

# ST. MARY MACKILLOP PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## *Staying Connected No.14, 19th September 2024*

Dear Community,

Congratulations again to our Yrs. 5 and 6 students who performed their award winning Wakakirri showcase at the State Finals last week. They won again!!! Which now means they are performing in the National final via video. Thanks to our performers who have put in their hearts, time and energy, the supportive parents who have assisted and Ms Laura Kandzidis and Mrs Sarina Commisso. Well done everyone!

Last Friday we had a dress up challenge – ‘as many colours of the rainbow’ from things that children had at home. The dress up challenge marked the end of Neurodiversity Week, where all the classes spent time learning about the ways in which different brains may work and that ‘All brains are welcome’ here at St. Mary MacKillop School. I have included just a few photos of the wonderful and colourful outfits below.

Mrs Natalie Mulford, our Religious Education Leader, is off on a very special pilgrimage to Rome at the end of this week. Though it is a short trip, we wish her safe travels and look forward to learning more of her experiences as she assists students, parents and teachers in the nurturing of our faith.

After a very cold and unpredictable winter here in Melbourne, it looks like we may have a great spring break. It’s a time for families to be together and live life at a different pace. Whether you are staying at home or traveling, we hope that you have a chance to recharge the batteries, and experience a safe and enjoyable holiday before a return to school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

Your sincerely

Jennie Monaghan  
Acting Principal

**Today’s thought from St Mary MacKillop’s writings:**

**Try to keep God with us by charity of thought, word and act.**

**REMINDER: School finishes at 1pm tomorrow Friday 20<sup>th</sup>  
September**

## REMINDERS

- The basketball court is used as a carpark in the morning and afternoon. The rear carpark will be locked at 9.00am and will re-open at 2.45pm.
- 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 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.**

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- 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.

## Parents and Friends Group

Here at SMMPS we have a Parents Group that volunteer their time for fundraising events. For example, events like the Feast Day BBQ, canteen distribution roster, Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls, our annual colour run and lots more....

The Parents Group have a whatsapp group for communication. When there is an event where we require volunteers, it is discussed on the app and if you are free and would like to help out you can volunteer yourself by responding on the group chat. The Parent Group meet every couple of weeks on a Friday afternoon to discuss any upcoming fundraising events.

You are most welcome to come along to the meetings.

If you would like to be part of the app, please email me at [kdoherthy@mmkeilordowns.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kdoherthy@mmkeilordowns.catholic.edu.au) and I will pass your number onto the group.

Thanks, Kellie Doherty

## PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS



## NEURODIVERSITY WEEK





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Email: [principal@mmkeilordowns.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@mmkeilordowns.catholic.edu.au)

Dear St Mary Mackillop School Community,

Each year our school holds a number of School Advisory Council meetings, which enable us to continue the high-level strategic direction and oversight of the operation and management of our school. St Mary MacKillop is a school which operates with the consent of the Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne and is owned, operated and governed by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd (MACS).

The School Advisory Council provides an important connection between the wider school community and school leadership. The role of the School Advisory Council is to provide support to the Principal and is an important connection to the Parish.

As we look towards 2025, we are seeking expressions of interest for new members to join our School Advisory Council. This group will comprise of a minimum of six and a maximum of 10 council members, who value the importance of the educational mission and ethos of the Catholic Church. Please see below:

- a) the principal (ex officio)
- b) the parish priest (ex officio) (custodian of mission)
- c) two parents of children attending the school
- d) one parishioner
- e) another person who in the opinion of the principal has the relevant knowledge, skills, expertise or interest and commitment to the mission of the school to serve a particular need on the council
- f) additional parents of children attending the school\*
- g) additional parishioners\*
- h) any other person who in the opinion of the principal has the relevant knowledge, skills, expertise or interest and commitment to the mission of the school\*

If you are interested in joining the St Mary Mackillop School Advisory Council group, please send your expression of interest to the Principal: Mr. Anthony D'Amico [principal@mmkeilordowns.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@mmkeilordowns.catholic.edu.au) by Friday, 18th October 2024. (Please include a picture and some background information about yourself).

This role is crucial to the success of our school, we greatly appreciate those who volunteer their time and expertise to support the successful direction of St Mary Mackillop Primary School.

Kindest regards,

[Anthony D'Amico](#)

Principal

Fundraising at



## We are looking for volunteers and donations

St Mary MacKillop have been lucky enough to have been given a day at Taylors Lakes Bunnings to help raise funds for our school.

