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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Dear Community,

Once again, I am proud to say we have much to celebrate here at SMMPs. Our children are well behaved, enthusiastic and generous in spirit. In the main they treat their teachers and peers with respect.

Last week we celebrated the feast of St. Mary MacKillop. Our children do live in her spirit and for that I am very grateful. They acknowledged the day, engaging in activities which helped them reflect on the life of Mary MacKillop. They celebrated Mass and enjoyed a sausage sizzle. Each child also received a bag of lollies in the tradition of St. Mary MacKillop herself, who was known to dig deep into her pockets and offer lollies to the poor children who otherwise never would have enjoyed lollies.

We recall Mary's life motto and know with confidence that in many ways our children respond to this motto:

"Never see a need without doing something about it." (SMM 1871)



Children from Year 3 Blue

On Thursday of this week, we celebrate The Feast of the Assumption, which is our Parish Feast Day. We will celebrate with a Mass and each child will receive a cup cake to acknowledge the day.

The Feast of the Assumption is a significant day in the life of the Catholic Church. As Catholics we believe Mary was assumed into heaven. Mary was chosen to bring Jesus into the world and through her very life she pointed the way to Jesus. It makes sense then that Mary still points the way to Jesus, as she sits with him in heaven.



We know that in the tradition of our Church, the Rosary is a great way to connect with Jesus through his mother, Mary our Protector. Our late Pontiff, St. John Paul II, spoke of the Rosary. His words really resonated with me:

“The Rosary has accompanied me in moments of joy and in moments of difficulty. To it I have entrusted any number of concerns; in it I have always found comfort...The Rosary is my favourite prayer. A marvellous prayer! Marvellous in its simplicity and its depth...Thus the simple prayer of the Rosary marks the rhythm of human life” St. John Paul II.

Thank you for your support with our School Closure. Unfortunately, due to the weather in Melbourne some staff did not make it to Sydney as many flights were cancelled. For the staff that did make it, we had a rich day of learning. Monsignor led us in the celebration of Mass, we visited the tomb of St. Mary MacKillop and we were taken on a spiritual pilgrimage for the afternoon, by Sr. Annie Bond rsj. We heard a lot about Mary MacKillop and Fr. Julian Tension Woods, the Co-Founder of the Josephites. We had time for reflection, journaling and for sharing in small groups and together. It really was a wonderful day. I trust our learnings will impact on our school and in doing so, make a difference in the life of your children.

And last week our Prep class celebrated 100 days of Prep. This was a great day of celebration! Please see the report below.

Enjoy your week everybody,

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Anthony McCluskey
Principal

LEARNING CONVERSATIONS TERM 3

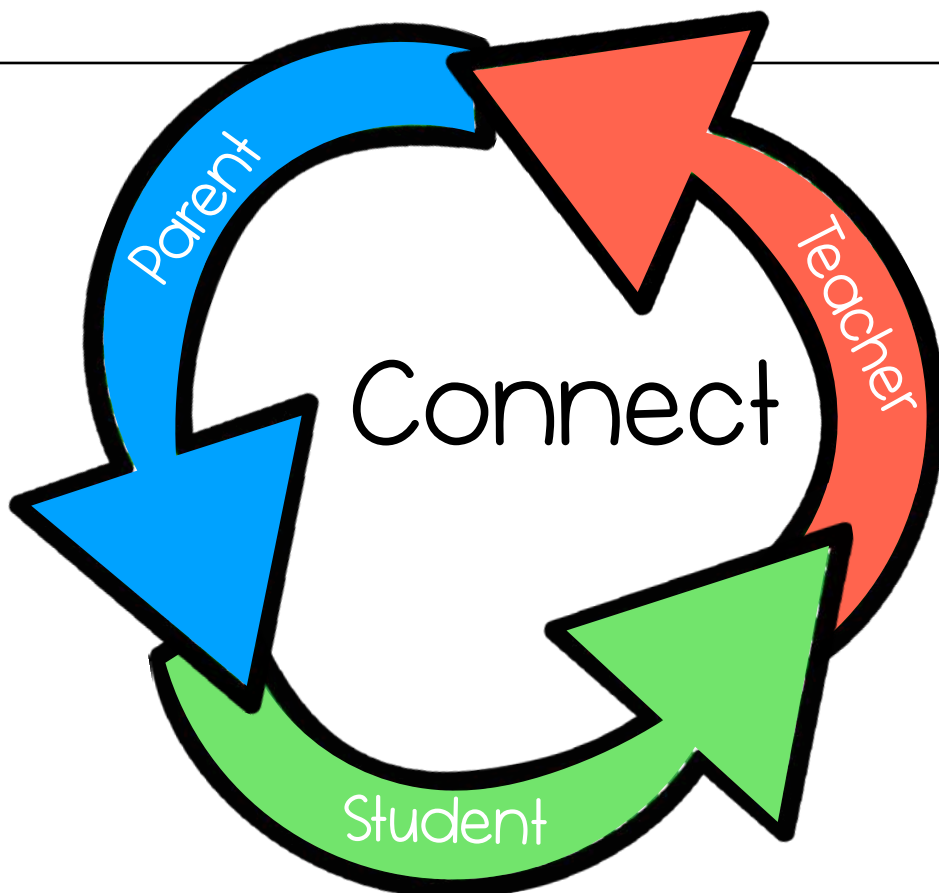
This term we will have another opportunity to discuss the progress of your child through a formal Learning Conversation led by the student. We trialled this process for the first time last term and we had positive feedback as the students took on a lead role to share and take ownership of their learning.

