



e-NEWS



IMPORTANT DATES

2017 Term Dates

Term 3

17 July-22 September

Term 4

9 October-20 December

2017-Term 3

Thursday 31 August

Father's Day Breakfast
from 7.15am in Hall
Father's Day Stall

Friday 8 September

School Dance Party
6.00pm- 8.00pm
Permission slip attached

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,

As a father, father-in-law, grandfather and an educator of children for 38 years, I have clocked up a few years of experience! As I grow older, I look back and reflect on how well I might have cared for, and nurtured my own children. I reflect on how I relate with my grandchildren and I always reflect on the responsibility I have in caring for your children.

I know there were times when I could have done things slightly differently; however, I do know that my intentions are and have always been sincere. I particularly enjoy the role of grandfather. I am more relaxed, attentive and engaged with my grandchildren. Perhaps that comes with the gift of growing older and mellowing with time! I am confident too, that my relationship with my grandchildren influences my relationship with your children. I see each child, ever so more clearly, as a unique individual, loved by a family and striving to navigate their way through life, at whatever stage they might be.

On Sunday, we celebrate Father's Day. I invite each parent or carer, fathers in particular, to read the attachment to this e-NEWS, 'Father to Father'. Once again, Michael Grose puts his experience and wisdom into writing. Perhaps all of us could learn something from this article.

Have a good week everybody and to all the Dad's out there, have a **Happy Father's Day**. See you at the breakfast on Thursday.

Have a good week everybody.

Anthony McCluskey
Principal

*The wisdom of
St. Mary MacKillop*

"Be of good heart."

29.08.1876

Thats a wrap for Saint Mary MacKillops 2017 Wakakirri journey. Unfortunately, we were not shortlisted for finals; however, we send well wishes to the selected schools. Congratulations again to the hard working year four, five and six students who collaborated on 'Sudden Stawell.' Until next time. Chookas



WAKAKIRRI PRIMARY SCHOOL CHALLENGE

VIC REGION 2017

STORY AWARDS - DIVISION ONE

BERWICK LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL - Best World History Story Award

CARRANBALLAC PREP TO 9 COLLEGE - Best Biographical History Story Award

PEARCEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL - Best Original Story Award

PARK RIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL - Best Social Media Story Award

STORY AWARDS - DIVISION TWO

ST PETER APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL - Best Adapted Story Award

DEVON MEADOWS PRIMARY SCHOOL - Best Motivational Story Award

UPPER FERNTREE GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL - Best Global Awareness Story Award

MOUNT DANDENONG PRIMARY SCHOOL - Best Environmental Story Award

STORY AWARDS - DIVISION THREE

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PRIMARY SCHOOL - Best Blockbuster Story Award

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL, HORSHAM - Best Original Story Award

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, WILLIAMSTOWN - Best Raising Awareness Story Award

LYSTERFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL - Best Environmental Story Award

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POSITIVE PARENTING



Father to Father

by Michael Grose

As a father and father-in-law to three young dads, it's great to see each of them embracing the life-changing nature of fatherhood and becoming fully involved in their children's lives.

I see myself in these young fathers, and in doing so I'd like to guide them away from making the same fathering mistakes I did. However, knowing that young dads are loathe to take fathering advice from a member of the previous generation, I'll give the following advice to my younger self instead:

1. Play to your strengths

Men generally parent differently to women, based on their biology. Fathers often parent in a more active or action-oriented way than mothers so games, play and physical activity become important parts of a man's parenting repertoire. Your partner may not always appreciate your more active approach, particularly if you play with kids just before bedtime then leave it to her to calm them down.

Practical advice: Be yourself, but be smart about it!

2. Lighten up – don't take yourself too seriously

It's easy to get caught up in your own importance, taking yourself and your work too seriously. For many men a bad day at work translates into poor or, at best, distracted experiences when they're with their families. Consider putting a strategy in place, such as exercise, that will help you leave work and the moods it engenders behind.

Practical advice: Be present in mind as well as in body when you're with your kids.

