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Staying Connected No. 4, 2023

Warm Greetings,

The fast-paced nature of our world today often leaves us feeling overwhelmed and stressed, with an ever-growing to-do list that never seems to end. From juggling work, family, social commitments, and personal responsibilities, it can be challenging to find a moment of respite in our busy lives. The constant pressure to be productive and efficient in our daily lives can take a toll on our mental and physical health, leading to burnout and exhaustion.

However, as we enter into one of the most important and solemn times in the Catholic liturgical calendar - Holy Week; we are invited to take time to slow down. This is a week of deep reflection and spiritual renewal as we commemorate the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we move through Holy Week, it is important to remind ourselves and our children about the significance of this holy time. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, the day that Jesus entered Jerusalem to a warm welcome from the crowds, who greeted him with palm branches and cries of "Hosanna!".

The following days of Holy Week are marked by special liturgies and services that help us to enter more deeply into the events of Christ's Passion. On Holy Thursday, we commemorate the Last Supper, where Jesus instituted the Eucharist and the priesthood. This is followed by Good Friday, a day of solemn reflection on the suffering and death of Jesus on the cross. Finally, on Holy Saturday, we prepare for the celebration of Easter by observing a day of quiet and prayerful waiting.

The pinnacle of Holy Week is, of course, the celebration of Easter Sunday, the day when we rejoice in the triumph of Christ's resurrection over death. It is a time of great joy and hope, as we celebrate the victory of life over death and light over darkness.

As we journey through Holy Week with our children, let us take time to reflect on the meaning of these events in our lives. Let us pray together as a family, attend the special liturgies and services, and make time for quiet reflection and meditation. Let us also reach out to those in need, offering our support and compassion as a sign of the love of Christ that we celebrate and proclaim during this holy time.

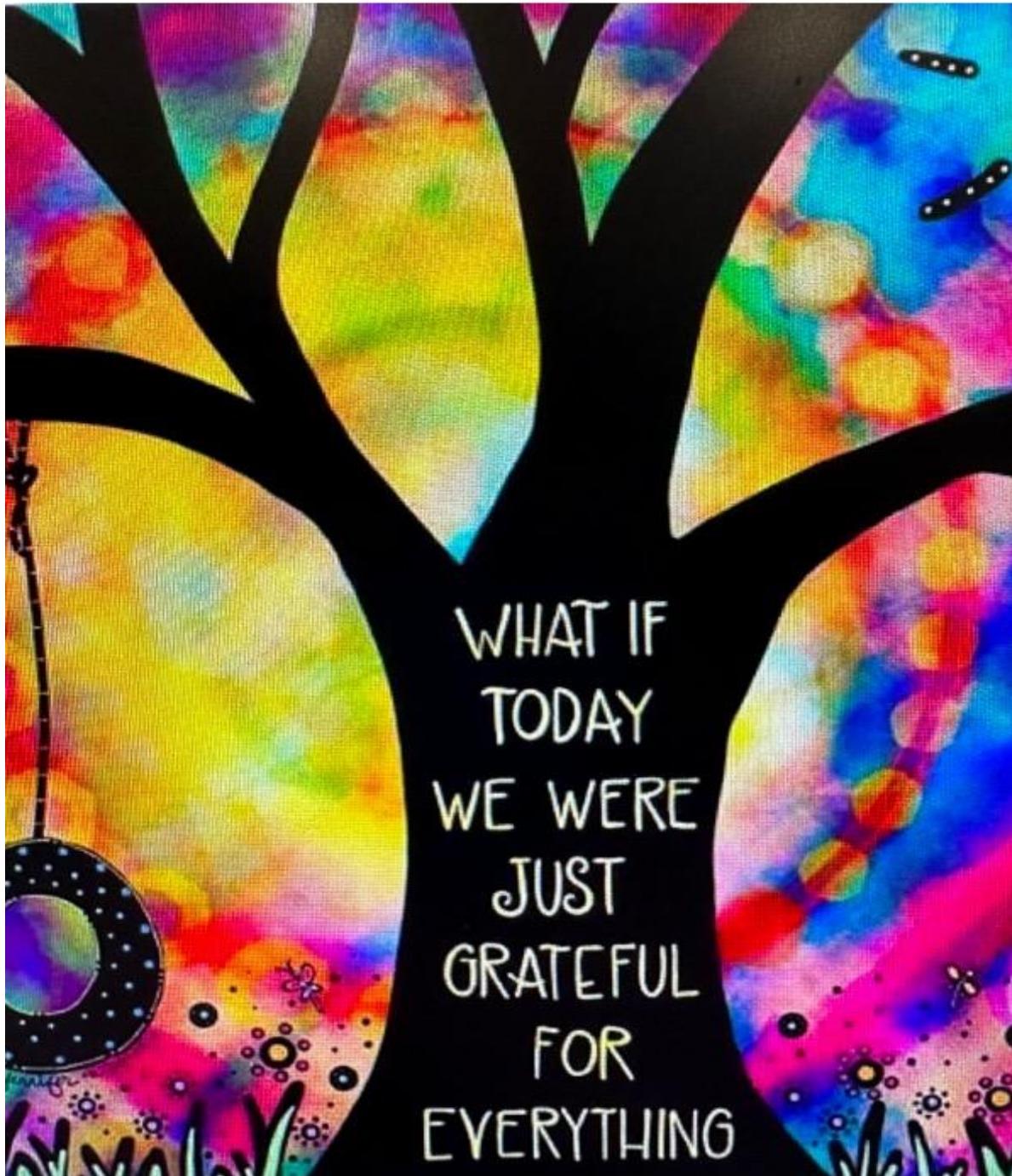
May the peace and blessings of this Holy Week be with you and your family.



As we continue our learning journey together, it's important to pause and reflect on the countless blessings that we receive from our school and its community. Our school is more than just a place of education, it's a place of fellowship, growth, and spiritual development. We are fortunate to be part of a community that values our faith in Christ and strives to create an environment where we can deepen our relationship with God.

In this community, we are surrounded by teachers, staff, parents, students and peers who support us and challenge us to be our best selves. We are encouraged to be active participants in the life of our school and to give back to our community through service. As we navigate the challenges and joys of the academic year, let us take a moment to express our gratitude for the many blessings that we have received from our school and its community.

