



IMPORTANT DATES

2017 Term Dates

Term 3

17 July-22 September

Term 4

10 October-20 December

2017-Term 3

Friday 22 September

Last Day of Term 3

School finishes at 1.00pm

2017-Term 4

Monday 9 October

School Closure Day

Monday 6 November

School Closure Day

Tuesday 7 November

Melbourne Cup Day-No School

Monday 20 -

Wednesday 22

November

Year 4 Camp-Mt Evelyn

Wednesday 13

December

Christmas Carols Night from 7.00 pm

Thursday 14 December

Year 6-Big Day In

Friday 15 December

Last Day for Year 6 at 1.00pm

Wednesday 20

December

Last Day for Year P-5 at 1.00pm

e-NEWS



Dear Community,

We have come to the end of Term 3. **The children begin their term holiday at 1:00pm this Friday 22 September 2017. The children return to school on Tuesday 10 October 2017.**

We have enjoyed a very successful and happy term. I am delighted with how most children are responding positively, taking ownership of their behaviour and self-managing as they navigate themselves through the experience of growing and learning in a community.

In particular, this term we enjoyed some creative class expos, a successful performance in Wakakirri and our marvellous Year 6 Canberra/Sydney Experience, which occurred last week.

I have to thank the children whom attended for their wonderful contribution and involvement in the life of the camp. Their behaviour was excellent. This was particularly noted in public places, where tour guides and even random members of the public commented on our children's manners and politeness.

Our staff were very proud at St. Mary MacKillop place, by the respect the children showed. We were very pleased to have the tour guides at Mary MacKillop museum, say that our children could be guiding the tours, as they know so much about St. Mary MacKillop!

I must thank the very generous staff whom supported the children over the week. This is a major undertaking with 24-hour responsibility (and there is no overtime paid)! I know all the teachers were exhausted, but they did a great job in caring for all the students.

Thank you to, in no particular order; Sarah Fogarty, Natalie Mulford, Linda Nguyen, Sharon Ciantar, Corrine Clarke, Matthew Saxon, Nicole Marevic, Kellie Doherty and Anthony D'Amico. Thank you to Jason Maxwell and James Quinn who attended the camp over Wednesday night to do a 'night-shift' caring for the children during their stay at a Travelodge in Sydney.

I need to say a particular thank you to Heath Thomas who besides attending the camp spent 12 months organising the trip. It is a major task to book events and organise travel, accommodation and food for 86 children and 14 staff. Thank you also to Anne-Marie Conte the Camp Leader who, as always, supported with the organisation and led the camp brilliantly.

This was the tenth year of our Year 6 children travelling to Canberra and the fifth year of incorporating a visit to Sydney. It always goes off brilliantly without a hitch, thanks to the staff and the detailed organisation. Our children are respectful and cooperative too. Overall, it was a wonderful experience, due to wonderful people! Thank you to everyone. See some photos over the page.

From The Principal Continued Over The Page....

*The wisdom of
St. Mary MacKillop*

*"May the spirit of the
Sacred Heart animate
you."*


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From The Principal Continued.....

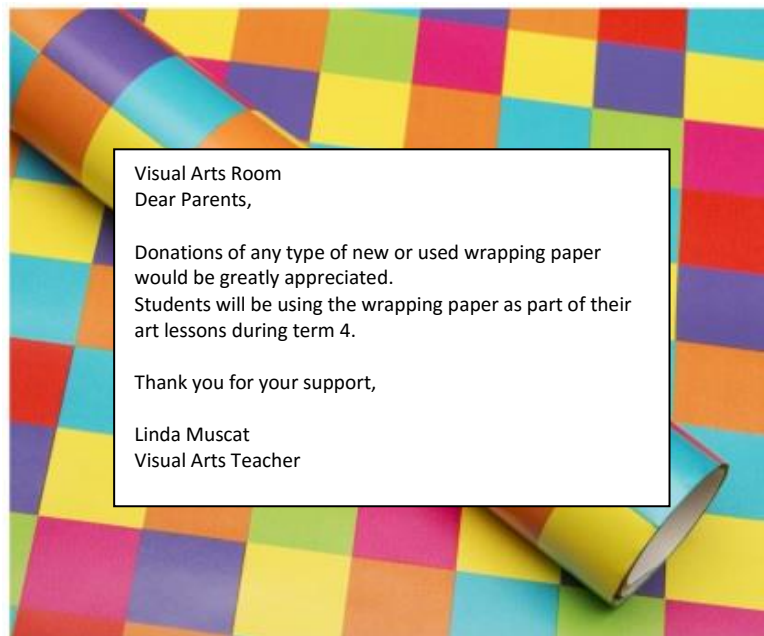
I have brought up three of my own children and have three grandchildren and I could not begin to imagine the number of children I have encountered in 34 years' experience as a teacher. I know children can be challenging and I know that holiday periods can offer some constant challenges.

