

ST. MARY MACKILLOP PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Staying Connected No. 9, 28th June 2024

Dear Community,

As we approach the end of another long busy term, it is time to stop and reflect with great pride and joy on the numerous achievements and milestones our school community has reached. This term has been filled with remarkable accomplishments, both in and out of the classroom, and it's important to take a moment to celebrate these successes.

Our students have shown exceptional dedication to their studies through out the term, constantly working towards achieving their academic goals. Congratulations to everyone for their achievements and those who have shown significant improvement. Your hard work and perseverance are truly commendable.

We are proud of our students' contributions to the community through various fundraisers and charitable events. From raising money to collecting food and clothing for various charities, our students have shown compassion and a strong sense of responsibility towards making a positive impact in the world around them.

None of these achievements would be possible without the unwavering dedication of our teachers and staff. Their commitment to providing a

nurturing and stimulating learning environment has not gone unnoticed. I thank them for their tireless efforts and for going above and beyond to support our students.

As we bring this term to a close, I encourage everyone to take some time to rest and recharge. A well-deserved break will provide the perfect opportunity to relax and spend quality time with family and friends. I hope you all return with renewed energy and enthusiasm for the new term and the many opportunities that lie ahead.

Finally, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to staff, students and each member of our school community for all their hard work and dedication through out the term. Together, we have made this term a resounding success. Have a wonderful and restful break, and we look forward to seeing you all in the new term.

Have a great break everyone.

As Mary MacKillop said on this day in 1873;

“We have all very much for which to thank and love God.”

Anthony D'Amico

Principal



REMINDERS

- The basketball court is used as a carpark in the morning and afternoon. The safety of our children is of utmost importance and therefore I ask that you take extra care when driving in the carpark areas. The speed limit is **5km per hour** and there is to be no double parking at all. Please only park in the designated parking spots and do not park on the artificial turf or in pedestrian walk ways. Thank you for taking the safety of our children seriously.



- From time to time our children forget to bring their lunch to school or a lunch order is ordered for the wrong day and we ask parents to bring in the missing lunch. In order to continue with our healthy eating expectations we ask that parents **do not bring in take away food** such as McDonalds, KFC etc. If you do need to purchase lunch for your child we ask that you purchase things such as sushi, sandwiches or wraps.
- The School opens at 8.30am and children can enter the classroom at 8.50am. **Please do not drop children off prior to 8.30am.** If you need to bring your child to school before 8.30am please book them into the before school hours program.
- St Mary MacKillop is a 'Smoke Free Zone' and smoking on the school grounds is not permitted. According to the law, 'The Tobacco Act 1987 bans smoking or vaping on school premises or within 4 metres of any pedestrian access point to school premises.'
Please do not smoke or vape on the school grounds.

- If your child needs to bring a mobile phone to school it must be handed into the teacher in the morning where it will be stored in a secured location and returned to them in the afternoon. Please refer to the Mobile phone policy on the school website.
- As there is no supervision on the playground area in the morning, the playground is out of bounds and children are not to play on the playground before school.
- The front drive through area between the Church and the School operates as a drive through zone only before school.
- Due to a few near misses, those who wish to park and bring their child into class must **use the back car park area.** There is now no parental parking in bays outside the front of the Church.

Term 2 School Reports

SCHOOL REPORTS

Your child's school report will be available online through the Parent Portal on Friday, 28th June. You will receive an email notification from nForma when the report is ready for download.

PARENT-TEACHER LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

Parent-Teacher Learning Conversations will occur in Term 3 on Tuesday, 30th July, and Thursday, 1st August 2024. Booking details will be sent to families at the beginning of Term 3.

CRAZY HAIR DAY & CASUAL CLOTHES DAY



**WELL DONE EVERYONE!
WE RAISED OVER \$1000 FOR THE
'BACKPACK BED FOR HOMELESS'
CHARITY.**

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PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS



2024 Term Dates

Term 1: 31 January-28 March 2024

(Good Friday 29 March-Easter Monday 01 April)

Term 2: 15 April-28 June 2024

Term 3: 15 July-20 September

Term 4: 7 October-17 December

(Year 6 finish Friday 13 December)

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Term 2 Social Justice Action

Hope in a Suitcase

On Friday 21st June, the Year 6 Mission Leaders worked together to sort, organise and pack all of the donations our school community had worked to collect for our Term 2 Social Justice Action, Hope in a Suitcase. We were amazed at the huge number of donations and the generosity shown by our community.

Sorting and packing was the first order of the day!



Loading up the car was a big task. The whole car was FULL!



We would like to thank all of our families who donated generously, and the people who also reached out to their business associates for donations.



The spirit of Mary MacKillop and the commission to 'Love one another' is truly alive here at Saint Mary MacKillop Primary School!



Message from Hope in a Suitcase:

Thank you very much for this amazing donation! It makes it all so extra special when it is our wonderful young community donating to their peers in care. They are the future and will be the ones who will continue to make positive changes to empower the lives of these children.

A very big thank you to your beautiful students, teachers and family community for helping us make a difference. It is so greatly appreciated.

In this last fortnight alone, we have needed to prepare and deliver more than 50 bags to children in need from across Victoria. Please continue to think of us and visit our Facebook page to keep up to date with the work we do from your contributions.

Facebook: Hope In A Suitcase-Victoria

Year 6 Endangered Animals Expo

By the Media Leaders Maximus Artuso, Nathaniel Suppupo,
Olivia Padovano and Kayla Strangis

In Term 2 the Year 6s created projects on endangered species. On Tuesday the 18th of June they presented these projects in an Expo to the 4's and 5's and also invited their parents to come along.





