



IMPORTANT DATES

2017 Term Dates

Term 3

17 July-22 September

Term 4

9 October-20 December

2017-Term 3

Monday 7 August-

Friday 11 August

Book Fair

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

Thursday 31 August

Father's Day Breakfast-

more details next week

Father's Day Stall

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

e-NEWS



Dear Community,

Happy Feast Day!

Today is great day... a day to celebrate the gift of St. Mary MacKillop to our world.

Mary MacKillop was born on 15 January 1842 in Fitzroy. She died on 8 August 1909 in Nth Sydney and is buried in Nth Sydney in St. Joseph's Chapel in Mount Street.

Mary was an ordinary woman living an extraordinary life. She was born into poverty and as a child lived from house to house with her family and then with relatives.

Mary was sent to work as a governess to some children in Penola, South Australia. She was only 18 years of age. There she met a local priest, Fr. Julian Tenison-Woods, who encouraged and supported Mary in starting a school for children in the district who did not have the opportunity to receive an education.

Soon women inspired by Mary's generosity and goodness joined Mary and together as a community, they set about serving children through providing them with an education. From these humble beginnings, the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (the Josephites) were founded.

The Sisters of St. Joseph have had a particular focus on caring for the poor through education, baby homes, services for unwed mothers, orphanages, aged care and many other ministries of service to those in need.

Over Mary's lifetime and continuing onto now, the spirit of St. Mary MacKillop is alive through the Sisters of St. Joseph and in many schools and services in her name. In short, Mary was a woman of prayer and immense courage, who;

"Never saw a need without doing something about it!"

Pope Benedict XV1 recognised Mary as Australia's first saint, on 17 October 2010. Mary is an inspirational role model for all Australians, as she is our saint, however all persons of the world can look to Mary for inspiration. She was and still is a great woman to many people. Here at St. Mary MacKillop P.S., the spirit of Mary is most certainly active and alive.

Our children know Mary. They know what she stood for and are inspired to be like her.

Lily (3Y) wrote a prayer yesterday. Lily's prayer sums up much about who Mary is to us here at SMMPS.

Dear Saint Mary Mackillop,

Thank you Saint Mary MacKillop for being our protector and leader.

For always guiding us in a helpful and respectful way.

We have learnt to take actions when we see a need, and ,

We have always followed your ways.

AMEN

*The wisdom of
St. Mary MacKillop*

"God is good"

08.08.1894

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On Monday, two Sisters of St. Joseph visited our school. They spoke with all the children in our new Multi-Purpose Room (the old library). Sr. Judith spoke about Mary as a woman who lived as part of a community and what that means for us. Sr. Jeanne spoke to the children about the work of Joseph's Corner.

Joseph's Corner is a ministry run by the Sisters of St. Joseph in the Western suburbs of Melbourne. Joseph's Corner provides support to families of people who suffer from alcohol and drug addiction. The Sisters recognised services are available for addicts, however they saw a need to care for and support the families of addicts, as there was no service for them.

Joseph's Corner provides counselling, food, basic goods, and gift hampers at Christmas, at the very least. They also assist with paying essential service bills when needed (e.g. electricity etc). This is a tremendous and practical service. The Sisters see a need and are doing something about it!

BUT WHAT CAN WE DO TO SUPPORT JOSEPH'S CORNER and MARY MACKILLOP'S SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH!

Dona (6Y) came up with a suggestion... and what a wonderful response to a need!

We are holding our Book Fair this week. If every family bought at least one book and donated it to Joseph's Corner, we would be able to provide Joseph's Corner with many books to provide to families in need. As Sr. Jeanne said to me yesterday, many of the children in the families they serve would never have owned a new book. What a wonderful gift we would be providing to these children, through your generosity of buying at least one book.

Here is a chance for us all to get involved in a practical social justice activity in the name of Mary MacKillop. **PLEASE BUY A BOOK TO DONATE!** Leave the book in the basket in the library and together with our school captains, we will deliver the books to Joseph's Corner.

Happy Feast Day everybody and have a good week.



Anthony McCluskey
Principal

At St. MARY MACKILLOP P.S., we....

"never see a need without doing something about it"!

The sisters of St. Joseph care for families of people suffering from addiction, through an organisation called **Joseph's Corner.**

Joseph's Corner has a need and we here at SMMPS are going to do something about it....

