



e-NEWS



IMPORTANT DATES

2017 Term Dates

Term 3

17 July-22 September

Term 4

9 October-20 December

2017-Term 3

Monday 21 August

Book Week

Parade at 9.00am in the Hall

Thursday 31 August

Father's Day Breakfast see form attached

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

Dear Community,

We are a school in the name of St. Mary MacKillop. As Principal of our school, it is my mission, with the support of my staff, to make St. Mary MacKillop known to all of our children. Mary MacKillop is a great role model for all people, for all Australians and for all of our students. We want all children in our school to know whom Mary MacKillop was as a woman, living and working around Melbourne and beyond, a little over 100 years ago.

Most importantly though, we want our children to know whom St Mary MacKillop is as a saint, influencing our world today.

Last week we celebrated the feast of St. Mary MacKillop. I appreciate all the support from staff and parents in helping us to celebrate this day. We celebrated with a mass, which was central to the life of Mary MacKillop. We enjoyed a BBQ as a treat and we gave each child a bag of lollies, in the tradition of Mary MacKillop herself, who often distributed lollies to girls and boys in her schools and orphanages.

We also welcomed Sr. Jeanne and Sr. Judith, Sisters of St. Joseph, to our school to speak about Mary MacKillop as a member of the community and to talk of some of the work being done today in her name.

On that note, I thank all the very generous families who choose to donate books to Joseph's Corner, a charity in Mary MacKillop's name. You will hear more of Joseph's Corner in the next months. As a Catholic school, we need to be outward looking and attend to matters of social justice. Joseph's Corner is one such way in which we can do so.

Over the past week, our Year Six students have been reflecting on the quotes and letters of Mary MacKillop. I am very proud of their contributions and thoughts. I share some reflections here from Year 6G and Year 6Y.

FROM 6G

The students were given a quote card to reflect on, and then they shared their reflections.

Here are some of the quotes and what the students said:

"Have courage no matter what your crosses are"

Student response: *Keep going even if there are challenges in life.*

"All will be right with time and a little patience"

Student response: *Just need to wait and God is by your side.*

"We must teach more by example than by word"

Student response: *Show, not tell; we need to act, not just talk about it.*

"We can all work quietly doing our best for God"

Student Response: *We do not look for any praise when we do something for God.*

"There where you are you'll find God"

Student Response: *No matter where you are, God is there.*

"God's love is too deep for words to express"

Student Response: *God's love is eternal; no one can describe this love.*

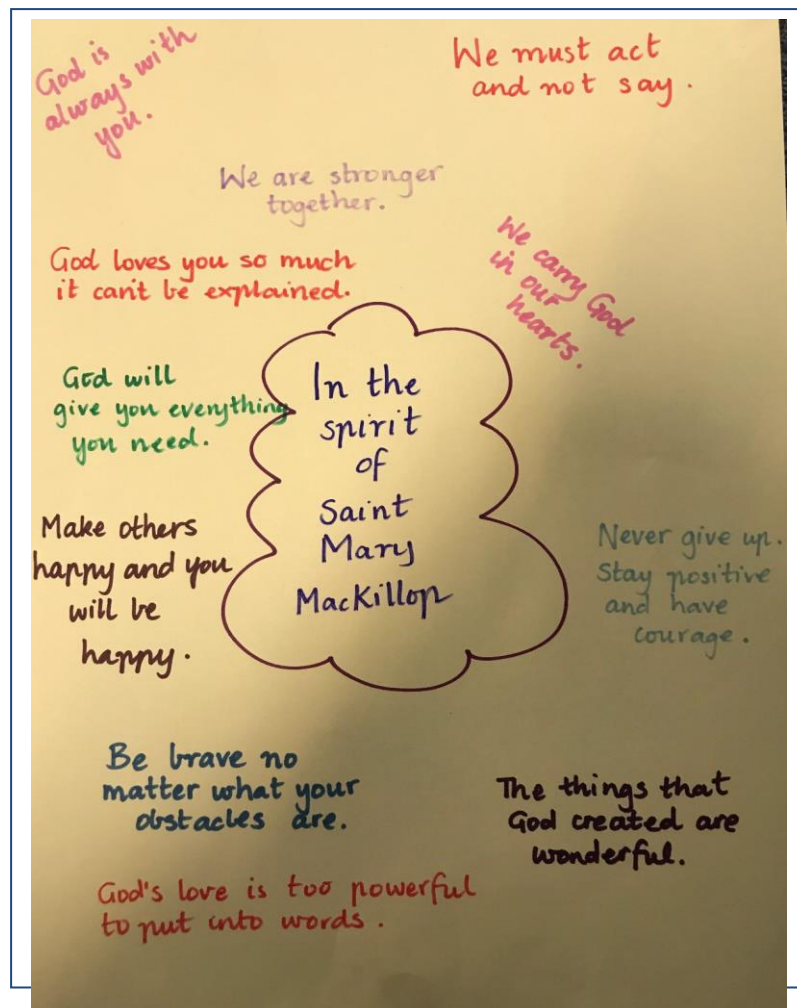
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*The wisdom of
St. Mary MacKillop*

