

St Mary MacKillop Primary School



Keeping In Touch

20 June 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.

Tomorrow we have a special 'mufti day' for all of our students. Whilst coming to school in clothes that are not our normal uniform is fun, there is a very serious purpose behind this event.

Our students in Year 6 are putting Christ's mission into action for our community. The Year 6 children are calling on us to think about those people who arrive in Sydney every week as refugees. Often, arriving with next to nothing, we are being called to show these refugees the love we are taught through Jesus' example. Our Year 6 classes have been working with the Jesuit Refugee Service to understand more about the challenges refugees arriving in Australia face. They have also been reflecting in class on their call to mission as part of a christ centred community. As a result they are calling our whole school to action. We are asked to provide items of 'food and essentials' as donation that the Jesuit Refugee Service can deliver to support families in Western Sydney.

Thank you to our Year 6 team for leading us to live as a christ centred community.

Staffing News

I received some wonderful news recently.

Firstly, Ms Carey who is in our Year 1 teaching team let me know that she, her husband Viliame and their son Apenisa will be welcoming a new addition to their family. In Term 4 Ms Carey will be taking maternity leave. I am sure that you will join with me in wishing Brittany and Viliame all the very best as they prepare to welcome a beautiful new child into the world.

Additionally, Ms Wotherspoon has shared with me, the exciting news that she and her husband Benn will be welcoming their first child into the world later this year. In Term 4 Ms Wotherspoon will also be taking maternity leave. We send all our blessings and best wishes their way at this exciting time.

But wait.....there's more.

Earlier this year we were also blessed with the marriage of two of our staff members. Mr Martin and Miss Izzard celebrated a beautiful wedding. We wish them all the very best as they take these next steps on their journey together. Congratulations from everyone in our community.

(At this stage we will keep Miss Izzard's title the same for consistency with the kids and our computer systems and review it for 2025).

Together we Grow

Scott

Religious Education News

Sacramental Program - Holy Communion

Congratulations to the following 36 children who received their First Holy Communion on the weekends of the $1^{st}/2^{nd}$ June and $8^{th}/9^{th}$ June:



Thomas B, Holly B, Jack B, Isadora B, Alexandra B, Declan C, Chelsea D, Poppie E, Macks E, Winston E, Michael F, Jerome F, Ella-Rose Gomm, Sophie G, Haven H, Giddy H, Olivia J, Roman L, Connor M, Chloe M, Ethan Mc, Giselle M, Melanie M, Khloe M, Ella O, Jensen O, Mackenzie P, Charlize P, Khloe R, Everleigh R, Alara S, Lucia S, Layla S, Olive S, Zach S and Charlie V.

The reception of this Sacrament is another step in their initiation into the Catholic Church. A big thank you to Mr Rodney Howard and the Sacramental Team at St Nicholas of Myra Penrith, for preparing the children so well.

<u>Mufti Day Donation Drive for Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) – Friday 21st June</u>

Please support Year 6 as they work to support the JRS Food Bank. Donations will be accepted prior and after the 21st June and can be dropped into the office or classrooms.

The Year 6 students, as part of their Religious Education program this term, are organising a Donation Drive for the JRS Foodbank. On Friday the 21st June please wear mufti clothes and bring donations from the list below to support refugees and asylum seekers in our community.

Together we can make a difference!



Jesuit Refugee Service Accompany. Serve. Advocate.

Inspired by the generous love and example of Jesus Christ, the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) is an international Catholic organisation with a mission to accompany, serve, and advocate for the rights of people seeking asylum, refugees, and other forcibly displaced peoples. Our work expresses the commitment of the Society of Jesus ('the Jesuits') to stand with refugees around the world.

Thank you in advance for your support, From Year 6

Religious Education News

<u>The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist - Monday 24th June</u>

The Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist is special because ordinarily the Church observes the day of a saint's death as their feast, because that day marks their entrance into heaven. There are two notable exceptions to this rule, the birthdays of Mary and of St. John the Baptist. The day of John's birth, the day on which he began his mortal life, is sacred. The reason for this is that the Lord wished to announce to the world His own coming through John the Baptist, so that all the world would not fail to recognize Him.

