

# SAINT MARY MACKILLOP Primary School Keilor Downs

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# e-NEWS

Dear Community,



This Sunday we celebrate the most significant event in the story of Christianity; **PENTECOST.** 

On this day, Jesus' friends were locked away in a room, hiding. They did not want to face the same fate as Jesus. They were confused though: their great hope and saviour had been executed and then there were all these rumours about his Resurrection. They did not know what to think or do and then... the Gift of the Holy Spirit was given to them. We call this day Pentecost.

I came across this simple, but excellent reflection on Pentecost.

# Don't Bundle Up Against This Wind

We all love a cool breeze on a hot and humid day. However, we dislike those biting winds that cut right through in winter. That is the wind for you. Sometimes it refreshes **us. Sometimes it shakes us up. Just like the Holy Spirit.** 

This week we celebrate Pentecost, the day when the first Apostles realised that God's Spirit was with them. The Gospel tells this story by recalling how Jesus gave his Apostles the Holy Spirit with a breath. Scripture scholars say that our ancestors described the Spirit of God as a breath or breeze because the wind was one of the most powerful and mysterious forces they witnessed. Just like God's Spirit, it could tear down or refresh, and they could never control it.

Although we cannot control the Holy Spirit, we can still take advantage of its power. It can refresh us when fear, uncertainties, or broken relationships wear us out. It shakes us up when we have done something wrong. It can give us power to stand for justice by doing things like serving the poor, stopping gossip, and marching for peace. It can lead us on adventures.

# ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Each year we publish an Annual Report to the Community. The Victorian Regulations and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) mandate this report. As always, the Annual Report is uploaded to our website: <u>www.mmkeilordowns.cathcolic.edu.au</u>. Alternatively, a hard copy is available at the front office. Just ask Kellie.

CHILD SAFETY

Our website is a wealth of information. If you would like to view our Child Safety Policy, Parent Code of Conduct and Commitment Statement to Child Safety (Catholic Education Commission of Victoria), please visit our website.

All parent or volunteers who assist in our school are briefed on SMMPS Child Safety policies and are required to sign our Parent Code of Conduct and Volunteer Agreement.

All Child Safety procedures and policies, which are mandated, support us as we work together in our absolute commitment and priority to ensure all children are safe.

From The Principal Continued Over The Page.....

## IMPORTANT DATES 2017 Term Dates

Term 2 18 April-30 June

Term 3 17 July-22 September

Term 4 9 October-20 December

# 2017-Term 2

Friday 02 June Year 3 Reflection Day

Monday 12 June Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Friday 30 June Last Day of Term 2-Students finish at 1.00pm

The wisdom of

St. Mary MacKillop

"May God's holy will

be done."

31.5.1870

#### From The Principal Continued....

#### **REFURBISHMENT REPORT**

The new storeroom is well underway. Our builder hopes to open up Room 16A to the Library next week. This space will then become the Library office and workroom. New furniture and furnishings will be installed next term. (We are just waiting on funds from a loan being released.)

The new Multi-Purpose Room (the old library) is all but ready to be utilised as an alternative gathering and learning space. We look to install a kitchen in the space next term, creating an excellent facility for our OSHC program to operate within.

School Improvements take time, but are well worth the wait.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

**Congratulations to all the boys and girls who made their First Holy Communion last Saturday.** All of the children looked wonderful. We trust all families had a joyous day.

I sincerely thank Anne-Marie Conte and the Year 3 teachers; Mrs. Kirsten Mifsud, Miss Tara Ciantar, Mr. Nick Krikelis and Mr. Peter Ansell for all their hard work in preparing the children to receive the Sacrament for the first time. Their commitment is exceptional.

This Friday 2 June, all children will be engaging in a Reflection Day with Maria Forde. Maria worked with all families on our Eucharist Family Evening, and now will spend the day leading the children to an even deeper appreciation of the Sacrament, through song and story. This is a great opportunity for all the children.

Have a good week everybody.

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Anthony McCluskey Principal

#### **ENROLMENTS-PREP 2018**

Our enrolments closed last Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> May. If you have a child starting school next year and have not handed your application into the school office, please do so immediately as we are starting to work on class sizes for 2018.

#### Condolences

We would like to offer our condolences to the Dal Ben Family (Cianah 5B and Dante 1G) on the passing of their great grandmother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.