In the learning conversation your child will do most of the talking (supported by their classroom teacher, if needed) as they share work they are proud of and discuss their progress. It is a great opportunity for your child to reflect on their own learning, whilst taking increasing pride in their achievements.

The dates and times for these conversations are:

Monday 9th September 3:45 - 6:00pm
Tuesday 10th September 1:00pm - 6:00pm

More information in the next newsletter regarding booking times.



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FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY – AUGUST 15

On the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (to use the fancy name for this day), we remember when Mary was taken (“assumed”) into heaven, body and soul, after she died. You will not find this story in the Bible. However, a tradition handed down from the earliest days of the Church says that Mary died in Jerusalem and was buried in a tomb. But when the apostles opened the tomb again, her body was gone. Why would God take Mary’s body and soul into heaven? In part because Mary is special to God: she said “yes” to becoming the mother of Jesus. But God also wanted to show us that one day, all of us will share in the bodily resurrection of Jesus. Mary is the first person in the Church to experience the resurrection in its fullness.

Source: <https://teachingcatholickids.com/celebrate-the-solemnity-of-the-assumption/>

In the Gospel reading for the mass of the Assumption, we hear Mary’s song of praise for the wonderful things God has done for her in making her the mother of Jesus.



Mary said:

*With all my heart I praise the Lord,
and I am glad because of God my Saviour.*

He cares for me, his humble servant.

From now on, all people will say God has blessed me.

God All-powerful has done great things for me and holy is His name.

What are you grateful to God for?

Our Lady of the Assumption – Pray for us.

ST MARY MACKILLOP FEAST DAY

We had a wonderful day of celebrations for our Feast Day last Thursday. Have a look at the photos from our mass and some of the activities that were done during the day.



