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Staying Connected No. 8, 23 April, 2026

Easter 2026

Hello Everyone,

Welcome back to Term Two 2026.

Our MACS Cyclical Review

As we move into this important term, we do so with both purpose and hope. Our school will shortly undertake its MACS Cyclical Review – an important milestone that is not simply about compliance, but about affirming who we are as a Catholic school and identifying opportunities to grow even further.

This process invites us to reflect deeply on our practice; what we do well and where we can continue to improve, always with the goal of providing the very best for our children. We look forward to welcoming our external reviewer and engaging in meaningful professional reflection with confidence in our community and trust in our shared mission.

The Spirit of Easter

In many ways, the Review mirrors the spirit of Easter. Easter is the heart of our Christian story; a journey through challenge, sacrifice, renewal and, ultimately, hope. It reminds us that growth often comes through reflection and renewal.

As a school, we embrace this same mindset. We are called not to stand still, but to continually **reset, restart and refocus** so that we can better serve each child entrusted to our care. Easter is ultimately a message of new life, inviting us to move forward with hope, knowing that every ending brings the promise of a new beginning.

“Never see a need without doing something about it.”

St Mary MacKillop

This quote speaks directly to our work during the Review. It calls us to be attentive – to see clearly where improvement is needed and to act with courage and faith.

“God will provide.”

St Mary MacKillop

Mary’s words encourage a spirit of trust and perseverance, particularly in times of uncertainty. As a Catholic community, we draw on this hope as we continue to build a school where every child is known, valued and able to flourish.

Thank You

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support of our wonderful school community. May the Easter season bring peace, renewal and hope to you and your families.

Go well,

Anthony McCluskey
Principal

Prep 2027

We have received an unexpectedly high number of applications for Prep 2027. As a result, we are currently considering a number of important decisions, including how many students we can accommodate and the possibility of introducing a fourth Prep class.

This places us in a very positive position and reflects the strong reputation of our school as a preferred choice within our local and neighbouring communities.

In line with our enrolment priorities, our first commitment is always to siblings of current students. If you have a child due to commence Prep next year, I ask that you please submit your application by the end of this week. This will assist us greatly in gaining an accurate understanding of enrolment demand for 2027.

<https://www.mmkeilordowns.catholic.edu.au/enrolment-information/online-enrolment-form/>

Thank you for your support.



Keilor Historical Society
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WAGGANONG ARMS HOTEL, KEILOR (LARGE CIRCA 1940)

ANZAC DAY

Ceremony

11am
Saturday 25 April 2026
Keilor Cenotaph
Keilor Community Hub
704B Old Calder Hwy
Keilor
Wurundjeri Country

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CONQUER CANCER  **Fundraiser**

Zumba for Smiles

Join us for a fun afternoon of Zumba to help support our students taking on the Conquer Cancer challenge in May!

Tuesday, 28 April 2026
4:30pm - 5:30pm
\$10 Adult, \$5 Child
Book Now via
www.trybooking.com/1566031

All proceeds go to supporting Camp Quality and The Florey



She Who Explores



BACK FOR 2026!

Come and see what it's like to be an Ave girl with our after school program, She Who Explores.

Designed specifically for Year 4 and 5 students, this is a fantastic opportunity for our future students to explore subjects that they will be able to study at Ave Maria College.

For more information, please email Assistant Principal (Community and Partnerships), Mrs Natalie Meddis, AssistantPrincipalCommunity@avemaria.vic.edu.au or register via the QR.



Choose from one of the following subjects and join us on Wednesday, 29 April, 4pm - 5pm:

- **Food Technology**
- **Science**



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER 2026

TERM 2

Thursday 23 April

Easter Hat Parade-see flyer

Friday 24 April

MACS 4-year Cyclic Review Commences

Friday 1 May

2027 Prep Enrolments Due

Wednesday 6 May

Wonder of Life Ed-Year 5 @ 6.30pm-more details to come

Thursday 7 May

Mother's Day stall

Wonder of Life Ed-Year 6 @ 6.30pm-more details to come

Friday 8 May

Mother's Day stall

Mother's Day breakfast-see invitation

Sunday 10 May

Mother's Day

Monday 11 May

2027 Prep New Family Interviews commence

Wednesday 20 May

Holy Communion Family Faith Evening @ 7pm-MPR

TERM 2 Cont.....

Tuesday 26 May

School Review

Thursday 28 May

School Review

Friday 29 May

2027 Prep Letter of Acceptance due

Saturday 30 May

Sacrament of Holy Communion @ 10.30am and 12.30pm

Monday 8 June

King's Birthday Public Holiday

Wednesday 10 June

Confirmation Family Faith Evening @ 7pm-MPR

Monday 15 June

2027 Prep Existing Family Interviews commence

Saturday 20 June

Sacrament of Confirmation @ 10am and 12pm

Friday 26 June

End of Term 2 Students finish @ 1pm



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ALL OUR MUM'S ARE INVITED TO OUR.....

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Date: Friday 8th May, 2026

Time: 7:30am to 8:45am

Venue: St Mary MacKillop School Hall

Price: \$10.00 per serve (1 waffle) or \$15.00 per serve (2 waffles)

We invite our Mum's, Grandmothers', aunts and any other significant females in our children's lives to join us for breakfast at school.

What's on the menu? I hear you ask! We will have:

- Waffles with Ice-Cream (Toppings include: Maple syrup, mixed berries, chocolate sauce or hundreds and thousands)
- Apple/Orange Juice
- Tea and coffee

Please complete the slip below and return with your money to the office by end of day Friday 1st May. As this is a catered event, we strictly cannot accept any reply's after this date.

Hope to see you there!

MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST – Friday 8th MAY 2026

Family Name: _____

Eldest children's Name/Class: _____

No. of Orders: 1 waffle: \$10 each _____

2 waffles: \$15 each _____

I have enclosed \$_____ for the Mother's Day breakfast

NB: Please return to the office by end of day Friday 1st May

Free Kit valued at \$99 if signed up before 30/5/26

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