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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Community,

We have come to the mid-point of our school year. As I reflect on the year thus far, I sincerely appreciate the fact that we have such a harmonious and respectful school community.

The children of SMMPs are great. I appreciate their gentleness, enthusiasm and warm greetings. In the main they are generally responsible, respectful, resourceful and safe in their behaviours. Of course we might have hiccups occasionally, but we have to remember every child in our school is learning to navigate their way through life as they discover their place in the world. Each child has a variety of strengths and we look to respect, enhance and develop those strengths in partnership with you the parents and guardians.

Each child demonstrates particularly one or more of the following major signature strengths; humour, honesty, fairness, spirituality, bravery, appreciation of beauty, kindness, social intelligence, hope, leadership, teamwork, perspective, zest, love, curiosity, forgiveness, judgment, creativity, perseverance, self-regulation, prudence, humility, gratitude and love of learning. Whatever strength your child demonstrates goes into the mix to make our school the wonderful place that it is.

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Upcoming Events

Term 2

Wednesday 27 June

Parent Teacher Conversations
1.00pm-6.00pm

Thursday 28 June

Parent Teacher Conversations
3.45pm-6.00pm

Footy Day-Casual Clothes Day
Gold coin donation

Friday 29 June

End of Term 2-School finishes at
1.00pm

Term 3

Monday 16 July

School starts for term 3 at
9.00am

Monday 6 to Friday 10 August

Book Fair

Tuesday 28 August

Cyber Safety Workshop
6.30pm-7.30pm in MPR-see flyer

Monday 10 to Thursday 14 September

Year 6 Sydney/Canberra
Experience

Friday 21 September

End of Term 3-School finishes at
1.00pm

The dedication and commitment of our staff continually impresses me. All staff members show their concern for your children's well-being. The work they do to model the way is amazing. If we combine this positive attitude with each staff member's particular strengths, once again we add to the exciting 'melting-pot' which is our school.

The support of you the parents is second to none, with over 60 parents listed who have volunteered their services in various capacities; fundraising, parent assistance in the classroom with things such as reading, PMP, small group support and attending excursions.

Whatever your involvement, whether it's hands on in the school or simply in your trust and positive respect, I am appreciative of what you offer.

Together we can make a difference to the lives of all children at SMMPS.

I do sincerely thank the school community for all you bring to our community and sense of spirit.

As St. Mary MacKillop said on the 27 June 1873,

"We have all very much for which to thank and love God."

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Many parents have already met with their child's class teacher over the year to hear of their child's progress in learning. Many of you will take advantage of the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher on Wednesday afternoon into the evening (today) or on Thursday afternoon after school. You will have also received your child's written report via a link on email.

I trust these reports provide you with a clear understanding of your child's achievements over the past semester.

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

SMMPS Annual Report to the Community 2017, is now available on our school website: <http://www.mmkeilordowns.catholic.edu.au>

Have a safe and happy holiday period with your children everybody.



Anthony McCluskey
Principal

What is Connect

Workshops to help keep your community safe

Our Presenters

Learn more about our expert Connect team

Workshop Topics

Detailed descriptions of all of the workshops offered

News & Events

Latest news, blogs and events from the Alannah & Madeline Foundation

Book now

Let us know about your interest in Connect

Cyber safety/bullying



The 3 Cs, Primary



The 3 Cs, Secondary



The 3Cs, Adults



#Trending, Adults

Dear Parent's,

On Tuesday, 28th August, we will be running a parent Cyber Safety Workshop, presented by a recognised expert in cyber safety from the Alannah & Madeline foundation. This workshop is aimed at supporting parents as they play an active role in their child's digital world. This session includes detailed information on risks and opportunities afforded by technology for young people, with practical tips on how to stay safe.

The workshop presents a selection of advice based on formal research and extensive work done with schools, children and their parents.

