



## IMPORTANT DATES

### 2017 Term Dates

#### Term 4

10 October-20 December

### 2017-Term 4

#### Monday 6 November

School Closure-Report Writing

#### Tuesday 7 November

Melbourne Cup Day-No School

#### Monday 20 -

#### Wednesday 22

#### November

Year 4 Camp-Mt Evelyn

#### Wednesday 6

#### December

School Closure Day-See details over the page

#### Wednesday 13

#### December

Christmas Carols Night from 7.00 pm

#### Thursday 14 December

Year 6-Big Day In

#### Friday 15 December

Last Day for Year 6 at 1.00pm

Year 6 Graduation at 7pm in the Church

#### Wednesday 20

#### December

Last Day for Year P-5 at 1.00pm



## e-NEWS

Dear Community,

This week I have asked the Year Six School Captains to write our e-NEWS. Our Captains, Stasha Putrino 6R, Dona Maria Alsammour 6Y, Jacob Borg 6B, Xavier Vidot 6B and Annalise Krnac 6G, very proudly represented our school at Joseph's Corner last Thursday when we presented books donated by families at SMMPS through our Book Fair.

After visiting Joseph's Corner and seeing the work the people there do in the Josephite spirit, our Captains have come up with another initiative to support Joseph's Corner. I am backing them 100%. A school in the name of and under the patronage of St. Mary MacKillop should respond to a need when they see a need.

I remain proud of our students and of our Captains who are responding in a spirit of social justice.



## Joseph's Corner

As we are a Catholic school that follows in the footsteps of Saint Mary MacKillop, when we see a need we do something about it. Last Friday we donated all the books that were bought at the Book Fair. The people at Joseph's Corner were very thankful to all who purchased a book. In addition, a \$600 cheque was presented to Sister Jeanne, which was donated by the students on the Joseph's Corner Casual Clothes Day organised by two Year Six students.

Everything the school provided for the organisation will go towards the less fortunate people of Melbourne, who do not have everything like we do today. We had a special experience when we were given the opportunity to talk to Sister Jeanne about gratitude and appreciation. It made us think about how fortunate we are to live in a country that is safe and cared for. Other children, adults and families, right here in our city are not provided with things that we take for granted.

After talking with Sister Jeanne we went to a cafe where we all had lunch and had a conversation about what it felt like to hand those books out to many less fortunate people. It was such a great feeling to provide others with books, that we want to do more for the people in need.

[From The Principal continued over the page....](#)

*The wisdom of  
St. Mary MacKillop*

***"God kept my heart full  
of trust to make all  
come right."***

**30.10.1874**

### From The Principal continued.....

You can donate Toiletries like:

- Deodorant
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- New Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Hair Gel, Clay or Moose
- Soap
- Toilet paper
- etc...



We are pushing to collect at least 500 items. People who can't afford everyday things need your help. As Mary MacKillop kids, we have seen a need and we need to do something about it. There will have a basket in the office foyer to place your donations.

**Stasha Putrino 6R, Dona Maria Alsammour 6Y, Jacob Borg 6B, Xavier Vidot 6B and Annalise Krnac 6G.  
Schools Captains 2017**



Have a good week everybody.

**Anthony McCluskey**  
**Principal**

### St Mary MacKillop Primary school Sacramental Program 2018

Dear school community,

We will notify our school community of the dates for all Sacramental Family Nights and Ceremonies as they become available to us.

I appreciate that you would like to know the dates as soon as possible, however, there are a number of factors involving the parish and school that need to be taken into consideration when booking these dates.

Kind regards,

**Anne-Marie Conte**  
**Religious Education Leader**

## SCHOOL CLOSURE

As usual, we need to prepare for and plan for the 2018 School Year. This year we have a 100% retention rate of staff, which is great news. This fact says something very positive about our school and the culture and climate, which exists here.

With all staff remaining, it will be easier to gather to plan for 2018. In the past, we have done so over a number of days, inviting new staff in and replacing existing staff for planning. This is disruptive for children and interrupts programmes. The process has also cost upwards of \$15,000 in costs.

With the approval of Monsignor Portelli, we have been granted a **School Closure on Wednesday 6 December 2017**. On this day, all teaching staff have been timetabled from 8:00am – 5:00pm, to plan with their 2018 teams, with school leaders facilitating this collaboration.

This day will save a great deal of money and will mean no disruption to children or scheduled programmes.

Thank you for your support everyone.

