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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Dear Community,

I often sit and listen to children, family members and staff share their stories. This is more so in a time of crisis or in a time of reflecting back on past experiences. Life brings us as many joys and as we all know, many challenges. These joys and challenges can be private and personal. They might be family related (and how often is this so true)! They might be to do with our work or community involvement. No matter what they are all so real for each of us.

I came across this verse, which I share with you;

*I walked a mile with Pleasure;
She chatted all the way;
But left me none the wiser
For all she had to say.
I walked a mile with Sorrow;
And ne'er a word said she;
But, oh! The things I learned from her,
When Sorrow walked with me.*

I am reminded to enjoy the times of 'pleasure', and then take the time to reflect and learn from the times of 'sorrow'. Often great lessons or reminders come to us in the most unexpected ways.

FRIDAY 9TH AUGUST

Please remember, the school is closed to children next Friday 9 August 2019. Staff are travelling to Sydney to spend a Day Retreat at Mary MacKillop place in North Sydney. Monsignor Portelli will be accompanying us and will be celebrating Mass with us at the tomb of St. Mary MacKillop. Staff will then be touring Mary MacKillop Museum, which houses many artefacts that belonged to Mary and also has displays that tell her story. A Sister of St Joseph, the order Mary founded, will present a talk on 'The Pilgrimage of Mary MacKillop and the life struggles of Mary MacKillop and how they relate to our personal struggles today.

Through this Day Retreat, we look to learning more, so as to enact our School Vision with more focus and determination;

Inspired by the Gospels

And in the spirit of St. Mary MacKillop...

We are also specifically focused on the Religious Dimension Goal of our School Improvement Strategy;

To further discover the richness of our Catholic community, inspired by the spirit of St. Mary MacKillop.

We look forward to bringing our learnings back to our students and adapting them to make sense in their context today.

Have a happy week everybody,

Have a happy term together everyone, full of God's blessings.



Anthony McCluskey
Principal

CONGRATULATIONS



We offer our warmest congratulations to James Quinn (IT teacher) and his wife Courtney (OSHC Coordinator) on the birth of their baby daughter, Kaia Grace.

We wish Kaia, Courtney and James a life of many blessings together.

RE NEWS

St Mary Mackillop Feast Day -Thursday the 8th August - 12.00pm

All are welcome to come to mass on this day. Children will be involved in activities about St Mary Mackillop throughout the day. We will also have a sausage in a roll for lunch on this day. Funds raised for this will be donated to the Josephite Sisters at Joseph's Corner.

Get onto flexischools.com.au to order

Feast of the Assumption of Mary -Thursday the 15th August - 12.00pm

All are welcome to come to mass on this day. Cupcakes can be ordered for this day. Funds raised for this will be donated to the Josephite Sisters at Joseph's Corner. Get onto flexischools.com.au to order.

BOOK PARADE

Book Week celebrates Australian authors and illustrators of children's books. It's such a wonderful time to immerse children in literature and celebrate books and reading. Children's Book Week runs from 17th-23rd August. The theme for 2019 is "Reading is My Secret Power". Reading is such a powerful skill that allows us to access so much information.

At St Mary MacKillop, we continue to encourage our students to engage in a range of stories: to read them, listen to them, view them, think about them and to share them with others. In the upcoming weeks, the children will have the opportunity to view and listen to many of the nominated picture story books.

To celebrate this occasion, we will be having a Book Character Parade on Monday 19th August in the hall at 9:00am. Students are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Spend some time with your children thinking about their costume. Be as creative as you wish. Each grade will parade their costume in front of the school community. We look forward to you joining us on this fun filled day.

Anna Yorston
English Leader



LEARNING and TEACHING



Wednesday 24th July - Year 2 Market Fresh Incursion

The year 2 children were in for a treat... literally!

The MarketFresh Schools Program presented an informative and DELICIOUS incursion to our year 2 children. As part of their inquiry unit "Food Glorious Food", this program educated the classes on the importance of eating fresh fruits and vegetables every day as part of a healthy balanced diet. This incursion was a great mix of fun and information with a very generous sampling of fruits and vegetables. The children cannot wait to continue trying new and exciting flavours in their classroom and have a go at preparing their own healthy and yummy food.

"Apples should be kept in the fridge not the fruit bowl." Bianca

"Keep your tomatoes on the bench NOT in the fridge." Tracey

"Did you know your taste buds change every 14-28 days... so if you don't like something how try it again in a few weeks" Mila

"I tasted fennel for the first time, and I kind of liked it." Zak

"I've never had a blood orange and it was the BEST!" Noah

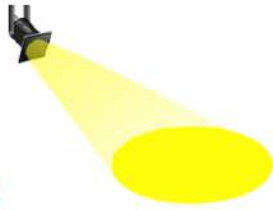
"I like watermelon and I'm glad it's healthy to eat." Eve

"Did you know fennel can clean your teeth?" Mya



Term 3 Website Overviews

Please take a look at our school website to view our online Term Overviews that can be located under the Learning and Teaching tab. These overviews provide an insight into the learning that is occurring in all curriculum areas. Take the time to read and discuss them with your child/ children.