Together, we are a community that values excellence, integrity, compassion, and service, and we are grateful for the ways in which these values have shaped us.



As Mary MacKillop so wisely wrote, "*Have an attitude of gratitude*". 1874

We have much for which to be grateful.

Have a happy Easter and school holidays everybody. **We will see you all on our return to school for Term 2 on Wednesday 26 April 2023**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony Mc McCluskey".

Anthony Mc McCluskey

Principal

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.

THERE'S MORE TO CELEBRATE and for which to be grateful...

Congratulations to all the girls and boys in Year 6 who were Confirmed in the Holy Spirit on Saturday 18 March. This was special day in the faith journey of these young people as they each said, 'yes' to God in their lives.

We thank Bishop Martine Ashe who conferred the sacrament upon the children. We also thank our Parish Priest and faith leader, Monsignor Charles Portelli and our assistant priest, Fr, Marcus Golding, who supported the school and these young people as they were confirmed.

My sincerest thanks also go to Natalie Mulford, who has Religious Education Leader, did much work in preparing for the celebration. Whilst this a significant moment in the understanding and the faith journey of the children; the event itself is very much a performance. The liturgy has ancient and contemporary elements that must be observed. The children were prepared very well and knew exactly what was required.

The ceremony itself went off very smoothly.

Thank you to Bree Artuso, Steph Adam and Ross Botoulas for their efforts and work in preparing the students. Much planning and time went into the lessons and practice to ensure the candidates had an understanding of the significance of the sacrament. I know, when I spent time with the Year Six class; it was clear, through responses to my questioning, that they knew what the sacrament meant for them.

I am extremely proud of my staff for their commitment they show to your children.



Congratulations to the children in Year 3 who celebrated their First Reconciliation on Thursday 30 March. Thank you again to Natalie Mulford and the teachers of Year 3; Linda Marino, Alyshia Crea and Elyse Whitfield for preparing the children so well.

This was a significant moment for these young people. I am very proud of them.

Blessings To You



On Your First
Reconciliation

And our gratitude is boundless...

At the end of 2022 a number of our staff took parental leave... Our warmest congratulations are extended to;

Stephanie and Andrew Taylor on the birth of

Mia

14 October 2022

Madison and Calvin Barlow on the birth of

Eva Bernadette

16 January 2023

Samantha and Aaron Bartolo on the birth of

Luca Paul

07 February 2023

Rebecca and Julian Micallef on the birth of

William Anthony

05 March 2023

We pray these precious children and their families are blessed with happiness and health.

FAREWELL

We say farewell to a number of staff who are leaving us this term:

Catherine Brawn- First Aid Officer (2019 to 2023)

Serena Burr- LSO (2023).

We particularly thank Catherine for her dedication and commitment to your children's health as she responded to First Aid each day. Often Catherine simply needed to lend an ear. We will miss her care, concern and the joy she brought to our school and office area.

PREP ENROLMENTS 2024

It is time to enrol your children for Prep 2024. We already have 54 enrolments submitted for 2024. We are committed to taking 75 children, creating three classes of Prep at 25 children in each class.

Of course, siblings will be accepted if eligible. We need to know how many siblings we might have, so we can offer places to other families.

Enrol now...

Go to our website <https://www.mmkeilordowns.catholic.edu.au/>

- Click on 'ENROLMENT INFORMATION' link at top of the page***
- Once redirected to the '2024 Prep Information and Timeline' page click on the St Mary MacKillop Prep Online Application link***

<https://app.digienrol.com/user/signup>

- Create an account and proceed to fill out the online application form or call Kellie on 9367 6199 for assistance.***

TERM TWO DATES

Wednesday 26 April 2023- Friday 23 June 2023

Staff will return on Monday 24 April, where we will be meeting at a conference centre in Parkville to revisit our School Vision as recommended in our school review last year.

Katrina Bourke, our school coach, will be leading us through this process.

Tuesday 25 April is a Public Holiday.

CANTEEN

We will be opening a canteen service online in Term 2 of this year. We welcome to our school, Queen Baker who will be supplying, what looks like an exciting menu. See below.

Food can be ordered and paid for on the App (Qkr), see below. It will be prepared offsite and delivered to school by 10:30am each morning, Monday to Friday.

We will need to create a roster of volunteers to distribute to the lunches to class tubs at 10:30am each morning for 20 minutes or so.

MENU

SANDWICHES/WRAPS/ROLLS:

Chicken Schnitzel, Lettuce and Cheese \$6.50

Cheese and Salad \$5.00

Chicken, Lettuce and Cheese \$6.00

Tuna, Lettuce and Mayo \$5.50

Salami and Salad \$6.00

Salad \$4.50

Ham and Salad \$6.00

Egg, Lettuce, Mayo \$5.50

TOASTIES:

Tomato and Cheese \$4.00

Salami and Cheese \$4.50

Ham, Cheese and Tomato \$5.00

Ham and Cheese \$4.50

Cheese \$3.00

HOT FOOD ITEMS:

Tomato Sauce Sachet .30c each

Vegetable Pastie \$6.50

Hot Dog \$4.50

Hot Roast Chicken Wrap \$6.50

Quiche Lorraine \$6.50

Penne Bolognese \$6.00

Jumbo Sausage Roll \$6.50

Halal Hot Dog \$5.50

Chicken Tender Wrap \$4.50

Chicken Schnitzel Burger \$6.50

Beef Pie \$6.50

Beef Burger \$6.50

SUSHI-TWIN PACK:

Crispy Chicken
Cooked Tuna
Chicken Teriyaki
\$8.00 for the twin pack

CAKE SLICE BITES- Cubes

\$3.00 each, flavours are on rotation

Principal Awards





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Introducing Qkr! (pronounced 'quicker') by Mastercard, the secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone at a time and place that suits you.

