

ST. MARY MACKILLOP PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Staying Connected No.12, 23rd August 2024

Dear Community,

As the days are starting to grow warmer and the sun shines brighter, winter is slowly leaving us to welcome the warmth of Spring. The weather has taken a delightful turn, with temperatures slowly rising and clear skies making their way into our daily routines. It is the perfect opportunity to spend more time outdoors simply soaking up the sun.

Last week we celebrated the Parish Feast Day, of St. Mary of the Assumption on 15th August. The Feast of the Assumption gives us hope. There is more to life than just what we experience every day. As Catholics, we believe there is a Heaven and we believe we will one day take our place in Heaven with Mary and all those who have gone before us.

This week we also celebrated our annual St Mary MacKillop Book Parade. It was wonderful to see so many students and teachers immerse themselves in a great celebration of books. As always, our students and teachers dressed up as their favourite book characters and brought their favourite stories to life. The School was bustling with excitement, creative costumes, book-themed activities, and engaging storytelling sessions. It was a fantastic opportunity for all to celebrate the joy of reading and the endless adventures that books offer.

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Father's Day is just around the corner and next week we will be celebrating our fathers, grandfathers, uncles or significant males in our children's life together here at school. To mark this special occasion, we will be hosting a Father's Day Breakfast on Friday, August 30th, at 7:30 am in the school hall. It will be a wonderful opportunity to come together and enjoy a delicious breakfast along with celebrating these special people in our lives.

Along with the Father's Day Breakfast we will also be running our yearly Father's Day stall, with wonderful gifts available to purchase. Our Father's Day Stall will be held on Thursday 29th and Friday 30th August in the Multi Purpose Room. If your child would like to purchase a gift from the stall please send them with some money, preferably in a wallet/purse or snap lock bag for safe keeping. The classroom teachers will advise you on Seesaw what day your child will be visiting the stall.

On Tuesday 3rd September we will be having a school closure day where the staff engage in a day of Professional Learning with the organisation, Australians Together. To remain current with Child Safety Standards and Australian Professional Standards for Teachers, we will take a deep dive into First Nations perspectives, unlocking the truth of Australia's past, reflect on the present state of Reconciliation and consider meaningful action for change and understanding in our curriculum and in light of Catholic mission.

As Mary MacKillop said in 1888,
"Do what you can with the means at your disposal and leave
all the rest calmly to God."

Have a great weekend everyone.

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.

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 kdoherly@mmkeilordowns.catholic.edu.au and I will pass your number onto the group.

Thanks, Kellie Doherty

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS



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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Feast of the Assumption



Some of the Year 6 Mission and SRC Leaders spent some time baking shortbread biscuits; a gift that was taken over to Rosary Home to celebrate this feast day.



