

Tuesday 02 May, 2023

# ST. MARY MACKILLOP PRIMARY SCHOOL

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*Staying Connected No. 5, 2023*

**Jesus Christ is risen**

**Creation is alive**



When we see the colours of the sunrises and sunsets; when we see the beautiful Autumn colours; when we smell the ocean; we know that God has given us much beauty in creation and we are grateful.

St. Francis of Assisi, perhaps one of my favourite and most inspiring saints, responded with awe and wonder and respect and caring for creation.

*"Praise be You, my Lord, with all your creatures, especially Sir Brother Sun, who is the day and through whom You give us light."*

St. Francis believed in the universal brotherhood of all creation. He found a unique relationship between men, animals, birds, plants and the universe. He took great joy in beholding the sun, the moon and the stars.

In and through creation we know that the Lord has risen.

Greetings Everyone,

*Welcome back to Term 2 at our wonderful school.* The culture of our school is something special. We have happy children, committed staff and supportive parents. All making for a great place for your children to learn to be (i.e., grow as individuals), gain knowledge, learn skills, learn to work together and learn to change.

We will never rest on our laurels and we will always strive forward to be the best we can be and then some better.

On Monday of this week, the staff gathered with Katrina Bourke, an educator, who led us through a process of crafting a new vision for our school. Our current Vision Statement is over a decade old and whilst it still holds true; we need a statement that is contemporary and owned by the staff, who are responsible for implementing it.

We still have a way to go to wordsmith what we developed. I look forward to sharing that statement with you soon.

Each week I work with the Year 6 class group as their life and faith coach. I bring my experience of over 40 years in education, my passion as a teacher and my skill as a leader. I also bring much life experience, particularly as a father and grandfather. I absolutely 'love' this time with the children and value their enthusiasm and input.

On Thursday of last week, I decided to ask the students of Year 6 to describe our school, just to see if we were on the right path to creating a vision that works for all.

I am so very proud of their responses and feel very confident with the direction of our school. This is what the girls and boys of Year 6 think of our school:



## PREP ENROLMENTS 2024

Enrolments for 2024 close next Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Make sure you get onto our website to secure a position.

*Enrol now...*

*Go to our website <https://www.mmkeilordowns.catholic.edu.au/>*

- Click on 'ENROLMENT INFORMATION' link at top of the page*
- Once redirected to the '2024 Prep Information and Timeline' page click on the St Mary MacKillop Prep Online Application link*

*<https://app.digienrol.com/user/signup>*

- Create an account and proceed to fill out the online application form or call Kellie on 9367 6199 for assistance.*

## CANTEEN

We have opened a canteen service online starting this term. We welcome to our school, Queen Baker who will be supplying, what looks like an exciting menu. See menu below and information on how to download the canteen app.

Food can be ordered and paid for on the App (Qkr), see below. It will be prepared offsite and delivered to school by 10:30am each morning, Monday to Friday. **Orders must be placed by 12.00am the morning of the canteen day. (Please note the change).** If you need to contact them, please call 9379 2800 or email [admin@queenbaker.com.au](mailto:admin@queenbaker.com.au)  
Do not contact them via social media.

Please see a roster of volunteers that the Parent's Group have put together to distribute the lunches to class tubs at 10:30am each morning.

## MENU

### SANDWICHES/WRAPS/ROLLS:

Chicken Schnitzel, Lettuce and Cheese \$6.50

Cheese and Salad \$5.00

Chicken, Lettuce and Cheese \$6.00

Tuna, Lettuce and Mayo \$5.50

Salami and Salad \$6.00

Salad \$4.50

Ham and Salad \$6.00

Egg, Lettuce, Mayo \$5.50

## TOASTIES:

Tomato and Cheese \$4.00

Salami and Cheese \$4.50

Ham, Cheese and Tomato \$5.00

Ham and Cheese \$4.50

Cheese \$3.00

## HOT FOOD ITEMS:

Tomato Sauce Sachet .30c each

Vegetable Pastie \$6.50

Hot Dog \$4.50

Hot Roast Chicken Wrap \$6.50

Quiche Lorraine \$6.50

Penne Bolognese \$6.00

Jumbo Sausage Roll \$6.50

Chicken Tender Wrap \$4.50

Chicken Schnitzel Burger \$6.50

Beef Pie \$6.50

Beef Burger \$6.50

## SUSHI-TWIN PACK:

Crispy Chicken

Cooked Tuna

Chicken Teriyaki

\$8.00 for the twin pack

## CAKE SLICE BITES- Cubes

\$3.00 each, flavours are on rotation

### TERM DATES 2023

**Term Two: 26 April-23 June**

**Term Three: 10 July-15 September**

**Term Four: 3 October- 15 December**

*Year 6 students finish on Wednesday 13 December with Graduation being at 7:00 pm on that date.*

### SACRAMENT DATES 2023

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (YEAR 3): Saturday 3 June at 10:00 am and 12:00 pm**

## Wellbeing-Term 2 Focus

### Teaching Personal Safety to Children and Young People

As trusted adults in children's and young people's lives, the most important role we have is to keep them safe. Though we want to shield them from harm, the reality is that we cannot be with them 24/7. With that in mind, educating them to identify when something doesn't feel right, and to talk to a trusted adult or friend is one of the most important things we can do.

