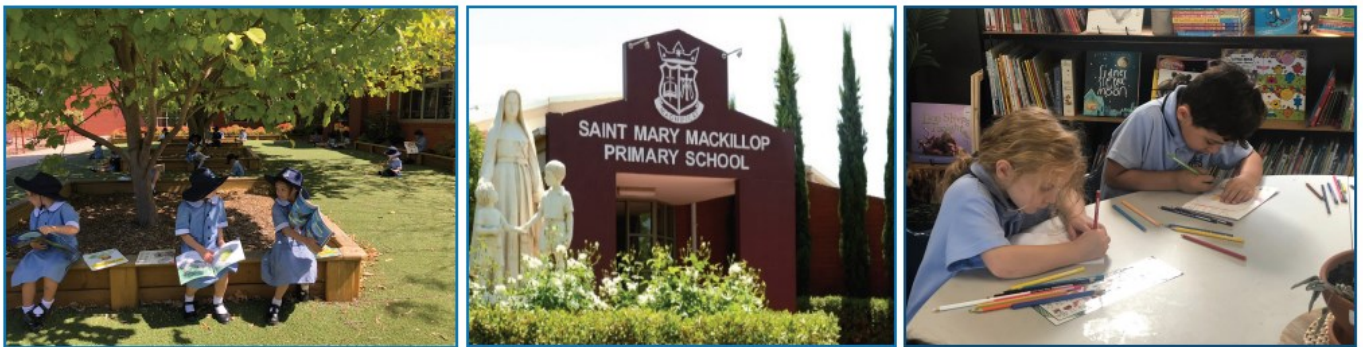


Tuesday 22 June 2021

# ST. MARY MACKILLOP PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## *Staying Connected No. 15. 2021.*

Dear Community,

We have come to the half way mark of our school year. We move forward apprehensively, but in anticipation, hoping there will be no more lockdowns. Only time will tell.

When our children have returned to school from lockdowns, I sense a real appreciation and gratitude on the part of the children, that they are back at school. I am also confident in saying, that would be the same for you as parents.

The children need to be at school. Nothing substitutes for the quality of face to face learning. However, I do remain immensely proud of our teachers for the work they do remotely and online. They continue to offer the children of SMMPS the best they can in these trying times.

Of course, the social interaction is also essential. Kids need to be with other kids. Of that there is no argument. They need to learn to socialise, interact and problem solve. In the Archdiocese of Melbourne, we vision children, *honouring the sacred dignity of each other, embracing difference and diversity*. This is best done when we they are together.

In short, schools are the best place for all children to be, if they are to ***learn to be, to know, to do, to live together and to change.*** (SMMPS Vision Statement.)

As we move towards the school holidays, I wish you all, the very best as we continue to navigate this 'pandemic' world we live in today.

Perhaps this Irish Blessing provides some inspiration....



**Anthony McCluskey**

**Principal**

## **REPORTS and PARENT TEACHER STUDENT CONVERSATIONS.**

Lockdown placed the teachers behind with collecting and collating data to provide you with your child's Mid-Year Report. **Your child's report will therefore be available, online, via the Parent Portal from on Friday 23 July 2021.** You will receive notification by email from nForma when the report is ready to download.

**Parent Teacher Student Conversations will be held on Tuesday 10 August and Wednesday 11 August.** Details to be forwarded home next term.

## PREP 2022

This year we have had many more applications for a place in Prep 2022 than expected.

**If you have a child for Prep 2022, please apply now if you have not done so already.**

**Otherwise, if you have already applied, make sure you respond this week, accepting a place.**

## PRINCIPAL AWARDS.

Congratulations to the following children who have received Principal Awards. These children have been noted living in the spirit of St. Mary MacKillop. **In many ways, they are what we might call, 'MacKillop Kids'.**



**SCHOOL FINISHES FOR TERM TWO ON THIS FRIDAY 25 JUNE 2021 @ 1:00pm**

**SCHOOL RESUMES FOR TERM THREE ON MONDAY 12 JULY 2021 @ 9:00am**



## PEER TUTORING PROGRAM IN READING

Congratulations to the second intake of students who will be trained to become Peer Tutors. The tutoring program is designed to give young students at our school extra opportunities to practise their reading skills with an older, more proficient reader. We now have 13 Peer Tutors supporting Yr 2 students with their fluency and accuracy several times a week.



## BOOK FAIR

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July

### PARENT HELPERS

We are looking for parent helpers for the book fair.

If you are interested in helping could you please leave your name, contact no. & the day /days or hours you are available to help with Kellie at reception.

We will contact you during week 1 of 3<sup>rd</sup> term.

Regards

Denise Thorne & Jenny Melki

# UPCOMING *events*

## TERM 2

**Friday 25 June**

Last Day of Term

Students finish at 1.00pm

## TERM 3

**Monday 12 July**

Students Return

**Friday 23 July**

Student Reports available

**Monday 26 July-Friday 30 July**

Book Fair

**Friday 6 August**

Mary MacKillop Feast Day



# UPCOMING events

## TERM 3 continued...

**Tuesday 10 & Wednesday 11 August**

Parent Teacher Conversations-details to come

**Friday 13 August**

Feast of the Assumption

**Monday 16 August**

School Closure Day-details to come

**Monday 23 August**

Book Week

**Friday 17 September**

Last Day of Term 3

Students finish at 1.00pm

