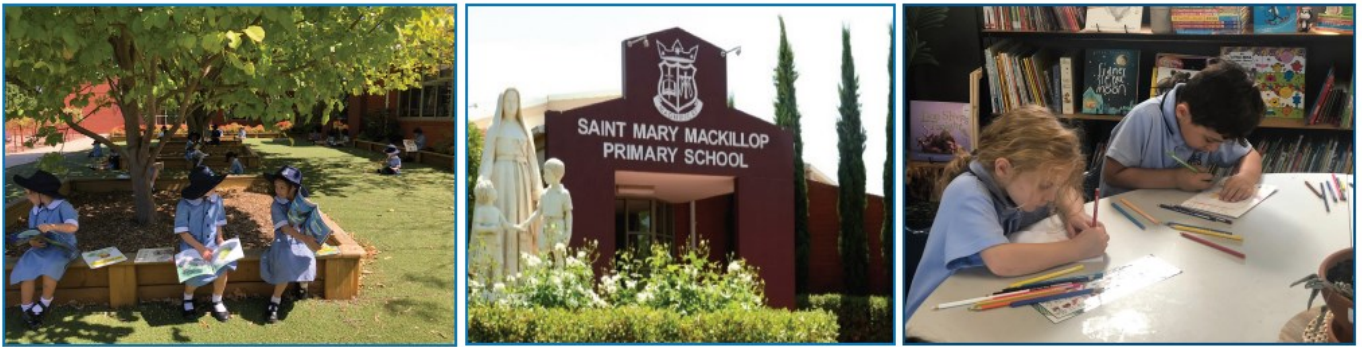


Thursday 04 June, 2020

ST. MARY MACKILLOP PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Staying Connected... No. 11

Hello Everyone,

We have had a great two weeks welcoming back our children in Prep-Year 2. I am so proud of them and how they are adapting to new routines. It's great to see the children entering with a smile on their face each day and walking or running off to their classrooms each morning on their own. There is a silver lining to every cloud! Despite the site restrictions in place, limiting the number of adults that enter the school site, our silver lining is the resilience of our kids. Sometimes I think we underestimate their ability to adapt. They are growing in confidence and independence. I am very proud of all our children.

I am personally enjoying being at the gate each morning welcoming the children to school. I appreciate the fact that I can build relationships with more children. Their smiles make it all worthwhile!

Next week we welcome back all students in Year 3-6.

The State Government, together with the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria has directed that access to school grounds is limited to:

- **School staff**
- **Students attending on-site learning**
- **Contractors, including cleaners and maintenance workers**
- **Outside-school-hours-care (OHSC) staff, enrolled children and their families**

SCHOOL ARRIVAL and DEPARTURE

Staggering Drop-Off/Pick Up Times

We have been directed to Stagger Drop-Off and Pick-up Times.

DROP-OFF

Parents will be able to drop off their children in the back car park or front car park.

I will allow parents to drop off at nominated points, if safe to do so and the driver does not have to leave the car. (This includes leaving the car to unbuckle seat belts.) The nominated points being:

- front 'drive thru' open in the morning for drop-off.

If the 'drive-thru' is full please do not wait on Odessa Avenue. Keep driving. We do not want to block the traffic on Sunshine Avenue.

- rear car park; drop-off at crossing. A staff member will be present to direct and assist.

If parking, parents can choose to walk their child to a gate on the school ground. There will be gates open out the back in the temporary fence and gates open out the front. This will reduce congestion.

8:30am- 8:45am: Families who need to get to work, families with children in different year levels and Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students.

8:45am- 9:00am: Year 1 and 2 students.

9:00am- 9:15 am: Prep students.

PICK-UP

Children may be collected from the front gates in the afternoon. Children being collected from the front will gather at the double gates.

You must park in the school car park or on Odessa Avenue and walk in to collect your children. The drive thru will not be open in the afternoon. See pictures below.

