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IMPORTANT DATES

2017 Term Dates

Term 4

10 October-20 December

2017-Term 4

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

Dear Community,

Over this week, we look forward to welcoming 82 children to our school for Orientation to Prep 2018.

This is always an exciting time as many of the children have their first experience of our school. Whilst a number of children with older brothers or sisters at our school, take their turn at coming to school!

I wonder about the children joining us. Though, they are only four or five years old, they have a journey already travelled and a story to tell. They are in relationship with parents and possibly, siblings, cousins, grandparents, aunts and uncles, carers and friends, just to name a few people. They are loved and treasured. They have hopes and dreams and these little children are looking forward to school with anticipation and excitement.

As a parent and as a grandparent of three children, I look at your children with 'new' eyes. I understand what they mean to you and commit to making their experience of schooling the best I can do for all children, whether they be in Prep or Year 6 or any year level in between.

All decisions I make are in the interests of the children at SMMPS. Sometimes people may wonder about decisions made, but be assured, I generally have the information and move forward based on the knowledge.

In the words of Mary MacKillop *"All I do is for the good of Australian children..."*

As we welcome our Preps for 2018, we trust, we will continue to work together for the good of all children, here at SMMPS.

Have a good week everybody.

Anthony McCluskey
Principal

*The wisdom of
St. Mary MacKillop*

***"We can do nothing
without God."***

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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

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

Canteen Specials This Term....

Hot Dog Day-This Thursday 16th November. Orders are now closed

Subway Day-Friday 24th November. Order on flexischools.com.au. Orders close Monday 20th at 12.00pm

Pasta Day-Friday 1st December. Will advise you when available to order on flexischools.com.au

Subway Day-Friday 8th December. Will be available to order on flexischools.com.au after 20th November from 12.00pm

Also, when placing your child's subway order, please check the date that you are ordering. If you miss the cut-off date and time, the system will bring up the next date. 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 the next date.

Year 5 & 6 Hot Shots Tennis Division Finals 2017

On the 9th November, 10 Year 5 & 6 students competed in the Hot Shots Division Finals in Williamstown as a mixed team. We competed in both singles and doubles games. We won the first 2 rounds but unfortunately lost the 3rd round. We then competed in the semifinals to finish up in 3rd place! We are now known as the 3rd best Hot Shots team in our region!!

Overall we had a really enjoyable day, being commended by other schools for our great sportsmanship and continuous efforts in each game that we played.

We would like to thank Mr Saxon for an amazing season. We would not have made it to these finals without his amazing coaching and commitment throughout the season!



FOSTER CARERS NEEDED


If you have thought about foster care, please get in touch and ask the questions you have always wanted to.

Ring: Key Assets 1800 932 237 or 1800 WE CARE


Email: info@keyassets.com.au

Web: canifoster.com.au or keyassets.com.au

If you are interested, please see Kellie in the office and you will receive a brochure.



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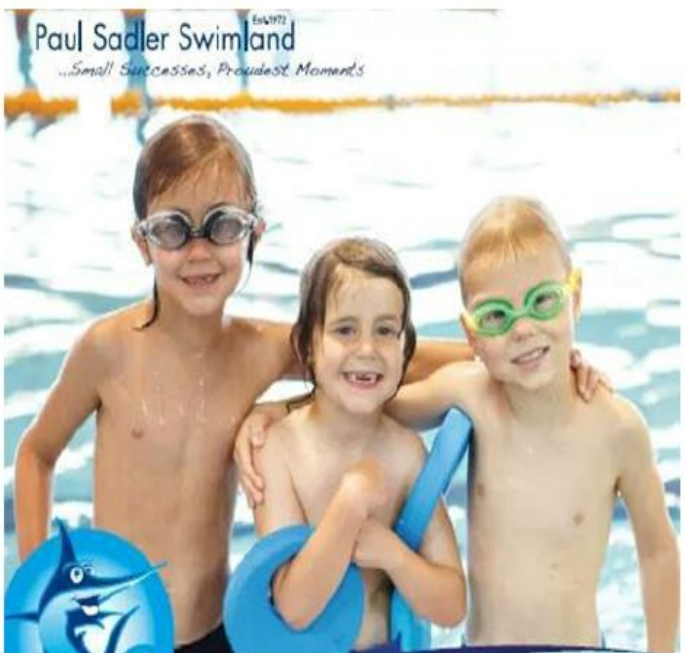


Swordy Tots program

The Swordy Tots program provides children aged 4 months to 3 years and their parents with an introduction to the aquatic environment through fun activities that focus on water awareness, mobility and safety.

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Would you like to receive a \$20 discount off your next Term Fees?

Introduce a friend to Paul Sadler Swimland and you and your friend could be entitled to a discount.



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 as the weather gets warmer we will be spending more time outside. It is important that you 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.

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

Christmas Carols Night– Wednesday 13th 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 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



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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