One of the key resources that teachers will be drawing on is the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety curriculum. The three key messages that form the basis of the program is **recognise, react and report**.

It teaches students to

- a) Recognise – be aware of their surroundings and to recognise their personal warning signals,
- b) React – consider the choices that may help to keep them safe or help make them safe again as quickly as possible, and finally,
- c) Report – report unsafe incidents to an adult.

Developmentally appropriate materials such as picture storybooks and activities are used to explore and discuss safety situations that young people may encounter in the home, at school or in their community.

Additional information, ideas that parents may wish to use at home will be made available to families via Seesaw.

## Scholastic Book Club - Issue 3

Dear parents/ guardians,

Catalogues went home last week. Should you wish to place an order **online** through Scholastic book club, issue 3, please note the closing date will be the **8th of May**. **All orders must be done online. We are not accepting cash.**

Regards,

Jenny Melki



## Principal Awards



## Cross Country Presentation



# St Mary MacKillop PS

## Mobile Phone & Smart Watch Policy



Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd (MACS) is a company limited by guarantee that has been established by the Archbishop of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne to assume the governance and operation of MACS schools.

## MOBILE PHONES – STUDENT USE

### PURPOSE

To explain to our school community St Mary MacKillop's policy requirements and expectations relating to students using mobile phones [and other personal mobile devices such as Smart Watches] during school hours.

### SCOPE

This policy applies to:

- All students at St Mary MacKillop Primary School and,
- Students' personal mobile phones [and other personal mobile devices eg. Smart watches] brought onto school premises during school hours, including recess and lunchtime.

### DEFINITIONS

**A mobile phone** is a telephone with access to a cellular (telecommunication) system, with or without a physical connection to a network. "For the purpose of this policy, "mobile phone" refers to mobile phones and any device that may connect to or have a similar functionality to a mobile phone such as smart watches."

### POLICY

St Mary MacKillop Primary School understands that students may bring a personal mobile phone or smart watch to school, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school.

At St Mary MacKillop Primary School:

- Students who choose to bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and securely stored in secured box in the classroom during school hours. Smart watches must be set to School Mode and not connected during the school day.
- When emergencies occur, parents or carers should reach their child by calling the school's office.

### Personal mobile phone use

In accordance with the Department's Mobile Phones Policy issued by the Minister for Education, personal mobile phones must not be used at St Mary MacKillop Primary School during school hours, including lunchtime and recess.



## Secure storage

Mobile phones owned by students at St Mary MacKillop Primary School are considered valuable items and are brought to school at the owner's (student's or parent/carer's) risk. Students are encouraged not to bring a mobile phone to school unless there is a compelling reason to do so. **Please note that St Mary MacKillop Primary School does not have accident insurance for accidental property damage or theft.** Students and their parents/carers are encouraged to obtain appropriate insurance for valuable items.

Where students bring a mobile phone to school, St Mary MacKillop Primary School will provide secure storage. Secure storage is storage that cannot be readily accessed by those without permission to do so. At St Mary MacKillop Primary School students are required to hand their phones to the classroom teacher to be placed in a lockable box.

## Enforcement

Students who use their personal mobile phones inappropriately at St Mary MacKillop Primary School may be issued with consequences consistent with our school's existing policies (Student Wellbeing and Anti-Bullying Policy).

At St Mary MacKillop Primary School there is to be no use of mobile phones **during school hours**, unless an exception has been granted.

Students are not to use their Mobile Phones:

- in any way that disrupts the learning of others
- to send inappropriate, harassing or threatening messages or phone calls
- to engage in inappropriate social media use including cyber bullying
- to capture video or images of people, including students, teachers and members of the school community without their permission, and
- to capture video or images in the school toilets, school buildings, gyms and school grounds (or surrounding areas afterschool)

## Camps, excursions and extracurricular activities

St Mary MacKillop Primary School will provide students and their parents and carers with information about items that can or cannot be brought to camps, excursions, special activities and events, including personal mobile phones.