I include an article below, ***Five words to avoid if you want your kids to co-operate***, written by Michael Grose, which might support you in managing your children over the holidays. I thought it an article worth a read.

Have a safe and happy holiday everybody. Remember we have a school closure on Monday 9 October 2017. School starts back on Tuesday 10 October 2017.



Anthony McCluskey
Principal



FIVE WORDS TO AVOID IF YOU WANT YOUR KIDS TO CO-OPERATE

BY MICHAEL GROSE

I've noticed that there are five very common words that invite resistance rather than co-operation, from children who are termed (whether rightly or wrongly) 'strong-willed', 'stubborn' or 'know their mind'.

These FIVE words to avoid are:

- **Must:** "You *must* be on time!"
- **Never:** "You should *never* be rude to your teacher."
- **Always:** "You should *always* clean your teeth before bed."
- **You:** "You need to go to bed now!"
- **Don't:** "Don't yell at your brother."

Here is an explanation and some alternatives as well:

'**Must**', '**Never**' and '**Always**' are absolute terms which invite resistance from those children and young people who do not like to be told what to do. *If you have more than one child there is a good chance you have one of these children.*

Replace absolute language with **moderate alternatives** that do not back kids into a corner.

- "Please be on time" rather than "You must be on time."
- "It's best to be polite to your teacher" rather than "You should never be rude to your teacher."
- "Clean your teeth before bed" rather than "You should always clean your teeth before bed."
- **'You':** Instead of telling your child what to do, let your child know what you will do. It's a subtle but powerful shift. For example:
 - "I'm saying good night now" rather than "Go to bed now."
 - "I'll put the meal on the table when it's set" rather than "Set the table!"
 - "I'm driving you to school at 8.30" rather than "Get ready by 8.30."

NB: You need to follow through if this is to be an effective use of language.

'Don't': Avoid ending an instruction on a negative as it only drives the negative behaviour deeper into the sub-conscious mind of your child. Saying "Don't yell at your brother" will ensure that your child will keep yelling again and again. Instead say the behaviour you'd like in positive terms. For example:

- "Speak quietly to your brother" rather than "Don't yell at your brother."
If you can't eradicate "Don't" then develop the habit of ending on a positive. For example:
 - "Don't yell at your brother. Speak quietly."

Your choice of words makes a huge difference in terms of getting co-operation from more challenging kids.

Of course, some parents believe that their kids should always do as they say so their language is peppered with absolutes and negatives, which invites resistance from some kids.

Family-life continues to be a battle between these parents and their children.

If this is the case for you then maybe your attitude as well as your language needs a little tweak and review.

Some of the great memories of camp



Year 5-Roald Dahl Day

On Wednesday the 13th of September, the Grade Fives celebrated Roald Dahl Day. We celebrated all of Roald Dahl's amazing books such as 'George's Marvellous Medicine' and the 'BFG'. We used jelly to create our own version of George's Marvellous medicine.

5 Green created their own 'Wonka' chocolate bar wrapper. made their own 'Twits' beards. 5 Blue made 'BFG' Dream Catchers. 5 Yellow also made 'Twits' beards and some students even



5 Red wrote poems about George's Marvellous Medicine. They had to use rhyming patterns, couplets, onomatopoeia, alliteration and repetition to create their perilous potions poems.

Talia's Perilous Potion

To start off, boil some sugar,
To go with your jelly tasting of booger.
Drop the sugar into the bowl,
That has all little bits of mould.
Slowly add a poisonous flower,
For a nice taste of sour.
Get some frog eggs and chuck them on top.
For some power, add an extra plop,
Of ear wax from the Troll's ear,
That you find at the end of the pier.
Boil slightly over a stove,
Add some nectar for a nice glow.
There you have your flying potion,
Make sure you put in some lotion.
On your body and then drink it up...and up, you go to the sky.
Tell your friends. They will think it is a lie!