## Are You Leaving Us?

Now that we are in the final term for the year, it is timely that we look forward to 2018 to ascertain our student numbers.

If you have a child/ren in Years Prep – 5 who will not be returning to St Mary MacKillop Primary School for 2018, please forward a letter/email to Mr Anthony D'Amico, Deputy Principal, advising us at your earliest convenience.

Alternatively, you can email us at: [office@mmkeilordowns.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@mmkeilordowns.catholic.edu.au)

This will assist us with our classrooms, students and staffing requirements for the coming year.

## Term 4 Overviews

The term overviews are available for viewing on the school's website. They provide an insight into what is happening across the school in all curriculum areas. Please take the time to have a read and discuss them with your child/children.

"At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents."

Jane D. Hull

Anna Yorston-Curriculum Coordinator

## Our Next Subway Day Is....

Next Friday 10th November. Place your order on [flexischools.com.au](http://flexischools.com.au) before this Friday the 3rd at 12.00pm. (Due to the fact, there is no school on Monday and Tuesday, we had to bring the closing date forward).

Also, when placing your child's order, please check the date that you are ordering as we get quite a few children coming to the office saying that their parents have placed a Subway order, we then find that it has been ordered for another day.

# Computer-proof Kids

Olivia Sadiq 6 Yellow  
2017

We are all citizens in the digital world. This article is about how to protect you and your children from potential threats in the digital world. This article will teach you how to care for your child's wellbeing and feelings, because the internet can be very dangerous. This will educate you on ways to stop your child from being hurt, and teach you how to prevent these things from happening.



## What is a digital citizen?

So have you used the internet, posted a comment or picture, looked at something on the internet or logged on to the internet? Well, if you have done any of those things you are a digital citizen. This means that you are part of a community of internet users. But before you make your child one you should get to know the important things about being one. If you posted your new born baby it is a digital citizen, if you post your toddler on the internet they are a digital citizen, if you send a picture of a street drummer they become a digital citizen. Being in the digital community it means that you must choose wisely with what you say and what you do.

## A digital foot print?

What is a digital foot print? A digital foot print is an invisible trail you leave when you go onto the internet. Websites can track you and your personal information. But if the wrong information is shared, it might fall in to the wrong hands. Digital foot prints are not bad, in fact they help police find people who are missing or in trouble with the law. Digital foot prints can never be deleted and are important; they are the map to where you and your kids go on the internet. Make sure you set limits and rules on what websites your child is allowed to view.



### Further Information and Links for Parents

- ✦ Australian Government e-safe:  
<https://www.esafety.gov.au/esafety-information>
- ✦ Victorian Government:  
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/Pages/parentcyber.aspx>
- ✦ School A to Z:  
<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cybersafet/cybersafety-tips-every-parent-should-know>
- ✦ ACT Government:  
<https://www.parentlink.act.gov.au/parenting-resources/parenting-guides/adult-issues/cyber-safety>

## Privacy

When talking to kids about computer privacy give an example like "would you tell a random stranger all about you?" they will defiantly say NO. So to make explaining easier here is a list of rules anyone can follow:

1. Never meet someone you met online – never do this it can put your life at risk this is why it is number one.
2. Never share private information - this is important as number one it also puts your life at risk, and it means that random people can know everything about you.
3. Never tell anyone your address or real name - sharing your real name is the wrong thing to do never share your name or address on games, on the internet or on social media.
4. Never tell anyone your password - this one is pretty straight forward
5. Don't download illegal things – never do something illegal because you will be found.
6. Have a conversation with your child about what they do online.

Ask your child to follow these simple rules when online. And always remember to monitor what they do, say and think about online.



## Cyber bullying

Cyber bullying is when someone abuses you on social media or on the internet. The bullying may be done on a phone, tablet or anything that has the internet. Cyber bullying is a type of bullying and should be dealt with quickly.

If your child is being cyber bullied there are some things you and your child must do and know:

- When your child receives the message make sure they don't delete it. This acts as evidence.
- When they get the message make sure they talk to a friend or family member that they trust.
- If they don't want to talk to others around them, they can contact the kids help line.
- They can do something they love, that will cheer them up.

This is a good list of strategies for your child to follow.

- ✦ Australian Government:  
<https://aifs.gov.au/cfca/publications/online-safety>



# News from the Preps

This term the preps have started to learn all about mini beasts for their inquiry topic! They have been discovering, exploring and investigating interesting facts about lots of different mini beasts,

We held some interesting mini beasts like rainbow beetles, rhinoceros beetles and grubs, at our incursion. This sparked a large amount of wonderings from our preps, which we will be further researching in our classes,



We learnt a spider catches an insect to eat, then wraps it in silk thread so it doesn't escape.