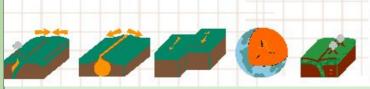
Mrs Gillard Religious Education Coordinator



Year 6 Science Expo 2024, By Sam Brebner and Jude Buckley from 6

On Tuesday and Wednesday of Week 7, Year Five and our Kindergarten Buddies came to check out our projects and slides about tectonic plates and Natural Disasters. Everyone had a blast learning something new and maybe even winning a lolly for doing a quiz. Everyone had fun looking at Year 6's dioramas which demonstrated the plate movements like divergent, convergent or transform.

Year Six made the projects based on three natural disasters: Tsunamis, Volcanoes or Earthquakes and we explained how the disasters occur. We enjoyed creating our project masterpieces as they took about five weeks to create. Everyone's tables looked amazing after the hard work they put into making this project. The worst part of this project was cleaning the desks at the end. Year six made commentaries to explain and show how the dioramas worked and had a fun time.





BOOK FAIR UPDATE

We are very pleased with the success of our recent Larrikin House Book Fair at St Mary Mackillop. Families were very supportive and we were able to take over \$6000.00 in online and school sales leading up to the Grandparents liturgy. A huge thank you to Mrs Nellie Ellis and Mrs Tracey Ellis for their help on and after the event. As a result, we have been able to secure \$2563.00 to spend on books and resources for our library.

We hope everyone is enjoying their books from the fair, thank you again for your support and we look forward to hosting another successful event next time.

Mrs Eisenhuth and Mrs Napoli.









Sporting News

On Thursday 13th June we held our annual St Mary MacKillop Athletics Carnival at the new Harold Corr Oval Track. We, as a staff, were very impressed and happy with the new venue. The amount of space, the amenities, canteen and the ability for parents to walk around the oval and watch their children participate in each activity, were definitely the highlights. We hope our parents, students and community enjoyed the new venue as much as we did.

All 1st to 4th place ribbons have been handed out and our age champions have been identified. We are hoping to celebrate our age champions and runner up age champions at assembly this week (Wk 8). This week, our Zone Athletics representatives will receive their permission notes and events they have been entered in. This is based off times from the finals (100m and 200m) and distances thrown or jumped at our Athletics Carnival.

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Please see below the students representing St Mary MacKillop at the Zone Athletics to be held on Wednesday, 21st August (Term 3, Week 5).

Junior Boys Relay Team	Junior Girls Relay Team	Senior Boys Relay Team	Senior Girls Relay Team
Emmanuel T	Olive S	Peter B	Immy B
James F C	Poppy E	Joel H	Bailey S
Jerome F	Haven H	Tino C	Sophie F
Giddy H	Savannah F	Eli S	Madison H

Sporting News

On Wednesday 5th June, 6 our students represented the Parramatta Diocese at the NSW Cross Country held at the Sydney Equestrian Centre. All of our runners gave it their best and certainly did themselves and our school proud. Congratulations to the following students:

Isaac. F- placed 9th

Archie. F. E- placed 53rd

Olive. S- placed 54th

Everleigh. R-placed 46th

Amelia. B- placed 47th

Tyla. D- placed 22nd

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

Sporting News- From the students

On the 13th of June Year 2 to Year 6 Competed at St Mary Mackillop Athletics Carnival. On the Day everyone that competed had lots of fun, everyone showed incredible Sportsmanship towards each other making the day amazing and fun for everyone.

Thank you to everybody that participated in many races to gain points for their house colour. While we were screaming at the top of our lungs Singing our War Cries, Mrs Treddinck and Mr Martin had to make a tricky decision on who was the loudest house. After everything, Thoruna took the win for the chants but we are still waiting on who won it overall. Mrs Jarrett will add up the points and make a final decision.

Thank you Mrs Jarrett for organising the sports carnival and a big thank you to all the parents that helped all throughout the day, from 8:00am to 2:30pm. We all had a marvellous time and it was all because of you! Don't worry Mr Buchan we didn't manage to land on that cactus.



