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Staying Connected No. 13. 2022

Hello Everyone,

Last Sunday, the Church celebrated the feast of St. Anne and St. Joachim, the parents of Mary, the mother of Jesus; making them Jesus' grandparents. We can imagine they supported their daughter as she mothered her new baby and child, as they would have supported and loved that child, who was Jesus.

Joachim and Anne inspire all parents and grandparents to be the first teachers of their children, by their word and example.



I reflect on the immense privilege I have of being a grandfather to three grandchildren. They are my absolute pride. The sound of them calling me by name, "Pappy", is the joy of my life. Only recently, I was asked how I want to be remembered. I was quick to reply, "as a loving and playful grandfather" who gave my grandchildren my time.

The gift of parenthood and then to be a grandparent are the most important roles we play in life. I remember how important it was to earn an income and establish a career. However, all this pails into insignificance, as I enjoy the company of my grandchildren.

I particularly enjoy welcoming so many grandparents who drop off or pick up their grandchildren each day. Being on the crossing in the morning or afternoon gives me the opportunity to do so. Please know that grandparents are always most welcome, because I do know that their grandchildren value them, as grandparents value their grandchildren and, so often, want to be included in their life.

So, we ask,

St Anne and St Joachim come close to us and guide our hands and our hearts. Help us to parent our children and grandchildren with a gentle heart as you did. Show us how to raise our children in faith and truly care for them.

St. Anne and St. Joachim, we place our petitions in your hands and ask that you lay them before the child Jesus.

Go well, everybody.



Anthony McCluskey

Principal

SCHOOL CLOSURE

Under the current Teacher Agreement, schools are entitled to a number of school closure days for Professional Learning (PL). In this way, we also support teachers in maintaining a certain number of hours of PL, which all teachers must undertake to keep their Registration.

Our next School Closure will be on Tuesday 30 August 2022. On this day, all staff will be meeting at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre in East Melbourne. We will be spending the day with staff from the centre, whereby we will further explore the charism of St. Mary MacKillop. That being her spirituality or theology (view of the world), a freely given gift by the grace of God, that was the driver for Mary to do the work she did and to live as she did.

We are striving to meet our School Improvement Goal;

To further discover the richness of our Catholic community, inspired by the spirit of St. Mary MacKillop.

We will then, pass on our learnings, age appropriately, in words and deeds to the children of our school.

Thank you for your support.

SCHOOL REVIEW

As you would be aware we recently completed, a School Review, conducted by an independent school reviewer.

I am most grateful to the staff for their input and support and I am also grateful to the parents and students who participated in focus group discussions with the reviewer.

SMMPS School Leaders have entered into engagement and dialogue with the school reviewer and I have also done so with staff from MACS. The report has been completed and it has now been sent off for checking. I look forward to receiving the report, which we anticipate will be close to the end of August.

However, at this time, I am very proud to say that the reviewer was most complimentary of our school. I will share relevant parts of the Report when we receive it.

The next stage will be to take the recommendations to construct our next four-year school Improvement Plan.

BUILDING PROJECT



This is the view of our new Library/ Multi-Media Centre/ Visual Arts Studio and Digital Technology Studio from the back of the school office, looking towards the oval.

The good news is, construction starts on Monday 1 August. After some months hold up, due to the labor crisis and escalating costs in the building industry, MACS has supported the school, by negotiating a deal to get the building started. The completion date is now scheduled to be 8 March 2023, which means that we should be able to move in by second term next year.

PARKING during construction.

I have a plan of the construction site. However, we will wait until the fences are up before we give any further directions as to parking arrangements. I simply want to see how it all pans out.

We believe though, we will only loose about 12 car spaces from the rear carpark. So, whilst it will be a little inconvenient and a bit tight, I ask that all drivers remain respectful of the needs of others and take care for the sake of everyone; in particular the children.

I also ask drivers in the front car park to not leave their cars, if they are double parked behind cars in the parking bays. It is simply about being more considerate.

Thank you for your support.

WELCOME

We welcome to our school, Mrs. Bree Artuso, who will be teaching Year 3 Blue, as of next Monday 1 August 2022.

This Weeks Principals Awards



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

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication.

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 we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details.

Next [on-line](#) weekend is on **19 – 21 August 2022** in the comfort of your own home.

Next [Non-Residential](#) weekend is on **22 – 23 October 2022** in Niddrie

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

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

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 (Parade-Tuesday 23 August)

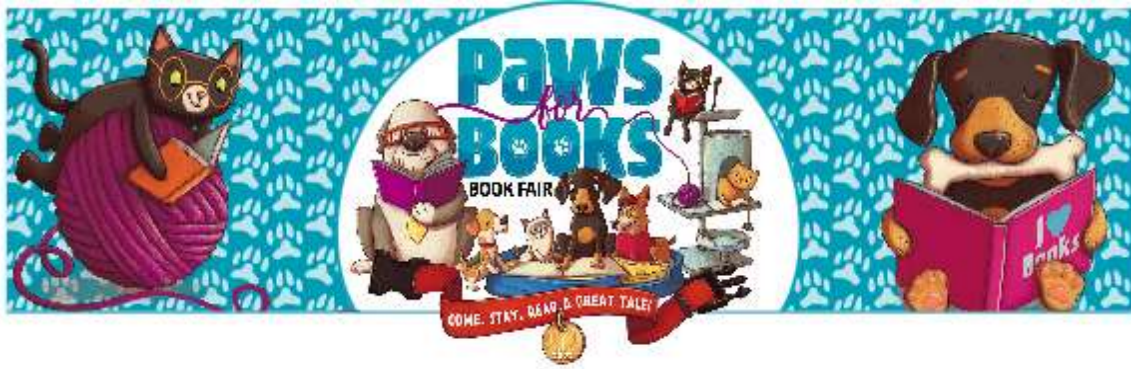
Tuesday 30 August

School Closure Day-Faith Formation

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



LIVE WEBINAR
SESSION
FOR PARENTS

LEARN, CONNECT & PLAY SAFELY ONLINE

Tuesday 9th August, 2022 at 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Registration link : <https://bit.ly/CSPAUG9>

Parent & Guardian Live Webinar Overview

Children today love to play, connect and learn online. This session aims at providing parents and guardians with insights and important information about popular online experiences children are exposed to today. Building a positive and healthy family environment where digital use is encouraged, but managed effectively, can be a tough balance.

Throughout this workshop the Cyber Safety Project Team highlight important settings and parental controls that allow your child to navigate online tools independently and safely. You will uncover proactive tools and strategies for developing fundamental digital safety and wellbeing skills in your young people at home, including ways to seek help when things go wrong online.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

- ✓ The Cyber Safety Project Methodology: *Plan, Prevent & Protect*
- ✓ Social networking trends and safety 101.
- ✓ Managing cyber bullying, help seeking strategies and resources.
- ✓ Parental controls & app privacy settings
- ✓ Cyberbullying and help seeking strategies
- ✓ Establishing and maintaining a safe digital environment in the home.

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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





QUATREFOILS RESTAURANT

Located at Catholic Regional College Sydenham
Enter via Gate 10 on Pecks Road

Every Sunday commencing Sunday 7 August

Buffet carvery lunch plus desserts

12:00pm

\$45.00 per head

Drinks at bar prices

Bookings Essential

Telephone: 0401 953 995

Email: sundaylunch@crccs.vic.edu.au

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

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