



e-NEWS



IMPORTANT DATES 2017 Term Dates

Term 3

17 July-22 September

Term 4

9 October-20 December

2017-Term 3

Thursday 27 July

Wakakirri Performance at
Clocktower Moonee Ponds
from 1.00pm

Tuesday 1 August

100 Days of Prep-See
CareMonkey for details

Monday 7 August-

Friday 11 August

Book Fair-More details
next week

Tuesday 8 August

Feast of St. Mary
MacKillop

Tuesday 15 August

Feast of St. Mary of the
Assumption

Monday 21 August

Book Week

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

Dear Community,

Welcome back to Term 3. I trust it will be a term of learning and wellbeing for all teachers, children and members of our community.

St. Mary MacKillop wrote on this date in 1907, "**Let no obstacles deter you from proceeding with courage.**" Inspired and confident, we know that we can, together as a community, celebrate the positives and face the challenges that may come our way, as work, learn and play together this term.

We have lots to look forward to this term:

1. We look to **re- opening our new school library** for borrowing. Though it is not quite finished, it will be ready for operation
2. **PMP will start in the new Multi-Purpose Room (MPR)**. The MPR is not finished (money is short) however, the space is still suitable for use for PMP and for other activities.
3. On Wednesday 26 July, we will be undertaking the **Victorian Regulations and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) Review of our school**. This is a State Government compliance review of paperwork, policy, and procedure.
4. **On Thursday 27 July, a number of students from Years 4, 5 and 6 will be participating in Wakakirri at the Clocktower in Moonee Ponds**. Wakakirri is Australia's largest Performing Arts events for schools. It is a tremendous extra-curricular activity for our children. See below for more details.
5. **On Monday 11 September, the Year 6 students head off to Canberra and Sydney for our annual Canberra/Sydney experience.**

We will also be scheduling a school closure to construct our new School Improvement Plan for the next four years. I am meeting with Catholic Education Melbourne staff this week, who will be facilitating this process. We will set a date then and I will announce the date of the school closure next week, with plenty of notice.

Have a good term everybody.

Anthony McCluskey
Principal

*The wisdom of
St. Mary MacKillop*

***"Let no obstacles deter
you from proceeding
with courage"***

10.3.1907

CHILD-SAFETY

St. Mary MacKillop P.S. is committed to child safety. Our revised School Vision Statement clearly states this fact:

In and through
positive relationships
we aspire to protect all children
under our care, prioritising
their safety and wellbeing.

Furthermore, we have a Child Safety Policy, which outlines our commitment to and procedures to deal with issues related to the safety of all children. Please see our Child Safety Policy on our School Website under Policies.

I will be briefing our staff on the new Reportable Conduct Scheme that came into law on 1 July 2017.

There are five types of 'reportable conduct' listed in the *Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005*:

- sexual offences (against, with or in the presence of, a child)
- sexual misconduct (against, with or in the presence of, a child)
- physical violence (against, with or in the presence of, a child)
- behaviour that is likely to cause significant emotional or psychological harm
- significant neglect.

If we become aware of any such behaviour, we are compelled by law to report such behaviour, not to mention our moral and ethical responsibility.

WAKAKIRRI

A great story can change the way people think about the world around them. Wakakirri is a performing arts festival where schools aim to do just that.

Each year hundreds of schools across Australia create Story-Dances for Wakakirri that reflect student's thoughts, ideas and aspirations. These stories are performed in professional theatres in front of the official 'Wakakirri Panel' who are searching for 'Story of the Year'.

A Wakakirri Story Dance is a 3-7 minute performance by a group of students who theatrically tell a story using a combination of dancing, creative movement and acting to pre-recorded music. Schools can tell any story and use any combination of dance, acting, music, sets, props and costumes. The possibilities are endless! You're invited to incorporate the annual signature item into your story for an extra challenge.

The aim of Wakakirri is to teach students about themselves and others through the creating and sharing of stories and by this process develop students' educational outcomes, lifestyle choices and community awareness.

Performing in Wakakirri is an experience students never forget. Schools spend Show Day rehearsing and meeting other schools and that same night walk the Red Carpet with the Panel Reps and perform on the big stage. Every schools' story is filmed for Wakakirri TV as part of the search for 'Story of the Year'.

Wakakirri is for every Primary School in Australia and has categories for all levels of experience. Every school can enter. Wakakirri encourages schools to minimise their footprint when creating props and costumes for their performance and offers special awards for schools that excel in this area.

Established in 1992, Wakakirri is Australia's largest Performing Arts Event for schools, involving over 20,000 students across every State and Territory. Over 1 million people watch Wakakirri performances each year.

Parent Assistance in the Classroom

Parents as Reading Partners.

On **Thursday 27th July** we will be holding another **Parent as Reading Partners** briefing in the school library at **2.00pm**. Parents as Reading Partners give children the much needed opportunity to read aloud to a supportive adult and thus build their confidence as a reader.

All interested volunteers (**this includes parents who have previously participated in Parents as Reading Partners**) will need to attend to sign a Child Safety Code of Conduct before assisting at SMMPS. You will also be required to produce or apply for a Working with Children's Check.

Once this induction has been completed we will work through the role of a parent assisting as a reading partner in a classroom. We will discuss how children make meaning from print and various strategies to support their reading.

Your support is greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday afternoon.

Rita Krnac , Anna Yorston & Jenny Melki

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

UP COMING EVENTS

Welcome back. We hope you all had a lovely break. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 27th July. It will be nice to see some new faces.

TERM THREE

Ladies Night – August – Date and venue to be confirmed

Father's Day Stall – 31st August (all classes) - 1st September (first break only)

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 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

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.

There will also be a pasta day. A choice of beef lasagna, spaghetti bolognese and triple cheese macaroni.

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

Enrolment Key Dates

YEAR 7, 2019



Wednesday, 24 May 2017

Applications Open

Twilight Tour 5.30 – 6.30pm

**For bookings please phone 9361 5900*

Enrolment Information Session 7pm (College Hall)

**Parents only Session. Bookings not required.*

Friday, 25 August 2017

Applications close.

Friday, 13 October 2017

1st Round offers posted.

Friday, 27 October 2017

Final date for acceptance of 1st Round offers.



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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.



CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

Foster parent* **OR** Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- 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 ____/____/____