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- Pay for a variety of school items;
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Step 1 Download Qkr!

on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app



Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

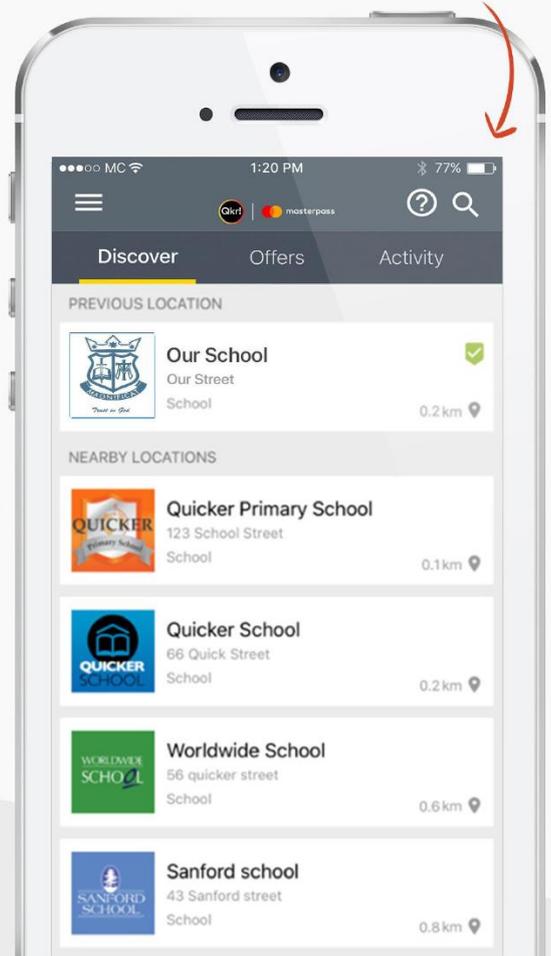
Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

Search for our school name





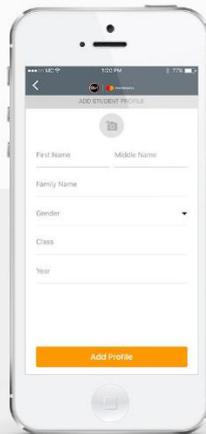
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Add your children's details in Student Profiles

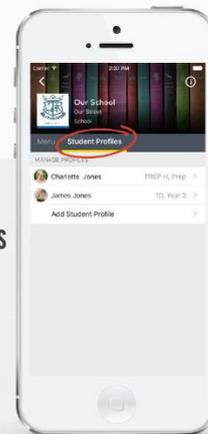
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Add each
child's details

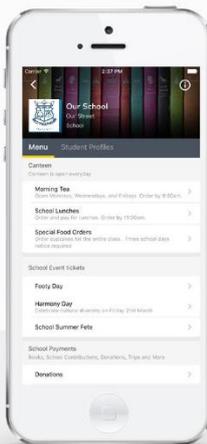


Manage each
child's details in
Student Profiles



Order meals

Select a menu
from our canteen

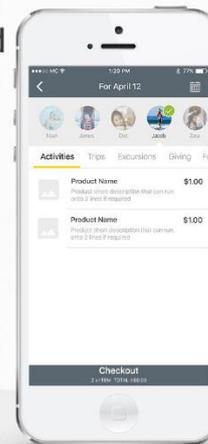


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box to view
your receipt
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an order



Select a date
for a child and
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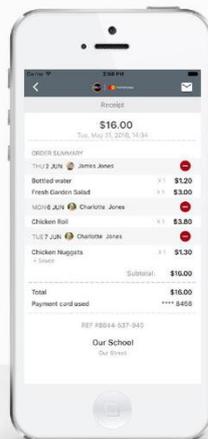
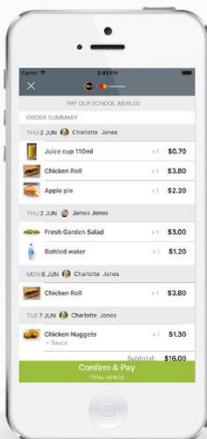
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are ordering for

Tap to change
the child you are
ordering for

Tap 'Checkout'
then confirm and pay

Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet



At checkout select which card to
pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted
by the school.

Once your payment is approved you
can continue to the home page, or
view your receipt.

Religious Education in Prep

Term 1



The Prep children have been learning about how we can develop a relationship with God through prayer. They have been learning how to make the Sign of the Cross and how to recite the Our Father and Hail Mary traditional prayers.



They made prayer mats and special objects and learnt how to use these to help them pray with their families at home:

- A **cross**: to remind us that Jesus is with us all the time
- A **candle**: to remind us that Jesus' light is with us and in us
- **Prayer Beads**: to help them pray for different people and things in their lives.



Religious Education in Year 1

Term 1

The Year 1 students have been exploring the significant sacred spaces of the church and made connections to deepen their relationship with God.



Sacred Places in the Church

I can explain the relationship between the Altar and the Last Supper

TI W8
15/3/23

Draw a sacred place in the church that reminds me of the Last Supper



This reminds me of
the Last Supper
because This was
Jesus' Bread the bread

Palm Sunday

I can reflect on the relationships that Jesus had with people



Draw what the crowd did when they saw Jesus

People waved palms
at Jesus because
he was a like a King
because because
he was a si
& special to them



They listened to and told the Holy Week stories to learn more about Jesus' relationship with the people He met.

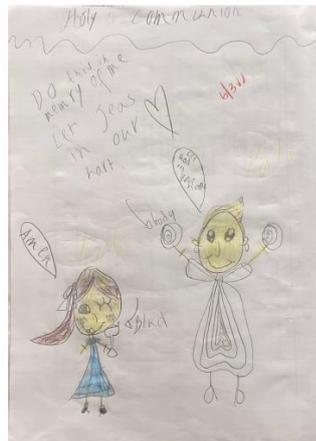
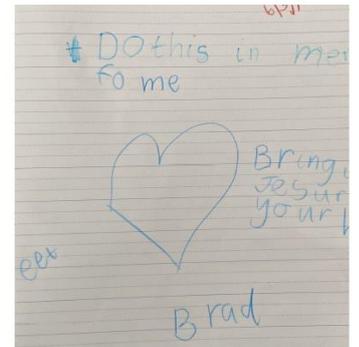
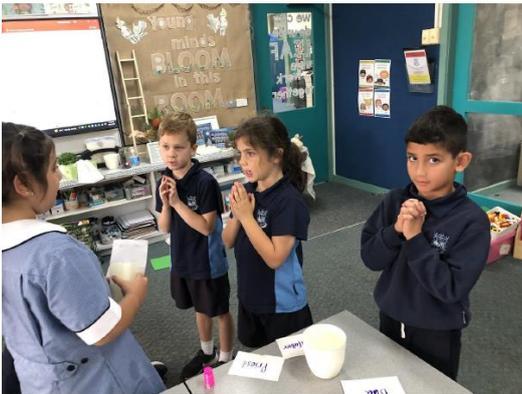
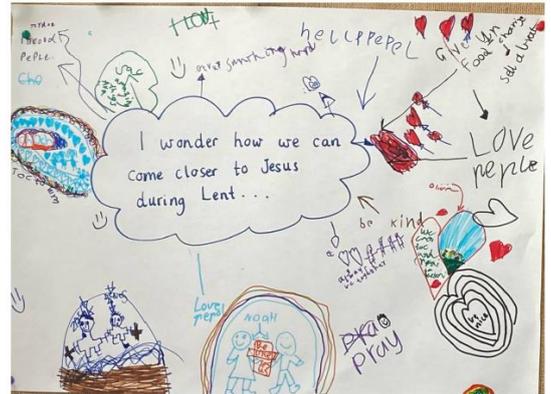
Religious Education in Year 2

