 2 attending it was a significant event to organise and run. It would be nearly impossible for our staff to run these size events without fabulous parents who generously give of their time and talents.

Well done to all of the children who attended the day and competed in the events. The display of 'good sports' and 'having a go' was something I was very proud of as principal of the school.

A massive thank you to our parent helpers who ran the day and also to our families who attended to cheer on the children as they did their best. The staff did a great job as always in setting our children up for success and they had a great leader on the day in Miss Cassie Wotherspoon our Sports Coordinator.

For some of our children, they will now be invited to attend and compete at the Zone Athletics Carnival next term. We wish them well and pray that they will do their best on the day.

### COVID-19 Update

Just when we were starting to move things back, closer to normal, there has been some disappointing news on the community health front. Yesterday, our school was shared in with the following advice; New COVID-19 restrictions are in place for the Greater Sydney region commencing from 4pm 23rd June 2021 for one week.

## Dates For Your Diary

Friday 25 June  
TTFM Survey  
Concludes

Friday 25 June  
Last Day of Term 2

Monday 12 July  
Term 3 Commences for  
Students

Friday 30 July  
Student Banking  
Resumes



# News from Scott - Continued

NSW Health has advised that schools in these areas exclude non-essential visitors from school premises and defer non-curricular social activities eg school discos and social events. All visitors must comply with the QR code check in and comply with COVID safe requirements.

Staff and students in school settings are exempt from the requirement to wear masks.

Students and staff should not attend work or school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Anyone who is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms is strongly encouraged to get tested immediately and self isolate until a negative result is achieved.

## 2021 TTFM Survey

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may already know from our last KIT, that St Mary MacKillop is participating in the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) online surveys for students, teachers and parents/carers. These surveys provide CEDP with information about school life, how engaged students are with school, and the different ways that teachers interact with them.

This week is your last chance to participate in the parent/carer survey via this link.

<http://tellthemfromme.com/smmk2021>

Please note that the surveys are anonymous and your details will not be identifiable or shared with the school or any third party. Note that the open text question in the surveys is read by principals only. Any detailed information in the open text could potentially identify the respondent so generic comments are recommended. The online parent survey will run until Friday 25 June

If you would like more information or have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me or the school office.

## Facilities Update

During these school holidays, our painting program will continue. The Year1 and 2 classrooms will be painted. The holidays will also see the carpet in the library be replaced to align with the carpet in our other learning spaces.

Together We Grow.

Mr Scott Buchan – Principal

Friday 30 April  
2:20pm Whole School  
Assembly  
3M Assembly Item

Thursday 27 May  
School Photos

# Religious Education News

## Social Justice Activity - Beanie and Donation Day

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June we held our Term 2 Social Justice Initiative supporting The St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal and Penrith Community Kitchen.

The community support was great and I would like to thank every student and their family for their amazing generosity.



Overall your donations amounted to:

10 bags full of beanies, scarves, gloves and \$618 for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal; AND

80 bags of non-perishable groceries for Penrith Community Kitchen. This food will go towards making many meals to feed the needy and homeless this winter.

Congratulations St Mary MacKillop, every one of you helped to make this winter better for a lot of needy people..... thank you for your support.

If there are any more donations you can send these to the school office. Thank you

## Altar Server Preparation at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith

The St Nicholas of Myra Parish is seeking the support of our boys and girls who have completed the Sacrament of Eucharist to consider being an Altar Server. Altar serving is an important Ministry in the Catholic Church. It is such a humble and reverent way of contributing to the Mass. Once trained the students can be an Altar Server at parish and school masses.

The training sessions will be conducted at the Church on

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July from 4.00 to 5.00pm

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July from 4.00 to 5.00pm

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August from 4.00 to 5.00pm

*All enquiries to Rodney Howard at St Nicholas of Myra Parish*

*Ph: 4721 2509*

*Email: sacramental@stnicholasofmyra.org.au*



Mrs Gillard

*Religious Education Coordinator*



# Office News

## **Supervision**

Supervision of children commences at 8:15 am. There is no supervision provided for children before that time. No responsibility is taken for children arriving at school before 8:15am. Children are dismissed at 3:00 pm and supervision is provided only until 3:20 pm. If, due to extraordinary circumstances, (e.g. when a parent is detained) please notify the school and your child will be informed that you are delayed. After school staff will supervise children waiting for school buses, crossing the street, riding bikes and going to cars. Parents are reminded that all care will be given to the children, but there is no formal supervision after 3:20 pm when the last bus leaves the school.

