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IMPORTANT DATES

2017 Term Dates

Term 3

17 July-22 September

Term 4

9 October-20 December

2017-Term 3

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,

This morning at our school assembly, we raised the Australian Flag on our new flagpole erected in the school assembly space. We will raise this flag proudly every Monday morning at assembly. We will do this to remind our children that we live proudly under our flag. This morning we spoke of our rich heritage, recognising that our Indigenous people lived in Australia for at least 60,000 years before European settlers arrived in 1788. We will uncover the meaning of our flag at future assemblies. Here is an outline of what I will be teaching our children so that they have a full appreciation of our flag and its significance.

Australian National Flag

Australian National Flag – The Symbolism

The Australian National Flag is a design of striking stars and crosses. This unique combination of devices has created an attractive and meaningful flag, which by law, custom and tradition is Australia's chief national symbol. Our flag should be treated with dignity and respect as it represents all Australian citizens equally, whatever their background, race, colour, religion or age. Our flag is a reminder of the contributions of past and current generations to the nation and of the inheritance that will be passed to future generations.

The Crosses – The Saints

The three crosses, St George, St Andrew and St Patrick acknowledge the principles and ideals flowing from the British heritage of European settlers; including parliamentary democracy, the rule of law, freedom of speech and the rights and responsibilities of citizens.

The Stars – The Southern Cross

The constellation of the Southern Cross indicates our geographical location in the southern hemisphere. This constellation of stars relates to the various indigenous legends and reminds us of our rich and precious Aboriginal and Torres Strait heritage.

The Commonwealth Star – National Federation

The large seven-pointed star is the emblem of Australian Federation. Six points represent the states and the seventh all the federal territories, which together constitute the nation, the Commonwealth of Australia.

At a time when Australian values are constantly being challenged, we need to teach our children to stand proudly under our flag.

Acting Principal and Year Six Canberra/Sydney Experience.

This Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, I am committed to a series of meetings with Principals and Catholic Education Melbourne staff. These particular meetings form part of my responsibility as a principal and leader. **Mr. Anthony D'Amico will be Acting Principal, Wednesday 6-Friday 8 September 2017.**

From The Principal Continued Over The Page....

*The wisdom of
St. Mary MacKillop*

*"God loves those best
who help the weak
become whole."*

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Next week, beginning Monday 11 September, I will be accompanying the Year six students and a number of staff to Canberra and Sydney for our annual educational experience, where here the children will engage in learning more about Civics and Citizenship in our country.

On Monday and Tuesday, the children will be visiting major places of significance in Canberra, including Parliament House, Australian War Memorial, National Archives, Questacon (National Science and Technology Centre), National Gallery and the High Court.

On Wednesday, the children will be travelling from Canberra to Sydney by bus, where we will stay overnight. On the route, we will visit the Australian Institute of Sport, In Sydney; we will visit Circular Quay; view the Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge and enjoy a Twi-light Harbour Cruise by chartered ferry. We will spend Thursday at Mary MacKillop Place in Nth Sydney. There Monsignor Portelli will celebrate Mass with us. We will visit Mary MacKillop's tomb and learn more about her life in the Museum dedicated to her life and work.

This is the tenth year of our travelling to Canberra and the fifth year of moving onto Sydney. The days of long bus trips are over, as we now travel by plane, which has become so much more affordable. This trip is always a successful and memorable experience for our students, so we excitedly look forward to next week.

As our Deputy Principal, Mr. D'Amico will be accompanying us to Canberra and Sydney next week; **Ms. Jennie Monaghan will be Acting Principal, Monday 11 September 2017-Friday 15 September 2017.**

Have a good week everybody.



Anthony McCluskey
Principal

FATHER'S DAY

Thank you to all the fathers and grandfathers who joined us for Breakfast last Thursday Morning. Thank you also to the staff who turned up to assist with cooking breakfast and serving food. A number of staff were on the job prior to 6:00am. I appreciate their generosity in ensuring the breakfast was a successful event.

I trust the Dads and their kids enjoyed the 'get-together'. Check out the photos.

Do you want to play tennis?



All new enrolments will receive a
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Father's Day Photos



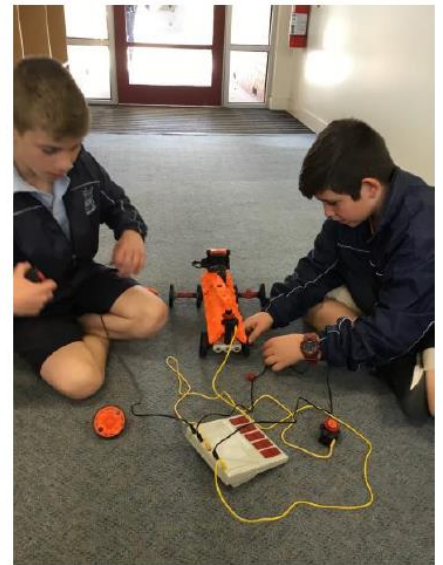
Year 5 Incursion

On Friday 1st September all Year Five Students participated in a Robotic Education Incursion. Students were all given a design brief 'to design a futuristic theme park.