**"Quietly leave all to
God"**

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And the students from 6Y put this poster together:



Have a good week everybody.

Anthony McCluskey

Anthony McCluskey
Principal

FURNITURE FOR THE TAKING

St. Mary MacKillop P.S. is currently upgrading furniture in learning spaces throughout the school. Whilst we have donated lots of furniture to schools and institutions in need, we still have some furniture to give away.

Have a look on the verandah facing the carpark in the middle of the school. If you would like to take any of this furniture, please take as much as you want. It is too good to throw out, but it may be handy in your home or garage. Bring a trailer and take it away..... All to a good home!

You will find available:

- **Prep size classroom chairs.** These are small and easy to stack in the garage. Bring them out for a party in the back yard.
- **Classroom tables with adjustable legs.** These make great study tables or additional bench space in the garage.
- **Swivel Chairs.** Ideal for your child's study desk.
- **Random pieces of furniture.** Take what you want.

And if you don't want it... tell a friend! Thanks everyone.

Canteen-Special Subway Days

Starting next Friday the 25th August until the end of the year, we are having some special Subway Days. Get onto flexischools.com.au and the meal includes a 6 inch sub, choice of apple juice or chocolate milk, and a cookie all for \$7.95.

Prep to Year 3 will get their first break and Year 4 to 6 second break.

The dates for the special days are fortnightly, 25th August, 08th September, 13th October, 27th October, 10th November, 24th November and 08th December.



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!



Book Fair

The school has had another successful book fair with over \$13,400 worth of books & variety items being sold. The library will receive a commission from Scholastic to purchase new books for the library.

Thank you to all staff for your support & a special thanks to staff members Heath, James, Jenny, Rita & parent helper Dinah Vidot.

Also we had over 160 books donated to Joseph's Corner.

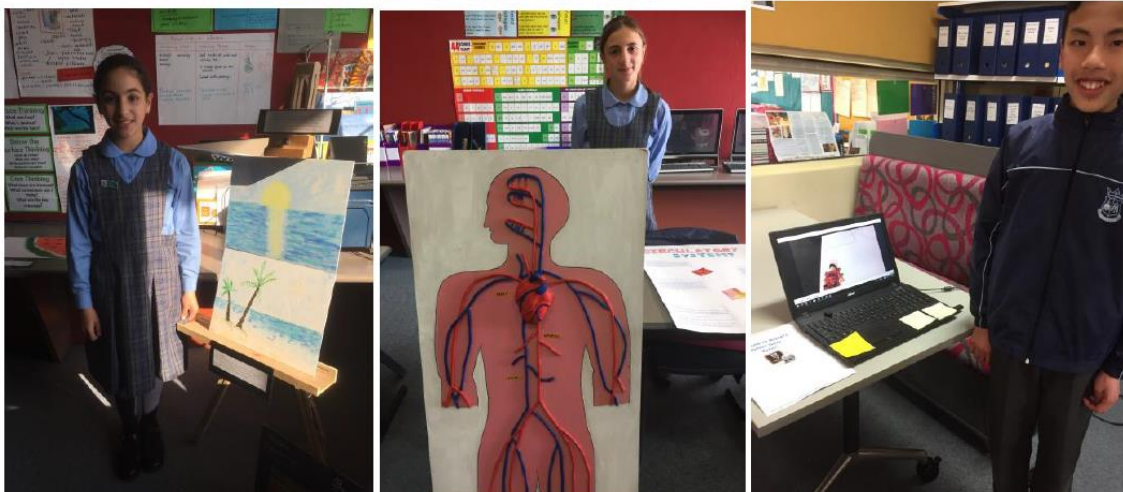
Thanks again everyone.