Term 1

The Year 2 students have been exploring significant celebrations and events in the liturgical year, with a focus on Lent and Easter.

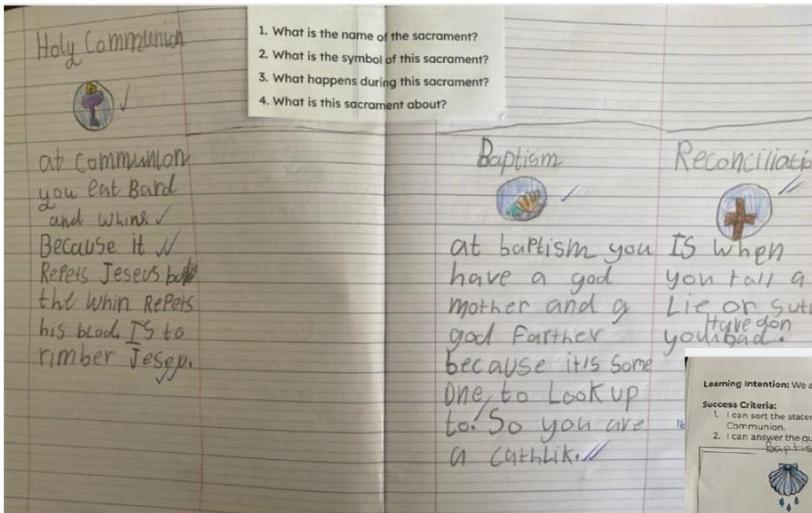


They have investigated the signs and symbols related to Baptism and the Eucharist, making connections to their own lives and celebrations in the Church.



Religious Education in Year 3

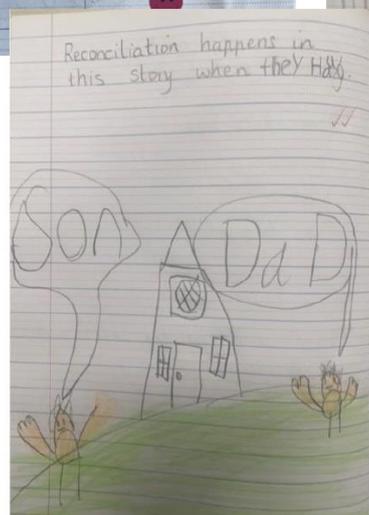
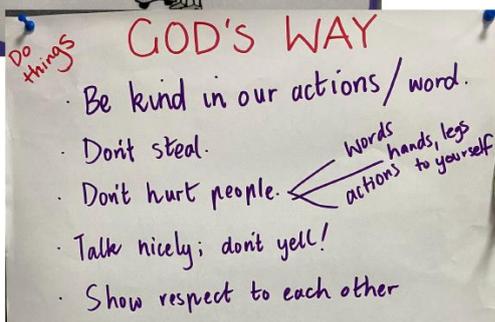
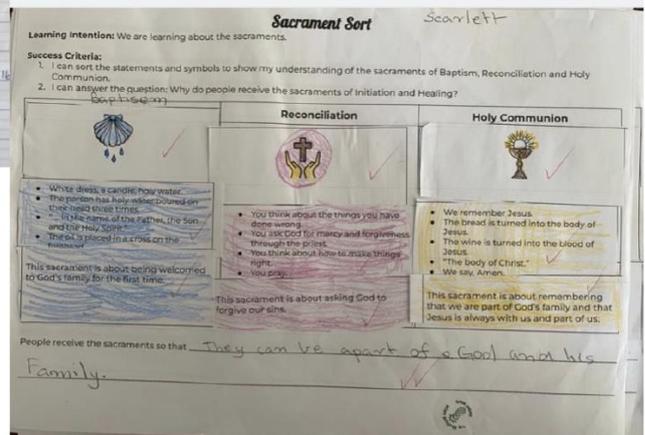
Term 1



Students learnt about the symbols and rituals associated with the Sacraments of Initiation and considered why the sacraments are important to Catholics.

They explored the importance of forgiveness in their lives, in preparation for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

Congratulations to the Year 3 Students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on 30th March.