By Talia Arthur 5 Red

Limericks from the Year 5's

There were two young girls who were friends
Whose mums drove a Mercedes Benz
They went for a drive
And got back at five
Those two young girls remained good friends
(Carla & Tayla)

There was a cranky cow from Malta
But he could not find a good culture
He ran out of bed
And shredded his head
That stupid cranky cow from Malta
(Rachel & Kya)

There was a young boy with a thumb
Who ate a disgusting crumb
He had a friend
Whose name was Fred
That boy who had a dumb thumb
(Brendan)

There was an old man from Greece
Who loved to visit his niece
He went to her house
And screamed "There's a mouse"
That scaredy old man from Greece
(Michael G)

There was a boy at the station
Who had to be very patient
He loves trains
With some cranes
Oh that boy at the station
(Thomas J)

There was a crazy teacher in my class
Who would always drink from a red wine glass
She would make her kids her slaves
So her kids would get good grades
That crazy, funny teacher in my class
(Tia & Milana)

The ugly boy from Brazil
Who choked whilst having a pill
He loved the Queen
And Halloween
The ugly boy from Brazil
(Harrison)

There was once a girl called Kya
Who lit her own house on fire
She fell on her head
Then went straight to bed
That really mad girl named Kya
(Kya)

There once was a colourful cat
Who always wore a crazy cat
He went for a jog
And tripped on a log
That old silly colourful cat
(Jessika & Jake)

There once was a girl named Jess
Whose bedroom was a big mess
She went for a walk
To buy a big pork
That crazy old girl called Jess
(Jessika)

The creepy old cat from the street
Went for a ride on the First Fleet
The cat likes to read
Whilst having a feed
That creepy old cat from the street
(Isabella & Tia)

There was a unicorn from the forest
Who didn't like that his name was Boris
He liked to play tiggly
With his best friend Ziggy
That crazy unicorn from the forest
(Isabella & Estelle)



The Year 4s have been learning about the First Fleet as part of their Inquiry Unit. In Writing, they were exposed to new vocabulary which included many words that are no longer used in the English language. They also learnt about what life was like in the 1700-1800s. Below are some samples of student's writing.

Anna Yorston
English Leader (Yrs 4-6)

Trouble - Amy Gusman (4R)

The slumps of England surrounded Johnny in 1788. Johnny was just a 25 year old man. On the 31st of March, Johnny slowly came across a rat infested bakery. The bakery sign said "closed" dangling down from the dirty door. Johnny took off his red shirt that had little holes. He wrapped the shirt around his hand tightly. He broke the dirty window with his hand and and hopped through it.

Johnny crept slowly towards the greasy bread. "It's so cold in here," complained Johnny. He was holding a piece of greasy bread. The beadle saw little bits of shattered bits of glass on the floor. "Hey, that looks odd" the confused beadle said. He walked slowly over to the shattered window. The beadle saw Johnny holding the piece of greasy bread in his dirty hands.

"Hey, what are you doing in here?" the beadle asked. "Oh no," replied Johnny. "Ha ha ha your new home for now will be a cell" exclaimed the beadle.

The beadle wrapped Johnny's dirty hands with thick rope. When the beadle was wrapping his hands with thick rope, Johnny quickly grabbed the love token that he had hid in his back pocket. They slowly walked through the rat infested alley way. The beadle and Johnny entered the holding cells. The beadle found a cell that was empty. The next morning the beadle called Johnny. "You're going to the old bailey."

"Great," sighed Johnny. "Let's go. We're going to be late!" yelled the beadle. They arrived at the old bailey. "Let's get started" exclaimed the judge. "Why did you break into a bakery?". "I was just hungry" answered Johnny. "Hmmm" sighed the judge. "You broke into a bakery. That's five shillings, trying to steal a piece of bread, that's three shillings. You are found guilty and you are sentenced to jail for 3 years," answered the judge.

Spain's Storm - James Mai (4R)

John turned the huge wheel, the boat turned on an angle. He had been sailing for 2 months and they were deep at sea. John felt bored as he held the wheel tightly by the hand. He had to suffer from sailing the boat and eat disgusting food, it was no luxury to him, but his clothes were exceptional in every way. John looked at the ragged map, still having about 7 more months to go, John looked ahead, plain sight jammed his eyes, all he could see was blue water, surrounding the boat like a shark. The ship glided on and on, over the top of the sea.

The sea started to get a little jagged and rain spitted through the air, slightly getting on John, the marines and the hulk. John kept sailing on and on. Ahead, he could see a variety of waves approaching the ship ferociously, the rain started to spill upon them. John looked at the pale sky, fearing a storm will come at them. The ship sailed past some waves until, something dark loomed around their ship. John felt scared and got his hands out of the wheel.

Everything went away. As the marines were just cheery, in came a gusty storm, with a great amount of downpour, dashing right at them. The ship started to tilt backwards and everyone fell and got pushed to the side of the deck, fearing death upon them. John slowly got up and turned the boat to the right, hoping the boat would be in his control.

The boat slowly went towards the right direction. As it was going, a flash of light hit the head of a hulk. It blasted John into the hatches. John crawled up onto the stairs, hoping to reach the wheel.

