



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.

2021 TTFM Survey

Dear Parents and Carers,

St Mary MacKillop School, greatly values feedback from our community to help us provide the best possible environment for our students to learn and grow. To help us do this, we will be participating in the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) online survey for students, teachers, parents and carers. The survey will provide us with valuable insights into what our school community thinks about school life including how engaged students are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world use the Tell Them From Me survey to help them improve.

Between 31 May and 25 June 2021, all students will be given the opportunity and time to participate in this survey during regular school hours. Students who agree to complete the survey will be given a random username and password to access and complete the survey online. Students' names cannot be linked to their responses which allows it to be completely anonymous. Results will show all student scores combined together – it is not possible to single out individual students in the results. Parents and carers will be able to participate using a link we will send to you separately in coming weeks.

The survey takes approximately 25 to 30 minutes to complete. The survey measures include wellbeing, physical health, and behaviours and attitudes linked to student success. Participation in the survey is entirely voluntary. You or your child/children need not take part if either of you do not wish to. If during the survey participants feel uncomfortable answering any question, it can be left blank or they can stop the survey completely at any time.

If you do not want your child/children to take part in the survey, please contact the school office to discuss further.

Dates For Your Diary

Friday 28 May

2:20 pm

Whole School Assembly

4V Assembly Item

Thursday 3 June

Grandparents Mass

9:30am

Friday 4 June

8:45am-9:30am

2nd Hand Uniform Shop

Friday 4 June

2:20pm Whole School

Assembly

2I Assembly Item

Thursday 10 June

Primary Athletics Carnival

Friday 11 June

Staff Development Day

(No School for Students)



News from Scott - Continued

Facilities Update

During the last school holidays, we had a team of electricians work in the school to upgrade all of our electrical distribution boards. This work has then allowed us to move forward in replacing every light fitting in the school. This week we have completed just over half of this work thanks to a team working on site each night to remove light fittings and replace them with new energy saving LED lights. We anticipate the whole project will be completed in early July.

We will also commence a painting program next week. This will involve painting the Year 1 and 2 toilet block and the library. Then in the upcoming holidays, the Year 1 and 2 classrooms will be painted as well as the hall. Work will then move to the administration block in the school. Next 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

Thursday 27 May
School Photos

Religious Education News

New Religious Education Curriculum - Formation Dispositions

The new Religious Education Curriculum fosters a strong, healthy faith by promoting a balance of head, heart and hand understanding. In the last KIT we looked at the dispositions of the head and this week I would like to unpack the heart.

The heart refers to our affectivity, emotions and feelings and is guiding us to:

Be Contemplative - to reflect and discern on actions

Be Empathetic - to put ourselves in somebody else's shoes or place

Be Humble - to understand that we don't know everything

Be Loving - to be caring and considerate of those around us

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>

Sacramental Program - First Holy Communion

The word 'communion' means to be united with; Catholics believe that in Holy Communion we are united in a special way with Jesus Christ.

At his Last Supper, Jesus said of the bread that he shared among his followers, "Take and eat, this is my body."

When we receive Holy Communion, Catholics believe that in a mysterious way we are sharing in the body and blood of Christ. Holy Communion and the whole celebration is also known as Eucharist, from a Greek word meaning thanksgiving.

First Eucharist is a special occasion - a further step in becoming one with Christ and united with the people of God. For most people First Eucharist takes place at about the age of 9-10 years. Children should have an understanding of the sacrament that is appropriate to their age. Hopefully, this understanding will develop over the years. The church affirms that parents are the first educators of their children in the faith. You are handing on your faith to your children all the time. You have the wonderful responsibility of preparing your child to receive the Eucharist for the first time.

Usually the celebration of First Eucharist takes place at Sunday Mass. This is the most appropriate time. As the first reception of Eucharist marks a key step in the initiation of your child into the community of the church, it is most appropriate that the gathered community welcomes your child. The celebration of Mass is not just a special occasion for your family, but for the whole parish community.

Your child needs to feel at home in the parish community. Therefore, ideally, your child should receive First Eucharist at whichever Parish and Mass she or he usually attends.

<http://www.catholicaustralia.com.au/>

We currently have 39 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):

Nicholas B, Anthony B, Sienna B, Ben B, Artold C, 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, Jacob X and Alannah Y



Grandparent's Day - Thursday 3rd June

This year our Grandparent's celebration will be a little different from past years as we do our very best to join together as a community while adhering to COVID social distance regulations.

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At the liturgy, which will be prepared by Year 3, there will be a QR code sign in and hand sanitiser available. Please be aware that due to the need to socially distance we will do our very best to provide as many seats as possible in the space we have available. We appreciate your understanding that we may not be able to provide seats for all who attend and that standing may be a possibility.