## Exclusions

This policy does not apply to

- Out-of-School-Hours Care (OSHC)
- Out-of-school-hours events
- Travelling to and from school

## RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Child safety policies
- Privacy Policy
- Student Behaviour Policy.

## REVISION HISTORY

Student Mobile Phone Policy				
Version	Date Created	Revisions Made	Leader of Policy	Next Policy Review
1	February 2023	Creation of policy	Anthony D'Amico	February 2024

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# Mother's Day Breakfast-Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May

(7.30am to 8.45am-in the school hall)

To book, get onto the new canteen app

Children \$5.00



Adults \$10.00



Coffee, hot chocolate and juice will be available to purchase

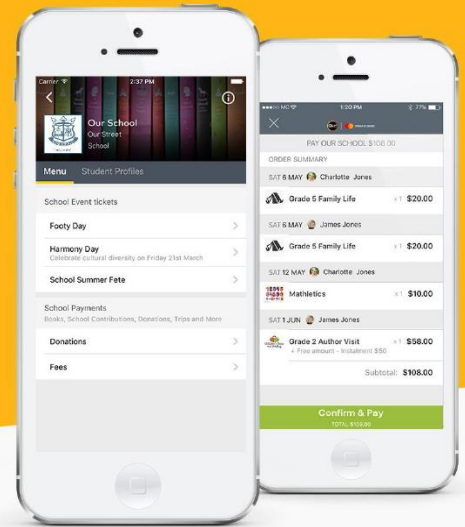


For quicker, hassle-free school payments, try Qkr! today

Introducing Qkr! (pronounced 'quicker') by Mastercard, the secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone at a time and place that suits you.

With Qkr you can:

- Order and pay for your child's lunches, reducing the need to bring cash to school;
- Pay for a variety of school items;
- See your receipts on the app and get them sent by email if required.



## Getting started is easy - try it yourself today

### Step 1 Download Qkr!

on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app



### Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

### Step 3 Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

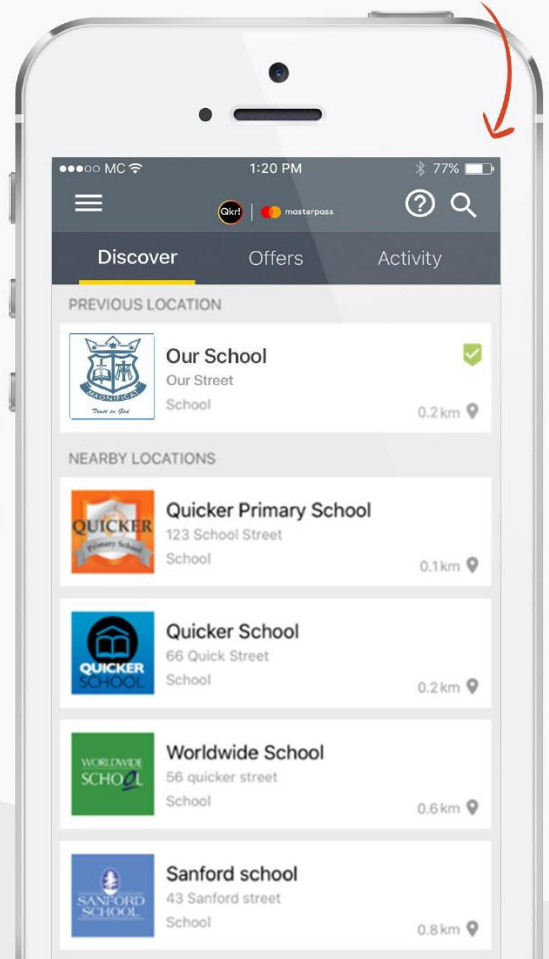
### Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

Search for our school name

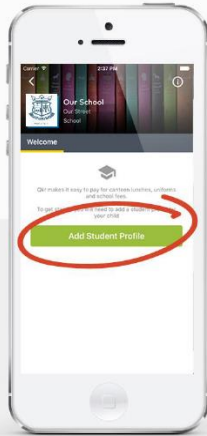




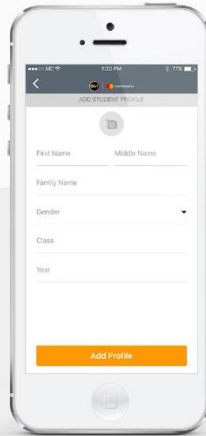
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## Add your children's details in Student Profiles

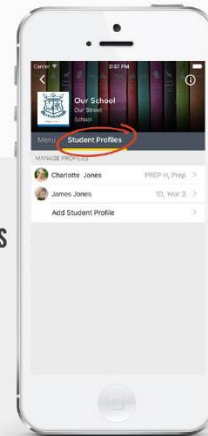
Select 'Add student profile'



