

Keeping In Touch

31 March 2023



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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,

I will take this opportunity to wish each of you and your families a blessed Holy Week and a wonderful celebration at Easter. As a Christ centred community, this is such a special time for us. Each year we are invited at this time to develop a deeper relationship with our God through the example of Jesus' love for humanity. For each of us that love is experienced in a different, very personal way. I pray that for you it leads to a stronger relationship with your God.

Thank you for journeying in partnership with us this year in cultivating a similar development of that relationship for your child with their God.

I wish a safe and joyful Easter break for each of you. Enjoy the time together as family.

Learning Together in Partnership

I have had the opportunity this week to attend a Literacy Workshop with approximately fifteen parents and grandparents. We explored the basic elements of early reading development and picked up some great tips about how to support children to read. Thank you to Mrs Tredinnick for leading us in this learning.

I also have seen that next week there will be an opportunity for me to join with the parents and students of Year 6 to learn about their Geography unit for this term. Year 6 are hosting an Expo to share their knowledge about countries in Asia. This is followed on Thursday with a 'Food Fair' in Year 5 where the students are sharing with their families the learning they have done in Science this term.

It is so good to be back together learning as a community in partnership. Our children are discovering many new ideas and skills each term and it is wonderful that they are able to share that learning with the wider community. I look forward to learning some new things next week.

Together We Grow
Scott

Religious Education News



Congratulation to the following students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 23rd March and are now fully initiated members of the Catholic Church:

Alexander B, Amelia B, Emmie B, Anthony B, Samuel B, Sienna B, Christopher B, Lila B, Valentino C, Olivia D, Sophie F, Ruby G, Ava H, Joel H, Madison H, Jacob J, Riley K, Eliza K, Jai M, Molly Mc, Lachlan Mc, Grayson M, Thomas M, Aoife M, Lucas N, Spencer P, Sophie P, Anneliese R, Finn R, Alexis S, Emily S, Braiden S, Jack V, Capri W, Hunter W and Joshua X.



Fifth Week of Lent (Week beginning Sunday 26th March)

Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu.

Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

Project Compassion is a demonstration of the faith, empathy and generosity of our supporters. It is the lifeblood of Caritas Australia – without it, we could not do the vital work we do. Thank you for helping transform lives today and for all future generations.

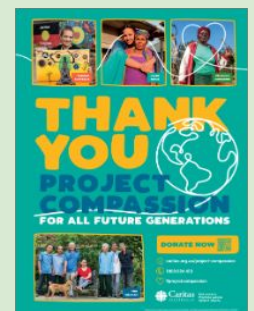


Please support Project Compassion: www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion

HOLY WEEK (Week beginning Sunday 2nd April)

As we enter Holy Week, we continue to reflect on the lives of people vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice and how we can respond through supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion appeal.

As a school community we have raised \$1, 699.40 for the 2023 Project Compassion Appeal. This money will be forwarded to Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.



St Mary MacKillop, your generosity is the pebble that allows Caritas Australia to create the ripples that will improve the livelihoods of vulnerable communities, supporting them to flourish and create opportunities for future generations to live to their full potential.

Thank you!

Religious Education News

Whole School Easter Celebration – 9:15am Thursday 6th April

This year to celebrate Easter, the most important liturgical season of the church year, the St Mary MacKillop community will focus on the last week of Jesus' life as the students re-enact the events of Holy Week. Each grade will present a certain event from Holy Week.

Palm Sunday - Kindergarten

Jesus cleansing the temple - Year 1

Holy Thursday - The Last Supper and Washing of the Feet- Year 4

Agony in the Garden- Year 2

Jesus is arrested and Peter denies Jesus- Year 3

Jesus' trial, carrying the cross and Good Friday - Year 5

After the holidays

Easter Sunday and The road to Emmaus - Year 6

Please join us in the hall on Thursday 6th April at 9:15am for our celebration of Easter.

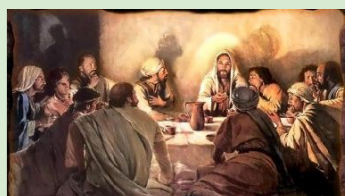


Holy Week is the last week of Lent and during this week we remember how much Jesus loves us. Whatever we do, no matter how busy or “distracted” we might be, we cannot let the power of this week be in the background of our thoughts. Jesus entered into our life so that we never experience joys and heartbreaking sadness alone.

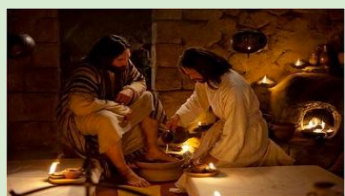
Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday (2nd April) and concludes with Easter Sunday (9th April). It recalls the last week in the life of Jesus Christ. The sacred events of Holy Week are:



Palm Sunday (2nd April) - Commemorates the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem that was marked by the crowds who were in Jerusalem for Passover waving palm branches and proclaiming him as the king. This Sunday is also known as Passion Sunday to commemorate Jesus' final agonizing journey to the cross.