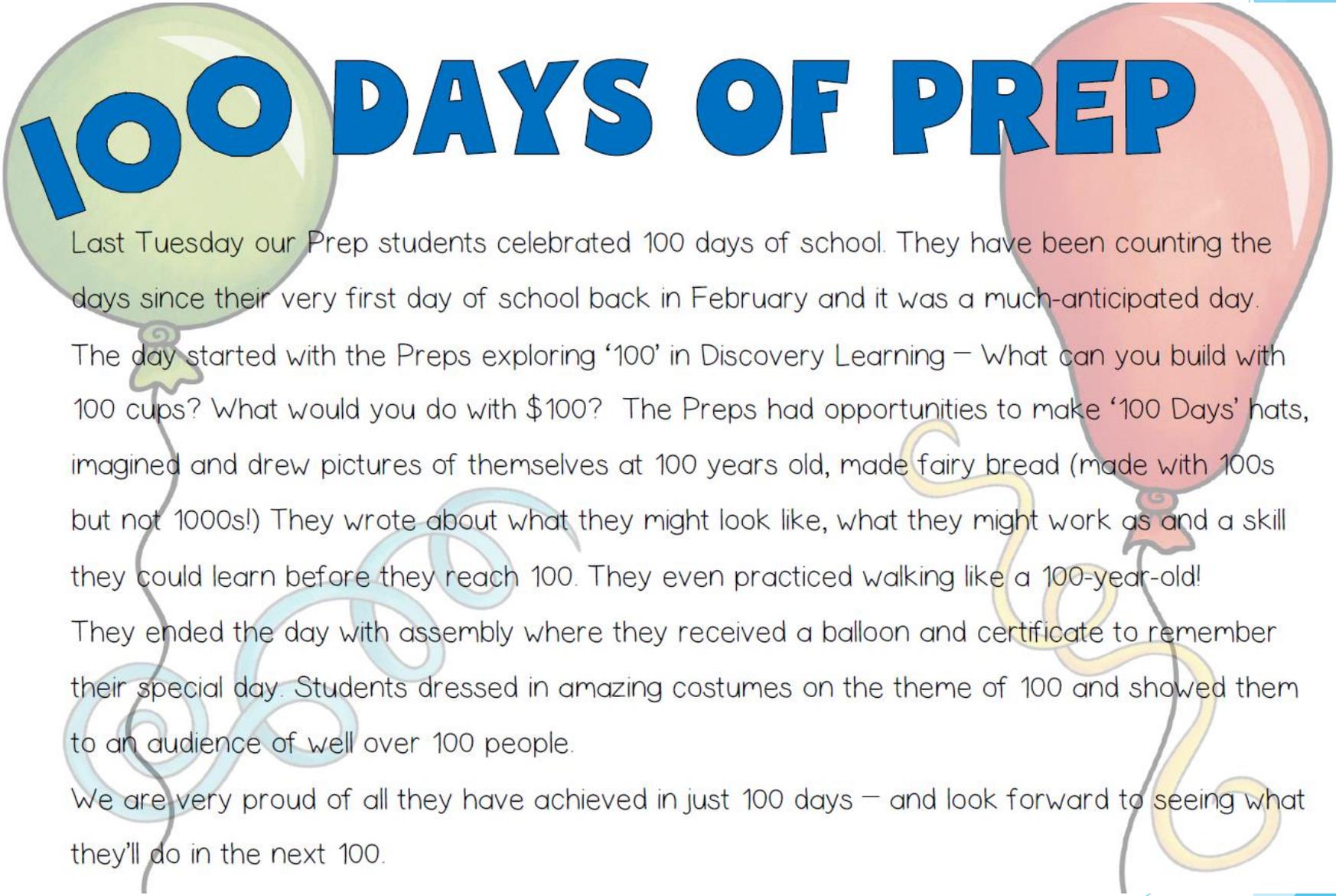
In the afternoon of the feast day, Some Year 2 students from each class and a couple of the Mission Leaders visited Rosary Home to share their cards and biscuits. We spent some time chatting with the people who lived there, sharing and learning something about each other. We ended our visit by praying the Hail Mary together and Fr Denis even sang us a song! Sister Doris made rosary beads, which each Year 2 and 6 class received for their class prayer space.



On the 15th of August the Church celebrated the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin; a solemnity that is very close to our hearts, as it is the feast day of our parish. We gathered for Mass as a school and parish community. We thank Fr Vinh for leading us in celebration. The Year 6 Mystery Leaders led the reading of the Scriptures and communal prayers and the Choir led us in singing.

As part of their learning about the Feast of the Assumption, the Year 2 students made cards for the residents of Rosary Home, the nursing home beside our school.





100 DAYS OF PREP

Last Tuesday our Prep students celebrated 100 days of school. They have been counting the days since their very first day of school back in February and it was a much-anticipated day. The day started with the Preps exploring '100' in Discovery Learning – What can you build with 100 cups? What would you do with \$100? The Preps had opportunities to make '100 Days' hats, imagined and drew pictures of themselves at 100 years old, made fairy bread (made with 100s but not 1000s!) They wrote about what they might look like, what they might work as and a skill they could learn before they reach 100. They even practiced walking like a 100-year-old! They ended the day with assembly where they received a balloon and certificate to remember their special day. Students dressed in amazing costumes on the theme of 100 and showed them to an audience of well over 100 people. We are very proud of all they have achieved in just 100 days – and look forward to seeing what they'll do in the next 100.