Sporting News- From the students

Soccer Gala Day



Team One- Braiden S

On Tuesday 18th June we had the Stage 3 boys Soccer Gala Day. We all went down to Jamison Park very excited because as a Year 6 team it was our last soccer gala in primary school. Team One played 7 games, some were easy games and others were hard. We played those with courage and sportsmanship, shaking the referee and opponents' hands after the 10 minute games that we played. Although on the day we had some decisions not go our way we still scored 16 goals and only let two go into our goal in those seven games. We were undefeated on the day meaning we won the Stage Three boys soccer gala day. The boys were so excited and happy that we had won, celebrating so happily. I'm so thankful for the parents bringing these amazing and talented boys to play soccer with their friends, what else is better than that? Thank you Mr Robinson for coaching us and taking a day of work and also Mrs Watson for spending the day with us and answering our questions every five minutes to know when our next game was. Thank you teachers for running our tryouts, training sessions and coming down to the gala day to cheer us on. At the end of day we all had fun and I guess that's what matters most.

Team Two - Matteo & Koah

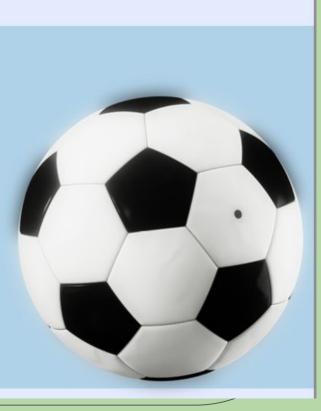
Team Two played seven games at the Stage Three Soccer Gala Day on Tuesday, the 18th of June. We won three games, drew three and lost one. We had loads of fun and enjoyed playing together. We had showed great sportsmanship and everybody worked as a team. We would always check on someone if they were injured. We thank the teachers and parent helpers that planned and helped at the gala day. We also thank our coach Mr Bartuccio for coaching us.



Team Three - Christopher

Team 3 played well together and, even through their tough competition, they kept their heads up high and continued to play at their very best. Team 3 showed great sportsmanship and represented MacKillop with pride. They kept playing their very best to try and we eventually were able to score a goal. Even though we only ended up with the one win, we still loved the day and were happy that they got to have such a fun-filled day with friends. We are thankful for all the parents who came and cheered us on. Thank you to Mrs Murphy who ran the team on the day, Miss Pirotta and Mrs Burge who helped make the day possible.





P & F News

FANTASTIC NEWS - We are underway in preparations for our School Fete. It will take place on SUNDAY 20th October, 2024...

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We need people power to help coordinate the St Mary MacKillop Fete 2024! A volunteer spreadsheet will be available from next term. We are hoping to ask every family to donate an hour of their time to helping out on Fete Day.

We need hands on deck, so any help that can be offered would be amazing!

SPONSORSHIP

We have been extremely fortunate in welcoming our sponsors to the St Mary MacKillop community:

Platinum – Wisdom Dental and Denture Clinic Brone - Melissa Peters Beauty

We have received a generous donation from **Bell Partners Finance** We would love to welcome more sponsors on board, please contact us on smmppandf@gmail.com for a Sponsorship Proposal.

Many thanks for your support!

STALLS AVAILABLE – We have a stalls available for the day. Please get in contact if you have something to sell or showcase to our school community.

