

ST. MARY MACKILLOP PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Happy Father's Day

Dear St Mary MacKillop School Community,

As we approach Father's Day this Sunday, I would like to extend my warmest wishes to all the **fathers, grandfathers, uncles and special father figures** within our St Mary MacKillop community.

Father's Day gives us an opportunity to stop and give thanks for the important men in our lives; those who guide, encourage, protect, nurture and simply stand beside us.

So often, fatherhood is found in the ordinary moments: a word of encouragement when it is needed, the early morning drive to sport, helping with homework, sharing a laugh, offering advice, or simply being there. These seemingly small moments have an enormous influence on the lives of our children.

As educators, we see the fruits of this love and support every day in the confidence, kindness, resilience and enthusiasm our children bring to school.

We also recognise that Father's Day can bring mixed emotions. For some, it is a day when we particularly miss a father, grandfather or someone special who is no longer with us. For others, family circumstances may make the day difficult.

As a Catholic community, Father's Day also invites us to think of St Joseph, a man whose strength was found not in grand gestures, but in his quiet faithfulness, love and devotion to his family. In many ways, this reflects the spirit of our own patron, St Mary MacKillop, who taught us through her life that love is most powerfully expressed through what we do for others.

This Sunday, may we give thanks for the fathers and father figures who have shaped our lives, and may we remember with gratitude those who continue to guide us through the example they have left behind.

I hope you enjoy a wonderful Father's Day surrounded by those you love.

God bless,

Anthony

Anthony McCluskey
Principal

PRINCIPAL AWARD



KEILOR VILLAGE JUNIOR BASKETBALL CLUB

**LOOKING
FOR U14
GIRLS
2014-2015 BORN**

CONTACT DEBBY ON INFO@KVJBC.COM

INTERNATIONAL GOLF SUPERSTAR

Madison Velloff

Madison Velloff is one of our year 6 students, she is a sports captain for Red house and an aspiring golfer. Recently Madison was invited to the USA to compete at an international level at one of the world's most prestigious golf courses.

We are so proud of Maddy, and can not wait to see what the future brings for this STAR!

Here is Madison's recount of her trip abroad:

Madison's Golf Holiday

Hawaii

We stayed in Hawaii for a week, for a holiday and my brother's birthday

We visited Pearl Harbour for a day. The beach was amazing.

San Francisco

We stayed for 3 nights and saw the Golden gate bridge and Bay bridge

We went to the Nintendo shop (only 2 in America).

The cable car ride was so cool. Alcatraz was fascinating!

We even went to visit Giants stadium

Houston, Texas

We stayed for 3 nights and went to a steak house (yummm)

We went to NASA for 8 hours and got to see a real Saturn 5 rocket:)

The mission control room was very special. (moon landing)

The swimming pool was great..

North Carolina (Pinehurst)

We stayed for a week. This was where I played golf :)

We walked a parade of Nations where I represented Australia!

The course was difficult and I only managed a few birdies, however 2 were huge putts!!

I made many new friends who are all golf lovers and have also played around the world.

I played in the competition for 3 days in a row but in all, I played for 6 days.

One day took 4+½ hrs so in all I played for 26 hrs.

This was a fantastic experience !!



GRADE 5 EXCURSION

On Monday, 17th August our Grade 5 students enjoyed an exciting and educational excursion to Parliament of Victoria and IMAX.

At Parliament, students had the opportunity to step into the shoes of members of parliament and take part in a role-play scenario exploring how a law is made. This hands-on experience helped students develop a greater understanding of Australia's democratic system and the important role that parliament plays in our community.

We then walked to IMAX to watch Extreme Weather, exploring the devastating impact that wild weather can have on people and communities.

It was a fantastic day of learning, discovery and fun, and we were very proud of the way our students represented our school!





FOOTY DAY

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 TO HELP AUSTRALIAN KIDS FIGHT CANCER.

PLEASE BRING A GOLD COIN DONATION TO HELP SUPPORT KIDS FIGHT CANCER.



ON THURSDAY THE
17TH OF SEPTEMBER
2026



AN SRC INITIATIVE



Proudly supporting



**ST. MARY
MACKILLOP**
Primary School
Keilor Downs

ST MARY MACKILLOP PRIMARY SCHOOL, KEILOR DOWNS

SAUSAGE Sizzle!



BAKE STALL!



BOTH AT THE ONE PLACE!



**SUNDAY,
20 SEPTEMBER**



BUNNINGS
Taylors Lakes



**SUPPORT
OUR SCHOOL**
All funds raised go directly toward resources and opportunities for our students.



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**
We need helping hands to make the day a success!
Many hands make light work!



**DONATIONS
WELCOME!**
Donations of:
✓ Sausages
✓ Sauces
✓ Drinks
✓ Napkins
✓ Foil Trays
Thank you!

♥ WE NEED ♥
**BAKED GOODS
DONATIONS!**
♥ ALL ITEMS NEED TO BE BAKED ♥
✓ Cakes
✓ Cupcakes
✓ Slices
✓ Brownies
✓ Biscuits
✓ Sweet treats
Thank you for your generosity!



BAKE GOODS DROP OFF DAY
**18th FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER**
at the school office or directly to Crystal Maros by negotiation.



Crystal can be emailed at:
crystal@baggageboutique.com.au



VOLUNTEERS!
Spare an hour, make a difference! Register with us to help our school community!