3. Have something in common with each child

It would be wonderful to say that you can always connect with your kids, but family life is not that straightforward. There'll always be a child who we struggle to connect with or a developmental stage during which a child seems alien to us. In these cases and times it helps if you share a common interest (such as a love of sport or music) with a child so that you always have something that will bring you together, even though you may not always see eye to eye.

Practical advice: Be prepared to take an interest in your child's interests.



4. Take it easy on your son

Many dads are tough on their boys and have expectations way above their son's interest and ability levels. It helps to remember that it takes a little longer for a boy to mature. Resist the temptation to turn every game and

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every joint activity into a lesson and avoid giving advice when all your son wants is some understanding.

Practical advice: See the boy as he is now, not the future man, when you spend time with him.

5. Enjoy the outdoors with your daughter

The biological nature of fathering causes most men to be very protective of their daughters. But that doesn't mean you should put your daughter on a pedestal and treat her like a little princess. Expect a lot from her. Play with her, and get her outside into nature as it will do wonders for her confidence levels.

Practical advice: Enjoy spending time with your daughters on a daily basis.

6. Be ready for kids to knock you off your pedestal

Most children in the pre-school and middle- to late-primary school years look up to their dads. "My dad is better/bigger than your dad" is a type of mantra that's familiar to many parents. Make the most of it as this Superman Syndrome doesn't last. Young children soon become adolescents and will go to great lengths to prove that you're Clarke Kent after all. Expect that they will stop laughing at your jokes, raise an eyebrow at your well-intentioned advice and even stop being friendly to you in public. Ouch! It can be hurtful to a man who just wants to be the best dad he can be.

Practical advice: See number 2 above: don't take yourself too seriously.

7. Give your kids a compass and a map

One day your children will become independent of you. Don't worry! You won't be irrelevant, just redundant in a practical and managerial sense. There are two things you can do to help your kids safely navigate the world when you're not around. First, help them develop a set of positive values including integrity, honesty and respect that will act as their moral compass when they have difficult decisions to make. Second, reveal your personal story over time as this narrative will become a personal map that will reassure them when life gets tough. It's good to know that they are not in uncharted territory when they finally strike out on their own.

Practical advice: Tell kids your story – don't make them guess it or learn it from someone else.

Father's Day is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the contribution that men make to the lives of their children. It's a very personal reflection as each man's experience of fathering is as unique as the children they are raising. I invite you to reflect on your own fathering as well as the contribution that fathers – whether your own dad or someone else's – have made to your own life.



Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's the author of 10 books for parents including Thriving! and the best-selling Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It, and his latest release Spoonfed Generation: How to raise independent children.

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

UP COMING EVENTS

No Meeting this week due to the Father's Day Stall

TERM THREE

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

Dance Party– Friday 8th September 6pm-8pm. See Flyer. Permission Slips attached.

Ladies Night – 25th October at Quatrefoils Restaurant (CRC Sydenham)-more details soon

TERM FOUR

Sausage Sizzle– Date to be confirmed

Christmas Carols Night– 13th December, 2017

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

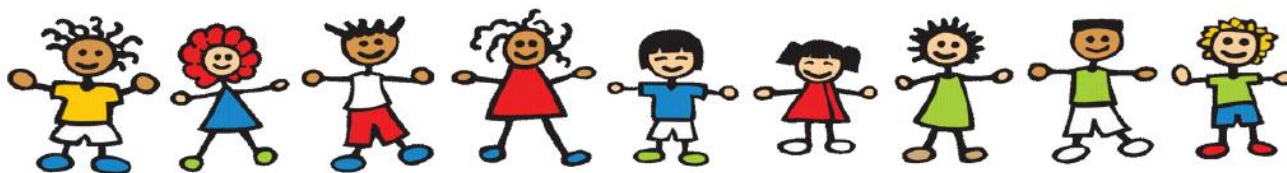


Father's Day Stall-This Thursday 31st August

This Thursday the Parent's and Friends are running the annual stall. All classes will be going with their teacher on this day. Children can bring a maximum of \$20.00 on the day. If you have any questions, please see Kellie at the office.

