

# SAINT MARY MACKILLOP Primary School Keilor Downs

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# IMPORTANT DATES 2017 Term Dates

Term 3 17 July-22 September Term 4 9 October-20 December

#### 2017-Term 3

Tuesday 1 August 100 Days of Prep

Monday 7 August-Friday 11 August Book Fair Monday 7 August Casual Clothes Day-See details overpage

#### **Tuesday 8 August**

Feast of St. Mary MacKillop-Whole School Mass at 12.00pm

#### **Tuesday 15 August**

Feast of St. Mary of the Assumption-Whole School Mass at 9.30am

#### **Monday 21 August**

Book Week Parade at 9.00am in the Hall

Monday 11 September-Thursday 14 September

Sydney/Canberra Experience for Year 6

Friday 22 September
Last Day of Term 3

School finishes at 1.00pm

The wisdom of St. Mary MacKillop

"God will take care of you"

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# e-NEWS

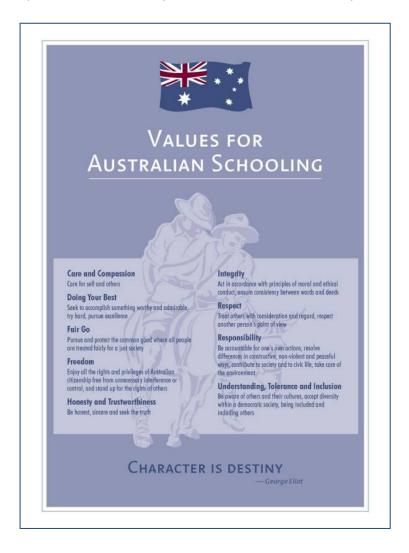


Dear Community,

You may see in our school foyer a framed poster which lists the *Values for Australian Schooling*. This poster was mandated to be displayed in all school by the Howard Government ('96-'07).

Last week we undertook the Victorian Government Regulations and Qualifications Authority Review (VRQA). It is still expected that this poster be displayed in our school foyer, as a matter of compliance for the VRQA.

I will admit, I have always wondered about the relevance of this poster. However, as we see our Australian way of life is more and more challenged by radical elements in our community, I consider that we really need to focus on these Australian values and encourage respect for these values by all members of our community.



From The Principal Continued Over The Page....

We need to remind ourselves to strive to live by these values in all our relationships. We need to teach our children to live by these values. And as a society we need to expect nothing but these values as the acceptable in our great country.

In the spirit of the Gospel, which these values reflect, and in what I expect as Principal leader of our school, we too, will accept nothing but these values as the benchmark in all we do.

Have a good week everybody.

**Anthony McCluskey** 

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**Principal** 

#### **WAKAKIRRI**

We were a very proud school last Thursday evening when a number of our students from Years 4, 5 and 6 performed in the Wakakirri competition at The Clocktower in Moonee Ponds. This extra-curricular activity gave our students a chance to showcase their talents as performers. We are very proud of their outstanding efforts, dedication and commitment.

We are also grateful to Ms. Sarah Cornish our Performing Arts consultant who wrote, directed and produced our performance. Sarah did a tremendous job working alongside our students, supporting and encouraging them as they rehearsed and performed their short play titled, *Sudden Stawell*.

Occasions like this make me very proud to be Principal of our great school!

Last Thursday evening was only one of many nationwide heats in Wakakirri 2017. We will find out how well we went in late August when all the heats are completed. (Some of you may remember we won Wakakirri in 2014.)

We did gain a number of Awards at the heats on Thursday:









# CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL INVOLVED.





# **Religious Education News**

As I'm sure you are aware, the <u>Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop</u> is celebrated on <u>August 8<sup>th</sup></u>. This year we will celebrate, as per usual, with a <u>whole school Mass in the church at 12pm on Tuesday</u>.

On this day students will be provided with a **Sausage sizzle lunch** and a small bag of lollies. Students are still required to bring snacks and a drink from home. The Prep-3 students will eat at 10.30am and the 4-6 students will eat at 1.30pm. A permission form will go home via CareMonkey. Please complete this form online so that we can make catering arrangements. This cost of this lunch is being covered by the school.

I would like to remind you about the Social Justice initiative which you were notified about in last week's e-NEWS. A **Casual Clothes Day Fundraiser** will be held on **Monday August 7**<sup>th</sup>.