The information evening will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room between 6.30 – 7.30pm. As we have limited space it will be necessary to book in for this session. If we have a large number of interested families we will endeavour to repeat the workshop at a later date. We will be sending out a booking form via Care Monkey early next term, so please keep an eye out for this.

Anthony D'Amico
Deputy Principal

THE WISDOM OF ST. MARY MACKILLOP

In each Newsletter, we provide a quote from the writings of St. Mary MacKillop. Mary was an extensive letter writer to the sisters within her congregation (Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, or the Josephites as they were known). She also wrote many letters to her family.

These wonderful words of wisdom provide us with much to reflect on...

"Do be faithful in little things."

30.6.1873

School Sport Victoria **Western Metro Region Cross Country Finals**

Last Thursday, two of our students; Jamie Zeine and Emmy Traynor traveled to Brimbank Park to compete in the WMR Cross country finals. Both races were very fast and challenging, with students competing from as far as Torquay and up to Ballarat against our two champions! The Brimbank course is tough, with two substantial hills to climb.

Both our students tried their best, but did not manage to qualify for the state level competition this time around.

Well done to both Jamie and Emmy, we wish them all the best for future competitions!

Jason Maxwell

Library

Help required for book covering

The school has recently purchased new take home readers so we are looking for parents to help cover them. If you have an hour or 2 to spare we will be holding sessions in the library on:

Wednesday 27th June- 9.00am - 11.00am

If you would like to help you will need to have a current Working With Children's Check & if you haven't signed a parent consent form you will need to that before you start (it only takes about 10 mins). Please let Kellie at the office know if you can help.

Denise Thorne-Library Technician

2018 TERM DATES

Term 1-Thursday 1 February-
Thursday 29 March

Term 2-Monday 16 April-
Friday 29 June

Term 3-Monday 16 July-
Friday 21 September

Term 4-Monday 8 October-
Wednesday 19 December

Parent Engagement

Term 2

Pie Day- 28 June 2018 (please note change of day. Was 27 June)-**orders closed**

Casual Clothes Day- 28 June 2018. All students can come dressed in their favourite sports team/colours. (appropriate footwear must be worn). **Gold Coin donation please.**

Term 3

Subway Days- Now open on flexischools.com.au Starting Friday 27th July then every fortnight

