

Keeping In Touch

5 July 2024



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News from Scott

Dear Parents and Carers

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.

Facilities Update

During the school holidays, work will commence on renovating our Year 1 and Year 2 toilet block. This will be the final stage of a three year project to improve all of the student facilities in our school. Next week demolition will begin to remove some walls and fittings from the toilets and then the refurbishment will continue into the first few weeks of Term 3.

This work is only possible because of the school fees that we receive from our fantastic families. On behalf of our kids, thank you for your support.

During the holidays we will also undertake repairs on the large door in our school hall. As you know, the door has been unusable since our Cross Country this year when it broke. With our St Mary MacKillop Feast Day celebrations next term and this year's fete getting close, having the door operable again will be a great support for these events.

Sport Uniform Upgrade

Earlier this term we held some consultation sessions to review our current school sport uniform. It was great to have so many parents contribute their thoughts and as a result we were able to make some decisions to improve our uniform. Last week I met with a representative from Lowes to start planning changes to our polo shirt and sports shorts. We also discussed a more modern version of our zip-up jacket. During this process we reviewed the current stock levels that are being held at Lowes (we will need to purchase any unsold stock in the old style before we move to upgrade). At this point it became apparent that we have a lot of polo shirts and shorts to sell before we launch our new items. We will commence the design phase and get some samples created over the next 6 months whilst we monitor the stock levels. At this stage it may be a launch date of 2026 for our new uniform items.

Together we Grow

Scott

Religious Education News



Jesuit Refugee Service Donation Drive – Friday 21st June

Last Friday we held our mufti day donation drive for the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) which was planned and organised by Year 6 as a part of their Term 2 Religious Education learning.

Year 6 did a great job of visiting classrooms to educate the students about refugees and asylum seekers and the difficulties they face and about JRS – who they are and what they do. They also lead whole school prayer in each classroom around the themes of 'loving our neighbour' and 'serving others.'

Year 6 promoted the mufti day, collected donations from classrooms, and then organised and packed all the items for JRS. They really put their faith into action to accompany, serve and advocate for refugees and other forcibly displaced people in our local area. They truly acted as the hands and feet of Christ.

The support of this initiative from, you, our wonderful community was incredible – so on behalf of Year 6 thank you for your amazing generosity!

Overall the donations amounted to 130 shopping bags of groceries and toiletries made up of: rice, pasta, cooking oil, long life milk, tuna, red kidney beans, lentils, chickpeas, coconut milk/cream, condensed milk, biscuits, muesli bars, pasta, oats, cereals and toiletries (nappies, toothbrushes and toothpaste, shampoo, razors and shaving cream, sanitary items, deodorant and soap.)

Thank you again..... **Together we made a difference!**



Sporting News

Please find the Term 3 dates for sporting activities below. As always, these dates can be subject to change due to weather or CSPD changing dates due to venue hire etc. I will endeavour to let you know of any changes as earliest as I can.

Term 3			
Week	Event	Where	When 
2	Infant Tabloid Carnival	School	Thursday 1st August
5	Nepean Zone Athletics Carnival	Blacktown Sports Stadium	Wednesday 21st August
6	Diocesan Athletics Carnival	Blacktown	Friday 30th August
7	Netball Gala Day	Jamisontown Netball Park	Wednesday 4th September
8	Stage 2 BOYS Touch BLUE	Kingsway Touch Fields, St Marys	Friday 13th September
10	Stage 3 Boys Touch BLUE	Kingsway Touch Fields, St Marys	Friday 27th September

Stage 2 Boys and Girls Soccer Gala Day

The green team won 1 game, lost two and drew five. The gold team drew three and won six. It was really fun for everyone, everyone tried their best, the food from the canteen was really good and we all had an amazing time. Everyone can agree though that it was really hot and tiring. We practised a lot in between games and some of us who couldn't play soccer at all can now play really well. Thank you to all our coaches, managers and teachers for giving up their time to help us out on the day.

By Chelsea Dowers



Sporting News

Stage 2 Boys and Girls Soccer Gala Day continued....

The Year 4 team came second place at the soccer gala day, while the year three also came second. Year 4 won four games, drew two and lost one. Year 3 won two, drew 3 and lost 2. Everyone who participated had a good day making many rivals and good competition. Everyone who participated had a great time and year 4 got to enjoy eating pizza, topping off our awesome day. Thank you to our amazing coaches and managers.

