

# ST. MARY MACKILLOP PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## *Staying Connected No. 9, 01 May, 2026*

Hello Everyone,

Last Sunday we celebrated Good Shepherd Sunday. This day calls us to reflect on the tender, fearless love at the heart of Christian ministry. **Jesus, the Good Shepherd**, did not merely point the way – he walked it, laying down his life for his flock. This Sunday, we give thanks for all who share in that shepherding mission: our priests, who feed us with Word and Sacrament; our teachers and catechists, who patiently hand on the faith across generations; and all who witness to the Gospel in family, school, and community. Like the shepherd who leaves the ninety-nine to seek the one who is lost, they are called not to comfort and safety but to courageous, self-giving service. We pray that God will raise up many more such shepherds – men and women who know their sheep by name and are not afraid of the dark valleys.

We see this spirit alive today in our Holy Father, **Pope Leo XIV**. When he appeared for the first time as pope, his very first words to the world were "**Peace be with you**" – the greeting of the Risen Christ, the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for the flock. Within the first year of his papacy, Leo has shown himself unafraid to speak out on issues of war, the rights of migrants, and the Church's role as peacemaker in the world.

A Chicago-born Augustinian friar and longtime missionary in Peru, he chose the name Leo to echo the great Leo XIII's concern for justice and the dignity of workers, and he carries that tradition forward with a shepherd's heart – firm in conviction, gentle in manner, and fearless in his call for a world built on peace.

In him, the Church is reminded that the Good Shepherd's voice still speaks clearly in our time, urging all of us – pastors and teachers, parents and parishioners – to be instruments of that peace which is, as he said, *unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering*.

Go well,

**Anthony McCluskey**  
**Principal**

**Prep 2027-Enrolments Close today**  
**Get your application in so you do not miss out on a spot**

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.

## PRINCIPAL AWARD



A message from the  
Faith and Mission Leaders:

What a great and deeply  
generous effort from our  
school community.  
This year we raised a  
whopping

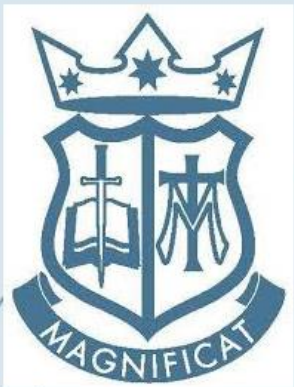
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for Project Compassion,  
during the season of Lent.



Last Friday the SRC {Student Representative Council} met up for the second time this year. In this meeting, Mrs Artuso came to speak to us about PBL {Positive Behaviour for Learning} and about our school's new behaviour matrix. The school values this year are: Be respectful, Be responsible, Be resilient and Be safe. She showed us how we can do these things and discussed our values matrix. These values are important traits in our school that will support all of our students.

Then we discussed all the good things happening and things that need improving, in our school!



During this meeting, our SRC chose our Social Justice action/ fundraiser for this term. This term's action will be to support children of war through the **Caritas Emergency Action Alliance** on **Thursday 11th June**. On this day we will encourage everyone to **wear a touch of red** and bring a generous donation. More to come on this.



## Good things:

- Helping kids in school
- Cross country
- Fundraisers
- Cuby houses in Prep area
- Eating after recess
- the choir singing at the Easter celebration

## Things for improving:

- Senior toilets
- More and better sports equipment
- Old oval roster
- Water taps



### Melbourne Storm Visit

On Tuesday, the year 3, 5, and 6 students were lucky enough to attend a special assembly run by the Melbourne Storm.

In the assembly, students learnt about healthy living and why it is important to maintain good habits around sleep,

hydration, and nutrition.

We were also lucky enough to hear from Melbourne Storm players Cameron Munster, Jack Howarth, Jerry Musu, and Josiah Pohulu on how they stay fit and healthy to be the best athletes they can be.

We had so much fun when the time came to practice some drills with the Storm players and our teachers.

At the end of the fun we were also lucky enough to get autographs from all the players! Overall we had such a fun time learning about rugby and health from the Melbourne Storm players!



### 2026 House Cross Country

Well done to all the students who participated in the 2026 House Cross Country!

287 Points - BLUE HOUSE	Special mention to: <b>Henry Oliha</b>  For breaking the SMMPS 2.4km record with a time of 9.58mins
241 Points - YELLOW HOUSE	
231 Points - GREEN HOUSE	
218 Points - RED HOUSE	



Please bring all donations to the front office foyer



# ANZAC DAY MEMORIAL



It was a privilege for our school to be represented at the ANZAC Day memorial service in Keilor this year. Our Grade 5 students, Audrey, Gianni and Aubrey, conducted themselves with great respect and maturity, honouring the significance of the occasion as they participated in the service and laid a wreath on behalf of our school community.



Thank you to the students and their families for attending and representing our school so proudly. A special thank you to Anne-Marie Aprile for organising the day and supporting the students at the service.





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## Twilight Open Evening

Thursday May 28

4:00 PM – 6:30PM



Join us for a tour, connect with our dedicated staff and students,  
and experience the energy of our thriving learning community.  
Discover the opportunities that make Marian College a place  
where strong futures truly begin.

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## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER 2026

### TERM 2

**Friday 1 May**  
2027 Prep Enrolments Due

**Wednesday 6 May**  
Wonder of Life Ed-Year 5 @ 6.30pm-details have been sent to Year 5 families via Nforma

**Thursday 7 May**  
Mother's Day stall  
Wonder of Life Ed-Year 6 @ 6.30pm-details have been sent to Year 6 families via Nforma

**Friday 8 May**  
Mother's Day stall  
Mother's Day breakfast-from 7.30am in the school hall

**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 Continued.....

**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