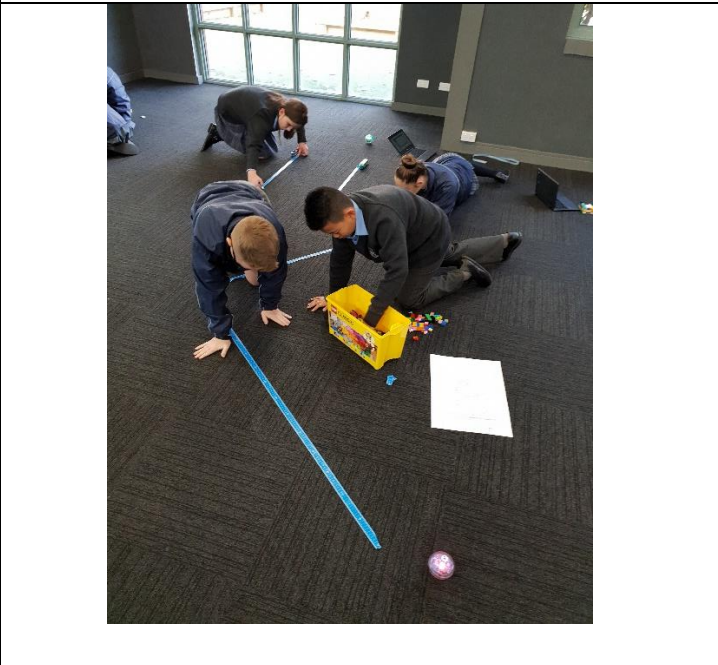
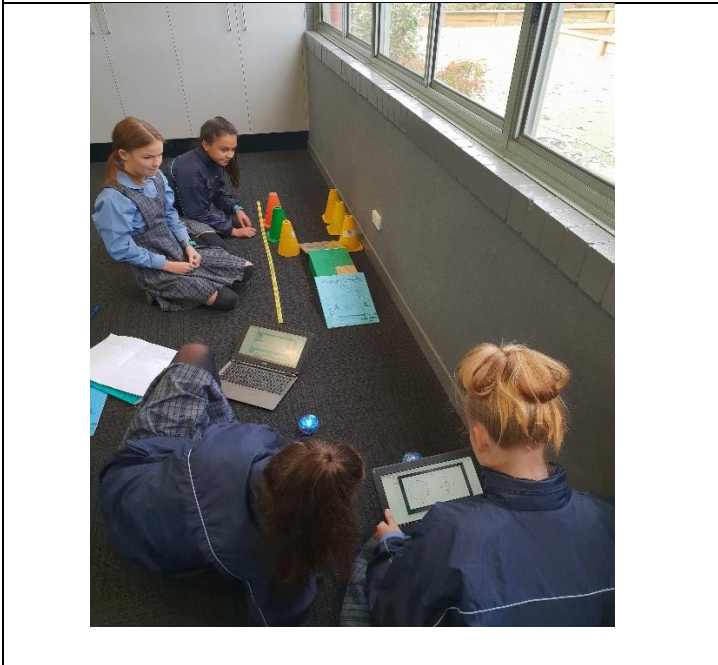
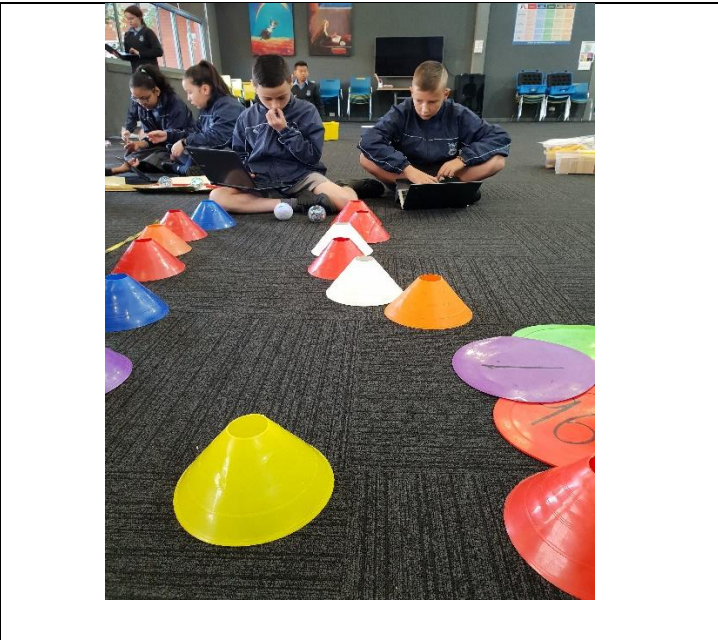
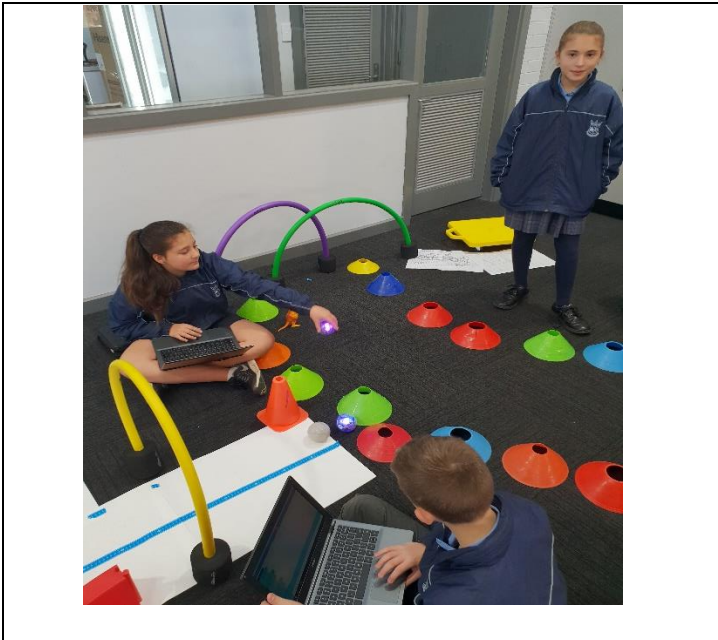
Pizza Day- Date to be confirmed