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# YEAR TWO CUPCAKE INCURSION







Today we created wonderful plain cupcakes. We followed a recipe and worked with chef Tony and chef Alex to make the vanilla cupcakes.

To make the cupcakes we needed to crack two

eggs. We poured the milk and melted butter into the bowl. We mixed the wet ingredients together using an electric beater. Then we sifted the flour, added the dry ingredients and used the electric beater again to mix the batter. A wooden spoon was also used to scrape down the batter from the sides of the bowl. We placed the batter into the cupcake cases. We needed to remember not to over fill the cupcake cases. Chef Tony said to fill the case with the batter only half way. Next



we put the cupcake cases and trays into the oven. When the cupcakes cooled we iced them. Finally, we ate these delicious cupcakes.



By Two Blue.

# SDPSSA Cross Country Carnival 2017

Last Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> of May, our school Cross Country Team travelled to Brimbank Park to compete in the annual Sydenham District Cross country carnival.

Our team has been training hard, from early morning runs, to break time sprints in preparation for this competition. Our runners who are 9/10year olds ran a 2km course, and our 11/12/13year olds ran a 3km course.

All of our competitors did extremely well, and we are really proud of their efforts!

Overall we managed to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 11 schools, which is a fantastic achievement, and an improvement from last year!

# Special mention to:

12/13Girls – Aaliya Gonzalez 1<sup>st</sup> Place

11Girls – Christina Dodaj 5<sup>th</sup> Place

9/10Boys – Jamie Zeine 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

# 9/10Boys – Alex Galea 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

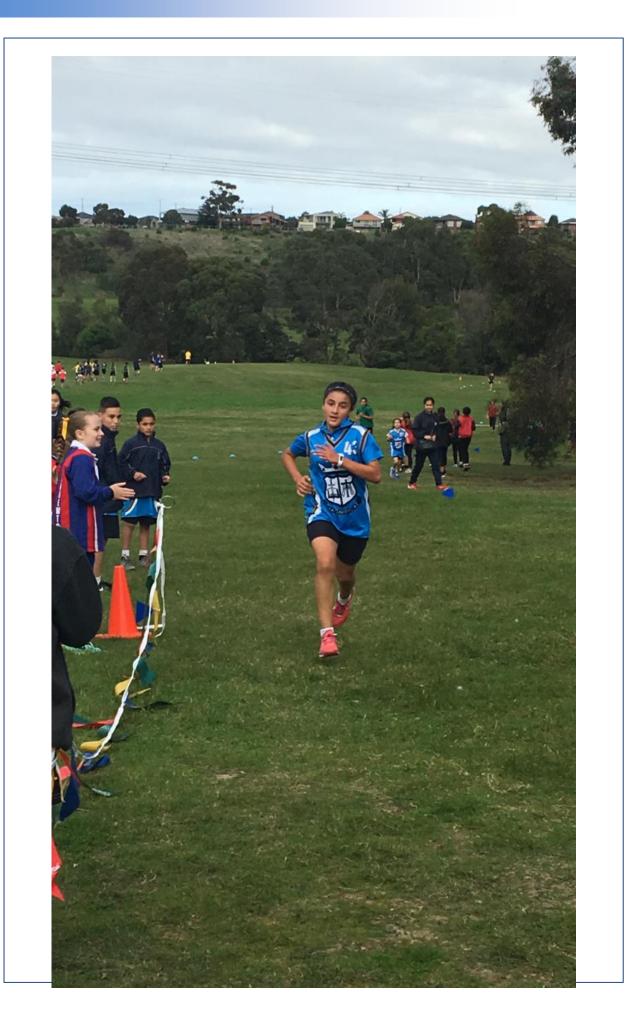
These 4 runners have now qualified for the Division Carnival next week, we wish them the best of luck!