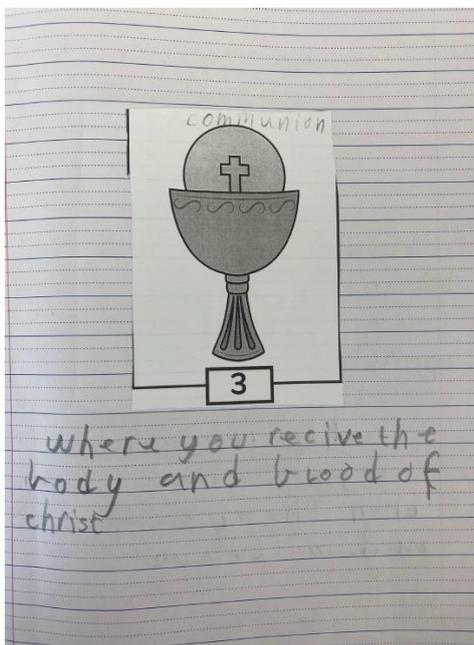


Religious Education in Year 4

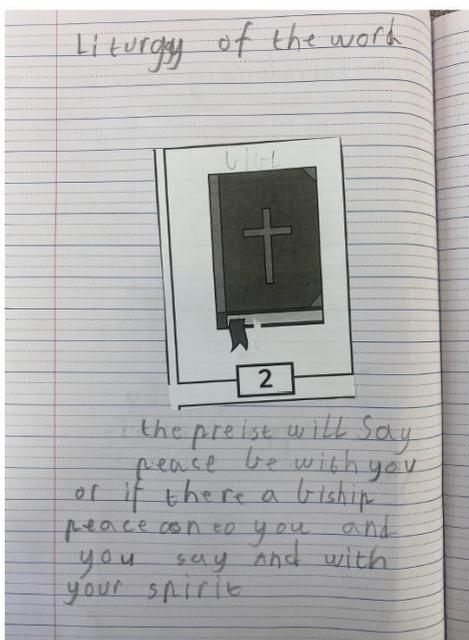
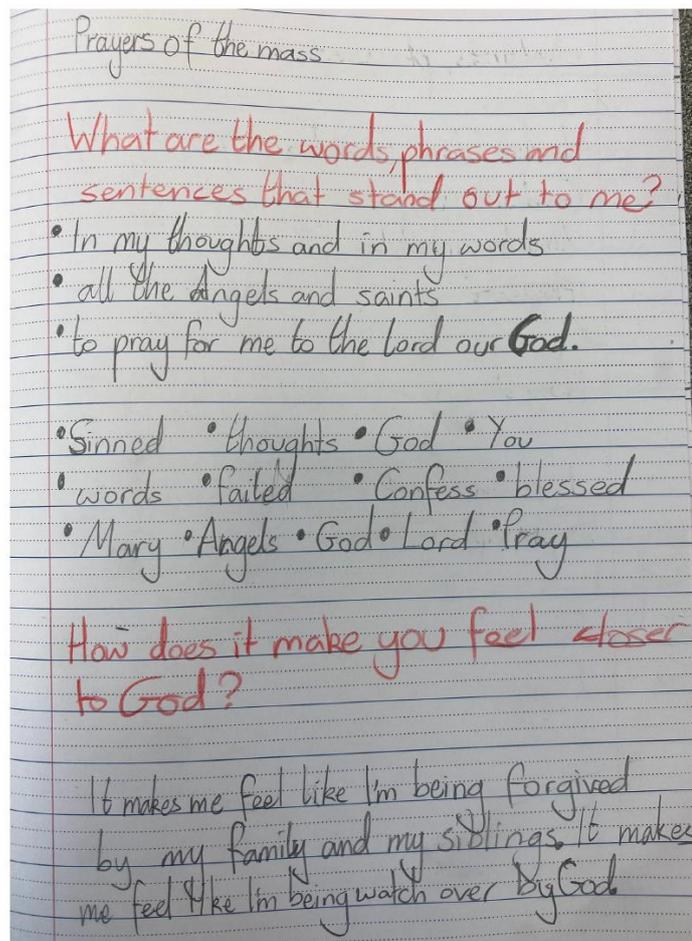
Term 1

The Year 4 students have been learning about personal and traditional prayer, the different formats in which we can pray and the significance of prayer as a Catholic person of faith.

They have explored how the Sacraments of Initiation are celebrated in the Church and reflected on their own experiences of these.



They have investigated the traditional prayers and rituals of the Catholic Mass and considered how the Mass can help us develop as people of faith.



Meditation in 4 Green

4 Green have been working with their teacher Miss Barui and Mrs Mulford on their Catholic meditation practice on Thursday mornings. Here are some of their reflections of their term of learning to meditate.

Aidan Atkinson - 4G

How does meditation make you feel?

Meditation makes me feel more calm and relaxed which helps me do my work better.

How has your experience with meditating changed/evolved during this term?

My experienced has changed over time as at the start we were doing meditation for 30 seconds now and it was hard to focus and now we do it for 5 minutes and it's easy.

How does meditation help you strengthen your relationship with God?

Meditation helps me build my relationship because I chant the word Maranatha and it clears my mind to have only God in my mind.



Angelo

How does meditation make you feel?

Meditation makes me feel calm and relaxed and it makes me feel good.

How has your experience with meditating changed/evolved during this term?

Over the term I have practised to meditate for longer. I have practised sitting still.

How does meditation help you strengthen your relationship with God?

To feel God's presence



Elijah

How does meditation make you feel?

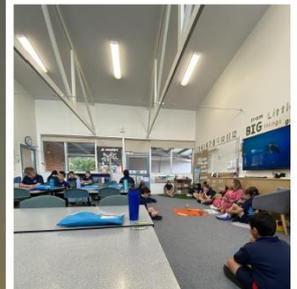
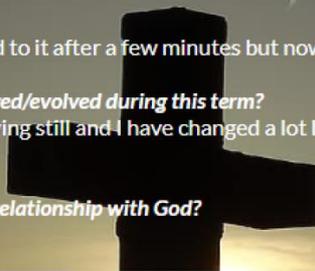
Meditation makes me feel calm after i get used to it after a few minutes but now im am really calm.

How has your experience with meditating changed/evolved during this term?

It has made me feel more concentrated at staying still and I have changed a lot by trying to stay still and meditate for longer.

How does meditation help you strengthen your relationship with God?

By listing to his voice in your heart.



Poppy

How does meditation make you feel?

Meditation makes me feel very cram and very relaxed.

How has your experience with meditating changed/evolved during this term?

At the start of meditation I was finding it hard to still my mined and now I am very good at making my mind still. We have meditated longer each time we have done meditation. We are still practising staying very still.

How does meditation help you strengthen your relationship with God?

