

# ST. MARY MACKILLOP PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## *Staying Connected No. 8, 17th June 2024*

Dear Community,

As we try to warm ourselves on these chilly days and when the world outside seems cold and unwelcoming, the Sacrament of Communion offers us spiritual warmth and nourishment. This sacred act is a reminder of Christ's unwavering love and sacrifice. Through the Eucharist, we are invited to partake in His body and blood, a powerful gesture of unity and grace.

Communion is not just a ritual; it is a profound expression of our faith and a means of drawing closer to God. As we receive the Eucharist, we are reminded of Jesus' words at the Last Supper: "Do this in memory of me." In these moments, we are united with Christ and with one another, forming a spiritual bond that through the act of Communion brings us closer to Christ and each other.

Our Year 3 students, 1 Year 4 student and 2 of our Year 5 students came together on Saturday to celebrate this sacred sacrament. I would like to congratulate all the students who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday. I am very proud of the children. They celebrated the Sacrament with such reverence and pride. Well done!

I would like to thank all the staff and members of our school community who attended and supported our children on Saturday. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Year 3 teachers Linda Marino, Rebecca Micallef, Elyse Whitefield, Laura Barui and our Religious Education Leader Natalie Mulford. They have put a lot of planning and preparation in ensuring the children were ready and prepared to receive the sacrament.

Of course I would also like to thank Monsignor Portelli and Father Vinh who celebrated the Sacrament with us with such reverence and grace.

And well done to all the boys and girls who engaged in learning about the Sacrament of the Eucharist, they all grew in their knowledge and hopefully the appreciation of the Sacrament.

Have a great week everyone.

As Mary MacKillop said on this day in 1867;

"We must teach more by example than by word."

**Anthony D'Amico**

**Principal**



## REMINDERS

- The basketball court is used as a carpark in the morning and afternoon. The safety of our children is of utmost importance and therefore I ask that you take extra care when driving in the carpark areas. The speed limit is **5km per hour** and there is to be no double parking at all. Please only park in the designated parking spots and do not park on the artificial turf or in pedestrian walk ways. Thank you for taking the safety of our children seriously.



- From time to time our children forget to bring their lunch to school or a lunch order is ordered for the wrong day and we ask parents to bring in the missing lunch. In order to continue with our healthy eating expectations we ask that parents **do not** bring in take away food such as McDonalds, KFC etc. If you do need to purchase lunch for your child we ask that you purchase things such as sushi, sandwiches or wraps.
- The School opens at 8.30am and children can enter the classroom at 8.50am. **Please do not drop children off prior to 8.30am.** If you need to bring your child to school before 8.30am please book them into the before school hours program.
- St Mary MacKillop is a 'Smoke Free Zone' and smoking on the school grounds is not permitted. According to the law, 'The Tobacco Act 1987 bans smoking or vaping on school premises or within 4 metres of any pedestrian access point to school premises.' **Please do not smoke or vape on the school grounds.**

- If your child needs to bring a mobile phone to school it must be handed into the teacher in the morning where it will be stored in a secured location and returned to them in the afternoon. Please refer to the Mobile phone policy on the school website.
- As there is no supervision on the playground area in the morning, the playground is out of bounds and children are not to play on the playground before school.
- The front drive through area between the Church and the School operates as a drive through zone only before school.
- Due to a few near misses, those who wish to park and bring their child into class must use the back car park area. There is now no parental parking in bays outside the front of the Church.



## PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS



St. Mary MacKillop Primary School is committed to child safety. We believe all students deserve, as a fundamental right, safety and protection from all forms of abuse and neglect.



# First Holy Communion



We thank Monsignor Portelli  
and Father Vinh for  
celebrating Mass with us on  
this day.

Images created by Year 3  
students





## School Attendance

I would like to reinforce the importance of students attending school and being present and ready to learn by 9.00am every day. Classes begin at 9.00am so we can maximise the learning time the students have at school.


When students arrive late, they miss the important whole class instruction period and are therefore missing key concepts, modelling and information that is vital to their learning.

Please note that if your child/ren are late (after 9.10am), they **must** come to the office to be signed in late. **Parents are not to accompany them straight to their classroom.**

I also understand that there are times when early departures cannot be avoided. In these cases, I would appreciate if you could pick your child/ren up at either 11.00am-start of lunch break, 11.45am-end of lunch break, 1.40pm-start of second break or 2.20pm-end of second break as picking up during class times disrupts the lesson and the other children in the class.

Due to the busy nature of the office and classroom in the afternoon, we cannot call children out of class between 3pm – 3.15pm (unless it is an emergency). Please try and collect your children in the hours listed above if they must leave early.


Thank you.



## Saint Mary Mackillop Primary School

### Winter Uniform

In Terms 2 & 3 students are required to wear their Winter Uniform.  
The photos below show what all students should be wearing.



\*Hair ties, small bows or headbands need to be pale blue, royal blue, navy blue or white.

