
Wednesday 05 October, 2022

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Hello everyone and welcome back to Term 4,

As usual, the final term of our school year is 'full-on' as we have much to achieve as we continue our work this year and prepare for 2023.

I am pleased to say, we have the best kids here at our school and that is not me being particularly biased! Visitors and guest presenters to our school, comment on the excellent manners, politeness and enthusiasm of our children. You ought to be proud, as I am of our teachers who do their very best to care for and educate your children. Thank you to each of our teachers for the quality of relationships they promote through personal modelling and encouragement of our children.

As the old saying goes, *"It's not by words, but by actions"*, that we learn.

Scripture refers to actions being louder than words, *"Let us not love in word or talk, but in deed and in truth."* (1 John 3:18)

Mary MacKillop said, *"We must teach more by example than by word."*

So, let us all work together this term, to teach by our actions.

Planting Trees for the Queen's Jubilee.

We have been very fortunate and extremely grateful to receive a \$10,000 grant from the Federal Government to develop and plant up our new Prep-Year 1 junior Play Space, behind the acoustic wall on Sunshine Avenue. This grant was to commemorate the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee**. That is, Her Majesty's 70 years on the throne.

Ironically, we had scheduled our Planting Day for the week Her Majesty the Queen died. We sought permission to proceed with our celebration, except rather than just commemorating Her Majesty's Jubilee, we also commemorated her life.

Please see the article included, and hopefully, you should be able to open this link to our ceremony. It was a proud day for our school, remembering our Queen.

We are also grateful to the Mayor of Brimbank, Cr Jasmine Nguyen, who joined us on this day.

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SOME IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR THIS TERM

MACS Approved School Closure Days for Professional Learning for all staff;

- **Tuesday 11 October: Pedagogy at SMMPS**
- **Tuesday 01 November: Melbourne Cup Public Holiday**
- **Monday 5 December: Planning Day for 2023 with new staff**
- **Year 6 Students graduate on Wednesday 14 December @ 7:00pm. This will be their final school day with our Annual Guard of Honour taking place at 1:00pm on this day. Details to come.**
- **Years 1-6 finish on Friday 16 December @ 1:00pm.**

Also, Year 6 Trip to Sydney is scheduled to take place between Monday 7 and Friday 11 November.

Year 4 Camp is scheduled to go ahead between Monday 14 and Wednesday 16 November.

A letter will be going out this week regarding **Prep Orientation for 2023**. This letter will contain dates, details and the structure of our program.

There will be lots of other happenings this term. Dates will be published later. However, these are the main dates you might be interested to know at this time.

Have a good term,



Anthony McCluskey

Principal



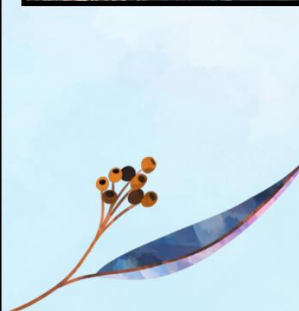
Australian Government



PLANTING TREES FOR THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE



On the last Wednesday of term 3 we had a tree planting ceremony to commemorate Her Majesty, The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Throughout her 70 year reign, The Queen planted more than 1,500 trees all over the world and spoke passionately about the importance of trees in the Earth's future. Two students from each year level planted a native Red Box. The ceremony was attended by our mayor, Councillor Jasmine Nguyen.



FAREWELL

Stephanie Taylor, our Religious Education Leader has taken parental leave in preparation for the birth of her baby. We wish Steph, her husband Andrew and daughter Ella, all the very best for the exciting weeks ahead. We pray everything goes well. Steph will be back with us sometime next year.

We farewell Andre Botoulas and Marc Botoulas, as Learning Support Officers (LSOs) from our school. Andre finished at the end of last term. He is continuing with his studies.

Marc leaves us this week to take up another position, commensurate with his qualifications.

We thank them most sincerely for their contribution to the life of SMMPS and wish them well into the future.

WELCOME

We welcome to our school Frances Loprevite and Julie Friggieri to our school as LSOs. We trust their time with us will be rewarding.

Student Absentees

It is school policy that if your child is away from school for any reason that you must advise us. We have been using the skoolbag app. As of tomorrow 6th October, we will no longer be checking the app.

You will be required to email us your child's name, class, dates of absent and reason why.

The email address is absent@mmkeilordowns.catholic.edu.au

Upcoming Events-Term 4

Term 4: Monday 03 October-Friday 16 December 2022

Tuesday 11 October

School Closure Day-Petagogy at SMMPS

Tuesday 1 November

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Monday 7 November-Friday 11 November

Year 6 Camp-Half will go Monday 7th and the other half Wednesday 9th

Upcoming Events-Term 4 cont....

Monday 14 November to Wednesday 16 November

Year 4 Camp

Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 November-Session 1

Prep 2023 Orientation and Information Sessions 9.15am to 11.00am

(Please note change of dates-letters will go out this week)

Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 November-Session 2

Prep 2023 Orientation and Information Sessions 9.15am to 11.00am

Monday 5 December

School Closure Day-2023 Planning Day

Tuesday 6 December

Annual Christmas Carols-cancelled

Thursday 8 December

2023 Prep Meet the Teacher

9.30am to 10.30am

Wednesday 14 December

Year 6 finish at 1.00pm

(Guard of Honour at 12.45pm)

Year 6 Graduation

7:00pm in the Church

Friday 16 December

Year Prep to Year 5 finish at 1.00pm for 2022

Principals Awards



TAYLORS LAKES

CRICKET CLUB

GIRLS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN!

HAVE A GO SESSION SUNDAY 11/9

09.30AM - 10.30AM

@ROBERT BRUCE RESERVE

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC

Keilor Park Tennis Club,
Stadium Drive

**9am to 12pm - Wednesday, 28th
of September**

**Cost - \$30 for the day
Please bring snacks and lunch**

Equipment will be provided - Ages 5 and above
(No tennis experience needed)



BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL!

Anthony Raso - 0426 893 683
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