Holy Thursday (6th April) - There are a variety of events that are clustered on this last day before Jesus was arrested. These include Jesus and the disciples last meal together, the institution of the Eucharist, the washing of the feet, the betrayal by Judas and Jesus praying in Gethsemane while the disciples fell asleep.



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Good Friday (7th April) - On this day, we remember Jesus' arrest, his trial, crucifixion and suffering, death, and burial. Since services on this day are to observe Jesus' death, and since Eucharist is a celebration, there is traditionally no Communion observed on Good Friday.





Easter Sunday (9th April) - On Easter Sunday we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord, Jesus Christ who was raised from the dead, three days after his death on the cross. Through his death, burial, and resurrection, Jesus gives all who believe in him eternal life.


As you celebrate this Holy Week, I wish everyone a happy, safe and holy Easter.

Please see below the St Nicholas of Myra Easter Schedule for Mass times:

St. Nicholas of Myra Penrith
Holy Week Liturgy

 **Palm Sunday**
Masses: April 1 (Saturday) - 6PM
April 2 (Sunday) - 7AM, 8:30AM, 10AM, 6PM

 **Weekday Masses:**
April 3 (Monday) - 9:30AM
April 4 (Tuesday) - 6:45AM, 9:30AM
April 5 (Wednesday) - 9:30AM (no 7PM mass)

 **Reconciliation:**
April 4 (Tuesday) 2nd Rite of Reconciliation - 7PM
April 5 (Wednesday) Individual Reconciliation - 10 - 11AM
April 6 (Thursday) Individual Reconciliation: - 10 - 11AM

St. Nicholas of Myra Penrith
The Sacred Paschal Triduum

 **Holy Thursday**
Mass: April 6 - 7PM (no 9:30AM mass)

 **Good Friday**
April 7 Stations of the Cross - 10AM
The Passion of the Lord - 3PM

 **Easter Vigil**
Mass: April 8 - 7PM

 **Easter Sunday**
Mass: April 9 - 7AM, 8:30AM, 10AM, 6PM

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Whole School Celebration – Easter Sunday and ANZAC Day - 9:15am Thursday 27th April

After we return from the school holidays Year 6 will lead us in prayer as we celebrate Easter Sunday, the resurrection of Jesus and ANZAC Day. Please join us in the hall at 9:15am on Thursday 27th April.



St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith

Sacramental Program - **Holy Communion**

Enrolments for the Sacrament of Holy Communion will open on
stnicholasofmyra.org.au
on



Wednesday 5th April 2023

and close on

Wednesday 3rd May 2023 at 4.00pm

The website contains the requirements and commitments for parents and children and the dates of the Parent Information Evening, Commitment masses, Family sessions, Practice afternoon, 2nd Rite of Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion Masses.

To be eligible for First Holy Communion,
Children must be in Year 4 or above and must be baptised

All enquiries to Rodney Howard at St Nicholas Parish

Ph:4721 2509

Email: sacramental@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

Mrs Gillard

Religious Education Coordinator

SMMP Thinking Mathematically!

DOUBLING and NEAR DOUBLING

The doubling math facts is a great strategy to increase speed and accuracy for even the most difficult facts.

Doubles facts teach students to manipulate numbers. This is a key strategy for future success in mathematics. Kids are learning how numbers relate to each other and this provides a foundation for using effective strategies for solving other number sentences.

For example, $5 + 6 = 5 + 5 + 1$. Most young students do not understand that both sides of the equation have the same sum (value). They do not instinctively recognise this. By pointing out the doubles fact, you are not only explicitly teaching a strategy for solving $5 + 6$. You are also laying the foundation for success with automaticity.

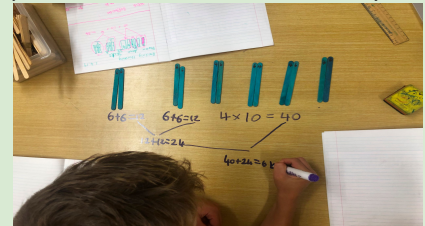
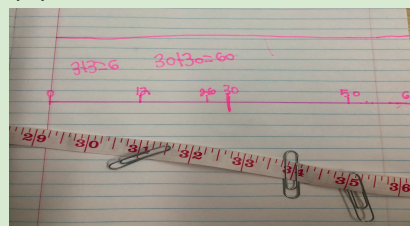
Doubling works with large numbers as well, *i.e.* $50 + 60$. It is best utilized when the addends are relatively close together or can be deconstructed into an equation that makes sense ($50 + 50 + 10$).

