

Tuesday 12 July, 2022

ST. MARY MACKILLOP PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Staying Connected No. 12. 2022

Welcome Back Everyone!

I trust everyone had some rest over the school holidays, even if it was simply from having to rush children out of bed and getting them off to school each day. I remember what that was like as a parent and I see my family experiencing the same thing with my grandchildren now!

The term ahead, like every term will have its joys and challenges.

We look to our patron and namesake for inspiration. It was in July 1873, in which Mary wrote, **"God is truly good to us."** Knowing this fact, we move into the term with confidence, believing God's goodness will support us in all we do. Quite simply, we just have to, **"Do what we can with the means at our disposal and leave all the rest calmly to God."** 1888



This beautiful sculpture of Mary, which is located in the grounds of the Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel in North Sydney, shows Mary's hand reaching out responding in need; ***"Never see a need, without doing something about it"***. This is what we aspire to at our school; responding to need. Mary reminds us of this obligation and I am confident to say that we really strive to live out this call.

The quality of our relationships sets us apart at SMMPS. ***'Relationships are at the heart of our learning community'***. I sincerely appreciate all each of you offer to our community, in relationship. SMMPS is a good place to be!

SCHOOL REVIEW

Every four years Catholic Education Melbourne, now Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) commissions an independent review of each Catholic school in the diocese. It is five years since our last review, due to COVID.

We are well into the process.

We have completed over 350 pages of compliance documents that are required by the Victorian Regulation and Qualifications Authority (VRQA). This is basically the legal requirements that are necessary for the school to operate. We successfully completed this aspect.

As you may recall, we had two school closures last term, where the staff placed the school on the School Improvement Framework Rubric, based on evidence that we were able to collect.

The Rubric examines the Five Spheres of Catholic Schooling:

- Religious Dimension
- Learning and Teaching
- Leadership and Management
- Student Wellbeing
- School Community.

We have provided this Rubric and a great deal of evidence to Dr. Mary Lovelock, the independent school reviewer.

Dr. Lovelock has toured the school. She will be attending the school on Wednesday 13 July, meeting with focus groups of leaders, teachers, parents and students.

Dr. Lovelock will then return to our school on Friday 15 July to visit classrooms and chat with students and teachers.

We expect to meet with Dr. Lovelock and receive a report in the next weeks, which will suggest recommendations, which will become opportunities for school improvement.

We will use this report to construct our next four-year School Improvement Plan (SIP). We will construct this SIP with support from MACS staff and present it our School Advisory Council.

I am grateful for the support being offered by many members of our community as we engage in this extremely valuable process.

Keep well everyone.



Anthony McCluskey

Principal

OPEN DAY

**Saturday 6th
August 2022**
10.00am – 4.00pm

Acknowledging St Mary MacKillop's Feast Day

- *Guided tours of the Museum*
- *Meet the author Sr Judith Geddes "A Faith-Filled Family" @10.30am*
- *Mary MacKillop Walking Tour available @ 11am*
- *Mass @ 1pm in the chapel with Fr Andrew Jekot*
- *A Rosary in Mary's Chapel for the people of Ukraine @ 3pm*
- *Refreshment options available for purchase*
- *Visit the Gift Shop*
- *Free kids crafts activities*



For further information and registering for the walk and mass [Click here](#)
or call 03 9926 9300 or admin.mmhc@sosj.org.au