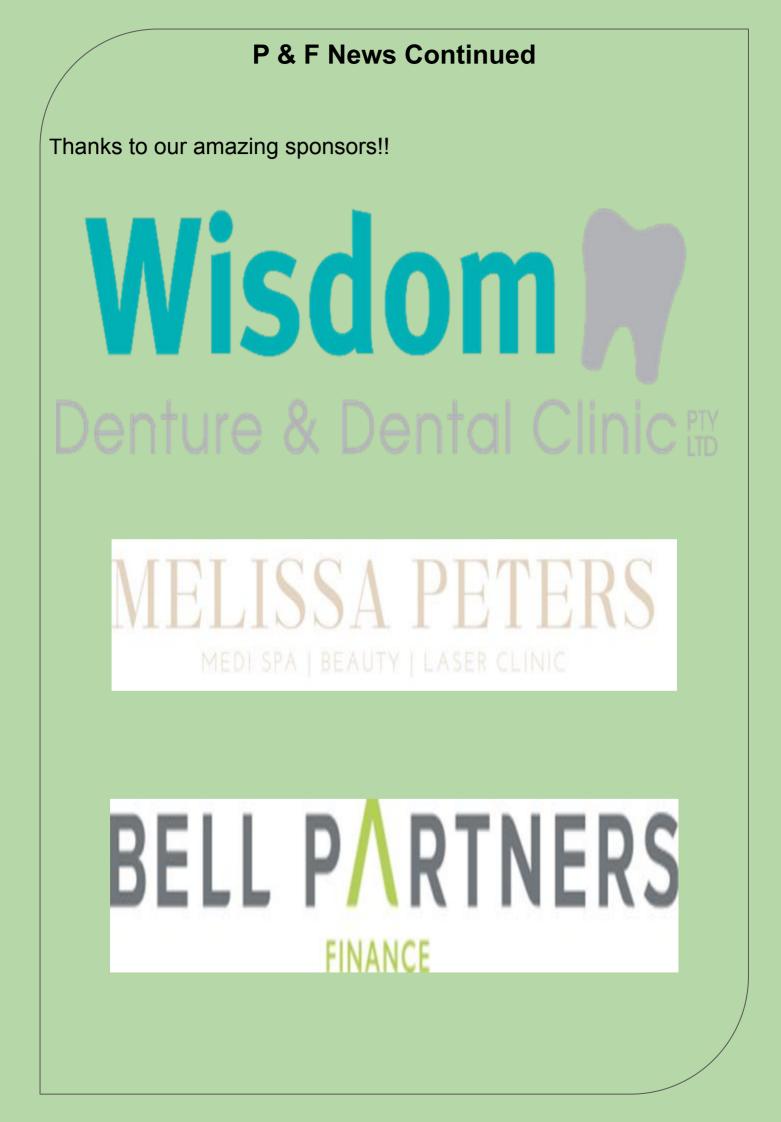
RAFFLE DONATIONS – We are in desperate need of some great prizes for raffle prizes, if you have a business or work for a business that may have something to donate as a raffle prize, we'd love to hear from you!

RIDES, RIDES AND MORE RIDES – We will have some amazing rides at this year's fete. Ride passes will be available for purchase early in Term 3.





Looking forward to an amazing Fete! Any questions, please contact smmppandf@gmail.com, The St Mary MacKillop Fete Committee



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, <u>not during the break</u>, 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.

CHILDREN WHO ARE SICK

While we do our best to care for sick children at school, it is very difficult for children to be at school when they are not feeling well. If your child is sick in the morning, please keep him/her at home.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

It is important that parents seek medical advice if an infectious disease, including diarrhoea and vomiting, is suspected. Many of these diseases require that the patient (and sometimes contacts at home) be excluded from school for varying lengths of time. Please check with your doctor before your child returns to school.

MEDICATION

If your child takes long term medication, you must fill out the relevant form from the office. Medication will not be administered to any child unless authorised by a parent/guardian. All medication prescribed by a medical practitioner must be authorised by the doctor and all paperwork needs to be updated every year or when medication is changed. All relevant forms are available from the school office.

For short term medication, forms are also available from the school office. No child will be given medication unless it is recorded, prescribed by a doctor and in its original packaging. Many doctors will agree that medication to be given three times a day can be administered: morning, after school and before bed at night. Please check with your doctor.

We will not administer Panadol or aspirin, any eye medication or ear drops/nose drops. If a child needs to be on a Nebuliser, we ask a parent or a nominated person by the parent, to come to school to administer this medication. It is essential that we have up-to-date emergency contact phone numbers should we need you urgently. Please ensure your contact numbers are always up to date.







TERM 2 2024 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 20 June	9:15am	Year 6 Mass	School Hall
Friday 21 June	2:20pm	Whole School Assembly	School Hall
Wednesday 26 June	8:30am	Stage 2 Boys and Girls Soccer	Jamison Park
Thursday 27 June	9:15am	Year 4 Mass	School Hall
Friday 28 June	2:20pm	Whole School Assembly	School Hall
Friday 5 July	2:20pm	Whole School Assembly	School Hall
Friday 5 July		LAST DAY OF TERM 2	

