

ST. MARY MACKILLOP PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Staying Connected No.13, 06th September 2024

Dear Community,

As we enter the final stretch of Term 3, it's hard to believe how quickly the weeks have flown by! The last eight weeks have been filled with excitement, learning, and plenty of memorable moments. We have much to celebrate and look forward to.

This week we received some exciting news about our Wakakirri performance from earlier this term. As I mentioned in one of my earlier newsletters our Year 5 and 6 students performed at the Clocktower in Moonee Ponds and did an exceptional job. In fact it was so good that we have won an award and have been invited back to perform again. We received this letter from Wakakirri last week, "St Mary Mackillop Primary School has received a **State Award and is being considered for a National Award for their Wakakirri performance**, The Very Lonely Butterfly and have been invited back to perform at the upcoming Wakakirri Awards Showcase Night, next Thursday 12th September".

We are very proud of our Performing Arts program and the opportunity our students have to showcase their drama and acting skills. The Wakakirri Story-Dance Festival is a program that helps schools develop student engagement and wellbeing through participation in the performing arts. Wakakirri is Australia's largest performing arts event for schools around the country and we are fortunate enough to be able to participate in such a rich and inclusive program.

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Last Friday we celebrated Father's Day with a breakfast here at school. It was an opportunity for our children to celebrate the important men in their lives and to come together as a school community to share a breakfast. It was lovely to see so many fathers, grandfathers and uncles come along and celebrate with their children and the school community.

I would like to thank all the staff who came along and supported this occasion. Whether it was cooking eggs, bacon and sausages on the BBQ, serving the many hungry parents and children or helping set up and clean up before and after the breakfast, without their support and assistance an event like this would simply not happen. We are lucky to have such a caring and inclusive staff who go over and beyond to make this school the great place it is.

At the end of next week I will be taking some leave to travel to Europe with my family. I will be away in week 10 of this term and weeks 1 & 2 of next term returning in week 3 Term 4. While I am away Jenny Monaghan will step up as Acting Principal and Aaron Kuras will continue in his role as Deputy Principal. I know the school will be in great hands and continue to thrive in my absence.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the term. We are looking forward to wrapping up this term with a bang and beginning Term 4 with renewed energy and enthusiasm.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Anthony D'Amico
Principal

As Mary Mackillop said on this day in 1906
"God loves us all."

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 and I will pass your number onto the group.

Thanks, Kellie Doherty

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS



Wear your favourite team colours with pride

Footy Colours Day Thursday 19th September 2024

Football unites communities – whether you follow AFL, NRL, Soccer, Rugby Union or any other sport – unite, stand shoulder-to-shoulder with your fellow Aussies and help to fundraise for Very Special Kids with a gold coin donation.

An SRC initiative



FOOTY DAY FUNDRAISER



19TH SEPTEMBER



NEURODIVERSITY WEEK

Next week we are celebrating Neurodiversity Week! This means we are celebrating how we can be the same but different, and that there are a variety of ways that people's brains work!

Our students will be focusing on ways everyone's strengths and challenges are welcomed and that this makes an interesting world.

On Friday 13 Sept, we are asking our students and teachers to dress in as many of the colours of the neurodiversity symbol seen below. We will have a few surprises for those who meet the challenge!!! A letter explaining the event will be sent out to each family via SeeSaw. There's lots to find out and enjoy!



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.

kdoherthy@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 1st Communion
wishing to become Altar Servers will be held on
Saturday 5th October at 11am
at St Mary Mackillop Church.

Any questions please call the parish office on 9364 0440
or email : 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 for home delivery or a free weekly delivery to school.

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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Catholic Regional College
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
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 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



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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

Friday 13 September

Casual Clothes Day
Neurodiversity week-colours of the rainbow
See message from Jennie Monaghan (Wellbeing Leader)

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

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

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Upcoming Events 2024 Cont....

Monday 4 November

School Closure Day

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....