5 Yellow

We learnt about robot technology and how it's programmed and how it works. We got to make our own Fun Park and we had to put rides in it. We got into putting motors which controlled the park. Orlando and I made this swing with 2 motors that moved around. We had fun, it was a good experience! -Riley

We had to try and make a ride out of different pieces. We got to put motors and cables in. We made the ride move. My favourite part was when we got to see the ride move. It was a bit hard at first but we got it finished. I thought the incursion was really interesting. -Ella



5 Blue

Last Friday the year 5's were involved in a robotics incursion. We got to make our own robots for a futuristic theme park- we could even innovate on a ride that was already created. We used an electronic boards and chords to make our rides move. Our biggest challenge was making all the electronics work together and wiring it properly. It was hard because there were different motors and they had different speeds, so we had to look at the different colours on the motors to know what each one was. I learnt that you can use a number of different part to create a big robot. - Alexa Muraca

The robotics incursion was very fun. Everyone was very created and collaborating with others to achieve their end goal. My partner and I created a train that had crazy ferris wheels and spinning levers. Using all the motors and wires we were able to get our robot moving. - Winton

My favourite part of the robotics incursion was making the robot with Isabella. We made a ride that was a car. We were only able to get the back part moving and two of the wheels. It was a really good challenge.

-Kya



5 Green

We created a robotic funpark. Toby and I created a ferris wheel, giant swing and tea cups. We were able to use the motors and get our robot moving. We learnt how robots worked. - Luca

I created a futuristic ride. It was very challenging but I learnt about robots and how to wire them so that they move. - Yvonne

I created a transportable ride. The challenge I faced was getting the right parts and going back and forth testing them so that our robot would work. -Dylan N



5 Red

On Friday we had a Robotics Incursion. Kevin showed us a robot that could dance.

We were given a design brief and then we had to design and create our own futuristic ride for an amusement park.

I learnt that when you make a theme park ride you have to use all different parts to make it. We had to use our knowledge of angles, measuring, gravity and so on to make sure our ride worked correctly.

It was all a challenge to make sure it all worked but it was fun being able to be as creative as we could be.

Everyone who participated all had a different rides and it was great to see how they all worked. We all used our problem solving skills, growth mindset and teamwork to make sure we worked together and produced the best ride possible.

Making the rides was fun and it was good to work with people we have never worked with before. I would definitely do the Incursion again.

- Milana, Ibiet, Tia



PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATIONUP COMING EVENTS

We hope that all the fathers and grandfathers enjoyed their Father's Day and loved the gifts which were bought for them from our stall.

Our next meeting will be held this *Wednesday 6th September, from 9am* in the staff room. New faces and fresh ideas are always welcome!

TERM THREE

Get your dancing shoes on for our Dance Party this Friday night 8th September 6pm-8pm.

DON'T MISS OUT, FORMS NEED TO BE IN BY THIS WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPT

TERM FOUR

SAVE THE DATE!!! As seats are limited. Ladies Night: Wednesday 25th October 2017 Venue: Quatrefoils Come and support the students at CRC Sydenham at their restaurant. More information to come.

Sausage Sizzle– Date to be confirmed

Christmas Carols Night– Wednesday 13th December, 7.00pm until 8.30pm

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 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

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Dear Families and Care Givers,

The Outside of School Hours Care Program is managed by St. Mary of the Assumption Parish separately from the school. Any concerns or issues regarding the OSHC Program must be dealt with immediately. It is vital that these matters are directed to the Program Co-ordinator - Vicky Mamo on 0450 211 909 or the Key Responsible Person - Mary Zambara on 0478 746 370.

We ask you to please refrain from forwarding any issues or concerns regarding the program to the school. Information regarding issues or concerns will be passed on to the school if required with the permission of the family.

The OSHC staff will always endeavour to resolve issues or concerns that arise during the running of the program as children's safety is our first priority.

School Dance

The School Dance will be held in the school hall this Friday 8th September. The OSHC program will run as usual on this day, also from the school hall. Please ensure if your child is attending the program on Friday afternoon that they are picked and signed out of the program by 6.00 pm.

We hope everyone has a wonderful week. We thank everyone for their continued support.

From the OSHC Team.



Please remember to SMS:

Vicky/Mary G - 0450 211 909 before 11.00 am all bookings and cancellations.

Mary Z - 0478 746 370 regarding accounts. Thank you.

CANCELLATIONS AFTER 11.00 AM WILL INCUR A FULL FEE CHARGE.



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**Monday 11th
September
From 7pm-9pm**

**Catholic Regional
College - Caroline
Springs Campus
10 College Rd.
Caroline Springs**



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:**

- ★ **Funkiest 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*****