Jorja Brink and Antonia Attard (Year 6 students) decided to devote their efforts during "80/20" time to investigating the amazing work being carried out by the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. Their particular focus was on the Joseph's Corner program.

## Joseph's Corner

This service provides psychological counselling and support for all family members of persons who have a substance abuse problem. Josephite Sr Jeanne Dwyer is the coordinator of Joseph's corner. The service is focused on providing individual, relationship, family and group psychological counselling to family and friends of people with drug and alcohol addictions.

The Joseph's Corner program encourages participants to re-establish interests and connections with their community. Joseph's Corner has the particular mission to work with and care for families and friends of the users by providing a service free of charge.

An associated work, the profits of which support Joseph's corner, is Merrijig - The Joseph's Corner Shop.

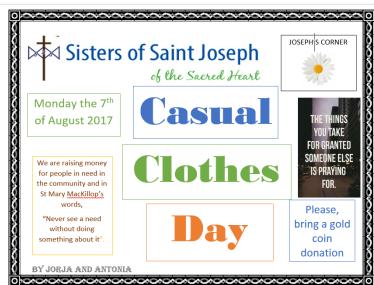
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These students came up with the idea for a Fundraiser.

All students are requested to bring a <u>GOLD COIN DONATION</u> on <u>Monday August 7<sup>th</sup></u>. to contribute to the ongoing work of Joseph's Corner by the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart

I am very pleased to announce that also on this day, Monday August 7<sup>th</sup>, at 12pm, <u>Sr Judith Geddes from the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre East Melbourne</u> and <u>Sr Jeanne Dwyer from Joseph's Corner</u> will be visiting our school to speak to the students about the work that they do which is inspired by the Gospels and in the footsteps of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. We look forward to hearing about the ways in which these incredible women serve God through their work.

Anne-Marie Conte Religious Education Leader



#### **Book Fair**

This year's book fair will be held from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August in the library (formally PMP room). The theme is READING RAINFORST (Go Wild for Books!)

There will be a wide variety of books to purchase as well as posters & variety items.

Students will have an opportunity to preview the books & make a wish list (Mon & Tues) & to purchase books during class time (Wed – Fri). Other opening times are as follows-

<u>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August</u> - Parent preview 3.00 –3.15pm(NO SALES)

<u>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August</u>- Book Sales 3.15-4.00pm <u>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August</u>- Book sales 8.15-8.50am

2.45-3.00pm(PARENTS ONLY)

3.15-4.00pm

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August-Book Sales 8.15-8.50am

Cash, Eftpos, Online ordering (credit card) & cheques(made payable to the school) will be available.

Please support our book fair as the school receives a commission from the sales to purchase new books for the library.

Denise Thorne Library Technician

#### **Book Week Parade**

Book Week celebrates Australian authors and illustrators of children's books. It's such a wonderful time to immerse children in literature and celebrate books and reading. The theme is "Escape to Everywhere". Our imagination drives creativity and innovation. Reading books allows us to escape to a world beyond our own and to times other than now. At St Mary MacKillop we continue to encourage our students to engage in a range of stories; to read them, listen to them, view them, think about them and share them with others.

To celebrate this occasion we will be having a Book Character Parade on **Monday 21st August**, in the hall at **9.00am**. Students are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. This is an opportunity for everyone to start thinking about their costume and being creative. Each grade will have an opportunity to parade their costume in front of the school community. We hope you can join us on this special day!



#### Season 1 Interschool Sport Division Finals:

On **Friday 28**<sup>th</sup> **July**, the Year 5 and 6 Teeball girls team competed in the Keilor Division Finals at the Keilor Park Sporting Precinct. This is the first time the girls Teeball team have made it into the division finals. All girls rallied together to put up a great fight against St. Albans Meadows Primary School but unfortunately did not bring home the win!

Special mentions for the day go to:

- Jessika Jacobsen, Alexa Muraca and Chelsea Tran for their quick ball movements when fielding a base position
- Sandra Kalta for her exceptional trapping skills when fielding
- Ella Bailey for her outstanding efforts in the short stop position as majority of the balls were hit in her direction
- Jules Putrino, Amar Singh and Ellie Bilmbas for quickly retrieving balls hit into the outfield
- Kayla Giannaula and her efforts as the catcher, ensuring the ball was delivered to home base as quickly as possible

A big <u>thank you</u> also goes to Christina Dodaj, Mackenzie Jamieson and Georgia Traynor for coming along and substituting in this game. These girls have never played teeball in a competitive environment and did an exceptional job helping the girls out on the day!

