



News from Scott

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.

With the above vision of our school in mind, I call on our partnership to check our shared expectation around uniform and appearance of students. School Photos are booked for Thursday 27th May and will 'be here before we know it'. In preparing for this event and to ensure we are all consistent in what we expect of students at St Mary MacKillop, I have included below, the sections from our policies regarding uniform. It is located on our school website - <https://www.mackilloppenrith.catholic.edu.au/> under the heading 'Enrol'.

Hair

If hair is below shoulder length, it must be tied back with a bottle green ribbon or scrunchie. Hair is not to be coloured for either boys or girls. Haircuts are to be suitable for school for both boys and girls. No mullets, spiking, No. 1 zig zags or razoring etc.

Jewellery

No jewellery is to be worn. One set of gold or silver studs/sleepers may be worn in pierced ears.

We thank you for the support of our parents and community in following this policy and supporting our children to follow it also.

2021 P and F Executive

I had the wonderful opportunity last night to attend the Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting. As part of this meeting we elected a new executive for our P and F for 2021.

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. During a very challenging year they were a 'rock' for the team here at school. Their generosity, talent, wisdom and sense of fun enhanced the community spirit and teaching and learning for our school during the 'rollercoaster ride' of 2020 in so many ways. They have embodied the teaching of St Mary MacKillop, - "Never see a need without doing something about it".

Dates For Your Diary

Friday 30 April

8:45am-9:45am

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Friday 30 April

2:20pm Whole School

Assembly

3M Assembly Item

Tuesday 4 May

Diocesan Cross Country

Thursday 6 May

9:15 am

Mother's Day Liturgy

Thursday 13 May

9:15am

Year 1 Liturgy of the Word

Friday 14 May

2:20pm

Whole School Assembly

Thursday 27 May

School Photos



News from Scott - Continued

I welcome our 2021 team and look forward to working with them as a new and exciting year approaches.

President: Paul Bortolazzo

Vice President: Fiona Bryant

Treasurer: Kylie Beasley

Secretary: Michelle Darwen

Major Fundraising: Sophie Coombs

General Fundraising: Catherine Watson

Parent Representative Council: Michelle Lenihan and Natalie Borg

Congratulations to those elected and thank you to all those who attended the meeting.

Staffing News

Today I informed our kindergarten families that in Week 7 of Term 3, Miss Gillespie will be commencing maternity leave. I am sure that you will join with me in wishing Brittany and Stephen all the very best as they welcome a beautiful new addition into their family.

This period of maternity leave will be for the remainder of the year. We have commenced advertising for a replacement and will keep you informed as we know more.

Together We Grow.

Mr Scott Buchan – Principal

News from our Assistant Principal

All students are expected to be wearing our Full Winter Uniform from Monday, 3rd May. The winter uniform is as follows:

Girls' Winter Uniform

School tunic or bottle green slacks
Lemon long sleeve blouse with Peter Pan collar
Green elastic held tie
Bottle green zip up jacket or sweater with school emblem
Bottle green jumpers may be worn under the jacket
Black knee high socks or black tights
Black shoes

Boys' Winter Uniform

Grey school trousers
Long sleeve pale lemon shirt
Bottle green tie
Bottle green zip up jacket with school emblem
Bottle green jumpers may be worn under the jacket
Grey socks
Black shoes - NO BOOTS OR JOGGERS

We are currently in discussion with Lowes regarding uniform shortages. We will update you once we know more information.

Mrs Margaret Rowan

Assistant Principal

Religious Education News

New Religious Education Curriculum – Formation Dispositions

The new Religious Education curriculum comprises 28 learning cycles for primary schools and each grade will complete 4 learning cycles over the year. The learning cycles are based on an inquiry approach which emphasises the student's role in the learning process – they are encouraged to explore, ask questions and share ideas.

The essence of the curriculum are the Formation Dispositions which are:

Head (cognition/intelligence)- Be Attentive; Be Intelligent; Be Reasonable; Be Responsible

Heart (affectivity/emotions) - Be Contemplative; Be Empathetic; Be Humble; Be Loving

Hands (action/how we live our life) - Be Present; Be Active; Be Compassionate; Be Effective

The term 'Dispositions' are understood as a movement of the heart towards love of God and love of neighbour. 'He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."' (Mt. 22: 34-40).

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The head, heart and hand methodology is used across all the learning cycles from Kindergarten to Year 6. In Term 2, all of the grades at St Mary MacKillop will be engaging with a Learning Cycle (unit of work) from the Draft New Curriculum.

Grade

Kindergarten

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

Religious Education Learning Cycle

Who is my neighbour?

What is prayer?

How can I show love towards my neighbour?

How is God present in my life?

Why are people hungry in a world full of plenty?

What is my existential purpose in life?

What is human dignity?

If you would like to know more please use the link below to visit the CEDP Draft New Curriculum Site.