The prep's went exploring around the school to see what mini beasts they could find living in our gardens. They found lots of bees, worms, flies and a few butterflies,

**PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION****UPCOMING EVENTS****TERM FOUR**

Hot Dog Day-16<sup>th</sup> November, 2017. We will advise you later in the week when it is available to order on [flexischools.com.au](http://flexischools.com.au)

Christmas Carols Night- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 7.00pm until 8.30pm

**REQUEST FOR CHRISTMAS RAFFLE PRIZES**

We will once again be holding our annual Christmas Raffle which will be drawn on the Carols Night. To help make the raffle a great success we hope to have many great prizes on offer. If there are any families in the school who have small businesses and are able to donate any of their goods or services as prizes, it would be very much appreciated. In return, your business will be promoted in the e-NEWS which is read by our school community. Please leave your details at the office if you are able to assist. Thanking you in advance.

**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](http://www.entbook.com.au/9127y31)



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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](http://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**

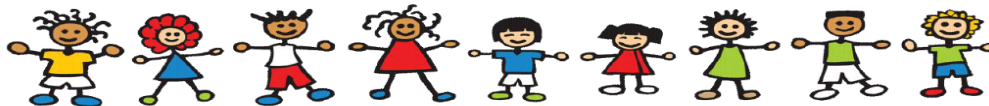
Please contact the College Office

Phone: 9361 5900

Email: [office@crcnk.vic.edu.au](mailto:office@crcnk.vic.edu.au)

*Tours run for approximately 1 hour*





## Outside School Hours Care Program

Dear Families,

### Important OSHC 2018 Enrolments

Please ensure you have completed and returned your 2018 enrolment form if you wish to use the OSHC program next year. It is a Government regulation and legal requirement all children attending OSHC programs must fill in a new enrolment form each year. We will not be able to accept bookings for children who do not have a completed 2018 enrolment form. 2018 Enrolment forms are **due Friday 1st December 2017**.

Parents please remember if you have made a casual booking for your child/children to attend the program it is vital that parents tell their children they will be attending the program. It is not the responsibility of the OSHC program to tell children they are coming to the program.

Last week at OSHC we did lots of great things. We got back into cooking and craft activities. We enjoyed a few afternoons outside and enjoyed the sunshine. Parents please ensure your child has a spare hat and sunscreen in their school bag for outdoor play. The hat does not have to be a school hat. The OSHC program practises the sun smart policy.

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

From the OSHC Team.



Please remember to SMS:

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

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

CANCELLATIONS AFTER 11.00 AM WILL INCUR A FULL FEE CHARGE.

# LIONS

## TAYLORS LAKES



Hey Boys!  
Come down to  
FRIDAY NIGHT AUSKICK  
2018



Contact Julie on 0409 259 389  
to be a part of #TLFC2018



Youth Boys Teams:  
U17 is open to boys born 2001-2002  
U15 (2003-2004),  
U13 (2005-2006),  
U11 (2007-2008) and  
U9 (2009-30 April 2011)

# LIONS

## TAYLORS LAKES

Our girls teams are filling fast, so ...  
Who would like to join a Women's team?  
No prior experience necessary!