PLEASE...

BUY AT LEAST ONE BOOK TO DONATE TO JOSEPH'S CORNER.

These books will then be delivered to Joseph's corner for distribution to children who might never have owned a new book.

THIS IS SOCIAL JUSTICE IN ACTION.

PLEASE BUY A BOOK... *Thank-you for seeing a need and doing something about it!*

*Never see a need
without doing
something about it.*

Mary MacKillop, 1871

*Find happiness
in making
others happy.*

Mary MacKillop, 1899

Happy Feast Day

We are truly blessed to have had people like Mary MacKillop who have gone before us and provided such an incredible example of how we can be Jesus in the world. Mary was an ordinary person who through her unwavering faith and unfailing love of God did extraordinary things. There are people in our lives and across the world who are shining examples of ways in which we can live out the gospel.

We were blessed with a visit from two Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart yesterday. Sr Judith Geddes from the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre in East Melbourne and Sr Jeanne Dwyer from Joseph's Corner spoke to the students yesterday about the work that they are doing to keep Mary MacKillop's work going in communities today. They encouraged the students and staff to be people who looked for the needs in their own families and in the school community and did something about it.

Have a lovely day everyone.



Anne-Marie Conte
Religious Education Leader

*Believe in the
whisperings of God
in your own heart.*

Mary MacKillop, 1868

*Be full of
forgiveness, hope
and love.*

Mary MacKillop, 1873

Book Fair

This year's book fair will be held from Monday 7th August - Friday 11th 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-

Tuesday 8th August - Parent preview	3.00 –3.15pm(NO SALES)
Wednesday 9th August - Book Sales	3.15-4.00pm
Thursday 10th August - Book sales	8.15-8.50am 2.45-3.00pm(PARENTS ONLY) 3.15-4.00pm
Friday 11th 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!



Joseph's Corner-Casual Clothes Day

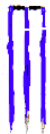
Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Staff Members,

We are extremely thankful that you helped us support the Sisters of Saint Joseph's Corner. We are very proud to say we raised an amount of \$690. Thank you for all your support and generous thoughts and action towards this charity and fundraiser.

Sincerely,
Antonia 6G and Jorja 6R



Taylor's Lakes Cricket Club



BARBECUE AND REGISTRATION DAY

Friday 1st September 2017

5.30pm - 7.30pm

AT OUR CLUBROOMS: LIONHEART RESERVE
LIONHEART AVENUE, TAYLORS LAKES

Junior Cricket (U10/U12/U14/U16) Girls also welcome
for (U13's team age between 9 and 14 years old)
\$200 per player (\$20 discount per sibling) including
Melbourne Renegades 2 Game Membership!

WE ARE REGISTERED WITH BRIMBANK In2Sport -
subsidised fees available

www.taylorlakescricketclub.com.au

Please contact me if you have any questions
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PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

UP COMING EVENTS

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

TERM THREE

Ladies Night – Date and venue to be confirmed

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

Dance Party– Friday 8th 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 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



Catholic
Regional College
North Keilor

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





Outside School Hours Care Program

Dear All,

Last week at OSHC we managed to enjoy the outdoors twice. We had two beautiful afternoons and therefore we made the most of the sunshine by taking the children outside to play. We did not stay out for long as the cold air set in by 5.00 pm. We continued on with indoor activities for the rest of the week. We made an eggless chocolate cake which of course was very yummy!

We continued on with our science experiments in the morning sessions. We discovered a few interesting facts. When we put the base of a celery in coloured water. The base of the celery filtered the coloured water. The celery cells reproduced and multiplied and the celery continued to grow but it grew in its normal colour. We put celery stalks in coloured water. The celery stalks changed colour but they did not continue to grow, they stayed the same size. We were all fascinated. Our next experiment will be the "Naked Egg"!



We hope everyone has a wonderful week. 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.

Australian Girls Choir Workshop

Wednesday August 16.

If you are interested in your daughter attending this workshop please return the form that went home last Thursday (3/8/17) to the office.

The workshop will be run during school hours with the girls who are genuinely interested, and any disruption to classes is minimised.

On the day, interested girls will participate in a workshop with one of the experienced tutors, involving simple rhythm, pitch and movement activities and games.

Following the workshop, the tutor will send an encouraging personalised written report to the parents of each girl who participated.