Denise Thorne-Library Technician

80/20

Over the last few months the Year Sixes have been working on projects during a subject called 80/20. The idea originally came from Google. It means 80% learning and 20% your passion. During this time some of us made movies while some of us built go-carts! We also had to plan, draft, edit, and publish a learning story. In this learning story, we had to write about the process we undertook, what learning we did e.g the curriculum, our struggles and highlights, key challenges, how we felt and our next step. It has been a really fun experience and we have learnt so much.

By Mikaela Ellery



PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

UP COMING EVENTS

Our next meeting will be held this Thursday 17th August at 9.00am in the staff room. New faces and fresh ideas are always welcome!

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





Taylors 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.taylorslakescricketclub.com.au

Please contact me if you have any questions

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Outside School Hours Care Program

Dear All,

Last week at OSHC discovered the "Naked Egg". We put a raw egg in a jar filled with vinegar for two days. The acid in the vinegar dissolved the shell leaving a skin which the children said felt like a rubber balloon. We were able to bounce, shake, poke and squeeze the raw egg. It acted like a rubber ball. We finally got it to burst. The children asked if we could do the experiment again only this time they want to put the raw egg in milk to see if the milk will make a difference to the thickness of the shell.

We finally said goodbye to our celery experiment. It was time to move on. Miss Mary took it home and put it in her lentil soup.

We were hoping to make Oat Biscuits during the cooking activity, but the children insisted on making chocolate cake again and so we did. We also continued with all our other activities - knitting, playing, dodge ball, play dough, drawing, cutting, pasting, lego etc.



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.



Thornhill Drive Kindergarten and Children's Centre have **vacancies** in our three year old activity group for **2018**.

Sessions are held:

Tuesday and Thursday 9.30am – 12.30pm

39 Thornhill Drive Keilor Downs 3038

(Situated behind the Keilor Downs shopping centre)

FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT:

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OR bpachildrens services.com

CATHOLIC REGIONAL COLLEGE SYDENHAM TOURS THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER



**COMMENCING AT 9.15AM
MEETING AT RECEPTION**

You will meet the Principal who will take you on a tour of the College where you will learn about the VCE and VCAL programs and extra curricula opportunities in action and view the amazing facilities on offer for Senior Secondary students.

To register your attendance please contact Gina Zumbo on 9361 0004 or enrolments@crtsydenham.net

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ALL OUR DAD'S ARE INVITED TO OUR.....

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Date: Thursday 31st August, 2017

Time: 7:15am to 08:45am

Venue: St Mary MacKillop School Hall

Cost: **\$5.00 (per person)** to help cover the costs. Any profits will be donated to a Men's Health charity.

We invite our Dads, Grandads, Uncles and any other significant males in our children's lives to join us for an egg and bacon breakfast at school.

What's on the menu? I hear you ask! We will have:

- Egg and Bacon Sandwiches
- Sausages
- Juice
- Cappuccino, Long Black, Hot Chocolate & Tea can be purchased for \$3.00

Please complete the slip below and return with your money to the office by **Friday 25th August**. **As this is a catered event, we strictly cannot accept any replies after this date.**

Hope to see you there!

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST – Thursday 31st August, 2017

Family Name	
Eldest Child's Name and Class	
Number of persons attending	
<p>I enclose my \$ _____ for the Father's Day Breakfast</p>	

NB: Please return to school by Friday 25th August, 2017