We are listening to God whispers

Religious Education in Year 5

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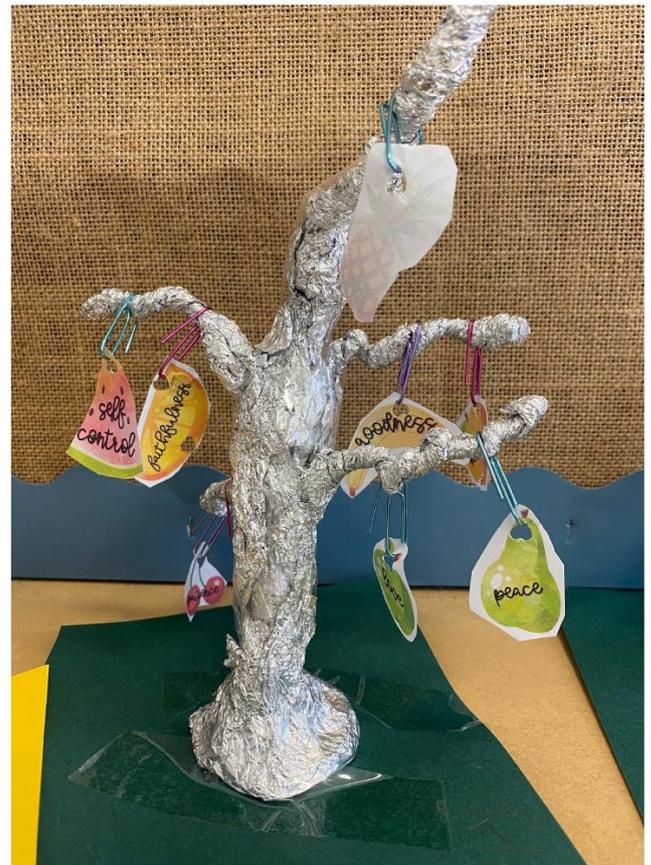


The Year 5 students have been learning about how the Catholic Mission is lived out.

They explored the Fruits of the Holy Spirit and made connections to how these are shown in their own lives.

They also investigated the life and work of St. Mary MacKillop, and created sculptures to show how these Fruits demonstrated her living of the Catholic Mission during her time.

Check out their sculptures and their writing about how St Mary MacKillop showed the Fruits of the Holy Spirit alive in her.



SAINT MARY MACKILLOP AND FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Saint Mary MacKillop showed **kindness** by helping those in need especially women and the poor.

Saint Mary MacKillop showed **faithfulness** by trusting in God and living her life to follow in the word of God.

Saint Mary MacKillop showed **goodness** by giving unto others. She never asked for anything for herself. Instead she was selfless and gave much of her money and possessions to those in need.

Saint Mary MacKillop showed **patience** by believing in those that argued against her and what she was trying to do for those in need. She never got angry and instead showed patience by believing that in time God would tell her what she needed to do.

I am inspired by Saint Mary MacKillop to show more kindness and goodness to others. To not want things for myself, but rather give to those in need. I am inspired to trust more in God and show more faithfulness to his word.

Saint Mary Mackillop and the fruits of the holy spirit

Saint Mary Mackillop showed self control by being calm and chill even when others were mean to her.

Saint Mary Mackillop showed love by making schools for children with hardly any money.
Saint Mary Mackillop showed joy by always being happy even in the hardest times.

Saint Mary Mackillop showed kindness by spreading the word of god her whole entire life no matter what.

Saint Mary Mackillop showed patience by not getting angry even when she got kicked out of the church.

I am inspired by Saint Mary Mackillop to follow in Gods footsteps and treat everyone the same.

Saint Mary Mackillop and The Fruits of The Holy spirit

Saint Mary Mackillop showed **SELF CONTROL** by never doing something that God told her not to do. She would always follow in Gods footsteps and stick by his side.

Saint Mary Mackillop showed **GRATEFULNESS** by never asking for more than she had. When she created a school she didn't say "I don't want a barn!?" she stuck with the barn.

Saint Mary Mackillop showed **JOY** by having pride in everything she did and always loving helping people in need.

Saint Mary Mackillop showed **LOVE** by educating children whose parents can't afford school because her parents couldn't afford school for her.

Saint Mary Mackillop showed **FAITHFULNESS** by always sticking by God's side and never seeing a need without doing something about it!

Learning about Holy Week and Jesus' Journey to the Cross

From their learning, the Year 5 students created artwork to depict the Stations of the Cross. Take a look at them in action, preparing artwork for the whole school liturgy: Jesus' Journey to the Cross.



Religious Education in Year 6

The Year 6 students have been learning about Leadership in their Inquiry investigations and have also been learning about taking the next steps in their faith journey in learning about the Sacrament of Confirmation.

This week we praise all of the Year 6 students for their contribution to their own learning and extend a congratulations to those who have confirmed their faith through the Sacrament.

They explored the signs, symbols and rituals of Confirmation.



They have looked to people of the Church who inspire the Holy Spirit to shine in them, and identified those in their lives that are witness to the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Students met with Bishop Martin Ashe to discuss all things related to Confirmation and living a faith filled and mission driven life.

Families gathered online to reflect on the Sacrament of Confirmation and the growth of the children in their faith journeys.



Confirmation day was a success. We thank the teachers and families who helped prepare the children to confirm their faith and strengthen their relationship with God through the Sacrament.

SMMPS Sport Captains 2023

WOODS HOUSE



Bianca Guerrisi

My name is Bianca Guerrisi and I am SO PUMPED to be a sports captain alongside Zane for Woods. I LOVE soccer, footy and basketball. As a sports captain I am especially looking forward to athletics, to cheer and encourage my peers, but most importantly have fun whilst helping everyone along the way.

Zane Galea

My name is Zane Galea, I am proud to be House Captain of Woods alongside Bianca. I love soccer and swimming. I am most excited for events such as the Colour Run and Athletics. I can't wait for the year ahead. **GO GREEN HOUSE!**

GEOGHEGAN HOUSE



Eve Dunstan

My name is Eve Dunstan and I am so excited to be a sports captain with Amelia in Blue House. I love swimming and basketball. I am looking forward to cross country and especially looking forward to athletics. I am ready to face challenges and encourage my peers.

Amelia Saad

My name is Amelia Saad and I'm so happy to be sports captain for blue house alongside Eve. I like swimming and playing basketball. This year for Blue House I'm excited to help with athletics and cross country and helping all the kids enjoy sport. **GO BLUE HOUSE!!!**

ALEXANDER HOUSE



Zak Potter

My name is Zak Potter and I am SUPER THRILLED to be Sports captain alongside my mate Owen and all other elected sports captains. I love all sports, especially soccer and golf. As Sports captain, I am looking forward to helping the Sports teachers. This year I would love to lift up the team spirit of Yellow house.

Owen Aquilina

Hi my name is Owen Aquilina. I am really passionate about all sports, especially soccer and footy. I'm honoured to be sports captain alongside my buddy Zak... I can't wait to cheer you on and I know YELLOW HOUSE will be unstoppable. We promise to make sports events exciting, motivating and fun for all!

GO YELLOW HOUSE!

