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# ST. MARY MACKILLOP PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## *Staying Connected No. 4, 2022*

Hello Everyone,

Despite the challenges of beginning our school year with so many of our community impacted by COVID, we are doing okay at SMMPS. We trust that everyone at home will recover quickly and be back at school soon.

The children have settled in really well and I am proud of how calm and respectful they are in their interactions and day-to-day behaviour. We are blest to have such a wonderful cohort of students and staff who genuinely care and parents who are so supportive. I remain personally grateful for the support and encouragement that is offered to our staff and myself as we navigate the way ahead in these tricky times.

Last week, I spoke of, in the words of Mary MacKillop, **'Taking on Fresh Courage'**. We continue that theme, as we **'Take on Fresh Courage with Empowering Respect'**.

Mary MacKillop understood the value and influence of education at an early age. Home schooled by her well-educated father, she showed her keen intellect and accurate memory. She was challenged by discrimination, displacement and the poverty experienced by so many in the early years of the colonization of Australia. This included the Indigenous persons of our nation. Armed with a fierce respect for others' dignity, a heart of solidarity and empathy, and with education as her tool, she set about empowering people in greatest need. (cf. Take Fresh Courage. Sisters of St. Joseph 2020)

I would hope that at our school: we are inclusive, non-discriminative, respectful and empathetic towards all. These values are the responsibility of all school community members; staff, children, parents and all families connected to our school.

**Children, staff, parents and families must know and experience respect at all times, no matter our differences. This is a non-negotiable of our school.**

**We pray:**

*"Holy Spirit working among us  
fill us with gratitude for education  
and with appreciation of those in our teaching ministry  
who empower our community.*

*Calm us in this time of pandemic  
to be supportive of children, young people and teachers  
negotiating the new realities of this time.  
Encourage us to take advantage of opportunities for learning throughout our lives.  
Bless us with critical minds, grateful hearts and willing hands to do our bit.*

Have a good week everybody. Keep well.



**Anthony McCluskey**

**Principal**

### **PARENT and TEACHER CONVERSATIONS**

**All parents and carers of Year 1-6 children; make sure you are booked in for an online conversation this week.** This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher, if you have not already done so. It will also provide you with an opportunity to tell us a little about how your child is travelling on their life and school journey; anything we should know; and hear how they are settling into the 2022 school year.

If you have any issues trying to book a conversation or are not sure about times, please contact Kellie Doherty (Front Desk) on 9367 6199 and Kellie will only be too happy to assist.

## Christian Blake (6Y) describes 3 styles of Leadership

### Different types of leaders

The prophet leader:

The prophet leader is the type of leader who comes up with lots of ideas to help others, such as suggesting and organising for safer play areas.

The planner leader:

The planner leader gets those ideas and gets the exact details of what has to be done to make them work, such as how the play areas will be made safer and how to design the play areas.

The people leader:

The people leader always puts others' needs before their own. They are the type of leader who will do whatever it takes to make sure everyone is okay with the plans and/or the ideas. This is like St. Mary MacKillop, as she says, "never see a need without doing something about it".