For further information around activities that can be done at home visit <https://www.numeracyathome.com/>

This is a **Middle Years EMU** activity using doubles as a strategy to help problem solve.

This game is called 'Throw Down Sticks'. Students have to throw down the sticks and add the value on each stick together. First, the tens were grouped together, however, the students didn't know what 4 times 6 was off the top of their head, so they had to break it down. They used doubles facts about 6 to solve half of the problem, then doubled 12. All they needed to do then was add the two totals together.

In **EMU** they also use doubles facts to help justify where to plot numbers on a number line. They play a game called 'Three in a Row'. In this game, the students take turns plotting numbers on a measuring tape and then use reasoning skills to plot these numbers on an empty number line. The doubles facts helped them work out where halfway is.



PROGRESSION OF LEARNING

What does doubling look like for Year 1 students?

- Students use doubles and near doubles, eg $5 + 7$: double 5 and add 2

What does doubling look like for Year 3 students?

- Student relate 'doubling' to multiplication facts for multiples of two, eg 'Double three is six'
 - Make connections between doubling (x2) and then doubling again (x4)
- $32 \times 4 = 128$ double 32 = 64 (x 2) double 64 = 128 (x 4)

What does doubling look like for Year 5/6 students?

- Students solve word problems involving multiplication and division i.e doubling/halving quantities in a recipe
- Apply doubling to fractions and decimals

School Fees

Instalment 1 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.

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.

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

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 will be leaving at the end of the year, please advise the school as soon as possible.**

Planning a Holiday?

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. This is required if you are taking your child on leave for **more than 5 school days**. A copy of your travel itinerary. The application form is available from the school office and are to be completed **prior** to your holiday.

Longer periods require the approval of the Director of Schools and the Catholic Education Commission.

P & F News

WOW Term 1 is flying by!

We have had 3 very successful Zooper Dooper days this term with the school community raising \$1029, what is a fantastic effort. 1385 Zooper Dooper or 58 packets were sold which is huge. A big thanks to all our P&F and parent helpers - K Beazley, S Snow, S Lee, C Vella, C Habib, M Bachtis, K Robinson, K Wallace, K McNally, D Hyslop and Y Kriss for helping over the 3 dates.

Don't forget **Hot Cross Bun day is next Thursday 6th April**, if you want to order Hot Cross Buns and haven't already returned your note please do so by **Friday 31st March**.

We have a couple of events coming up in Term 2 and Term 3 so watch this space! Our Mother's Day stall will be held in Term 2 and so we will be calling out for wrappers and helpers on the day. If you are able to help out please contact myself on 0423763926, any help is greatly appreciated.

We have our next P&F meeting in Term 2, week 6 (date and time to be confirmed shortly) and we welcome all to attend, it's a great way to stay in touch and see what the P&F are up to throughout the year.

A safe and happy Easter to all our St Mary Mackillop families.

Michelle Darwen
P&F President
On Behalf of the SMMP P&F Team

Library News

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more, and to read more widely.

The PRC is open for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools.

Kindergarten students at SMMK are registered and will participate in the challenge at school. Parents do not need to log the books for Kinder students, this will be done by Mrs Eisenhuth using the books they have experienced as part of their learning at school.

The challenge requires children to read a certain number of books depending on their age. After books are read (or 'read to' for Kindergarten to Year 2 children) **you or your child will need to enter the books on the PRC website using the child's unique log in code at <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>**. Students in Yrs 1-6 will receive their login code from their classroom teacher. Please also refer to this website, click on the tabs for the rules of this challenge and the 'Book lists'.

If help is required on how to do the Challenge or how to navigate the website and the answer cannot be found on the [PRC Support](#) site, please contact Mrs Eisenhuth via email at stmarymackillop@parra.catholic.edu.au

The 2023 Premier's Reading Challenge closes Friday 18 August for students.

Maree Eisenhuth

Premier's Reading Challenge Coordinator

Dates for your Diary

Friday 31 March	2:20pm	Whole School Assembly	School Hall
Monday 3 April	2:20pm	Year 6 Asian Expo	School Library
Tuesday 4 April	9:15am	Anzac Ceremony (Year 6 Leaders)	Penrith Paceway
Thursday 6 April	9:15 am	Holy Week Easter Pageant	School Hall
Thursday 6 April	2:15pm	Year 5 Food Fair	School Library
Thursday 6 April		Last day of Term 1	
		Happy Easter	
Monday 24 April		Staff Development Day NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	
Tuesday 25 April		Anzac Day Public Holiday	
Wednesday 26 April		Term 2 Commences for Students	
Thursday 27 April	9:15am	Whole School Easter and Anzac Day Prayer	School Hall
Friday 28 April	2:20pm	Whole School Assembly	School Hall
Friday 5 May	2:20pm	Whole School Assembly	School Hall
Wednesday 10 May		Diocesan Cross Country	Sydney Motorsport Park
Thursday 11 May	Time TBA	Mother's Day Liturgy	School Hall