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YEAR 4'S DIDGERIDOO AUSTRALIA INCURSION

On Wednesday, 7th August, the Grade 4s were lucky enough to have an incursion from Didgeridoo Australia and meet Gunga Giri. We had an opportunity to learn and immerse ourselves in Indigenous culture. This incursion was highly engaging and allowed us to be interactive with a range of different show-and-tell items. We got to participate in some traditional dance with the live didgeridoo as well as explore some ochre painting. Listening to the didgeridoo being played was really exciting, and we all had lots of fun moving to the beat. We got to touch and view a range of artifacts, including a small possum skin, an emu egg, and many boomerangs. We also learned that a possum skin rolled into a ball may have been used as one of the first original footballs.





Book Week Parade



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St Mary MacKillop Annual Book Parade

Book week is always an exciting time at St Mary MacKillop and this year was no exception. We had our annual Book Week parade on Monday, where students dressed up as their beloved book characters. We had Joel Selwood, Elon Musk, Taylor Swift, Princesses, Fairies, and Pig the Pug, just to name a few. The buzz in the hall and across the school on Monday was magical. Thank you to all the families who helped prepare the costumes and attended the parade. It's so exciting to see that reading is loved and treasured in our community.



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The gardening club at St Mary MacKillop Primary School planted and watered the 50 trees delivered from Greater Western Water.



Garden



We installed a new irrigation system.



bloom and grow



TREE PLANTING



We added some extra plants and shrubs to fill the large garden beds.



Marvellous Melbourne-by 3Y

Dear Diary,

Yesterday I had the best excursion ever. My jaw even dropped, so here's what happened. First, we went to the MCG and I learnt so many interesting facts there. Did you know that the MCG used to be a place where police horses rest?

Later we found ourselves walking across the William Barrak Bridge to get to the famous Yarra River! (We also spotted the famous 301-metre-high Eureka Tower.) Anyway, I took a boat across the river. After the 1-hour boat ride, we ate our lunch at Federation Square.

After we all ate our lunch, we went to St Paul's Cathedral and said a little prayer. Did you know that it was built 123 years ago? Then, after all of that, we took a bus and finally came back to school!

From, Joshua in 3Y, the adventurer

Dear Diary,

Today is an exciting day. Today we are going to the city of Melbourne. I got to school early so I wouldn't miss the bus. When we got to the first landmark it was the MCG. So we put our bags in a locker or on a shelf. We learned that a long time ago horses used to live here. I mean, not normal horses, but police horses. The time went quickly.

So after the MCG, we walked for 30 minutes straight. I was tired. When we got there, we ate a snack, then we got on the boat. I felt a bit sick, but I was having fun, and when we got off we had lunch.

Then we walked to St Paul's Cathedral. When we got inside, I bowed my head and we sat down. I learned that stained glass windows are like pictures that tell stories.

Love, Anabel 3Y P.S. I had a really good time.



Marvellous Melbourne Landmark Artwork by 3 Red



MELBOURNE EXCURSION

We got off the boat and went to Federation Square. We had lunch after we saw Flinder Street station and then went to St. Pauls Cathedral. The church was really beautiful because it had heaps of stained glass windows.
Dion Apap 3B



We walked over William Barak's bridge and then we hopped on board a ferry to cruise down the Yarra river.

On the tour we saw Sea Life Aquarium, Crown, Marvel Stadium, Arts Centre and many more landmarks.

Damon Ezekiel 3B



My class got off the bus and went to the MCG. [MCG short for Melbourne Cricket Ground]. Our tour guide Terrance told us that it was built in 1853 which means it is 171 years old.

Josephine Ni 3B



SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORT PROGRAMS

30 Sept - 4 Oct 2024

REGISTER ONLINE
vu.edu.au/school-holiday-sport-programs

MULTI SPORT
CRICKET
AFL
FUTSAL
SWIMMING LESSONS



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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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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

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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



Upcoming Events 2024

Term 3: 15 July-20 September

Thursday 29 August & Friday 30 August

Father's Day Stall

Friday 30 August

Father's Day Breakfast 7.30am to 8.45am

Tuesday 3 September

School Closure Day-See page 1

Friday 20 September

Last day of Term 3

Students finish @ 1.00pm

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