Overall, it was a great day and wonderful learning experience for the girls! You have all improved so much since the beginning of the season and you should all be very proud in your efforts in getting this far!

Thank you,

#### Corinne Clarke and Jason Maxwell







# **PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION**

### **UP COMING EVENTS**

Our next meeting will be held next Thursday 10th August.

#### **TERM THREE**

Ladies Night – Date and venue to be confirmed

Father's Day Stall – 31<sup>st</sup> August (all classes) & 1<sup>st</sup> September - Clearance (first break only)

Dance Party– Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 6pm-8pm. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

#### **TERM FOUR**

Sausage Sizzle— Date to be confirmed Christmas Carols Night— Date to be confirmed

#### St. Mary Mackillop Primary School is Fundraising with Entertainment Books!

The brand NEW 2017/2018 Entertainment Hard Copy Books are no longer in stock. Digital memberships are just \$70 each and are packed full of great offers. Not only will you receiving amazing discounts to a variety of venues and restaurants, but you will also be helping our school. St Mary Mackillop P.S. will receive 20% of all membership sales! If you would like to order your digital membership, just visit www.entbook.com.au/9127y31



#### **Term Three Overviews**

Each year level has written an overview, which is an outline of what the students will be learning in Term Three. The overviews will be uploaded onto the school website by the end of the week.

Please take the time to have a look and discuss with your child/children what is happening in their classroom.

Anna Yorston
Curriculum Coordinator

#### Canteen Update-Term 3

This Term, we will be providing some Subway Lunch Days, possibly every second Friday. We are currently in the process of organising it with Subway Keilor Downs.

Once the details are finalised, they will be put on <u>flexichools.com.au</u> and we will let you know when you can start ordering.

#### **PASTA DAY-FRIDAY 11 AUGUST**

- Spiral Bolognese and juice (orange/apple)
- Beef Lasagne and juice or
- Three cheese macaroni and juice

## All meals are \$5.50 each. All pastas are individually packaged.

Prep to Year 3 will have it at 10.50am (first break) and Year 4-6 will eat at 1.35pm (second break).

## Get onto flexischools.com.au to order. Orders close this Friday at 4.00 pm









# Key Dates and College Tours Year 7, 2019

### Year 7, 2019 - Key Dates

Wednesday, 24 May 2017 Applications open

Friday, 25 August 2017 Applications close

Friday, 13 October 2017
First Round Offers posted

Friday, 27 October 2017 Final date for acceptance

Application forms available at College Office or www.crcnk.com.au



#### **Term 3 Tours**

Thursday 17 August, 9am Thursday 14 September, 9am

Meet the College Principal Visit Learning Spaces Chat with College Staff

#### **Bookings** essential

Please contact the College Office Phone: 9361 5900 Email: office@crcnk.vic.edu.au

Tours run for approximately 1 hour

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# Outside School Hours Care Program

Dear All.

Last week at OSHC we continued on with our regular indoor activities - Lego, Dodge Ball, Free Play, Drawing and Playdough. We made Marble Bars and they were delish! We also continued with our proliferation experiment (regrowing celery in water). We started this experiment before the holidays. The celery continued to grow over the break. We were all amazed it survived the break. We continued on with knitting and we are happy to say most have progressed from the knitting looms to knitting needles. Yay!!







We hope everyone has a wonderful week and we thank everyone for their continued support.

From the OSHC Team.



Please remember to SMS Vicky/Mary on 0450 211 909 before 11.00 am all bookings and cancellations. Thank you.

CANCELLATIONS AFTER 11.00 AM WILL INCUR A FULL FEE CHARGE.

# SMMPS Postcard Design Competition

You are invited to design a Positive Behaviour Postcard.

The winning designs will be selected by staff and students. These designs will be turned into actual postcards and will be used by staff at the school to send home to parents of students who are displaying positive behaviours.

# The design needs to;

- Include ideas that come from our 3rs Matrix.
- · Be completed on an A5 piece of paper.
- Send a clear message about positive behaviour at SMMPS

The design can include pictures and writing or just writing or pictures.



If you're interested please submit your entries to any of the school captains by **Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of August.** 