St Mary MacKillop Primary School Canteen Menu Term 1 2023

Sandwiches & Wraps

All Sandwiches are made on wholemeal bread

Upgrade to Wrap	\$0.80
Vegemite, Jam or Cheese	\$2.50
Tuna or Egg	\$3.50
Ham, Chicken or Roast Beef	\$4.20
Salad Sandwich	\$4.20
Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Beetroot and Carrot	
Salad with Tuna or Ham	\$4.50
Salad with Chicken or Roast Beef	\$5.00
Extras including; Toasting,	\$0.60
Cheese, Avocado, Sprouts	

Build your own Sub Roll

\$5.50

One choice of Meat with any fillings and sauces

1. Choose your Meat;
Chicken Breast, Ham, Tuna, Meatball, Roast Beef
2. Choose your Fillings
Carrot, Cheese, Tomato, Lettuce, Cucumber, Beetroot
3. Choose your Sauce/Dressing
Caesar, Garlic Aioli, Sweet Chilli, Tomato, BBQ, Mayo

Salads

	Small	Large
Garden Salad	\$4.50	\$5.20
Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Beetroot and Carrot		
Garden Salad with Ham or Tuna	\$5.20	\$6.00
Garden Salad with Chicken	\$5.20	\$6.00
Chicken Caesar Salad	\$5.50	\$6.00
Extras - each		\$0.70

Burgers & Wraps

Chicken Tender Wrap	\$5.50
With Lettuce & Mayo	
Chicken Burger	\$5.00
With Lettuce & Mayo	
Cheese Burger	\$5.00
Beef, Cheese & BBQ Sauce	
Veggie Burger	\$5.00
With Lettuce & Mayo	

Hot Food

Macaroni & Cheese	\$5.00
Butter Chicken & Rice	\$5.00
Beef or Vegetable Lasagne	\$5.00
Fried Rice	\$5.00
Traveller Pie	\$4.60
Sausage Roll	\$4.00
Spinach and Ricotta Roll	\$4.00
Party Pies	2 for \$3.00
Garlic Bread	\$2.50

Drinks

Bottled Water - 600ml	\$2.00
Plain Milk - 300ml	\$2.20
Juice Popper	\$2.60
Flavoured Milk - 300ml	\$3.00
Juice Bomb Sparkling Juice	\$3.00
Up 'N' Go	\$3.20

Snacks

Laughing Cow Cheese	\$1.20
Carrot Sticks	\$1.20
Piece of Fruit	\$1.50
Boiled Egg	\$1.20
Popcorn	\$2.00
Custard Cup	\$2.00
Red Rock Crips	\$2.00
Grainwaves	\$2.00
Riviana Fruit Cup	\$2.00
Banana Bread Slice	\$3.00

ORDER ONLINE

For a detailed menu, and online ordering, please visit spriggyschools.com.au



Cut-Off time for all orders is 8:30am

St Mary MacKillop, South Penrith

150 Fragar Road, South Penrith NSW 2750

Ambrose School Age Care provides fun, engaging programs before and after school. Our programs include games, sport, art, craft, and free-time facilitated by Ambrose educators experienced in the nationally approved learning framework, My Time Our Place. Children love Ambrose as the programs are developed around their interests and ideas

They're also a great way to make friends, develop social skills, and most importantly – have fun!

Our Opening Hours

Before School Care: 6.30am – 8.45am

After School Care: 2:30pm – 6.00pm

Pupil Free Day: 6.30am – 6.00pm

Our fees Government subsidy (CCS) available depending on each family's eligibility.

Session	Time	After 85% Child Care Subsidy*	After 50% Child Care Subsidy*	Advertised Fee No Child Care Subsidy
Morning	6.30am – 8.45am	\$4.23	\$11.55	\$22 per session
Afternoon	2.30pm – 6.00pm	\$6.06	\$16.54	\$31.50 per session
Pupil Free Day - Standard Fee - Early 'Bee' Special	6.30am – 6.00pm	\$14.43 \$ 12.51	\$39.37 \$34.12	\$75 \$65

*Child Care Subsidy (CCS) can provide up to 85% of the cost of your childcare fees. External party charges for in-service workshops and excursions may apply.

All educators working directly with the children hold a valid working with children check and there is always an educator rostered who is qualified in first aid, asthma, anaphylaxis and CPR.

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Or contact the service on

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