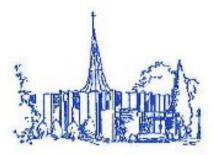
TERM 3 2024 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 22 July		STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY- NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	
Tuesday 23 July		STUDENTS RETURN - TERM 3 COMMENCES Year 2 Excursion to Penrith Lakes	
Wednesday 24 July		4G CARES Excursion	
Thursday 25 July		4M CARES Excursion	
Friday 26 July	2:20pm	Whole School Assembly	School Hall



TERM 3 2024 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 1 August	9:00am-12:15pm	Infants Tabloid Carnival (Kindergarten - Year 2)	School Playground
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
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	To Be Confirmed School Hall
Thursday 29 August		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



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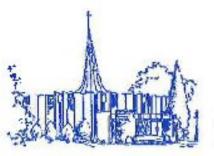
11/6/2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are delighted to extend a special invitation to your children, from Kindy to Year 4, to join us for the Winter Wonderland Holiday Camp 2024 at St. Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church from Jul from July 8th to 10th. This is the first time we are planning something this sort in our parish and the reason I have explained below, and I think this will be very beneficial for your child during this school holidays. This camp is more than just an event; it's a unique opportunity for your child to create unforgettable memories, develop lifelong friendships, and grow in their faith.

Why Winter Camp Matters:

- Building Lifelong Friendships: Through small group activities and recreation games, your child will forge stronger bonds with other children from the same faith community. These friendships, rooted in shared faith and fun experiences, will provide a supportive network for your child both now and in the future.
- 2. Personal Growth and Faith Development: Our dedicated small group leaders are passionate about investing in your child's spiritual journey. They will not only guide and support your child during the camp but also continue to nurture these relationships within our church community. This consistent mentorship is invaluable in helping your child grow in faith and confidence.
- 3. Creating Lasting Memories: Winter Camp is where memories are made—memories that shape your child's faith and character. These experiences will stay with them long after the camp is over, providing a foundation of joy, faith, and friendship that they can draw upon throughout their lives.



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Winter Camp is a transformative experience that will be here before you know it! Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity for your child to experience the joy and growth that Winter Camp offers.

Register Today!

To ensure your child doesn't miss out, please register them online at



If you have any questions or need assistance with the registration process, feel free to contact us at Christine Lay who is the Co - Ordinator and she is teacher at: <u>Christine.lay@montgrove.nsw.edu.au</u>

We look forward to welcoming your child to the Winter Wonderland Holiday Camp 2024 and sharing this extraordinary experience with thom. Your child's adventure in faith and frightship awaits!

Warm regards,

Neurodiversity and The Carer

Neurodivergence and Wellbeing: Caring For or With a Differently Wired Brain

Do you parent or care for someone who has: -difficulties regulating their emotions, senses or behaviour, -mental health difficulties, or -a known neurodivergence, for example: ADHD, Autism, PDA, ODD, OCD?

Or are you a carer who has difficulties with these things yourself, or is neurodivergent?

Come to our information, connection and wellbeing day for carers who care for, or who care with, neurodivergence. No diagnosis required. Register with Carer Gateway/Wellways on RSVP.



Event Details



When:

9.30am - 2.30 pm Saturday 22nd June

Where:

Blue Mountains Theatre and Community Hub, Springwood NSW

RSVP and additional info:

106-108 Macquarie Rd, Springwood Information and Booking: https://www.wellways.org/events Or RSVP to: programsupport@wellways.org

To find out more about Carer Gateway visit carergateway.gov.au or call **1800 422 737** Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm. Emergency respite support available 24/7.





Wellways respectfully acknowledges the traditional custodians of the lands and waters of Australia. We are committed to inclusive communities



Carer Gateway is a national support service funded by the Australian Government. Welways Australia provides Carer Gateway services throughout Queensland and the New South Wales regions of South West Sydney and Nepelan Blue Mountains.



As the onsite provider of outside school hours care, we invite all children to enjoy our programs

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 Covernment subsidy (CCS) available depending on each family's eligibility.

Session	Time	After 85% Child Care Subaidy*	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 (CCB) can previde up to 85% of the cost of your childcare foes. External party charges for in-scryled 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 <u>here</u> Or contact the service on Email: <u>stmarymackillop@ambrose.org.au</u> Phone: 0492 367 298



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