Add each child's details

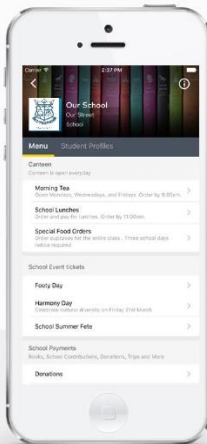


Manage each child's details in Student Profiles

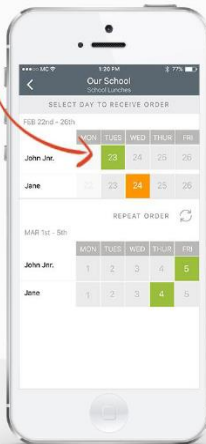


## Order meals

Select a menu from our canteen



Tap the green box to view your receipt or to cancel an order



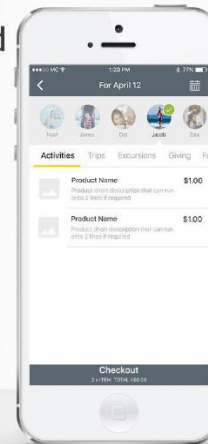
Select a date for a child and order a meal

Tap 'Repeat order' to copy all paid orders from one week to the next

Tap to change the date you are ordering for

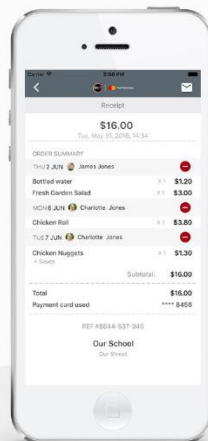
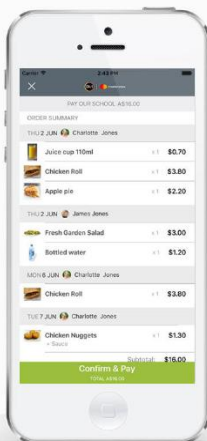
Tap to change the child you are ordering for

Tap 'Checkout' then confirm and pay



## Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet



At checkout select which card to pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted by the school.

Once your payment is approved you can continue to the home page, or view your receipt.



# *St Mary MacKillop PS*

## **READ-O-RAMA 2023**

**Flex your reading muscles!**

**Increase your reading strength!**

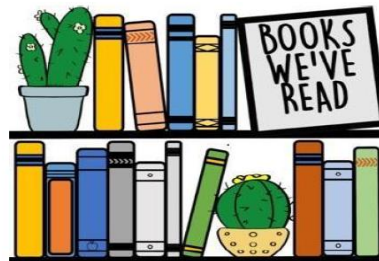
**Build your reading powers!**



**Your challenge is to read as many books as you can this term.**

P-2s will track how many books they read

3-6s will track the number of pages they read



Students record their reading each day,

Teachers keep a tally of their students' reading for the week,

Year levels will keep a running, weekly total of BOOKS/PAGES READ and **display** them in their areas.

At the end of term we will celebrate!



Canteen Roster for May 2023

# May

# 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Ashlea Judy	2 Natalie F Andrea	3 Lidi Sonali	4 Antonella Michelle	5 Katia Louise	6
7	8 Ashlea Judy	9 Natalie F Narelle	10 Skye Kris	11 Steph Draga	12 Katia Natasha	13
14	15 Ashlea Judy	16 Natalie F Andrea	17 Skye Sonali	18 Antonella Michelle	19 Chelsea Natalie C	20
21	22 Ashlea Judy	23 Natalie F Narelle	24 Skye Kris	25 Steph Draga	26 Chelsea Natasha	27
28	29 Ashlea Judy	30 Natalie F Andrea	31 Skye Sonali			

**Open Day**  
**SUNDAY 21 MAY 2023**  
**11am - 2pm**

Enjoy tours of all three campuses, meet and greet our students and staff plus ask all your questions.  
 Register your attendance today!

   
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# SMMPS Upcoming Events.....

## **Term 2: 26 April-23 June 2023**

**Tuesday 9 May**

Prep 2024 Information Session and Tour at 9.30am

**Friday 12 May**

2024 Prep Enrolments Close

Mother's Day Breakfast-see flyer

**Monday 22 May to Wednesday 31 May**

Prep 2024 On-line Interviews

**Wednesday 31 May**

Prep 2024 Letters of offer issued

**Saturday 3 June**

Year 3 Holy Communion 10am and 12pm

**Wednesday 7 June**

Prep 2024 Acceptance of offer due

**Monday 12 June**

King's Birthday- Public Holiday

**Friday 23 June**

End of Term 2-Students finish at 1.00pm