By Jack and Chris

At the soccer gala day we had 8 – 10 rounds against other schools. We practised and trained when we had our big 1 and a half hour break. During that break some of us went to the canteen. Gold team came 1st and the green team came 6th but the green team and the gold team still had a blast at the gala day. So by the end we can all say “altogether we all had an utterly amazing time.” And a big thank you to all the judges, coaches, assistant coaches, teachers and parents that had helped us at the time and supported us. A big BIG thank you to Mrs Bizzanelli for helping to make the whole event come together.
By Mary Jane and Spencer.



Zone Athletics Team

Just a reminder to all those students selected to represent St Mary MacKillop at the Nepean Zone Athletics Carnival, please return your permission notes ASAP. If you are unable to attend, please contact the office as soon as possible so the reserve can be organised to attend.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 20 / 10AM TO 3PM

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FOR THE ST MARY MACKILLOP
SCHOOL FETE



FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

FAIRGROUND | GIANT SLIDE | AMAZING RIDES | RAFFLES
FOOD STALLS | MARKET STALLS | SIDE SHOW ALLEY

Office News

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.



COLLECTING CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL

If parents wish their children to be collected from school early, please send a note to the teacher. If there is a doctor's/dentist appointment or some other very important reason why your child needs to leave the school at lunch (10:45 am - 11:30 am) or break time (1:30pm- 2:00 pm), we would ask you to take your child either before or after lunch or break, not during the break, as bags are kept inside the classrooms and classrooms are locked during break times.

****From our parent handbook**** Read our Parent Handbook here:

<https://www.mackilloppenrith.catholic.edu.au/Enrol/Handbook>

COLLECTING CHILDREN AFTER SCHOOL

Children are dismissed at 3:00pm and supervision is provided only until 3:30pm.

A classroom teacher will escort students to 'walkers' and supervise students crossing the street, riding bikes and going to cars as part of afternoon dismissal.

After school, staff will supervise children waiting for school buses or on 'waiters.' (***Waiters are to be collected after 3:10pm***) up on our playground.

If, due to extraordinary circumstances, eg: when a parent is detained, please notify the school and your child will be informed that you are delayed. Parents are reminded that all care will be given to the children but there is no formal supervision after 3:30pm when the last bus leaves the school.

Dates for your Diary

TERM 2 2024 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 5 July	2:20pm	Whole School Assembly	School Hall
Friday 5 July		<i>LAST DAY OF TERM 2</i>	

TERM 3 2024 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 22 July		STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY- NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	
Tuesday 23 July		STUDENTS RETURN - TERM 3 COMMENCES Year 2 Excursion	Penrith Lakes
Wednesday 24 July		4G CARES Excursion	
Thursday 25 July		4M CARES Excursion	
Friday 26 July	2:20pm	Whole School Assembly	School Hall
Thursday 1 August	9:00am-12:15pm	Infants Tabloid Carnival (Kindergarten - Year 2) Year 3 Excursion	School Playground Auburn Botanical Gardens
Friday 2 August	2:20pm	Whole School Assembly	School Hall
Thursday 8 August		Feast of St Mary MacKillop	
Friday 9 August	2:20pm	Whole School Assembly	School Hall
Thursday 15 August	9:15am	Feast of the Assumption Mass	School Hall

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Friday 16 August	2:20pm	Whole School Assembly	School Hall
Tuesday 20 August	7:00pm	First Reconciliation Parent Meeting	St Nicholas of Myra
Wednesday 21 August		Zone Athletics Carnival	Blacktown International
Friday 23 August	2:20pm	Book Week Parade Whole School Assembly	<i>To Be Confirmed</i> School Hall
Thursday 29 August	8:00am 9:15am	Father's Day Breakfast Father's Day Liturgy Open Classrooms	School Hall
Friday 30 August	2:20pm	Diocesan Athletics Carnival Whole School Assembly	School Hall
Wednesday 4 September		Netball Gala Day	Jamison Park Netball Courts
Thursday 5 September	9:15am	Year 2 Liturgy	School Hall
Friday 6 September	2:20pm	Whole School Assembly	School Hall
Tuesday 10 September		Year 1 Excursion	Rouse Hill Estate
Friday 13 September	2:20pm	Stage 2 Boys Touch Gala Day Whole School Assembly	Kingsway School Hall
Tuesday 17 September		Year 4 Excursion	Penrith Lakes
Thursday 19 September	9:15am	Kindergarten Liturgy	School Hall
Friday 20 September	2:20pm	Whole School Assembly	School Hall

St Mary MacKillop, South Penrith

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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.

To enrol now – please complete the enrolment form [here](#)

Or contact the service on

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