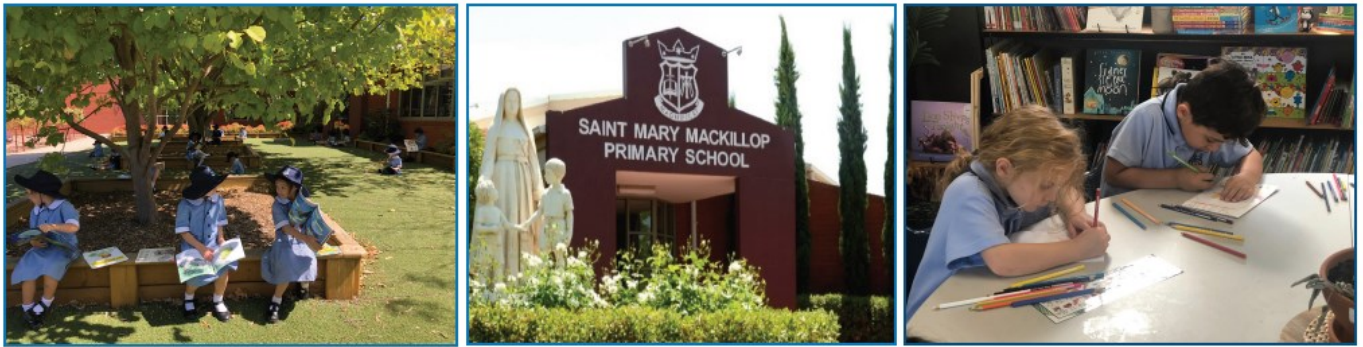


Wednesday 05 May 2021

ST. MARY MACKILLOP PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Staying Connected No. 9. 2021.

Dear Community,

Congratulations to our Year 6 students who were Confirmed on Saturday, by our Parish Priest, Monsignor Charles Portelli. It was a reverent ceremony that was beautiful in so many ways. The participation of all involved, the music and singing and the liturgy itself made for a day to remember. The Holy Spirit was truly present.

Thank you to Monsignor Portelli for conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation. We have no Bishop in this region of Melbourne, hence Monsignor Portelli was given permission from the Archbishop to confer the sacrament. Monsignor led the liturgy reverently and spoke exceptionally well during his Homily

Thank you to our Year 6 team of teachers, Jasmine McIlvena, Vanessa Willis, Ross Botoulas and Daniel Dopierala. Thank you also to Lucy Vassallo, our Leader of Religious Education. Each of these staff members contributed to preparing the children for Confirmation. Lots of work goes into teaching the children about the sacrament, supporting them in personalising the sacrament and then of course, preparing for the liturgy and reception of the sacrament. Thank you also to the children's parents, sponsors and families. Education in faith is truly a shared partnership.

I was grateful to the many staff members who turned up to support the children. Their presence helps let the children know that the day is truly special.

We live streamed the liturgy. I was very pleased to see that over 130 different people viewed the liturgy in real time. It was wonderful to see so many more people virtually taking part in the celebration.

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MONDAY MORNING ASSEMBLY

Each Monday morning at 9:00am we gather as a school community for an assembly in the school yard. Whilst we still have some COVID Restrictions, parents are always welcome to attend. The fact that we gather outside (weather dependent) makes for a safer gathering place.

Yesterday we spoke of three very important people in the life of our school community... Mary, the Mother of Jesus (May, being the month of Mary). St. Mary MacKillop (an ordinary woman living an extraordinary life) and our mothers and grandmothers, both living and passed (this Sunday, being Mother's Day).

We also acknowledged a number of children with a **Principal Award**. Congratulations to these children on living in the spirit of St. Mary MacKillop and/or practicing our School Wide Positive Behaviour expectations.



Go well everyone,

Anthony McCluskey

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Principal

Footsteps

This term at SMMPS our students have an opportunity to participate in the Footsteps Dance Program led by Hannah. Footsteps allows our students to flourish as they are educated through movement. The program is linked to the Victorian Curriculum and is aimed to develop students' confidence, fitness levels, self esteem and coordination in a fun and motivating atmosphere. The students (and some teachers) enjoy participating in these sessions as a way of expressing themselves as they move along to the music. These are some of our happy snaps.



Student Initiated Inquiry at SMMPS

At SMMPS we value and emphasis **Student Initiated Inquiry (SII)** from P-6. Student initiated inquiries are powerful learning opportunities for students to develop learner capabilities, ignite curiosity and creativity and deepen student thinking. Students are provided with the time to pursue their own interests and passions that are strongly connected to the Victorian Curriculum.

So what does SII look like at SMMPS?

In **P-2 Discovery Based Inquiry** values the interests and experiences young learners bring to school, as well as, build new experiences to extend and build upon curiosities and wonderings. It is an opportunity for students to learn more about themselves, others and the world they live in. During Discovery students make choices about the learning they want to engage in, who they do this with and where. Teachers design the learning environment by providing materials and provocations that support student learning in addition to stimulating different types of thinking.