<https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/News%20and%20Events/Planning%20for%20the%20Future/New%20Curriculum%20to%20connect%20faith%20learning%20and%20life>

Religious Education News

Sacramental Program - First Holy Communion

Preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion (for any child in Year 4 or above) commenced on Tuesday night (7pm, 27th April) with a Parent Information session. A reminder that the Commitment Masses for First Holy Communion are this weekend: Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd May. You can attend any of the masses at St Nicholas: Saturday 1st May at 6pm
Sunday 2nd May at 8:30am, 10am or 6pm.

At the Commitment Mass you will need to present your completed Enrolment Form that was handed out at the Parent meeting on Tuesday 27th April. All children who wish to receive their First Holy Communion must be enrolled in the program.

All enquires to Rodney Howard (Sacramental Coordinator) at St Nicholas Parish House 47212509.
Email: sacramental@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

Mother's Day Liturgy: 9:15am Thursday 6th May

Mother's Day is a special opportunity to let our mums and mother figures know how much we love them and how grateful we are for them and for all they do for us. All mums are most welcome to join us for our Mother's Day Liturgy, organised by Kindergarten, on Thursday 6th May at 9:15am.

Please note that there will be a QR code sign in and hand sanitiser available. Due to the need to socially distance we will do our best to provide as many seats as possible in the space we have available. We thank you in advance for your understanding and patience.

Mrs Gillard
Religious Education Coordinator

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P & F News

2021 Mother's Day Stall

On Friday, May 7, the P&F will be holding a Mother's Day Stall for students to come and buy something special for their Mum.


Gift prices will range from \$1 - \$8 and includes gift wrapping.

Gifts will be purchased during class time and any leftover gifts will be sold during lunch or recess time.

Thank you for your on going support.

The St Mary MacKillop P&F Committee





Australian Early Development Census

Playing our part to build a national picture of child health

In early 2021, our school, along with thousands of others across the country will begin preparations for the fifth Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The AEDC gives us a national picture of the development, health and wellbeing of children in their first year of full-time school. Since 2009, the census results have helped communities, schools and governments plan services and develop better policies to target support for children and families.

Children don't miss any class time, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information for the census. The AEDC gives us data at a school and community level - it isn't an assessment of individual children.

Some teachers have also noticed that completing the assessments made them more aware of the needs of individual children and the class as a whole and that the census results are useful in planning for transitions to Year 1 and developing class programs.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary. Parents/carers don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

To find out more about the census and how communities are using the data to help children and families visit the AEDC website: www.aedc.gov.au.

If you have any questions, you can contact Mrs Margaret Rowan on 02 4724 3200.

YOUR CHILD'S NDIS PLAN



You are invited to a free info session on how to implement your child's NDIS Plan

Designed for parents and guardians of children 0-12 with disability or developmental delay who are looking for support with starting or using their child's existing NDIS plan more effectively.

Session topics include:

- Understanding your child's NDIS plan
- How to make changes to the plan
- Plan management
- Self-management tips
- NDIS plan reviews
- Early childhood Intervention best practice
- Finding and choosing service providers

If you would like to attend but cannot, please let us know. This will help us to plan future sessions.

2021 EVENTS INFORMATION:

WHEN:

- 17th February: 10.30am -12pm
- 23rd February: 12pm-1.30pm
- 10th March: 10.30am – 12pm
- 25th March: 12pm – 1.30pm
- 9th April: 10.30am – 12pm
- 20th April: 12pm – 1.30pm
- 5th May: 10.30am – 12pm
- 20th May: 12pm – 1.30pm
- 4th June: 10.30am – 12pm
- 15th June: 12pm – 1.30pm

WHERE: Online via Zoom

REGISTER:

<https://analytics-au.clickdimensions.com/cn/aosfc/ndisinfo>

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CARING FOR A CHILD WITH DISABILITY?



Would you like information about the supports available to your child?

Carers NSW is inviting you to a free 'Meet and Greet' workshop for parents and guardians of children with disability or developmental delay aged up to 12 years old.

These workshops provide the opportunity for you to access information about supports for you and your child from a range of local speakers, including:

- ECEI partners (0-6 age group NDIS)
- Local Area Coordinators (7+ age group NDIS)
- Disability Advocacy agency
- NSW Department of Education

You will also have the opportunity to have any NDIS questions answered and to meet other families and share experiences.

EVENT INFORMATION (2021):

WHERE:

Gymea - 15 April
Liverpool - 27 April
Ryde - 6 May
South Coast - 11 May (Online)
Campbelltown - 25 May
Grafton - 8 June

RSVP:

Registration is essential.
To register [click here](#).
Venue details will be provided on confirmation of registration.

A light lunch will be provided.

ENQUIRIES:

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After School Drama Classes

WEDNESDAYS

St Mary MacKillop Hall



Classes start
back Term 2
Wed 28th APRIL
8 week term.

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DRAMA STUDIO

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**2 WEEK
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Enrolment required

Super Kids (K-Yr2) 3.15pm

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www.kidscanact.com.au

Mrs Cathie Parkes- 0414 475 158

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