**SMMPS SCHOOL CHOIR –
Thank you for your energy**



**St Mary MacKillop School
mass.**



**Year 6 ART
WORK**



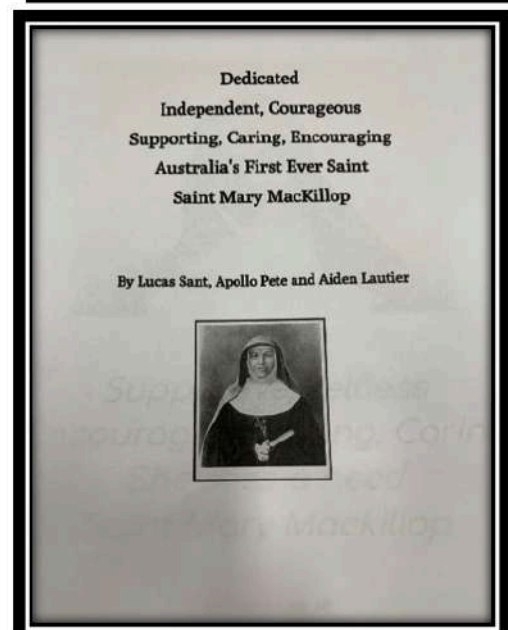
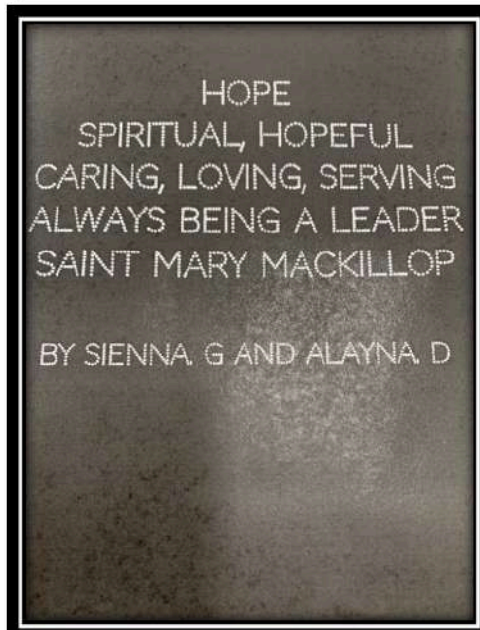
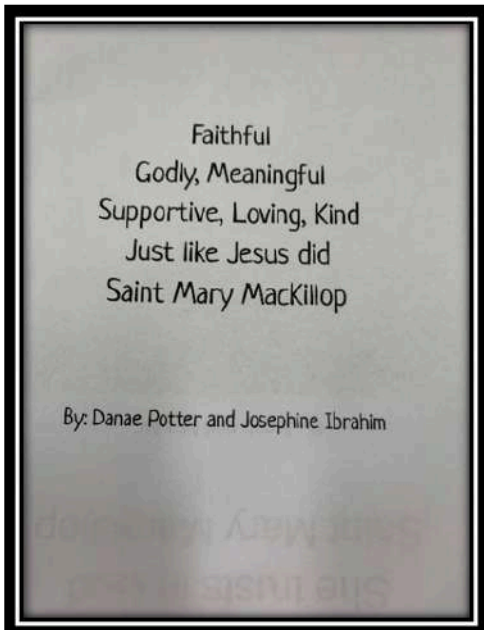
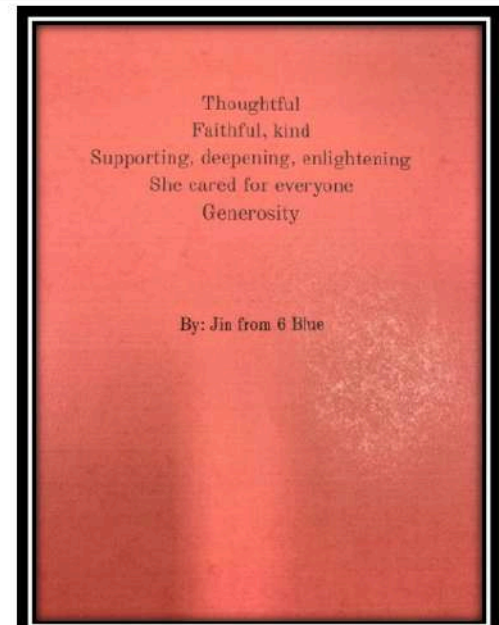
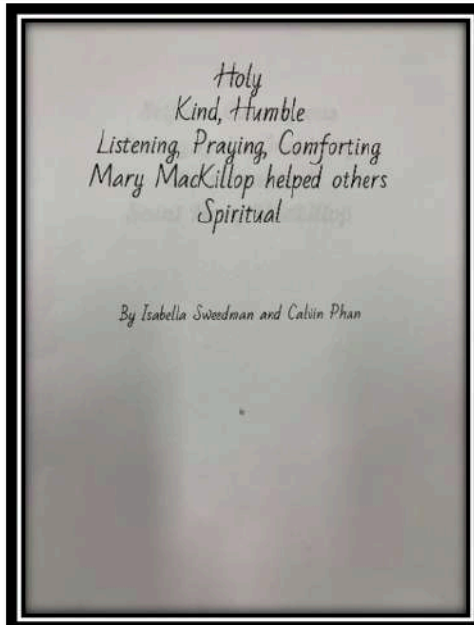
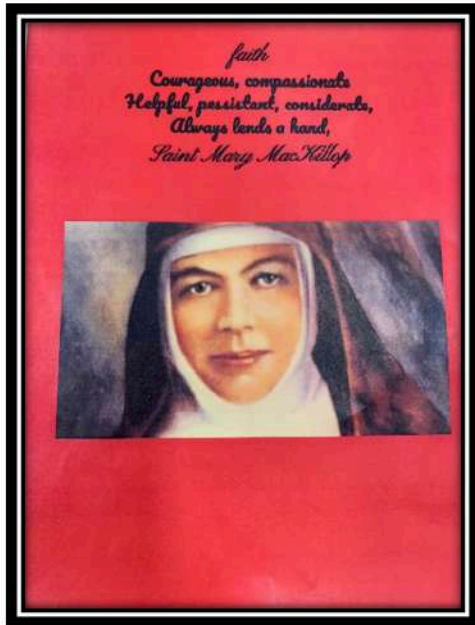
**Year 2 St Mary MacKillop stained
glass window art work.**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Here are some of the Cinquain Poems the Year 6 students have written about St Mary MacKillop