MACDONALD HOUSE



Alexandra Xerri

My name is Alexandra Xerri and I am so happy to be sports captain with Jonah and proud to represent Macdonald house in 2023. I am so excited to lead my house at Athletics and other events. I am looking forward to helping our sports teachers and others. This year I will represent and lead by example. It is going to be a good year for Red House.

Jonah Kidd

Hi my name is Jonah Kidd and I am so thrilled to be sports captain with Ally. I am so pumped about representing Macdonald House at athletics, interschool sports and all other sporting events. I am really looking forward to helping our sports teachers, students and others. During 2023 I hope to influence others by respecting teachers and peers and encouraging them to do their best. I promise that I will try my absolute hardest to make all sports events that I participate in fun and worthwhile. Come on, Red House!

Year 5

Lorne Surf Camp



6th - 9th March 2023

Year 5 Lorne Surf Camp

In week seven of this term, our Year 5 students and staff travelled down the Great Ocean Road to attend our annual Surf Camp in Lorne. The camp was located on the foreshore of the iconic Lorne surf beach. Our accommodation was at the Lorne Surf Club overlooking the ocean and Lorne township. We went as one big group, staying for two nights. We left on Monday the 6th and came back on Wednesday the 8th.

Each day consisted of Surfing lessons and Life Saving Training, free time, beach games and spending time getting to hangout with friends in such a beautiful location.

We were able to learn how to bodyboard, stand-up surf, rescue a swimmer in danger, perform CPR and identify and manage a rip current in the surf. We also hiked up to Teddy's Lookout to enjoy the view of the local area and also try to catch a glimpse of a whale, dolphin or even the famous rip of the area.



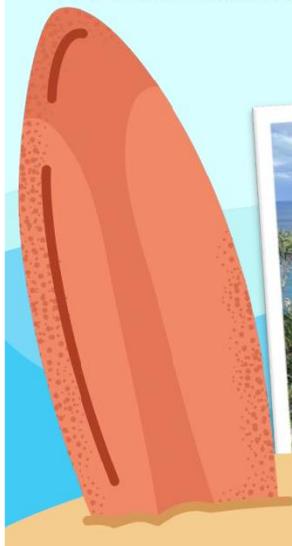
It was a great experience, and definitely one we will never forget!

Thank you to all the staff who gave up their time and left their families to come along and support our Year 5 students on this experience. Your attendance and support are greatly appreciated!

Mr Maxwell Mr Quinn Miss Higgins Miss Parnell Mrs Mcilvena Mrs Gallagher
Mrs Camerota Serena Burr

Please visit the Club Lorne webpage if you would like to see more about this camp - clublorne.com.au

Our camp program at SMMPS is a very valuable tool in assisting our students to develop resilience, independence, social skills and experience activities they may not have had a chance to do outside of everyday life. We begin this program in Year 4 with an overnight experience, progress to two nights in Year 5 and culminate the process in Year 6 with Sydney/Canberra experience.



On the 6th to the 8th of March the Grade 5's went to a beautiful and wonderful surf camp. It was so fun. The food was fabulous. Everyone liked the people in their cabins. The rooms were clean and so were the bathroom's. The teachers were there supporting us left and right (nothing is better than 11 people encouraging you day and night) and while we had rules we had to follow the people who worked there were super nice to us all.

By Maddie (5Y)



On Monday morning we arrived at camp. We were really excited. When we got there, the first activity for the Waves group was boogie boarding. The waves were stronger than they looked. We had heaps of fun! The weather was warm there and we tried boogie boarding for the first time. It was challenging, but everyone tried it - no one was left out. While the Waves group were boogie boarding the Swells group did CPR. We sat in a big circle and Michael taught us CPR. He gave us lots of examples and situations. He also performed (pretended) CPR on a student.

After dinner, which on the first day was a variety of amazing food. We went on a night walk. We walked up to a peer with an amazing view of the sea. After that we went to bed.

The next day we woke up at 7.30 and had a wonderful breakfast. Our options were cereal or toast. They were very good. That day we were able to hop on the surfboard but you were also allowed to go boogie boarding again. We also went to the park that day which was pretty fun. On the second night we also watched a movie the movie was called Raya.

On our final morning we woke up, packed up all our bags, had another quick play at the park and then headed back along the windy road to school ready for our parents to pick us up.

By Poppy and Kayla (5Y)



Here is Year 5 surf camp. It was packed with fun and games, surfing, boogie boarding and more! Beautiful, high quality food and all the fun a kid needs. From the lovely bus ride and the exciting waves to learning about rips and how they are made the fun never ended. I highly recommend surf camp and all the fun and the beautiful nature we saw in Lorne. You get to be with all your friends, have a go at challenging activities, learn lifesaving skills, C.P.R and learn what life guards do.

By George (5Y)

On March 5th the Year 5's of SMMPS went to a surf camp in Lorne. They got to school at 8:00am and then had a 2 hour bus drive. When they got to Lorne, Phill the camp owner had a chat with us and then split us into two groups: Waves and Swells. My group (the Waves) did lifesaving first with a wonderful man named Michael who is also Phill's right hand man. He taught us how to save someone's life and how to follow the DR A.B.C when we are trying saving someone. We then put on a wet suit, which was not fun at all, but once you got the hang of it - it was OK. Then we went into the water to surf. This was my first time in the ocean so I was a bit nervous, but I gave it a shot. I kept getting my head under the water and I got a little scared but the teachers and lifeguards were there to help me. I started getting better at surfing and avoiding the waves.

The next day after another round of surfing we went on a hard walk to the top of a hill. It was uphill non-stop. non-stop! When we got back, Mr Maxwell let us have a little break and play some games on his Xbox.

On the last day we woke up, got everything ready on the bus then went back to school.

By Emmanuel (5Y)



What an extraordinary camp! When we arrived we were all a mix of emotions, for example I felt nervous, excited, scared and happy but we all felt different. We had our lunch that we all packed in our bags and we headed inside and took a seat in the wade room/ the dining area then the instructor Phil started to share the history and the safety rules that we all respected throughout the camp!

We learned two new skills - boogie boarding and surfing. They were split into two on the first day we did boogie boarding which was amazing we would zip around the whole beach! On the second day we went surfing. If you stood on the wave and surf you will have a different feeling because when I caught a wave I felt alive with the soothing wind in my face!