In a flash of darkness, the storm rushed away, stopping the rain from pouring down. As a consequence, the ship was overflowing with water. After half-an hour, they cleared all the salty water. They got ready for dinner and got ready for tomorrow. John was ecstatic as he got onto the wheel, sailing slowly into the horizon, "Whoosh" whispered the sea quietly as John went on, eating the rotten apple.

Ahead John could see the sun beaming and the clouds were floating above him godly. John kept sailing on, until they were at Cape Town. At this place, John loaded in food and more supplies. After that, John was stuck on top of the ship... holding a wheel, he would remember that storm. Then, roaring rain came blasting down at them...

Horrible mistake - by Melina Calidonna (4R)

I sprinted swiftly across the rat infested streets clenching my filthy hands on the fresh apples and gleaming pennies that I snatched from a fancy looking man standing across the street from an apple store. In the distance I spotted a tough looking beadle walking at a slow pace along the side of the cobblestone walls.

"Oh no" Thomas whispered as he slowly started to run across the gravel path.
"Hey you!" the tough beadle scowled.

I gained speed as I ran across the road leading the beadle to my pygmy house. The beadle started to catch up whereas I was huffing and puffing of exhaustion. When I crossed the road I kicked a bunch of barrels and they fell right in the middle of the crunchy gravel path, which made the beadle tumble and fall BANG!!!

"Ouch!" The beadle yelped as he laid on the path.

For sure the beadle wouldn't catch up I thought, but I was wrong. My pennies fell out of my pocket. Then I noticed I had a hole, so I went to pick them up and my apple slipped out of my coat.

"Whoops!" I looked up and saw a bow street runner. The bow street runner grabbed my wrists and tied them up. He dragged me to the old bailey, so I could see what my punishment was. Well my punishment was horrible, I was found guilty and I was sent to get a painful flogging.

I got tied to this wooden triangle, pyramid thing and got smacked with a nine tailed cat made of dried up leather. My back was getting torn up into little strips of ribbons and started to bleed. A few little tears dripped down my eyes as I stood there getting smacked with the nine tailed cat.



Outside School Hours Care Program

Dear Families and Care Givers,

Last week at OSHC we introduced music to our morning sessions. We have continued with sewing in the morning as well as themed activities in the afternoon. The Spring Season and all the changes it brings with it has been the focus. We have also been busy cooking, dancing, drawing, building and playing.

Next term we will hopefully start on Christmas Cooking, cookies and treats and everything nice. We will continue with sewing as the children have expressed their eagerness to continue with this activity. We have lots planned to entertain and keep the children busy during their time with us at OSHC.

Enrolment forms for the 2018 year will also be given out early next term. We hope everyone has a wonderful and safe two week break and we look forward to seeing all our beautiful families back in term four.

New fees will also commence from the beginning of term 4. If you have not received a letter stating the new fees please come see the OSHC staff.

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

From the OSHC Team.



Please remember to SMS:

Vicky/Mary G - 0450 211 909 before 11.00 am all bookings and cancellations.

Mary Z - 0478 746 370 regarding accounts. Thank you.

CANCELLATIONS AFTER 11.00 AM WILL INCUR A FULL FEE CHARGE.

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION**UPCOMING EVENTS****TERM THREE**

Pie Day-This Thursday 21 September-Orders closed yesterday to order your child a pie meal deal. It is a casual clothes day. Wear your team colours (footy colours, jumper or any sport jumper) and school sports shorts, tracksuit pants and runners. (gold coin donation)

TERM FOUR

SAVE THE DATE!!! As seats are limited. Ladies Night: Wednesday 25th October 2017 Venue: Quatrefoils Come and support the students at CRC Sydenham at their restaurant. See flyer.

Sausage Sizzle– Date to be confirmed

Christmas Carols Night– Wednesday 13th December, 7.00pm until 8.30pm

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 be 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



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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



SMMPs PARENTS ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO



On Wednesday the 25th, October

6:00-9:00 pm

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OFF FROM THE COOKING AND KIDS.

LET THE KIDS COOK FOR YOU!

Venue : Quatrefoils Restaurant (run by the students at CRC Sydenham)

380 Sydenham Road, Sydenham (enter via Pecks Rd)

Cost: \$30 per person for 3 courses

There will be door prizes and a Raffle on the night

This is a LADIES ONLY event, so get your girlfriends together and enjoy an evening of catching up over great food and drinks.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

RSVP by October 18th. Seats are limited to 60.

Reply Slip for Ladies Night 2017

Name.....

No. Of Tickets Required @ \$30each.....

Mobile Phone No

Total Enclosed:

Thank you for your support of this event