CATHOLIC MEDIA

If you interested in religious books, movies or podcasts go to the website: STMA.FORMED.ORG to sign up and log in. This website /app has been approved by the parish and has a lot of interesting Catholic material for the whole family. Read more about it on the following flyer.

BOOK WEEK 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



BOOK FAIR

This year's book fair has been successful with over \$12,000 worth of books & variety items being sold. We will receive a commission of approximately \$4,000 to spend on new books for the library.

Thank you to all the families, students & staff who supported the book fair & donated books to Joseph's corner (over 120 books donated).

Special thanks to Jenny Melki for her support all week & our parent helpers Skye, Mirella, Yulia & Chelsea.

Student orders have been placed & will be delivered to classrooms this week.

Thanks again everyone. **Denise Thorne-Library**

LEARNING and TEACHING

Explore, Create, Empower Conference

On Thursday August 1st and Friday August 2nd a team of Inquiry focus teachers from across the school, Mr McCluskey and Mrs Yorston attended the Explore, Create and Empower Conference at Moonee Valley Racecourse. These two days of inspirational learning were an opportunity for teachers and leaders to delve further into best practice of how we can design powerful learning to inspire and empower our students to become highly capable learners. At SMMPS we believe when students are given the opportunity to learn something that has real meaning for them, they become more engaged and motivated in purposeful learning.



In P-2 the students learn through self directed inquiry during Discovery time. This opportunity is strategically shaped by teachers to enable students to learn more about themselves, how to live and work with others and the world they live in. In Years 3-4 Passion Projects and Years 5-6 80/20 time are opportunities for students to follow their passions and develop their ability to manage their learning more independently.

The conference had various keynote speakers such as, John Spencer from the USA who spoke about "What happens when students OWN their own learning", as well as James Anderson who spoke about the concept of "The Agile Learner" and Luke Touhill who has an interest in physical design in the learning environment. Each of the keynote speakers also ran workshops throughout the day.



We were very privileged to also run a workshop on the Friday. **Mrs McIlvena, Miss Fogarty** and four Year 6 students, **Celeste Sotelo, Emma Bosevski, Aaron Camilleri and Levi Gambian-Lugli** presented to a group of teachers and leaders at the conference. The teachers presented a workshop on what student initiated inquiry looks

like 7 years on, as the current Year 6 students started their journey as Prep students.



At the end of the second day of the conference Celeste, Emma, Aaron and Levi spoke about what happens when we give students choice and develop their capacity to manage and own their learning. Then, in a room of 160 people filled with leaders, classroom teachers and principals, Aaron and Levi performed a mash-up of Queen songs as this was part of their 80/20 project. They were amazing and they re-energised everyone in the room with their singing and playing of instruments. We were proud of all the students who participated in this

experience, as well as, the rest of the Year 6 cohort and their teachers for managing and self directing their own learning.

Also a big thank you to Bili Bosevski for transporting the students to and from the venue.

Rita Krnac
Leader of Learning and Teaching



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presents

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GREASE
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Friday 23 & Saturday 24 @ 7.00pm
Sunday 25 @ 1.30pm
August 2019

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History Box Incursion

On Monday the 5th of August all the grade 4 students gathered in JP11 for a History Box incursion about the First Australians and English Settlers. We learnt a lot about Aboriginal culture and their daily life. We participated in 5 fun activities including Naka Naka (a game like naughts and crosses), made love tokens, blended spices, wrote with a quill pen and explored historical artifacts.

Did You Know...