**Uniform items can be purchased in the following ways:**

- **In Store at: Academy Uniforms, Deer Park. Monday to Friday: 9am - 5pm Saturday: 9am - 12 noon. 10/85 Mt Derrimut Road, Deer Park. Phone (03) 8385 9111**
- **On-line: at [www.academyuniforms.com.au](http://www.academyuniforms.com.au) for home delivery or a free weekly delivery to school.**



# SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTION

## *Hope in a Suitcase*

We are the Year 6 Mission Leaders and we want to tell you about our whole school social justice action: Hope in a Suitcase. Hope in a Suitcase is an organisation that helps kids who go into foster-care. They organise bags and suitcases to give to children who have been removed from their homes to keep them safe. Sometimes these kids leave all of their belongings behind. This organisation's aim is to give these kids a suitcase full of things to help them feel special, important and loved.

We would like our whole school to work together to gather important items to go into the hands that need them. We have been thinking about and connecting with children the same age as us: children in primary school.

**Wouldn't it be great if we could collect BRAND NEW things to put in these suitcases for children aged 6 to 12 years old?**

Our collection boxes will be placed in the Office foyer. You can bring your donations to the Office and pop them into the boxes. Let's work together this term to support this great organisation and children in need!

Final donations will be collected by Friday 14th June, the end of Week 9 this term.



### Donations for 6-12 year olds:

- carry on size suitcases
- duffle / overnight bags
- pyjamas
- singlets
- underwear
- socks
- clothes
- toothbrush and toothpaste
- small toys and crafts
- hairbrush, headbands, scrunchies and hair clips
- books to read (fiction/non-fiction)
- colouring, drawing or activity books
- pencils and textas
- body wash/soap
- shampoo/conditioner
- cards and card games



# 2024 Term Dates

Term 1: 31 January-28 March 2024

(Good Friday 29 March-Easter Monday 01 April)

Term 2: 15 April-28 June 2024

Term 3: 15 July-20 September

Term 4: 7 October-17 December

(Year 6 finish Friday 13 December)



  
*Catholic Regional College  
Sydenham*  
**2024  
COLLEGE TOURS  
WITH THE PRINCIPAL**

**COLLEGE TOUR DATES**  
Tuesday 19 March - 11:00am  
Thursday 16 May - 9:30am  
Thursday 13 June - 4:00pm  
Tuesday 15 October - 11:00am

To register for a College Tour,  
scan the QR Code below.



Or visit our website:  
[crs.vic.edu.au](https://crs.vic.edu.au)  
and navigate to  
'Join our Community' and  
'College Tours / Events'

*Every Student  
Every Pathway*

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## Annual St Mary MacKillop PS

# READ-O-RAMA

**Flex your reading muscles!**

**Increase your reading strength.**

**Build your reading power!**

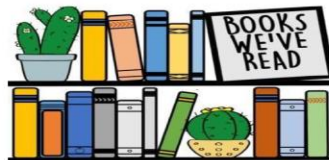


**Starting from Monday the 6th May 2024**

**Your challenge is to read as many books as you can until the end of term.**

P-2s will track how many books they read

3-6s will track the number of pages they read



Students record their reading each day,

Teachers keep a tally of their students' reading for the week,

Year levels will keep a running, weekly total of BOOKS/PAGES READ  
and **display** them in their areas.

At the end of term we will celebrate!

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# MARIAN COLLEGE

A Kildare Education Ministries Catholic School for girls in the Brigidine Tradition.

## PROSPECTIVE FAMILY INFORMATION EVENING

**TUESDAY 25 JUNE 2024**  
**5.00PM- 6.30PM**

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# EXPERIENCE CRC NORTH KEILOR

## GRADE 5 IMMERSION PROGRAM

CRCNK are running a Grade 5 Immersion Program throughout Terms 1-3. Students engage directly with our inspiring staff and our Year 10 student leaders for an exciting & fun hands-on Immersion program.

From interactive projects to collaborative activities, this unique experience provides Grade 5 students with an opportunity to explore high school subjects in a safe and supportive environment and gain invaluable insight into what student life is like at CRCNK.

- Sessions run from 3:45pm - 5pm
- Students are required to attend in their school uniform
- A parent/carer is required to attend for the duration of each session and are invited to attend presentations by members of our Leadership Team.

Each program will run on a Thursday after school for 3 consecutive weeks. The dates for the Term 3 programs are as follows -

**Term 3:** Thursday 18 July, 25 July & 1 August  
**OR**

Thursday 15 August, Thursday 22 August & Thursday 29 August

**Students will be required to attend all 3 sessions in one program.** Places are limited so register online via our College website using the link below. **Registration will open on Monday 27 May at 9 am.**



[crcnk.com.au/enrolment/year-7-2026](http://crcnk.com.au/enrolment/year-7-2026)



**Food  
Technology**



**WoodWork**



**Science**

[www.crcnk.com.au](http://www.crcnk.com.au)

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## Upcoming Events 2024

### Term 2: 15 April-28 June 2024

**Friday 28 June**

Last day of Term 2

Students finish @ 1.00pm

### Term 3: 15 July-20 September

**Monday 15 July**

First day of Term 3-school starts @ 9am

**Monday 29 July to Friday 2 August**

Book Fair

**Tuesday 30 July and Thursday 1 August**

Parent Teacher Conversations-details next term

**Thursday 8 August**

St Mary MacKillop Feast Day

## Upcoming Events 2024 Continued.....

**Thursday 15 August**

Feast of the Assumption

**Monday 19 August**

Book Parade-details next term

**Tuesday 3 September**

School Closure Day-details next term

**Friday 20 September**

Last day of Term 3

Students finish @ 1.00pm