SPOTLIGHT ON WRITING

The Year 4 students have been looking at open-minded portraits. An open-minded portrait is a great way for students to show what they know about a specific character. It allows the students to think creatively and to reflect on the story events from the character's point of view.

This is a piece of writing that was written after listening to the Aboriginal Dreamtime Story: The mark of the Wagarl.

My name is Baardi,

I have never believed in Wagarl the huge underwater snake, but my tribe does. My tribe tells me the Wagarl story all the time. Every time I feel more and more like the Wagarl's not real.

I jump into the cold, dark river. When I get out, I'll prove my tribe wrong. I feel popping bubbles and soggy leaves, popping and passing my small face. I go down deeper, deeper, deeper, as I lose my breath. More and more I shiver, as I grab onto an underwater vine.

The water is cold, but I am determined to prove my tribe wrong. I feel something cold, slimy and hard touch my freezing legs. My legs start to develop goosebumps, as my heart stops. I hear something swimming around me. I also see a giant shadow. A toned voice tells me I will never speak again and I need to look after the snake family. I say 'yes'. I am terrified. I swim back up. I know Wagarl's real. I'm covered in soggy, green algae. I am the protector of the snake family.



By Claudia- 4 Blue

INQUIRY YEAR 5 SILENT EXPO

In Term 2 and over the past couple of weeks in Term 3, the Year 5 Inquiry topic has been **What's Your Story**. We have been looking at migrant stories focusing on the different types of migration, and what migration is. We have also had a look at the differences between migrants and refugees. Our main focus was to define why people had to leave their country and if it was a push or a pull factor (if they were forced to leave or had a choice).

After looking at many migrant stories we chose a single migrant that had migrated to Australia or we were able to choose relatives that had migrated to Australia. We had to research our migrant's story and write information about the four stages of migration. These stages are deciding to leave, travelling, arriving and settling in. After we had filled out our data chart with information, we wrote a script of our migrant's story in first person so we could record the audio on a website, then create a QR code that parents could scan and listen to when they visited the classrooms last Friday. We also thought about what our migrant would have taken with them and created homemade suitcases with paper, paint and cardboard with artefacts inside.



We learnt a lot about migration and refugees and had so much fun doing our project.

By Adrian Barletta and Stevie Curcic



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Congratulations to THOMAS ATKINSON (3 Red) who will be receiving a Principal's Award

In the spirit of St. Mary MacKillop. Thomas 'saw a need and did something about it.'

Thomas saw a student who was crying because he had collided with another student. Thomas ran straight to the teacher and took the student to sick bay.

As reported by Jessica Camilleri, School Captain.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 15th July

School resumes for Term 3 at 9am

Monday 29th July - Friday 2 August

Book Fair

See Flyer

Thursday 8th August

Whole School Mass at 12.00pm

St Mary MacKillop Feast Day

Friday 9th August

School Closure Day

See details

Thursday 15th August

Whole School Mass at 12.00pm

Feast of the Assumption

Monday 19th August

Book Week Parade

See Flyer

Thursday 29th August

Father's Day Stall

Friday 30th August

Father's Day Stall

Father's Day Breakfast - see form

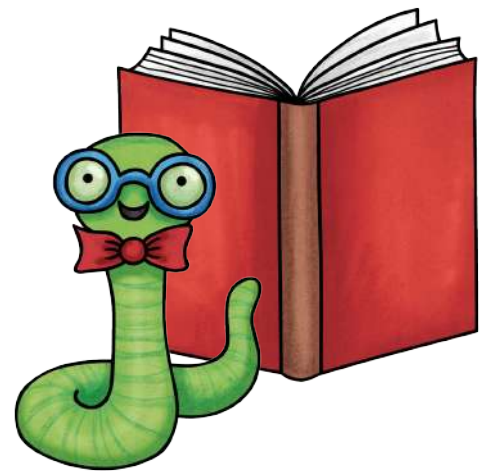
Sunday 1st September

Father's Day

Friday 20th September

End of Term 3

School finishes at 1:00pm



CANTEEN TERM 3

Friday 2 August - Donut Day (ordering closed)

Thursday 8 August - Sausage Sizzle (St Mary MacKillop Feast Day)

Thursday 15 August - Cupcake Day (Feast of the Assumption)