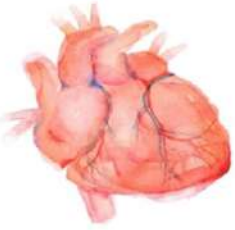
- There were 11 ships in total that travelled to Australia, 6 convict ships, 2 war ships and 3 supply ships.
- It took just over 8 months for the British to get from England to Australia making three stops along the way.
- People were sent to jail in England for petty crimes such as stealing a loaf of bread!
- Smallpox was a deadly disease that killed many Indigenous people.

Ava Zeine (4 RED)

Darleen Lou (4 BLUE)

Gabriella Tomassi (4 YELLOW)





YEAR ONE INCURSION

Drama Toolbox- The Human Body



On Monday 12th August Year One had a visit from the Drama Toolbox. They were immersed in a range of fun and colourful activities that took them on a journey through the body. Through dressing up in costumes and acting out the role of neurons, blood cells and muscles they were able to learn how different body systems link and work together. All students thoroughly enjoyed their activities and even had a giggle at their Teachers acting out the part of 'Bazza'. On reflection, the Year Ones wrote a letter to The Drama Toolbox to recount their learning and share their new learning.



A Letter written by Year One's.

Dear Amy (from Drama Toolbox)

We loved when you came and taught Year Ones all about the Human Body. First we magically shrunk down and went inside 'Bazza's nose'. It was hairy and full of boogers. After that we dressed up in costumes as neurons, oxygen, blood cells and stomach muscles. Next we did fun activities that taught us how the body parts worked in our different body systems. When we had finished working through the body we came out of Bazza's waste. We then magically returned to our normal size. We learnt so much and it was lots of fun.

From Year One Students



♥ “My Favourite part was the costumes. I dressed up as a white blood cell fighting all the germs.”- *Ruby (1 Y)*

♥ “It was Interesting to learn that the stomach has muscles that move back and forth and help our food break down ”- *Slaiman (1Y)*



♥ “We learnt that your neurons send messages around the body”- *Domenic (1Y)*

♥ “ I enjoyed how we pretended to come through Bazza’s body” *Naar (1R)*

♥ “I enjoyed pretending to be a little ballerina and act out how oxygen flows through our body and helps our lungs” - *Emily. (1R)*

♥ “My favourite part was dressing up. I dressed up as a white blood cell” *Tiana (1R)*

♥ “ I enjoyed when I was dressed up as neuron and as oxygen.” *Matteo (1B)*

♥ “ I liked pretending to be a blood cell. The white blood cells fight all the bad germs.” *Anthony (1B)*

♥ “My favourite part was being a red blood cell, because the costume was a dress that had a red ring around it.” *Maddie (1B)*

♥ “I enjoyed running around, pretending to be the neurons sending messages from our brain to the body.” - *Charlie (1G)*

♥ “I learnt that your white blood cells fight off the germs in your body” *Alessia (1G)*

♥ “I enjoyed dressing up as a heart and acting out how red blood cells travel around our body.” *Ethan (1G)*





100 days of Prep



Last Wednesday our Prep students celebrated 100 days of school. They have been counting the days since their very first day of school back in February and it was a much anticipated day.

The day started with the Preps exploring '100' in Discovery Learning – What can you build with 100 cups? What would you do with \$100? The Preps had opportunities to make '100 Days' hats, imagined and drew pictures of themselves at 100 years old, made fairy bread (made with 100s but not 1000s!) They wrote about what they might look like, what they might work as and a skill they could learn before they reach 100. They even practiced walking like a 100 year old!

They ended the day with assembly where they received a balloon and certificate to remember their special day. Students dressed in amazing costumes on the theme of 100 and sang a counting song to 100 to an audience of well over 100 people.

We are very proud of all they have achieved in just 100 days – and look forward to seeing what they'll do in the next 100.

100 days of Prep



UPCOMING EVENTS



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



Monday 9th September

Learning Conversations
3:45pm to 6:00pm - see information

Tuesday 10th September

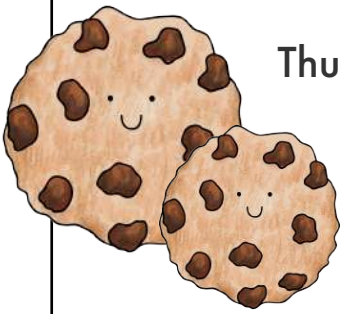
Learning Conversations
1:00pm to 6:00pm - see information

Friday 20th September

End of Term 3
School finishes at 1:00pm



CANTEEN TERM 3



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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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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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