Hey Girls!  
Come down to  
FRIDAY NIGHT AUSKICK  
2018



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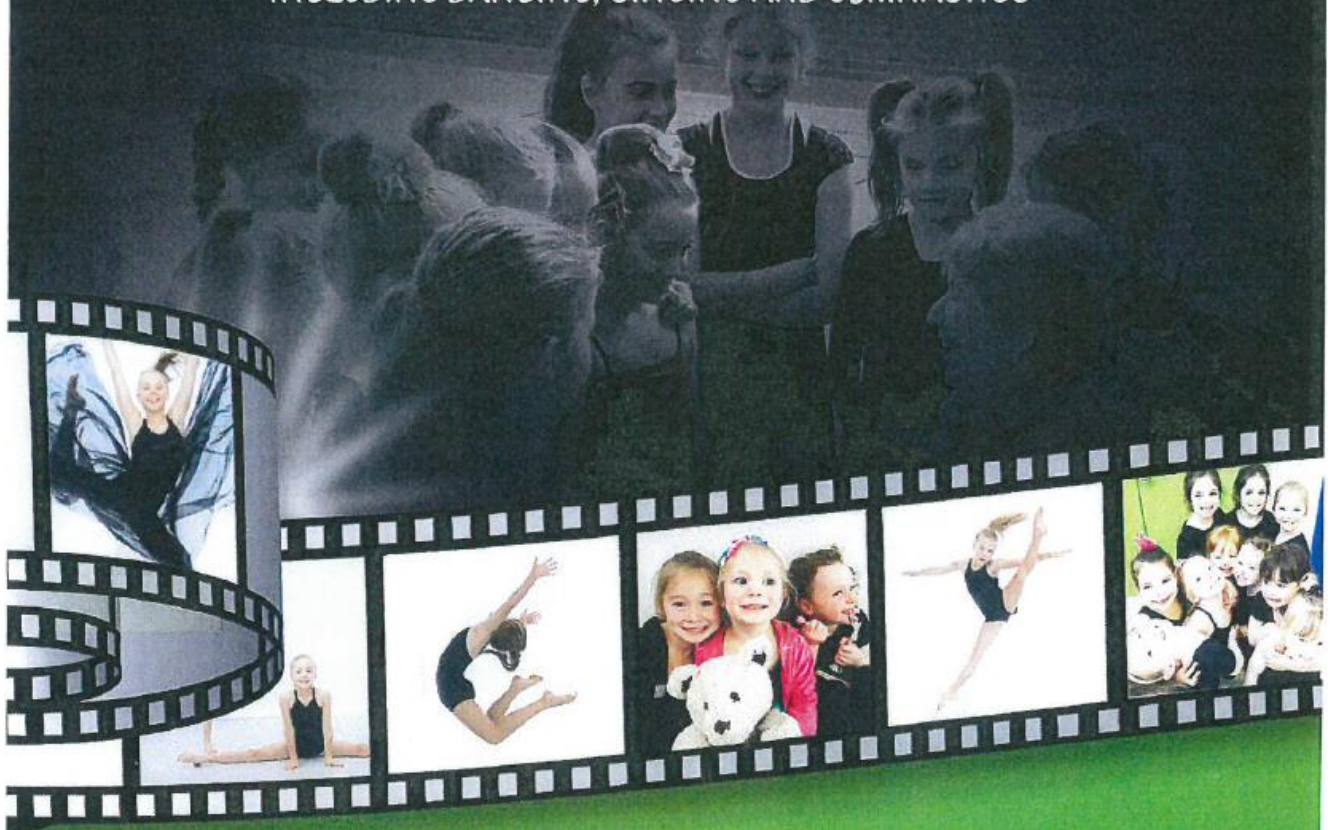


Youth Girls Teams:  
U18 is open to girls born 2000-2002  
U15 (2003-2004),  
U13 (2005-2006),  
U11 (2007-2008) and  
U9 (2009-30 April 2011)



# OPEN DAY

*COME ALONG FOR A FREE ENERGETIC TRIAL SESSION,  
INCLUDING DANCING, SINGING AND GYMNASTICS*



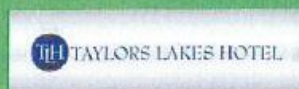
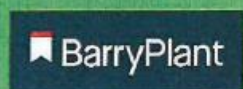
**Date: Saturday 11th November**

**Venue: 583 Keilor Rd, Niddrie**

10:30am - 11:30am 3 -10 year olds

11:30am - 12:30pm 11-13 year olds

[avondecalisthenics.com.au](http://avondecalisthenics.com.au)





# Rerum Novarum

## 2017 ORATION



### 110<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE HARVESTER DECISION

# The legacy of Justice Higgins

*Seeking a True New Start for all Job Seekers and Workers*

**Wednesday 8 November 2017**

7.00pm light refreshments

7.30pm start

Lecture Theatre, Cardinal Knox Centre  
383 Albert Street, East Melbourne

ALL WELCOME

**Inquiries/RSVP by Friday 3 November:**

Mark Clarke • [justice@cam.org.au](mailto:justice@cam.org.au) • (03) 9926 5727

[www.cam.org.au/justice](http://www.cam.org.au/justice)

## Orator

**Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO**

Jesuit priest Fr Frank Brennan has been a long-time advocate for human rights and social justice in Australia. He currently holds the position of Chief Executive Officer of Catholic Social Services Australia. Frank is an adjunct professor at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture. He is also the superior of the Jesuit community at Xavier House in Canberra. He is, and always has been amplifying the voice of conscience, especially the voice of those who are marginalised.



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