By Suliman (5R)

Teddy's lookout was a great experience to go to. It was beautiful and the view was amazing and I would love to go there again. We had to walk up an extremely long hill. My legs hurt after it but it was fun. We could see a rip at the top of Teddy's lookout.

By Charlize (5R)

When I got to camp I could smell the sweet ocean smell. I couldn't wait to get in the water. It was really fun boogie boarding and I necked myself and the best bit of all was when there were big waves! It was crazy! When you go to Lorne surf camp you get a big welcome by Phil. He is the veteran at the surf camp. There is also another helper Jamie who is a Surf Life Safer and helped us with surfing.

By Max. A (5R)



My camp was so spectacular. I went surfing and I went on a night walk with my best friend. I had a very noisy cabin with 8 girls including myself. We learned about rips, surfing, currents, boogie boarding, waves, sleeping with lots of noise.

We went to an awesome view called Teddy's lookout. It was so beautiful and lovely. It really was exhausting to get there but it was so worth it after we got there. My favourite bit was probably sleeping after such an exhausting and exciting day at the awesome surf camp. I also loved just spending time with my friends for 48 hours +

My least favourite time was probably leaving. I had such a great time I didn't want to leave. You should definitely go there. It was such a treat for my friends and me.

By Charlie (5R)

Student Representative Council (SRC)

Last week the SRC'S were very excited for their first meeting. Mr D'Amico welcomed them and explained the purpose of being an SRC member and why it is important. Ms Lind then explained what they would do as an SRC member.

We talked about how the canteen is starting next term which is very exciting! We can order things like Sandwiches, rolls, salads, pies and so much more.

We are all very excited to be 2023 SRC's members!

SRC Reps for 2023

3B - Vi Nguyen

3R - Celeste Kovacs

3Y - Antonio Ventre

4B - Nicholas Iapichello

4R - Emily Pausic

4Y - Alyssa Georgiou

4G - Aidan Atkinson

5B - Matteo Karapanagiotidis

5R - Suliman Haddad

5Y - Alanna Kerr

6B - Grace Ventre

6R - Elissa Kfoury

6Y - Luca Pausic

We also talked about possible fundraisers and dress up days for the year. Some of the ideas are crazy hair day, movie character, cultural day, and pajama day.

SRC Meeting	
Good things happening at SMMPS	Things we can improve on
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Everyone is being respectful and responsible to one and other-Performing Arts program-Library open during breaks-Astro turf-Zuper Dupers-The community gardens-The new building-Camps-Including each other	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Mini footy goals for the oval-Students being more respectful with sports equipment- more soft balls for the astro turf-Some students need to be more responsible with the bathroom-More programs for lunch time

We have decided on a fundraiser for next term on Friday the 28th of April we will wear pyjamas and bring a gold coin donation for the Royal Children's Hospital's Good Friday appeal.

-Mia Mitrevski -Jamie Davis -Arielle Figueiredo





goodFriday
appeal
THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



28TH OF APRIL 2023

**WEAR YOUR
PAJAMAS TO
SCHOOL**

Every donation, no matter how big or small, makes an enormous difference to helping The Royal Children's Hospital to be a great hospital. It has provided world class care to many in our school community and helps all kids live healthy lives and realise their full potential.

DONATE TO

THE ROYAL CHILDRENS HOSPITAL



**Bring a gold
coin donation**

A SRC INITIATIVE

SACRAMENT DATES 2023

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (YEAR 3): Saturday 3 June at 10:00 am and 12:00 pm

TERM DATES 2023

Term One: 31 January- 6 April (Holy Thursday)

7 April: Good Friday and 9 April: Easter Sunday

Term Two: 26 April-23 June

24 April: School Closure. Staff engaged in Professional Learning

25 April: ANZAC DAY. Public Holiday

Term Three: 10 July-15 September

Term Four: 3 October- 15 December

Year 6 students finish on Wednesday 13 December with Graduation being at 7:00 pm on that date.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend

“Live Your Best Life in Love”

Every relationship is a journey and the grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse.

This experience gives married couples the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

The weekend is based around Catholic values and couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details.

28-30 April 2023 in Melbourne

(Book early to avoid disappointment)

Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

TAYLORS LAKES

FOOTY 4 FUN



Experience Australia's most loved sport through AFL Victoria's FREE Footy 4 Fun events delivered across Victoria! A footy experience full of fun activities, modified games & memorable moments to take home with you!

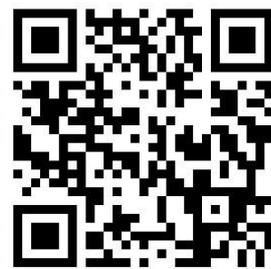
Footy 4 Fun 'Come & Try' is an opportunity for kids aged 7-12 years to experience an introduction to the basics of football in through fun activities.

WHERE:

Lionheart Reserve, Lionheart Avenue,
Taylors Lakes

WHEN:

Friday 31st March
5:00pm-6:00pm



REGISTER HERE!

Do you want to play tennis?

Tennis lessons will be held at lunchtime in the school hall

First lesson is FREE!

All new enrolments will receive a
FREE Hotshots t-shirt



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SUNDAY 21 MAY 2023
11am - 2pm

Enjoy tours of all three campuses, meet and greet our students and staff plus ask all your questions.
Register your attendance today!

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Upcoming Events-Term 1

Term 1: 31 January-6 April (Holy Thursday) 2023

Tuesday 4 April

Pie Day

School Photos

Wednesday 5 April

School Photos

Thursday 6 April (Holy Thursday)

End of Term 1-Students finish at 1.00pm

Term 2: 26 April-23 June 2023

Thursday 27 April

Prep 2024 Information Session and Tour at 9.30am

Friday 28 April

Pyjama Day-See Flyer

Tuesday 9 May

Prep 2024 Information Session and Tour at 9.30am

Friday 11 May

2024 Prep Enrolments Close

Mother's Day Breakfast-more details soon

Monday 22 May to Wednesday 31 May

Prep 2024 On-line Interviews

Wednesday 31 May

Prep 2024 Letters of offer issued

Term 2: 26 April-23 June 2023 continued...

Saturday 3 June

Year 3 Holy Communion 10am and 12pm

Wednesday 7 June

Prep 2024 Acceptance of offer due

Monday 12 June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Friday 23 June

End of Term 2-Students finish at 1.00pm