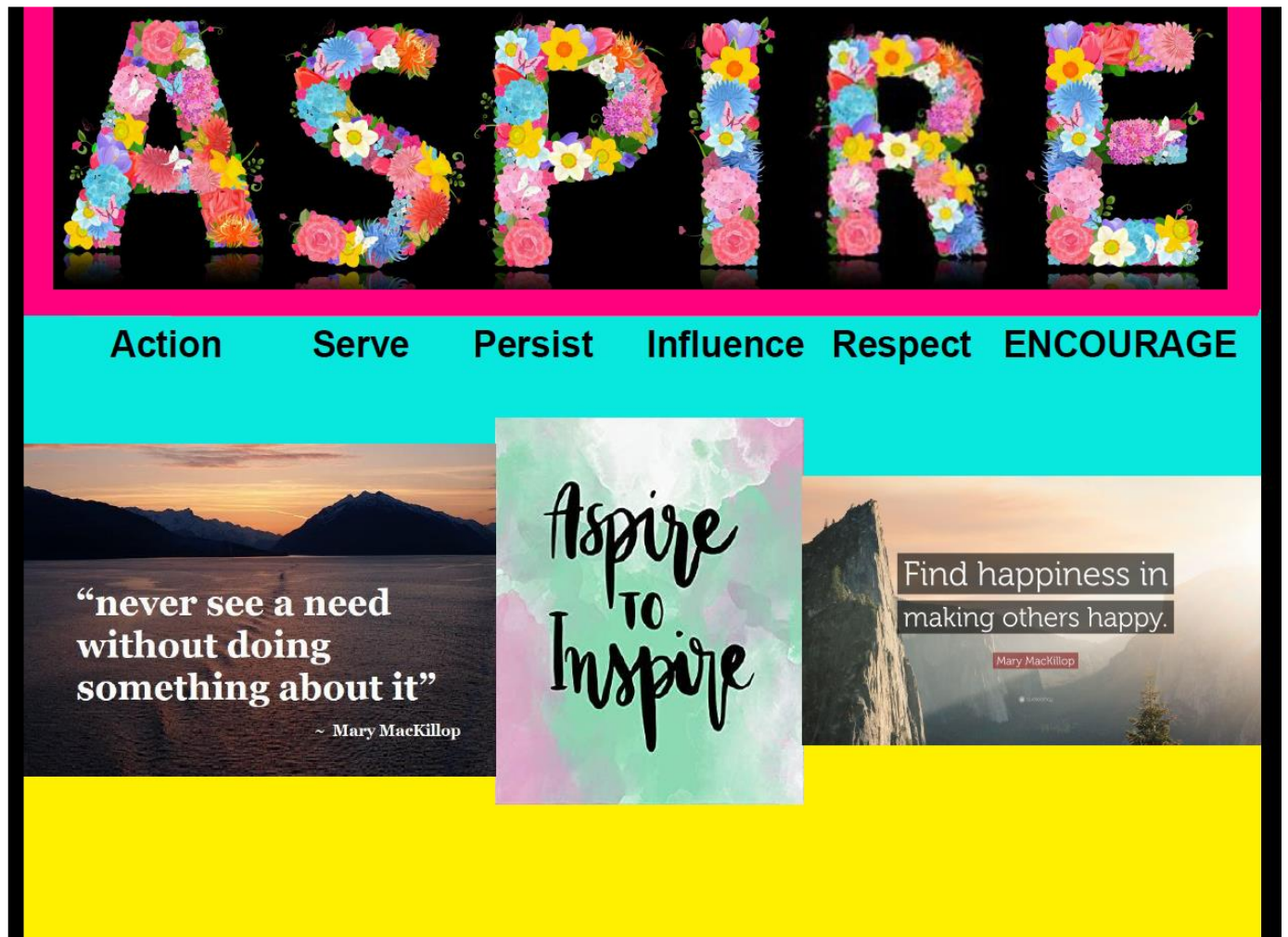
### Photos from Year 6 Incursion-UPP



## YEAR 6-UNLEASHING PERSONAL POTENTIAL

Last week, our Year Six students engaged in a wonderful day of learning and growing in their understanding of leadership, with Unleashing Personal Potential (*UPP*).

Lettie Sacco (6Y) made links connecting sayings of St. Mary MacKillop with her learnings from the day and reflected these connections in this poster.





## School Photos 2022 – Saint Mary MacKillop Primary School

Annual school photos including sibling photos will be taken at Saint Mary MacKillop Primary School by Arthur Reed Photos on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022.**

**There is no need to return any forms or money to school.**

Unique image codes will be issued to all students on/after photo day so families can register online to view images when they become available in the web shop.

Registration is simple, just follow the 3 simple steps on your child's personalised flyer once you receive it and remember to add the codes for all your children attending this school.

Even if you registered last year, it's important that you do it again this year using your child's 2022 image code to link their images for the current year with your contact details.

When images are ready to view and in the web shop, all parents who have registered will be notified by SMS and email.

**Once registered, please wait for notification that 2022 images are online to view before making your purchase.**

# SCHOOL PHOTOS 2022 - Important Registration Information

*School Photographs will be taken at*

**Saint Mary MacKillop Primary School**

Wednesday 2nd & Thursday 3rd March 2022

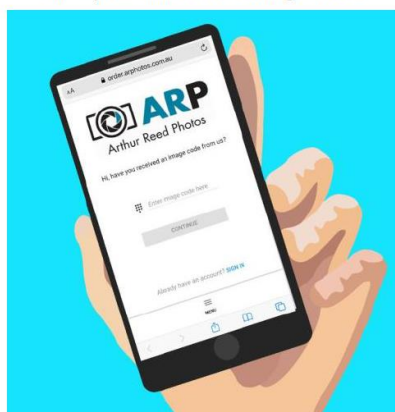
**There is no need to return any forms or payment to school before photo day**

**Flyers with Unique Image Codes will be issued to all students on or after photo day**

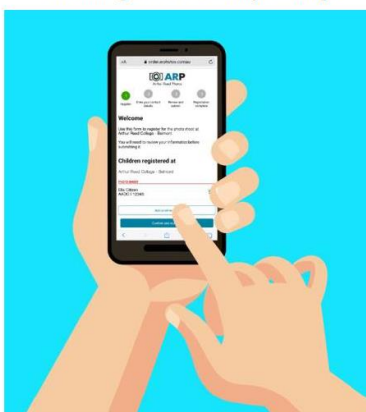
**When you receive the flyer with your child's 2022 image code**

***Follow these 3 simple steps -***

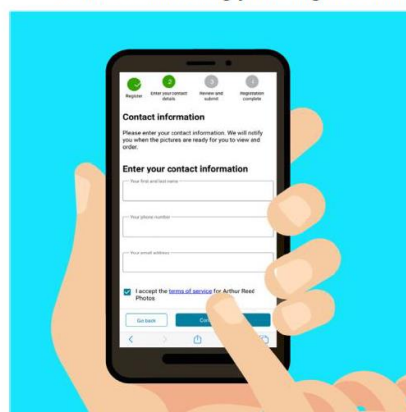
**1** Go to [order.arphotos.com.au](http://order.arphotos.com.au) and enter your child's **2022 image code**



**2** Tap on 'Add another child' to enter the image codes of any siblings



**3** Fill in your contact details & review before confirming your registration\*



\*This information will only be used for distribution of personal image codes and ordering details.

***That's it!***

**It's important to register each year to link your child's NEW images to your contact details**  
**When 2022 images are ready to view in our secure webshop you'll be notified by email and SMS**

**\*\*BEFORE ORDERING for 2022, please wait to receive notification that new images are online\*\***

- **Order on any mobile device**
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