# Congratulations to all our team on a great effort!

<u>9/10s –</u> Grace C, Teresa D, Chiara S, Cianah D, Jules P, Mia S, Jamie Z, Alex G, Aidan B, Mikey S, Maks P, James M, Christian K

<u>11s –</u> Georgia T, Nyadeng G, Noami A, Sienna Z, Christina D, Adrianna P, Jessica J, Dylan A, Lucas M, Owen V, Dylan S, Harrison M, Marc D

<u>12/13s –</u> Aaliay G, Jorja B, Olivia M, Tiana B, Kristen H, Stasha P, James G, Luka P, Ben B, Jett M, Adam S, Gabriel B



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# Wakakirri Update

For the past three weeks the Wakakirri students have been lucky enough to receive support from a group of dedicated CRC

students. As pictured below, the year ten students are helping choreograph one scene in our story

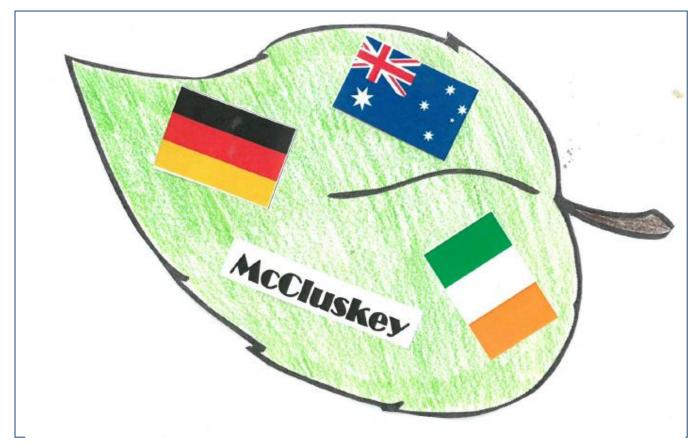


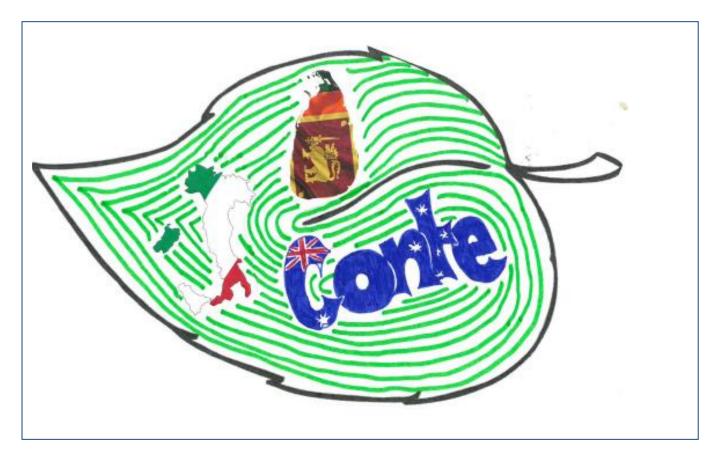


#### CatholicCare Family Week 2017

Last week the eldest child in each family took home a leaf to write their family name and include the colours or symbols of the flags of the countries that represent their family's background. See examples below.

### All leafs must be returned as soon as possible to their classroom teacher.





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# **PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION**

#### **UP AND COMING EVENTS**

Next meeting held next Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June time will be confirmed in next week's e-news.

## TERM TWO

Special Lunch Day – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June. More details next week. Hoyts Movie Night – 16th June Despicable Me 3 @ 6:30pm all tickets \$12.50 each. Crazy Hair Day– 30<sup>th</sup> June: Last day of term. Gold coin donation.

# **TERM THREE**

Ladies Night – August – Date and venue to be confirmed Father's Day Stall–31<sup>st</sup> August and 1<sup>st</sup> September Dance Party– Date to be confirmed

# 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 Books are in stock. If you would like to order your copy just visit <u>www.entbook.com.au/9127y31</u> and place your order online. Books and 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 as St Mary Mackillop P.S will receive 20% of all membership sales! Thank you for your support.



# **Outside School Hours Care Program**

Last week at OSHC we had planned to do Aboriginal themed activities. However seeing as we had some sunny, mild afternoons we spent the majority of the week outside enjoying the weather while we are still able to. The children were given the choice whether to stay indoors and do the activities or go outside. They voted to go outside and so we did. When outside the child are able to use the decking area to draw and colour in, read or do homework if they wish to not play on the play ground.

Please remember to SMS through any cancellations on 0450 211 909 before 11.00am otherwise a full fee charge will incur. Staffing arrangements for the afternoon session need to be finalised at 11.00 am as the OSHC program runs on an Educator to Child ratio.

We hope everyone has a great week and we thank you for your continued support.

From the OSHC Team



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

CANCELLATIONS AFTER 11.00 AM WILL INCUR A FULL FEE CHARGE

Thank you.

If you have a Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card, please complete and return to the office to receive \$125.00 discount per child off your school fees.

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 information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant

Date / /