MOVING STORE

ACADEMY UNIFORMS WILL BE STOCKING
ST. MARY MACKILLOP PRIMARY SCHOOL, KEILOR DOWNS
AT THE NEW AND IMPROVED UNIFORM GROUP STORE

DEER PARK

FIRST DAY OF TRADE **TUESDAY 11TH OF JUNE**

LAST DAY OF TRADE AT ACADEMY DEER PARK STORE **FRIDAY 31ST OF MAY**

STORE ADDRESS:

UNIT 2, 51-53 WESTWOOD DRIVE,
RAVENHALL VIC 3023
(03) 9768 0342

TRADING HOURS:

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9AM - 5PM
SATURDAY 10AM - 1PM
SUNDAY CLOSED



Saint Mary Mackillop Primary School Winter Uniform

In Terms 2 & 3 students are required to wear their Winter Uniform.
The photos below show what all students should be wearing.



*Hair ties, small bows or headbands need to be pale blue, royal blue, navy blue or white.

Uniform items can be purchased in the following ways:

- In Store at: Academy Uniforms, Deer Park. Monday to Friday:** 9am - 5pm Saturday: 9am - 12 noon. 10/85 Mt Derrimut Road, Deer Park. Phone (03) 8385 9111
- On-line:** at www.academyuniforms.com.au for home delivery or a free weekly delivery to school.

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2024 COLLEGE TOURS WITH THE PRINCIPAL



COLLEGE TOUR DATES

Tuesday 19 March - 11:00am
Thursday 16 May - 9:30am
Thursday 13 June - 4:00pm
Tuesday 15 October - 11:00am

To register for a College Tour,
scan the QR Code below.



Or visit our website:
crcs.vic.edu.au
and navigate to
'Join our Community' and
'College Tours / Events'

*Every Student
Every Pathway*

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MARIAN COLLEGE

A Kildare Education Ministries Catholic School for girls in the Brigidine Tradition.



PROSPECTIVE FAMILY INFORMATION EVENING

TUESDAY 25 JUNE 2024
5.00PM - 6.30PM

MARIAN COLLEGE SUNSHINE WEST
196 Glengala Road
Sunshine West VIC 3020

T +61 3 9363 1711
E principal@mariansw.vic.edu.au
www.mariansw.catholic.edu.au

BOOK NOW VIA
THE QR CODE OR
OUR WEBSITE





**Catholic
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Term 3 College Tours

Bring your child to a College Tour and:

- Meet the College Principal
- Visit Classes in Action
- Chat to Enrolment Staff
- Engage with Student Ambassadors
- Share Morning Tea

Upcoming Tour Dates

Thursday 18 July

Tuesday 23 July

Friday 2 August

Tours commence at 9.15am sharp and run for approximately 90 minutes.

Online bookings are essential. Visit [crcnk.com.au/enrolment/college-tour](https://www.crcnk.com.au/enrolment/college-tour)



YEAR 7 2026 APPLY NOW

**VISIT THE WEBSITE TO COMPLETE AN ONLINE APPLICATION
FOR ENROLMENT FORM**

KEY DATES:

FRIDAY 16 AUGUST 2024 - APPLICATIONS CLOSE

Friday 18 October 2024 - offers of enrolment sent to families

Friday 8 November 2024 - final date to accept offer

<https://www.crcnk.com.au/enrolment/year-7-2026>



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EXPERIENCE CRC NORTH KEILOR

GRADE 5 IMMERSION PROGRAM

CRCNK are running a Grade 5 Immersion Program throughout Terms 1-3. Students engage directly with our inspiring staff and our Year 10 student leaders for an exciting & fun hands-on Immersion program.

From interactive projects to collaborative activities, this unique experience provides Grade 5 students with an opportunity to explore high school subjects in a safe and supportive environment and gain invaluable insight into what student life is like at CRCNK.

- Sessions run from 3:45pm - 5pm
- Students are required to attend in their school uniform
- A parent/carer is required to attend for the duration of each session and are invited to attend presentations by members of our Leadership Team.

Each program will run on a Thursday after school for 3 consecutive weeks. The dates for the Term 3 programs are as follows -

Term 3: Thursday 18 July, 25 July & 1 August
OR
Thursday 15 August, Thursday 22 August & Thursday 29 August

Students will be required to attend all 3 sessions in one program. Places are limited so register online via our College website using the link below. **Registration will open on Monday 27 May at 9 am.**

 crcnk.com.au/enrolment/year-7-2026



Food
Technology



WoodWork



Science

www.crcnk.com.au

1C Santa Monica Drive
NORTH KEILOR VIC 3038
9361 5900

Upcoming Events 2024

Term 2: 15 April-28 June 2024

Friday 28 June

Last day of Term 2

Students finish @ 1.00pm

Term 3: 15 July-20 September

Monday 15 July

First day of Term 3-school starts @ 9am

Monday 29 July to Friday 2 August

Book Fair

Tuesday 30 July and Thursday 1 August

Parent Teacher Conversations-details next term

Thursday 8 August

St Mary MacKillop Feast Day

Upcoming Events 2024 Continued.....

Thursday 15 August

Feast of the Assumption

Monday 19 August

Book Parade-details next term

Tuesday 3 September

School Closure Day-details next term

Friday 20 September

Last day of Term 3

Students finish @ 1.00pm