Researching information



Constructing a home for a pet.



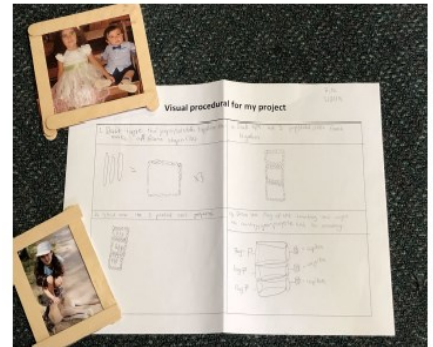
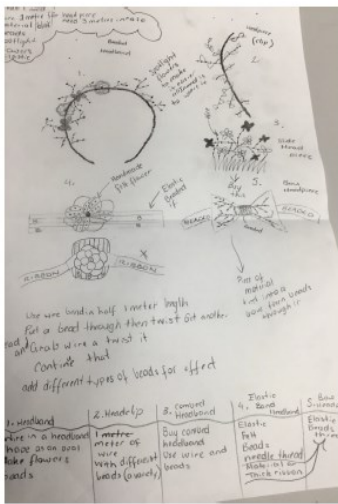
Role play and telling stories.

In **Years 3 - 4 SII is known as Passion Projects**. Passion Projects are an opportunity for students to follow their passions or interests and develop their ability to manage their learning more independently. When students are given the opportunity to learn something that has real meaning for them, they become more engaged and motivated to learn.



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In Years 5-6 SII is known as 80/20 time. Quite simply, the name 80/20 was derived from Google's philosophy of 80% of the time employees would engage in their normal work duties and 20% of the time they were able to work on ideas and projects that interested them. As a result of this '20% free time', Gmail originated in 2009. At SMMPS students spend 80% of their time engaging in teacher directed learning and 20% of their time exploring and engaging in self directed learning. In 80/20 students plan and manage a multi-step project that will stretch their thinking and develop dispositions, which will enable them to become independent and reflective learners.



Catholic Regional
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2021

**FAMILY TOURS
WITH THE PRINCIPAL**

A tour of the College will provide a view of the
incredible facilities we have on offer for
every student every pathway.

For tour bookings
<https://crcls.vic.edu.au/join-our-community/book-a-tour/>

9:30am on the following dates: Monday 10 May • Tuesday 18 May • Tuesday 27 July • Monday 13 September

Prep Enrolments 2022

If you have a prep child starting next year, please either come to the front office to pick up an enrolment form or email Kellie at

kdohererty@mmkeilordowns.catholic.edu.au

Enrolments close on May 14-get your forms in so you do not miss out on a place

Mother's Day Stall

When: Thursday 06th May

and Friday 07th May

(Open at break 11.00am-11.40am Friday 07th)

Gifts range from \$1.00 to \$10.00

Come and buy a present for Mum/Grandmother/Aunt

Lots of great gifts to choose from:



Thermal Travel Mugs

Sporty Metal Drink Bottles

Magnet Notepads

Weekly Planner Pads

Photo Frames

Ceramic Candle Holder

Bracelets

Candles

Bath Fizzers

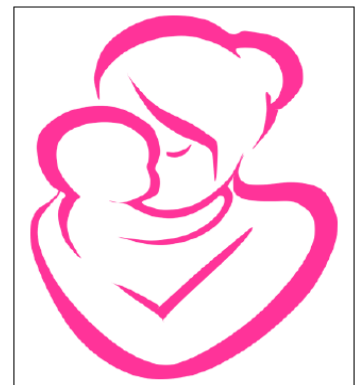
Body Care Packs

Grooming Sets

Keyrings

Aprons

And lots more....



FREE...PLEASE TAKE.

We are currently doing a cleanup and cull of unused furniture and other bits and pieces that have been in storage in the back shed, which is soon to be dismantled.

Anything on the verandah of the Art Room is for the taking. In the main, there will be lots of chairs (great for a backyard party), some old joinery (maybe okay for a garage) and some other things. Check it out and then bring a trailer if you are interested. Anything not taken we will simply throw out!

UPCOMING EVENTS-TERM 2

Thursday 6 May

Prep 2022 School Tour @ 9.30am

Thursday 6 May and Friday 7 May

Mother's Day Stall

Monday 10 May

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea-Fully Booked

Thursday 13 May

Year 3 Reconciliation at 12pm

Friday 14 May

Prep 2022 Enrolments Due

Monday 24 May

Year 5 Camp-more details soon

UPCOMING EVENTS-TERM 2

CONTINUED...

Monday 24 May to Friday 4 June

Prep 2022 Interviews

Saturday 5 June

Year 3 Communion

1.00pm 3B and half of 3R

3.00pm 3Y and half of 3R

Monday 14 June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 15 June

School Closure Day-more details soon

Wednesday 16 June

2022 Prep Letters of Offer sent out

Friday 25 June

2022 Prep Letters of Offer Due

End of Term 2

Finish at 1.00pm