Children may be collected from the rear carpark. Children being collected from the back will assemble on the asphalt behind the temporary fencing.

Of course, we know some of the older children walk home, sometimes with younger siblings. That's okay.

PICK-UP CONTINUED...

2:30pm- 2:45pm: Prep and older siblings

2:45pm- 3:00pm: Years 1 and 2 students and older siblings

3:00pm-3:15pm: Years 3 and 4 students and older siblings

3:15pm: Years 5 and 6 students.

It is up to you to tell your children where to meet you. Either at the **'front or back'**.

These arrangements will be in place for the rest of this term. We will advise of arrangements for Term 3 at a later date. These times will depend on directives set by the State Government.

Thank you for your patience as we sort out the way forward with staggering times. We are simply trying to keep our school safe for everybody.

I trust all this makes sense.

Keep well everyone,



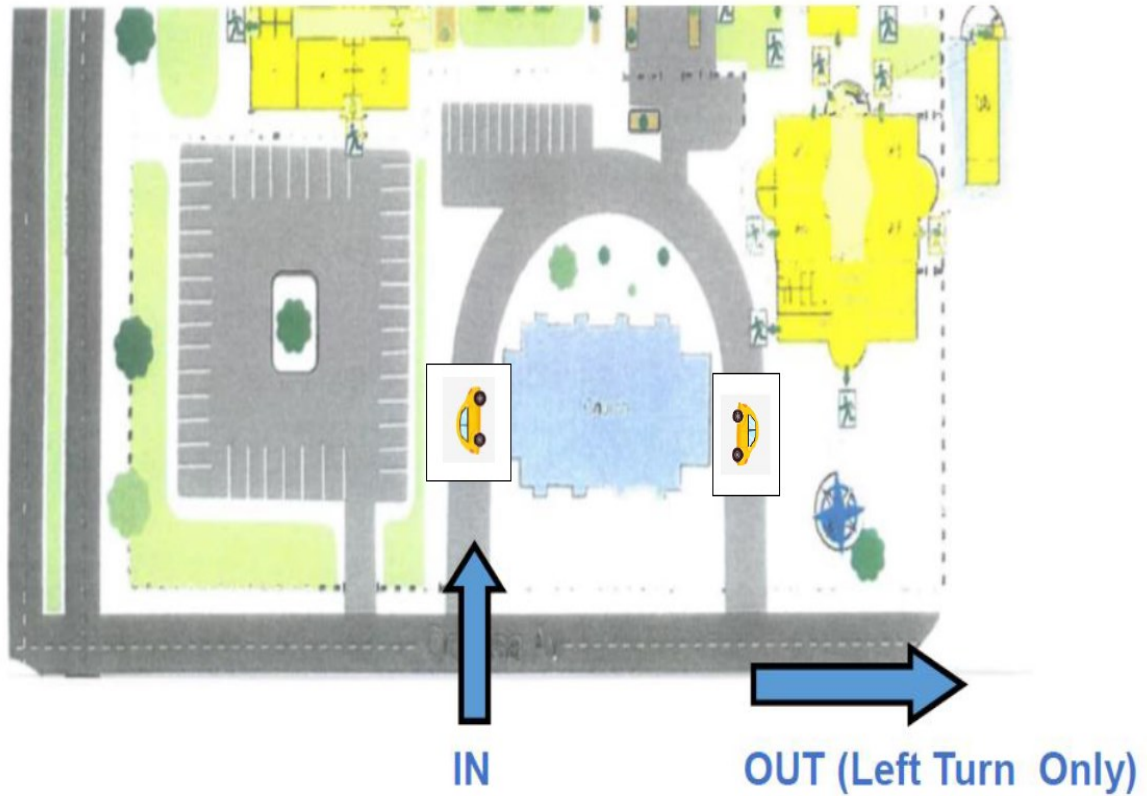
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Principal

Rear Carpark with temporary fencing



Morning Drop Off-Drive In



After School Pick Up-Walk In