EMAIL AVAILABILITY TO:
jmaxwell@mmkeilor Downs.catholic.edu.au

♥ SAUSAGES • BAKES • COMMUNITY • SUPPORT ♥
Together we can make a big difference!



KEILOR PARK DEVILS JUNIOR FOOTBALL

UNDER 8s REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN FOR 2027!

REGISTER NOW
ONLY
\$49
ONE LOW PRICE
BE PART OF SOMETHING SPECIAL



WHY JOIN KEILOR PARK DEVILS?

- AUSKICK TO JUNIOR FOOTBALL PATHWAY
- FUN, SAFE & FAMILY-FRIENDLY CLUB
- QUALIFIED & SUPPORTIVE COACHES
- MAKE NEW FRIENDS
- GREAT COMMUNITY ATMOSPHERE

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY



QUESTIONS?
juniors@keilorparkfc.com.au

**COME JOIN
THE DEVILS!**

OR SPEAK WITH US AT
OUR AUSKICK SESSIONS

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TAYLORS LAKES
CRICKET CLUB

GIRLS CRICKET!

HAVE A GO. MAKE FRIENDS. HAVE FUN! ★

Taylors Lakes Cricket Club is calling out
girls aged 9-12 who are interested in
playing cricket!

Whether you're new to the game or
have played before, come and be part
of a **supportive** and **welcoming** club.



A GREAT
ENVIRONMENT
BUILDING
SKILLS AND
CONFIDENCE

WHY PLAY AT TLCC? ★

DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS
Coaching and support to help
you learn and grow.

MAKE FRIENDS
Be part of a fun, inclusive and
team-focused environment.

BUILD CONFIDENCE
Encouraging girls to challenge
themselves and try something new.

PATHWAYS TO PLAY
Opportunities to continue
and progress in cricket.



TEAM SPIRIT. GREAT MEMORIES.
PLAY CRICKET! ★

WHO?
Girls aged 9-12

WHEN?
Season commences
October 2026

WHERE?
Taylors Lakes
Cricket Club
Lionheart Reserve,
36 Lionheart Avenue
Taylors Lakes Vic 3038

COME GIVE CRICKET A GO! ★
FUN, FITNESS, FRIENDSHIPS FOR LIFE

INTERESTED?
WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

tlccjuniors@tlsc.asn.au
 www.taylorslakescricketclub.com.au
 Taylors Lakes Cricket Club



CLUB
FAMILY
PURPOSE

WATERGARDENS SHOP FOR YOUR SCHOOL PROMOTION

Once again the Watergardens Shop For Your School Promotion is here!

Last year we managed to raise a substantial amount of money for our school, this year we hope to go even bigger! All funds raised will continue to contribute to our improvements and upgrades of our school grounds and facilities.

We want to win a share in the \$25,000 prize money on offer, and we need your help!

From the 3rd of August to the 13th of September, every purchase made at participating retailers in The Marketplace* Watergardens counts.

Please use the QR code here to register or else head to:
<https://watergardens.qicre.com/promotions/shop-for-your-school-2026/>



Enter your details and start uploading points directly to **St. Mary MacKillop PS**

Plus, to thank you for your support you'll go into the draw to win incredible prizes including a \$500 Watergardens gift card!



GRADE 5 IMMERSION PROGRAM TERM 3 @ CRCNK



Food
Technology



Sport



Science

This fun and engaging program runs over 3 consecutive Thursdays:

📅 27 August | 3 September | 10 September

🕒 3:45pm – 5:00pm

*Students must attend all 3 sessions.
Parent/carer attendance required (includes Leadership presentations).

- ✓ Hands-on sessions with our staff & student leaders
- ✓ Explore high school subjects in a fun, supportive environment
- ✓ Gain real insight into student life at CRCNK



Places are limited – register via our College website today!

🌐 www.crcnk.vic.edu.au

📍 1C Santa Monica Drive North Keilor

☎ 9361 5900

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER 2026

TERM 3

Friday 4 September

Father's Day Stall and
Father's Day Breakfast @ 7.30am in hall

Sunday 6 September

Father's Day

Thursday 17 September

Footy Day-Gold Coin Donation

Friday 18 September

End of Term 3 Students finish @ 1pm

Sunday 20 September

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle-see flyer

TERM 4

Monday 5 October

Term 4 commences

Monday 19 October

School Closure Day-Staff Faith Formation

Monday 26 October to Wednesday 28 October

Year 5 Camp and
Year 6 Camp-please note change of dates

TERM 4 Continued.....

Monday 2 November

School Closure Day

Tuesday 3 November

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Wednesday 4 November and Thursday 5 November

Prep 2027 Stay and Play-Session 1 9.15am to 10.15am

Monday 9 November to Wednesday 11 November

Year 4 Camp

Wednesday 11 November and Thursday 12 November

Prep 2027 Stay and Play-Session 2 9.15am to 10.15am

Thursday 26 November

Prep 2027 Meet the Teacher 9.15am to 10.15am

Thursday 3 December

Annual Christmas Carols @ 6.30pm

Friday 4 December

School Closure-2027 Planning Day

Friday 11 December

Year 6 guard of honour @ 12.45pm
Year 6 finish @ 1pm
Year 6 Graduation @ 7pm in the church

Tuesday 15 December

Last day of the year for Prep to Year 5-students finish @ 1pm