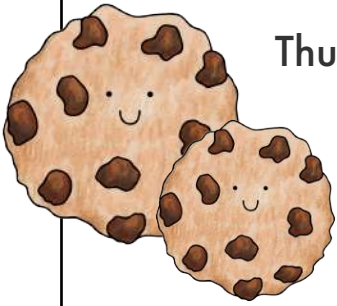
Friday 23 August - Pizza Day

Thursday 29 August - Cookie Day

Friday 6 September - Subway Day

Friday 13 September - Sushi Day (not available to order yet)

Thursday 19 September - Pie Day (Footy Casual clothes day-gold coin donation)



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Year 7, 2021 Enrolment Closing Soon

Closing date Friday 23 August, 2019



Faith



Compassion



Resilience



Respect

College Tours - Term 3, 2019

Tuesday 23 July, Friday 2 August, Monday 19 August, Monday 2 September, Friday 13 September

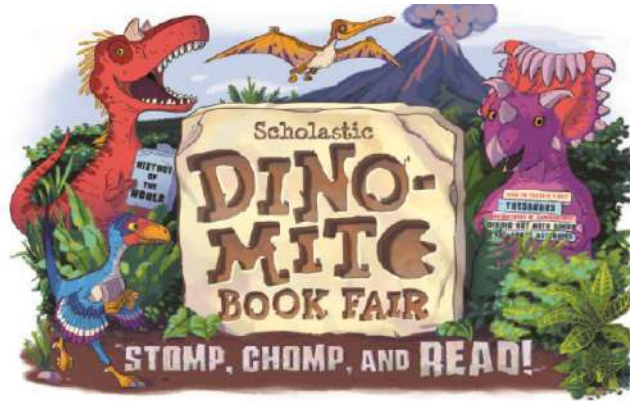
Bookings essential for all tours, please contact Mrs Samantha Beg, College Registrar

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2019 the Year of
Resilience



The **DINO-MITE (STOMP, CHOMP & READ!)** Book Fair will be held from Monday 29th July- Friday 2nd August in the **Multi-Purpose Room**.

There will be a wide variety of books, as well as posters & variety items to purchase.

Students will have an opportunity to preview the books & make a wish list (Mon-Tues) & purchase books (Wed- Fri) during class time.

There will be an opportunity for parents to preview & purchase books-
Tues 30th July 2.45-3.15 (preview only)
Thurs 1st Aug 2.45-3.15 (sales)

The book fair will also be open before & after school on the following days-
Wed 31st July- 3.15- 4.00 pm
Thurs 1st Aug- 8.15 -8.50 am & 3.15-4.00 pm
Fri 2nd Aug- 8.15-8.50 am

Cash, On-line payments & EFTPOS will be available

JOSEPH'S CORNER

Once again we will be asking families to purchase a book at the fair & donate the book to Joseph's Corner for those less fortunate.

Please support our book fair as the school receives a commission from the sales to purchase new books for the library.

Denise Thorne
Library Technician



The artroom needs your help!

Do you have any of the following?

- Newspapers
- Old CDs - used or unused (for printmaking, doesn't matter what's on them)
- Margarine containers - or similar

We'd love whatever you can donate. Please drop donations directly to the Art room anytime on Tues/Wed/Thurs until the end of term.

Thank you for the wool & other things!

Thank you for the huge donation of wool & other things that were received in the Art room last week. It is much appreciated and perfect timing!



Fundraising Dinner & Auction

WHEN

Friday 30th August 2019

Commences 6.30pm with canapés
7.00pm soup

WHERE

**Mount St Joseph Girls' College
133 Maidstone St, Altona**

COST

\$40.00pp (3 course meal, BYO drinks)

TICKETS

Call MMHC (03) 9926 9300

RSVP Friday 23rd August 2019



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Location: Community Hall, 56 Lake Street, Avondale Heights

Learn and participate in Drill!

Learn about flying and go flying!

Participate in sports events!

Be part of social activities!

Take part in community projects and the ANZAC Day march!

Membership open to Girls & Boys from 8-18 years old!



Parade and Drill



Make Friends



Modelling and Community



Annual Flying Day

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

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Date: Friday 30th August, 2019

Time: 7:30am to 08:45am

Venue: St Mary MacKillop Hall

Cost: **\$7.00 (per person-including children)** to help cover the costs. Any profits will be donated to a Men's Health charity.

We invite our Dads, Grandads, Uncles and any other significant males in our children's lives to join us for an egg and bacon breakfast at school.

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

- Egg and Bacon Sandwiches
- Sausages
- Juice
- Cappuccino, Long Black, Hot Chocolate & Tea can be purchased for \$3.00

Please complete the slip below and return with your money to the office by **Friday 23rd August**. **As this is a catered event, we strictly cannot accept any replies after this date.**

Hope to see you there!

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST – Friday 31st August, 2018

Family Name	
Eldest Child's Name and Class	
Number of persons attending	
I enclose my \$_____ for the Father's Day Breakfast	

NB: Please return to school by Friday 23rd August, 2019