



## News from Scott

Dear Parents and Friends of St Mary MacKillop School,

Last Thursday we gathered as a community, in the physical presence of each other, to celebrate mothers and 'mother-like figures'. It was very heart-warming to have so many members of our community come into the school and join the celebration with us. It felt like a real school again.

Whether it is big school events like last Thursday, Class Liturgies, Friday Assemblies or even to collect your child from 'waiters' in the afternoon, please know that you are welcome. With the relaxation of restrictions by the NSW Health Department, family and friends can come onto our school grounds again – just like we did before COVID.

All we ask is that you use the QR codes posted around the school, hand sanitise at the provided stations and support social distancing from other adults who are not in your family.

We look forward to seeing you at school again soon.

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'

### BOYS' WINTER

Grey ankle length socks

Black shoes - no boots or joggers

### BOYS' SPORT

White socks work above the ankle

Predominately white joggers with laces

## Dates For Your Diary

Friday 14 May

2:20pm

Whole School Assembly

4V Assembly Item

Thursday 20 May

9:15am

Year 5 Mass

Friday 21 May

2:20pm

Whole School Assembly

Thursday 27 May

Whole School Photos

Friday 28 May

2:20 pm

Whole School Assembly

Thursday 3 June

Grandparents Mass

9:15am

Thursday 10 June

Primary Athletics Carnival

Friday 11 June

Staff Development Day

(No School for Students)



# News from Scott - Continued

## **GIRLS' WINTER**

Black knee high socks or black tights

Black shoes - no boots or joggers

## **GIRLS' SPORT**

White socks work above the ankle

Predominately white joggers with laces

## **2021 NAPLAN**

This week our students in Year 3 and Year 5 are participating in the National Assessment Program Literacy And Numeracy (NAPLAN).

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills your child is already learning at school. Teachers have ensured that students are familiar with test formats prior to NAPLAN tests.

It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress. Your child's school is your first point of contact for questions about NAPLAN.

Schools in all states and territories are moving from paper tests to online tests. All schools are expected to transition to NAPLAN Online by 2022. St Mary MacKillop students will complete all NAPLAN assessments, with the exception of Year 3 Writing, Online this year.

Online assessment will provide more precise results and has been shown to result in better engagement from students with tailored testing.

Together We Grow.

Mr Scott Buchan – Principal

Thursday 27 May  
School Photos

# Religious Education News

## **New Religious Education Curriculum – Formation Dispositions**

In the last KIT I introduced the Formation Dispositions - Head, Heart and Hand - which are the essence of the new curriculum. These dispositions are known as the 3H Paradigm (model or pattern)

A strong faith is a healthy balance of head, heart and hand and this week I would like to unpack the first disposition which is the Head.

The Head refers to our cognition and intelligence.....it leads to a thinking faith and is guiding us to:

Be Attentive - to what is happening around us

Be Intelligent - our cognition and head space

Be Reasonable - our thinking ability - Are we reasonable or unreasonable in our position?

Be Responsible - are we taking responsibility for the tasks we have been set and for the people around us?

If you would like to know more please click on 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>

## **Sacramental Program - First Holy Communion**

Just a friendly reminder that Family Session 1 takes place this weekend (4:30pm Saturday 15th May or 8:30am Sunday 16th May) for all children enrolled in the Sacramental Program for First Holy Communion.

All enquires to Rodney Howard (Sacramental Coordinator) at St Nicholas Parish House 47212509.

Email: sacramental@stnicholasofmyra.org.au



We currently have 36 children in our school involved in the Sacramental Program. I invite all in our community to pray for the following children who are about to begin preparing to receive their First Eucharist (second Sacrament of Initiation):

Anthony B, Sienna B, Ben B, Ruby C, Will C, Sophia D, Joel D, Amelia E, Misa F, Dominic F, Luke F, Sonny G, Mia G, Lachlan G, Indie G, Micah K, Janice K, Jordan L, Lachlan Mc, Parker M, Hayley M, Alannah M, Kasey M, Giuseppe M, Latoya M, Jake N, Michael O, Sophija P, Olivia P, Lachlan P, Maddison Q, Luka R, Will S, Scarlett T, Natasha W and Alannah Y

## **Pentecost: Sunday 23rd May**

Sunday, the 23rd May is the Feast of Pentecost, one of the most important days in the Christian Calendar. Pentecost is celebrated fifty days after Easter and concludes the Season of Easter.