Trivia Night- Friday 17 August at 7pm-more details next term



SPHERO CHALLENGE

Since Term 1, the Grade 6's have been exploring and investigating how to use the spherical robotic called "Spheros". With the help of Mr Quinn, students have created an obstacle course, including measurements, for their Sphero to travel. They have used the program Sphero Edu to begin programming the movements of their Sphero. The students needed to work out how fast the Sphero will go, how far it will travel and, the angle of the rotation. The students encountered many problems, but are persistent and work in teams to achieve success.

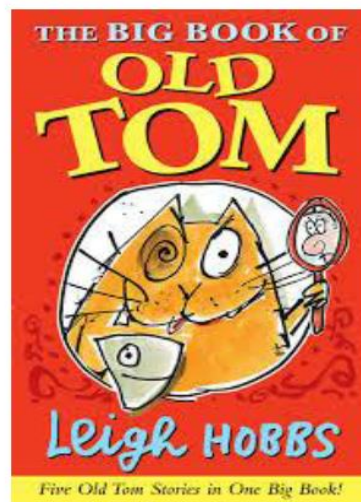
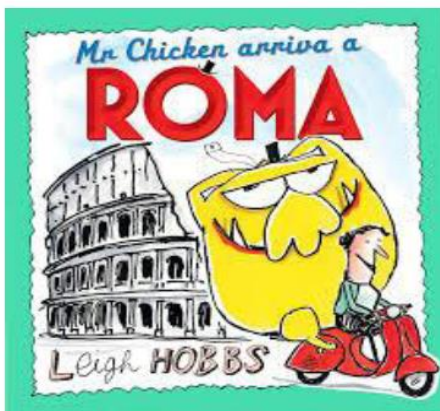
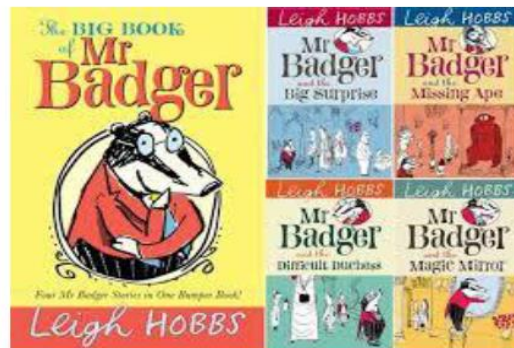
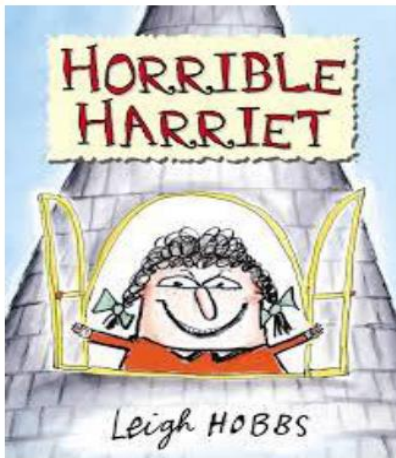


Leigh Hobbs

SMMPs is delighted to announce that Leigh Hobbs will be visiting our school early next term (Tuesday July 24th). Leigh is a much loved Australian author and illustrator who has written books about **Old Tom**, **Horrible Harriet**, **Mr Chicken** and **Mr Badger**. He will work with all the children from P-6 and share his journey of how he became an author and illustrator. Leigh's session with the children will be interactive, as he shares his passion and inspiration about writing and his artwork. We look forward to Leigh's visit.