We are kindly asking for people who are able to make a donation to contribute to the day. There are a lot of sausages to be sold and a lot of drinks to be drank. So what we really need are cash donations to go towards our supplies likes plates, napkins, onions, drinks, sauces and of course sausages etc.

**Please forward all cash donations to the office**

We will also be running a Bake Stall in the front foyer of Bunnings. Baked goods should not require refrigeration and not contain cream or raw eggs. Processed items such as Girl Guide cookies and Lions Christmas Cake are not considered as a Bake Stall, as these are not homemade.

**Drop off day TBC for baked goods.**

Alternatively, if you would love to donate your time we are seeking parents to come down on the day to help cook and sell. Now we understand weekends are precious so all we ask for is 2 hours of your day and if you could do more, fantastic!

Below is the roster set for the day, if you could please email your availability that would be greatly appreciated.

[kdoherly@mmkeilordowns.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kdoherly@mmkeilordowns.catholic.edu.au)

**SUNDAY 20th OCTOBER**

6am - 8am (includes setting up)

8am - 10am

10am - 12pm

12pm - 2pm

2pm - 4pm



## Be the Next St Mary of the Assumption's Altar Server

Training for Children who have made their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion  
wishing to become Altar Servers will be held on  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 11am  
at St Mary Mackillop Church.

Any questions please call the parish office on 9364 0440  
or email : [reception@stma.com.au](mailto:reception@stma.com.au)



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 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](http://www.academyuniforms.com.au) for home delivery or a free weekly delivery to school.



AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR



# Is this your daughter?

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform.

# JOIN US IN 2025



AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS



AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR

## Take the Stage

Join us at our Spring Holiday Program or Summer Showtime Music Theatre workshops! [aspagroup.com.au](http://aspagroup.com.au)



## An experience that goes far beyond the stage!

Girls blossom as members of the AGC, both on and off the stage. Your daughter will develop confidence, public speaking and presentation skills, resilience and friendships that will last a lifetime.

### THE AGC WILL BE VISITING YOUR SCHOOL TO HOLD AN ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP WITH INTERESTED GIRLS.

The group assessment workshop includes singing and movement activities and is designed to be a fun and positive experience. Following our visit, we will post a personalised report and further information about 2025 classes to you.



Register Online

Register online at [ausgirlschoir.com.au/schoolworkshop](http://ausgirlschoir.com.au/schoolworkshop) or return the permission slip to school

AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR assessment workshop (Please return to the front office)

Girl's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Suburb \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my daughter to attend the group assessment for the Australian Girls Choir

Parent/Caregiver Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORT PROGRAMS

30 Sept - 4 Oct 2024

REGISTER ONLINE  
[vu.edu.au/school-holiday-sport-programs](http://vu.edu.au/school-holiday-sport-programs)

MULTI SPORT  
CRICKET  
AFL  
FUTSAL  
SWIMMING LESSONS



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Sydenham

## 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](http://crcs.vic.edu.au)  
and navigate to  
'Join our Community' and  
'College Tours / Events'

*Every Student  
Every Pathway*



**Catholic  
Regional College  
North Keilor**

## 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>



# 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 11<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE**

LAST DAY OF TRADE AT ACADEMY DEER PARK STORE **FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> 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



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## *The Village Night Market*

**FIRST WEDNESDAY OF  
THE MONTH  
HELD AT THE KEILOR  
BOWLS CLUB  
6PM - 9PM**

***Shop Local and Support Small***

***Proudly sponsored by***

04/09/24,  
02/10/24, (NBCF)  
13/11/24, (2nd week)  
04/12/24



***Keilor Bowls Club  
2 Mercedes St,  
Keilor***

## Upcoming Events 2024

### Term 3: 15 July-20 September

**Thursday 19 September**  
Casual clothes day-Footy Day  
See flyer/lunch special on QKR App

### Friday 20 September

Last day of Term 3

Students finish @ 1.00pm

### Term 4: 07 October-17 December

### Monday 7 October

First day of Term 4

### Sunday 20 October

Bunnings Sausage sizzle-see flyer

### Tuesday 29 October to 31 October

Year 6 Camp to Sydney

## Upcoming Events 2024 Cont....

### Tuesday 5 November

Melb Cup Public Holiday

### Thursday 7 November

Prep 2025 Play and Stay-Session 1

9.00am to 9.50am or 10.00am to 10.50am

### Monday 11 November to Wednesday 13 November

Year 4 Camp

### Wednesday 13 November

Prep 2025 Play and Stay-Session 2

9.00am to 9.50am or 10.00am to 10.50am

**More dates to come....**