Upcoming Events-Term 3

Term 3: Monday 11 July-Friday 16 September 2022

Monday 25 July to Friday 29 July

Prep 2023 Meetings for existing families

Book Fair

Wednesday 27 July-school concludes at 12.30pm

Thursday 28 July-normal school day, concludes at 3.15pm

Parent Teacher Conversations

Monday 8 August

St Mary MacKillop Feast Day

Tuesday 9 August

Cyber Safety Project for parents online

Monday 15 August

Feast of the Assumption

Thursday 18 August

Cyber Safety Project-Yr. 4, 5, 6 and staff

Monday 22 August to Friday 26 August

Book Week

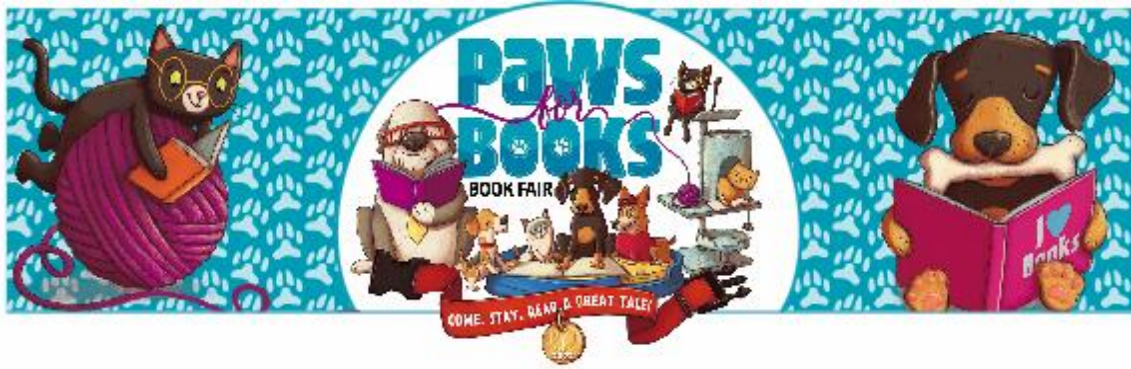
Tuesday 30 August

School Closure Day-Faith Formation-more details soon

Friday 16 September

Last Day of Term 3

Students finish at 1.00pm



Dear Parents & Families,

Our School is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from Monday 25th July- Friday 29th July.

Students will have the opportunity to explore & purchase from a huge range of books & novelty items (poster, pens, pencils etc.)

Monday 25th July – Tuesday 26th July

Students will visit the book fair & make their wish lists(timetabled)

Wednesday 27th July- Friday 29th July

Students will be able to make their purchases(timetabled)

The Book Fair will not be open for before or after school sales.

Remember every purchase at the book fair goes towards earning new books for the school library.

Payment can be made by cash, EFTPOS or by using the online payment form located on the back of the wish list or catalogue.

The completed online payment form must be returned to the book fair for the order to be filled.

Regards

Denise Thorne

Library Technician

CYBER SAFETY PROJECT

FACE TO FACE WITH Year 4 – 6	18th Aug (on site)
FACE TO FACE WITH STAFF	18th Aug (onsite)
ONLINE WITH PARENTS	09th Aug (More details to come)

Cyber Safety sessions designed to empower young people to take control of their own digital safety and wellbeing through engaging and interactive workshops and presentations. All student workshops align to the Cyber Safety Project Curriculum Framework values of Responsibility, Integrity, Strength and Empathy with a focus on either **Digital Safety** or **Digital Wellbeing**.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

To ensure that we support and empower ALL Australian students to be safe and responsible users of digital technologies both at home and school, we must arm ALL teachers, parents and the wider community with digital literacy skills and resources.

The Cyber Safety Project partners with school communities to ensure all school leaders, teachers and parents are kept up-to-date with the latest trending digital topics. We must provide space and time to learn and understand the way students can connect and interact through digital platforms, devices, sites, apps and gaming networks.

SCHOOL BASED PROGRAMS

Our school-based programs aim to provide opportunities for teachers to stay up-to-date with the latest information as well as provide resources and curriculum linked to the National Curriculum. The core outcomes of our program include:

- Teachers know relevant digital citizenship elements of the digital technologies curriculum, ethical and social responsibilities
- Teachers are aware of and understand current digital literacies and trends impacting on young people in their care
- Teachers are able to design learning to achieve the cyber/digital technologies outcomes for students

EMPOWER YOUNG PEOPLE

to self-manage their own privacy and security and to be responsible digital citizens when using connected technologies.

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.

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Applications close 19 August 2022



Auction & Fundraising Dinner

Funding for Life Changing Small Projects within Australia

WHEN

Friday 2nd September 2022

Commences 6.30pm with canapés

WHERE

Mount St Joseph Girls' College
133 Maidstone St, Altona

COST

\$40.00pp (2 course meal & dessert, BYO drinks)

GUEST SPEAKER

Dr Robyn Miller, CEO MacKillop Family Services

TICKETS

Call MMHC (03) 9926 9300
RSVP Friday 20th August 2022

MARY MACKILLOP

Today



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