Rita Krnac

English Leader



CECV Students with Disabilities (SWD) Program

The Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd (CECV) Students with Disabilities (SWD) Program aimed to improve the learning outcomes of educationally disadvantaged students, especially in reading and writing ability and numeracy. Each year, schools could submit SWD applications in either Round 1 (October) or Round 2 (February). Eligibility for the program was then decided by the CECV SWD Committee.

There were seven disability categories; physical disability, chronic health impairment, severe language disorder (including severe developmental verbal dyspraxia), intellectual disability (including global developmental delay), hearing impairment, vision impairment and social-emotional disorders (including autism spectrum disorder). Each disability category had criteria and documentation requirements that had to be met.

Disability funding for Victorian Catholic schools from Federal and State Government sources was based on eligible SWD students flagged on census.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

The *Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)* is a process that all schools must do every year. It counts the number of students who receive extra adjustments or “help” at school because of a disability, as defined by the [Disability Discrimination Act 1992](#) (DDA).

To count a student in the NCCD, schools must think through some key questions:

1. Is the student getting help at school so that they can take part in education on the same basis as other students?
2. Is the help given because of a disability? The word ‘disability’ comes from the [Disability Discrimination Act 1992](#) (DDA) and it can include many students?
3. Has the school talked to you or your child about the help that they provide?
4. Has the school kept records about the help they provide, the student needs and the reasons that the student needs this help? The school will need to keep copies of tests, student work, assessments, records of meetings, medical reports or other paperwork and information about how the student’s learning is moving along over time?

Once the school decides that the student should be counted in the NCCD, they then choose a disability group and one of four levels of help that has been given to the student.

There are four disability categories; physical, cognitive, sensory and social-emotional. There are four levels of adjustments; quality differentiated teaching practice (QDTP), supplementary, substantial and extensive adjustments.

Changes to Funding

Both Federal and State Governments have indicated that the NCCD will now be used to inform funding. From 2019 onwards, schools will receive funding based on students counted in the NCCD at supplementary, substantial and extensive adjustments levels. **Therefore, the CECV SWD Program will transition to NCCD for the 2019 program year.**

What does this mean for students currently on the CECV SWD Program?

NCCD Eligibility

Specialist documentation (e.g. paediatrician, speech pathology, psychology, GP) that were used for the CECV SWD Program can be used as 'evidence' for NCCD. The NCCD **does not currently** have specific documentation requirements (e.g. documentation from specific specialists or date requirements). Where available, information and advice from specialists combined with school based evidence will continue to provide rich information to inform educational programming (i.e. adjustments).

Evidence of the help given can be seen in documents such as teacher work plans, monitoring sheets, specialist support timetables, Program Support Group (PSG) minutes and Personalised Learning Plans (PLPs). It is highly likely that students on the CECV SWD Program have already been, and will continue to be counted in the school's NCCD.

Review Assessments

NCCD **does not currently** have specific documentation requirements. Where students may have needed updated review assessments for the CECV SWD Program, they are now not necessary for NCCD. Where available, information and advice from specialists combined with school based evidence will continue to provide rich information to inform educational programming (i.e. adjustments).

Application Rounds

Schools must submit their NCCD in August every year and cannot change their NCCD after the due date. The Australian Government will apply post enumeration processes to a random sample of school's NCCD submission rather than there being a CECV SWD Committee.

Parental Consent

Changes were made to the law ([Australian Education Act 2013](#) and [Australian Education Regulation 2013](#)). Schools do not need you to agree to let them count a child in the NCCD. You cannot ask the school not to count your child.

Where can I access more information?

Please contact your child's school if you have further questions about the NCCD. You may also find these links helpful:

- CECV NCCD Information Sheet for Parent/Carers/Guardians
- [NCCD national website](#)
- [Disability Standards for Education 2005](#)
- [Australian Government Department of Education - NCCD](#)

Production-Legends Of Rock

Production rehearsal's have reached a new level of amazing with the help of Jason Coleman's Ministry of Dance student helpers!! For three weeks at the end of Term 2, 'Ministry Mentors' have been and will continue to assist the Year 3,4,5 and 6 students with their Production performances. This collaboration has been an invaluable opportunity. See pics of the action below.

