

ST. MARY MACKILLOP PRIMARY SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Community,

Welcome back to our second term together this year. I trust everyone had some rest over the term break.

EASTER SUNDAY

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. John 20:1.

She ran excitedly to tell the apostles about her experience and guess what? The apostles thought the story seemed like nonsense and they did not believe. These men walked with the Son of God, heard the voice of God every day for three years and saw verifiable miracles but did not believe.

No wonder we find it difficult today to really understand and embrace the reality and ramifications of the resurrection. Yet a belief in the resurrection is at the crux of our faith, our life in the Holy Spirit. This belief cannot be merely an intellectual assent to the idea of the resurrection, it must transform our lives.

Pope Benedict XVI described the resurrection as an explosion of light, a cosmic event linking heaven and earth. It was an explosion of love, ushering in a new dimension of being. Starting from Christ, the resurrection continuously permeates this world of ours, transforms it. The resurrection unites us with God and others.

Upcoming Events

Term 2

Thursday 25 April

Anzac Day Public Holiday

Friday 3 May

2020 Prep Enrolment Forms Due

Thursday 9th and Friday 10th May

Mother's Day Stall

Monday 13 May

Mother's Day Breakfast-see flyer

Tuesday 14 and Wednesday 16 May

Year 3 and Year 5 Naplan

Saturday 18 May

Year 6 Confirmation-12.30pm & 3.00pm

Monday 20 May

School Closure Day-More Details Soon

Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 May

Year 3 and Year 5 Naplan

Wednesday 22 May

Year 3 Eucharist Family Night at 7.00pm

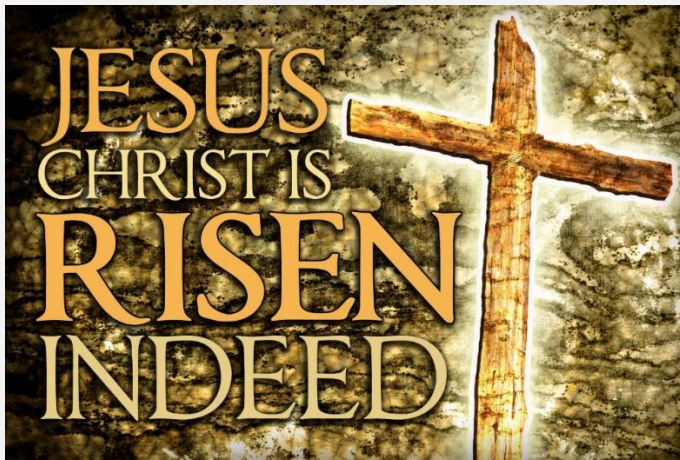
Saturday 22 June

Year 3 Sacrament of First Eucharist-12.30pm and 2.30pm

Friday 28 June

End of Term 2-School finishes at 1pm

As we give God permission to explode His light and love within us, day after day, the resurrection will transform us just like it transformed the apostles from disbelieving and fearful people to powerful witnesses to the truth.



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

Lots of exciting school improvements have been happening over the term break.

The **Penola** classroom block, which houses Year 6, is being renovated and is almost finished. We hope to see all students in Year 6 back in their usual classroom by the end of next week. This space is looking spectacular and we look forward to showing it off to interested members of the school community in the next few weeks.

Of course, the biggest excitement surrounds our **new Adventure Playground**. We have added some new climbing equipment, painted the old equipment to make it appear a little brighter and laid new 'soft fall' which exceeds Australian standards. We have also opened the space up by removing some old fencing and box surrounds. I look forward to the children having an exciting space to play.

Thank you very much to Levi Gambian-Lugli in Year 6, who won \$10,000 for our school, last year on FOX FM's competition, ALPHA BUCKS. Levi's win was the impetus for us to get moving on restoring and improving our Adventure Playground. Levi still has three terms to enjoy this equipment, however his younger brother and sister will have many years of play. Thanks Levi!



FOOTSTEPS

We are delighted to welcome Footsteps to SMMPS. Footsteps is dance and drama company who will be working with all students in our school, Prep to Year 6, over this term on a Tuesday and Wednesday.

We recognise that children express themselves in so many ways. Drama is one such way in which many children can communicate and learn. Drama can be used as an effective learning tool, enabling students to explore new and exciting ways to communicate with others, develop tolerance, empathy and increase self-confidence.

Footsteps will be offering a drama program which engages students through purposeful and creative structured activities based on improvisational drama.

Towards the end of this term there will be some opportunities for parents to view the children's work with a number of small performances. There will be more to come on this exciting opportunity for our children.

We are a school of which to be very proud. We never rest on our laurels and will always look towards school improvement.

Let us all have a great term together.



Anthony McCluskey
Principal

SCHOOL CLOSURE

Advanced notice, the school will be closed to all students on Monday 20 May 2019, for a teacher professional development day. More details to come.

Canteen Days for Term 2 – Order on flexischools.com.au

Wednesday 8th May-Pizza Day

Wednesday 5th June-Subway Day

Thursday 27th June-

Friday 24th May-Cookie Day

Friday 14th June-Donut Day

Hamburger Day

Thursday 30th May-Pasta Day

Wednesday 19th June-Hotdog Day

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Year 7, 2021 - Enrolment Now Open

Enrolment Information Parent Evening - Wednesday 20 March, 2019. Tour 6.15pm, Information Session 7pm



Faith



Compassion



Resilience



Respect

College Tours - Term 2, 2019

Tuesday 7 May, Friday 17 May, Thursday 6 June, Tuesday 25 June at 9.15am

Bring your child to learn about student life at CRCNK, meet the College Principal, chat to student leaders and share morning tea with Leadership and Enrolment staff

Bookings essential for all tours, please contact Mrs Samantha Beg, College Registrar
Phone: 9361 5904 or Email: enrol@cronk.vic.edu.au



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Applications for Year 7 in 2021 close on Friday, 23 August 2019.

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

MOTHER'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Date: Monday 13 May, 2019

Time: 7:30am to 08:45am

Venue: St Mary MacKillop School Hall

Price: \$8.00 per person

We invite our Mum's, Grand mum's, aunts and any other significant females in our children's lives to join us for a Pancake breakfast at school.

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

- 2 Stack Pancake with Ice-Cream & Syrup
- Juice
- Cappuccino, Long Black, Latte and Hot Chocolate can be purchased from our coffee machines at a low price of \$3.00.

Please complete the slip below and return with your money to the office by **Wednesday 8th May**. **As this is a catered event, we strictly cannot accept any reply's after this date.**

Hope to see you there!

MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST – Monday 13th MAY 2019

Your Name			
Eldest Child's Name		Eldest Child/s Class	
Number of people attending			
I enclose \$_____ for the Mother's day breakfast			

NB: Please return to school by Wednesday 8th May – thank you!