The P and F will be providing light refreshments but there will be no open classrooms. Grandparents will be able to sit with their grandchildren at lunchtime.

Please see the timetable below:

9:30am - Liturgy of the Word in the hall

10:20am - P and F Grandparent Morning Tea
(All children will be in class)

10:45am - Grandparents can sit with students during lunch time.
(Please note that no hot beverages can be taken onto the playground and that families will need to socially distance from each other on the playground)

We thank you in advance for your understanding and patience.



Mrs Gillard
Religious Education Coordinator

Office News

School Fees

Instalment 2 School Fees are now overdue. If you already have paid your fees, thank you. All overdue school fees should now be paid or under an arrangement.

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 only. When paying by BPay, Bpoint please use the current statement. Details are located on the bottom of the statement.

We will be going cashless for school fees as from the start of Term 3. Therefore we ask that if you would like to pay cash for the school fees that you visit your local Australia Post and use the Post BillPay on the bottom of your statement.

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

If you are having any difficulties in paying your school fees please contact our Senior Finance Officer, Mrs Monique Kearins on 4724 3200 to discuss.

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.

Kindergarten Science Incursion

On Monday Kindergarten took part in a WICKED WEATHER incursion as part of their Science unit. They explored the many changes in weather and what causes changes in the weather. We also got to trial many different experiments including snow making, UV beads to show the effects of the sun on our skin, tornado bottles, making rain and the water cycle. We also looked at the formation of clouds and how we see them in our sky. They had a great time!



P & F News

The Grandparents Liturgy is fast approaching on Thursday, June 3. We will continue celebrations following the Liturgy with a Morning Tea.

We're calling on all bakers to help. Individual sized pieces of cake or cupcakes or scones or slices or any of your chosen favourites, would be amazing. Can they please be pre-sliced and all containers labelled. They can be dropped off in front of the Library before the liturgy.

If you are able to help, please send Catherine a text message on 0408971675.

Thanks in advance,
The P&F Committee

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

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.

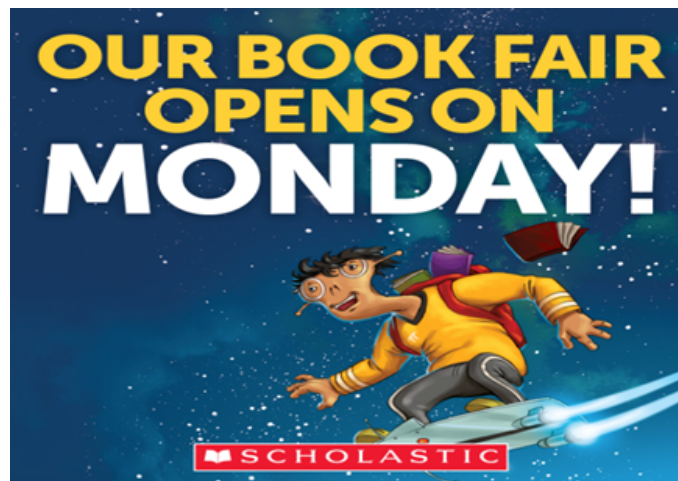
Drama Fun 101 (4-16yrs)
Have a great time trying out some fabulous group and individual drama techniques and games. Learn while having fun.

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 (8-16yrs)
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.

www.kidscanact.com.au 0414 475 158



As previously communicated, we will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair to coincide with our **Grandparents Liturgy of the Word on Thursday, June 3**, however, to keep within Covid safe guidelines we have had to make some adjustments to the process. Students will have the opportunity to visit the fair on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday with their classroom teacher, they will bring home a wish list of books they may like to purchase.

Books can then be purchased online using the wish list form or the flyer that will be sent home. It is important that the book purchase details are recorded on the wish list, including the book title, receipt number and amount paid to Scholastic via eftpos transaction. WHEN STUDENTS RETURN THEIR PURCHASE DETAILS, THEY WILL RECEIVE THEIR BOOKS FROM SCHOOL.

All purchases made will be by CARD ONLY, unfortunately we CANNOT ACCEPT CASH at school for the book fair at this time.

We are encouraging families to order and pay for their books prior to **Tuesday June 8**. From **8.45-9.25 on Thursday June 3**, Grandparents may visit the fair to purchase books, however the students will be in their classrooms and will not be able to accompany their families at that time.

Due to expected high numbers of families attending the Grandparents liturgy, we will need to monitor a small number of people visiting the fair at a time.

All purchases made on the day will be by CARD ONLY. We thank you for your co operation and understanding and hope that many families will be able to support the fair which helps us to provide valuable resources for our school community.

Maree Eisenhuth
Teacher Librarian

Is this safe?



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