Subway Lunch Day-Next Friday 8th September

Last week's Subway Lunch was a success. The next one is on Friday 8th of September. Get onto flexischools.com.au to order. Orders close Monday at 12pm.



Outside School Hours Care Program

Dear All,

The School Dance is fast approaching. The OSHC program will run as usual on that day from the school hall. Please be sure if your child is attending the program on that afternoon that they are picked and signed out of the program by 6.00 pm.

Last week at OSHC we experimented with sound barriers. We made cups that sounded like a chicken. We also introduced sewing as part of our morning sessions. We cannot tell you what the children are sewing because it is a surprise for father's day! We made chocolate cake on the Monday and we also made Healthy Apricot Truffles which were delish. We managed to enjoy only one afternoon outdoors this week. We all cannot wait until we are able to spend more warm afternoons outdoors.



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.



Important information regarding your child's CDF Student Passbook Accounts

Today's students live in a high-tech world. Coins, notes & paper passbook accounts have become 'tap & go' and App based mobile payments. Alongside this rapid technological change the Catholic Development Fund is facing a more rigorous Government regulatory environment. Joining with other CDF's across Australia in a new CDF Community Fund they are committed to continuing to provide savings offerings for students.

They are now offering students a 31 Day Mission Student Saver Account. This new wholly online savings account is for pre-school, primary and secondary school students.

Students can earn **bonus interest** for regular savings (currently up to a total amount possible of **2.35% p.a**). They can also feel really good that their money, pooled with the money of other students, is being used to support the growth of the Church by building new schools, parishes, hospitals and aged care facilities.

The CDF are asking for your support to transition your child now to the new 31 Day Mission Saver. Go to www.cdfcommunityfund.org.au/students and fill out the form (tick 'existing student'). Please note an adult will need to be the 'authoriser' on the account and will need to fill out the application form and upload "ID" as part of the process due to changes in Government regulations.

The traditional CDF School passbook savings accounts will be discontinued at the end of Term 3 on 22 September, 2017. CDF will be contact all account holders regarding a process of transitioning to the new 31 Day Mission Saver account.

Any questions please contact CDF on Tel: 1800 134 135 or visit www.cdfcommunityfund.org.au

A colorful graphic for the '31 Day Mission Student Saver' account. The title '31 DAY MISSION STUDENT SAVER' is written in large, bold, blue letters. A white line starts from the '1' and winds through the text, ending at a tree on the right. Along this line, there are several icons and text boxes: a lightbulb with 'Your investment', a church with 'aged care/health facilities', a school building with 'Helps us build churches', and a tree with 'and schools'. The word 'Thanks!' is written at the end of the line. The background is light blue with a yellow ground area at the bottom.



Collect bonus interest for regular savings while also supporting the Catholic Community. Sign up for your online student account today!



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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ST MARY MACKILLOP P.S. PARENTS ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO



Dance Party 2017



FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH

6.00- 8.00PM- ALL YEAR LEVELS

(HALL OPENS FROM 5:45PM)

\$5.00 per person which includes:

- * **entry**
- * **bucket of hot chips**
- * **unlimited drinks**
- * **a glow stick necklace**



**DJ Rose will be pumping out awesome music
and there will also be PRIZES on the night for:**

- * **Funniest dressed Boy/ Girl**
- * **Grooviest dancer in each year level**

DANCE PARTY 2017 Permission Slip
(One Slip per Family)

Students Names:

Grades:

Parents Contact name:.....

Parents contact number:.....

Cost: \$5.00 per child

Parent helpers will be required on the night. If you are able to assist on the evening, please supply your details below:

Name:.....Mobile No:.....

Working With Children No:

*Children will be served hot chips and cordial on the night. If you have any concerns about food allergies, please contact the school office.

*Does your child have Asthma/Allergic Reaction or Anaphylaxis?.....

If yes, you will need to remain onsite with your child’s medication. As this is an event run by the Parents and Friends, there will be NO Staff present.

*Photos will be taken on the evening for publication in the school newsletter only.

*****Please return permission slip by Wednesday 6th September*****