## **Regular Attendance and Absences**

Please send your child on time each day. First Bell students line up at 8:42am, Second Bell, school starts at 8:45am. Regular attendance at school is essential for progress. If your child is unavoidably late, a parent must take them to the office and sign a late note.

If your child is going to be away from school for more than two days please contact the school office. A note is required explaining all absences. It is necessary to notify the Principal by letter if a child has to miss school for any length of time e.g. holidays, transfers, sickness.

If a child is absent for one day please send a note to the child's teacher on the child's return or complete the absence through the Compass App. There are new Government guidelines for schools to follow when marking the school rolls. These guidelines require parents who are taking their children on holidays, during the school year, to complete a request of 'Exemption from School Attendance' form. These forms are to be completed prior to your holiday. If you are taking your child on leave for more than 5 days a copy of your travel itinerary is required with the application. The school principal can only approve up to 50 school days leave. Longer periods require the approval of the Director of Schools and the Catholic Education Commission.

## **Collecting Children from School**

If parents wish to collect their children from school early, the permission of the Principal is necessary. Please send a note to the Principal/teacher. If there is a doctor's/dentist's appointment or some other very important reason why your child needs to leave the school at lunch (10:45 – 11:30 am) or break time (1:30 – 2:00 pm), we would ask you to take your child either before or after lunch or the break, not during the break.

## Creative Arts News

### **Stage 2 CAPTIVATE String Program**

This term, Ms Francoise d'Unienville from CAPTIVATE at CEDP, has been working closely with our Stage 2 students and myself implementing the classroom String Program. The Stage 2 students have had a great time developing their musical skills by learning to play a string instrument, learning to read music and also learning how to play as part of an ensemble.



### **St Mary MacKillop String Orchestra**

Ms Francoise d'Unienville and I will be running the St Mary MacKillop String Orchestra every Monday from 8.10am until 8.40am in our school hall. We will begin rehearsals from Monday 19th July (Week 2, Term 3). We would like to invite any student who has been partaking in small group string lessons for a year or more to join the String Orchestra. I will arrange to meet with the interested students in Week 1 of Term 3.

Mrs Claire Harman  
*Creative Arts*

# KIDS CAN ACT JULY 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 and listen to others.

## 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.

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# JULY HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS



WEDNESDAY 30th JUNE SOUTH PENRITH	THURSDAY 1st JULY SPRINGWOOD FULLDAY DISCOUNT—\$160	FRIDAY 2nd JULY SPRINGWOOD FULLDAY DISCOUNT—\$160
9.30-2.30PM <b>The Princess &amp; The Fairy Wish</b> <span>\$99</span>	9.00-2.00PM <b>The Day The Toys Came To Life</b> <span>\$99</span> 1,2 3 LET'S MAKE A MOVIE <b>5 SPOTS LEFT</b>	9.00-2.00PM <b>The Mystery Of The Secret Door</b> <span>\$99</span> 1,2 3 LET'S MAKE A MOVIE
2.30-5.00PM <b>Storytelling Magic</b> <span>\$70</span>	2.00-5.00PM <b>Drama Fun 101</b> <span>\$70</span>	2.00-5.00PM <b>Storytelling Magic</b> <span>\$70</span>
WEDNESDAY 7th July SOUTH PENRITH FULLDAY DISCOUNT—\$160	THURSDAY 8th JULY SPRINGWOOD FULLDAY DISCOUNT—\$160	FRIDAY 9th JULY SPRINGWOOD FULLDAY DISCOUNT—\$160
9.30-2.30PM <b>The Mystery Of The Secret Door</b> <span>\$99</span> 1,2 3 LET'S MAKE A MOVIE	9.00- 2.00PM <b>The Magic Glasses</b> <span>\$99</span> 1,2 3 LET'S MAKE A MOVIE <b>5 SPOTS LEFT</b>	9.00- 2.00PM <b>The Princess &amp; The Fairy Wish</b> <span>\$99</span> <b>8 SPOTS LEFT</b>
2.30-5.30PM <b>Drama Fun 101</b> <span>\$70</span>	2.00-5.00PM <b>Mime It</b> <span>\$70</span>	2.00-5.00PM <b>Storytelling Magic</b> <span>\$70</span>

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