'When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

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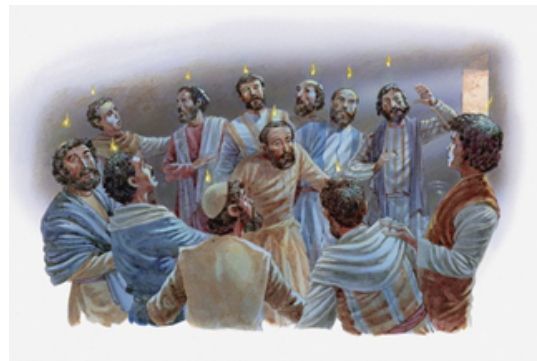
They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.' Acts 2:1–4

Pentecost has a central place in the Christian Story. Prior to the coming of the Holy Spirit, the disciples were confused and afraid by the recent events they had experienced - The Crucifixion and Resurrection of their leader and teacher, Jesus.

Pentecost was a turning point for the disciples. It inspired, united and strengthened them by transforming their minds and hearts. They no longer simply remembered Jesus, they courageously proclaimed Him alive with boldness and conviction throughout the world.

The liturgical colour of Pentecost is red and this important day is considered the birthday of the Christian Church.

Spirit of life  
Fill our emptiness with your fullness  
Spirit of power  
Stir our hearts afresh  
Spirit of love  
Touch us, and through us, our neighbour  
Spirit of Creativity  
Enable and empower the gifts you have given  
Spirit of Eternity  
Draw us ever deeper into your Kingdom



## **Grandparent's Day Mass: 9:15am Thursday 3rd June**

Please join us for mass, lead by Year 3, on Thursday 3rd June as we honour St Joachim and St Anne the grandparents of Jesus; and give thanks for the gift of our grandparents.

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.

More details will follow in the next KIT.

Mrs Gillard  
Religious Education Coordinator

# Office News

## **School Fees**

Instalment 2 School Fees have now been issued and mailed to your home/billing address. If you have not received your statement, please make contact with the school office. Instalment 2 School Fees are due Wednesday, 26th May 2021.

If you are having any difficulties in paying your school fees please contact our Senior Finance Officer, Mrs Monique Kearins on 47243200 to discuss.

School Office hours are 8:30am – 3:30pm. All payments and enquiries can be made during this time. Payments through the office can be paid by EFTPOS. When paying by BPay, Bpoint & Post BillPay please use the current statement. Details are located on the bottom of the statement.

We advise that we are unable to process EFTPOS payments after 3:30pm.

## **Leaving Students**

The Diocesan Tuition Fee and School Building Levy are annual fees billed in terms 1, 2 and 3. A pro rata fee based on weeks enrolled for the year is made for students entering the School part way during a term.

If a student leaves the School during a term, no refund will be made in respect of the remaining portion of that term. Other School Based Fees for items such as camps, excursions, materials or technology may be charged to a student's account and are payable under the same conditions as Diocesan Fees. A term's notice in writing must be given to the Principal before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be payable.

One exception is that notice in writing will be accepted at any time during Term 4 in relation to the following year's enrolment, that is, the notice period of 10 school weeks will be waived in this circumstance.

# Sport News

Tuesday, 4th May students competed in the Diocesan Cross Country held at Sydney Motorsport Park.

Well done to all the students who competed in conditions that weren't easy. It did rain most, if not all of the day making the track slippery and muddy. Every student had a go and tried their best during their race. Students ran either 2km or 3km today. They showed excellent sportsmanship and respect for all those involved, in their race and all those at marshalling. As a school community we are incredibly proud of the St Mary Mackillop team and the conduct they showed. We have students moving onto the next level. A special mention to the students below who placed in the top 8 and will continue on to the next level.

- Tia B
- Jai W
- Alex M
- Sienna K
- Effy B
- Amelia B

Students also received Winning Team Ribbons in the following age groups

- 8/9 years boys
- 8/9 years girls
- 11 years boys
- 12/13 years girls

Well done to all involved! You've made Mackillop very proud.

Thank you very much to all the parents who attended too. A special mention to the 4 parents who rotated and helped on the day. We could not have done it without you! The whole St Mary Mackillop team is incredibly grateful!

Miss Cassandra Wotherspoon  
Sport Coordinator





We will be hosting a **Scholastic Book Fair** this year to coincide with our Grandparents Mass on June 3, however it will look a little different from previous years as we keep our school community Covid safe.

Students will have the opportunity to visit the fair a few days prior to our Mass and write a wish list to take home to their families. **Book purchases can then be ordered, paid for online and recorded on the wish list payment form** that will be sent home in the coming weeks.

When students return their payment details to school, they will then receive their books. If the books are sold out, we will order more copies and they will be delivered to the school within the week. Alternatively, grandparents who are attending our school liturgy and wish to purchase or donate books from the fair will have access to the fair, but numbers will be limited in the library space, so we will need to be patient as this process will take some time. We will send more information closer to the date around this.

Looking forward to many families supporting our fair which helps to support our school's teaching and learning.

Maree Eisenhuth  
Teacher Librarian



# After School Drama Classes

## WEDNESDAYS

St Mary MacKillop Hall



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

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Mrs Cathie Parkes- 0414 475 158

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