Rock on!!

Sarah Cornish
Production Coodinator



MA⁺TH-NASTICS

Gymnastics for the mind

For Grade 5
Students



Catholic
Regional College
North Keilor

A six week

Maths Skills Development Program

When & Where:

Monday afternoons, 3.45 – 4.30pm commencing 6th August
CRCNK Learning Centre, 1c Santa Monica Drive, Keilor Lodge

Coaches:

Students will be coached by CRCNK Year 10 Advanced Maths Students under the supervision of Mrs Nella Sharp, Domain Leader, Mathematics and Mrs Dianne Burgess.

Cost:

\$18 for the 6 week program - includes a snack and drink.

Register at:

<https://crcnkmathnastics.eventbrite.com.au>

Registrations close:

Friday 27th July, 2018 – limited to 24 students.

Enquiries:

Manny Gambin. Phone: 9361 5900

Email: mgambin@crcnk.vic.edu.au

All students receive a Certificate of Participation

PROGRAM

WEEKS 1 and 2:

NUMBER & ALGEBRA

Covers Place Value,
Decimals, Percentage,
Fractions and Algebra

WEEKS 3 and 4:

MEASUREMENT & GEOMETRY

Covers Scales, Perimeter,
Area and Nets

WEEKS 5 and 6:

PROBABILITY & STATISTICS



Outside School Hours Care Program

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe we are half way through the year and at the end of another term! This term the program has been filled activities and as we move into another term we hope to continue providing new and enjoyable experiences for the children.

The OSHC program will run from 1.00 pm until 6.00 pm on the last day of the school term. A booking slip is attached. Please remember fill in the slip and return it to the OSHC program if you require a booking on this day as we need to organise staff and catering. If your child has a permanent booking on this day please confirm if your child will be attending/cancelling this session.

Parents please note the following in regards to both cancellations and bookings:

Families are required to notify the Service (OSHC) of any changes to booking arrangements as follows:

Send an **SMS** to the Co-ordinator's mobile on **0450 211 909**

Before School Care : By 4.00 pm of the day prior to the absence/booking

After School Care : By 9.00 am on the day of the absence/booking

Families who do not notify the Service of intention to cancel by the required times will be charged the full session fee as the Service operates on a Educator to Child ratio as stated in policy and procedures.

We hope everyone has a great week and a wonderful school holidays!

From the OSHC Team



**St. Mary of the Assumption
Outside School Hours Care - Keilor Downs**

END OF TERM BOOKING - Please fill in and return to the OSHC program.

Child's Name	Year Level



CRCNK Enrolment Year 7, 2020

Enrolment is currently open for Grade 5, 2018 students

Enrolment Closes 3 August, 2018

Offers posted to families Friday, 9 October, 2018
Final date for acceptance Friday, 2 November, 2018

College Tour Dates Term 2 & 3

Thursday, 31 May 9.15am
Wednesday, 13 June 9.15am
Tuesday, 24 July 9.15am

Bookings required

Please phone
9361 5900
or email
office@crcnk.vic.edu.au



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FAMILY TOURS

Thursday 31 May & Thursday 26 July

Commencing at 9.30am followed by morning tea

Register with Mrs Gina Zumbo on 9361 0000 or
enrolments@crcsydenham.net



Have you decided where your child will go to school in Year 11 and 12? Now is the time with growing population in the area and families requesting tours.

At Catholic Regional College Sydenham we serve the Catholic Parishes of this region and as the preeminent Catholic senior secondary College in the Archdiocese we are proudly Catholic. We are already planning for your child and their future pathway so why not come along and see where their education will lead your family. Join the Principal and School Captains for a tour followed by morning tea at Catholic Regional College Sydenham.

