

# ST. MARY MACKILLOP PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## *Staying Connected No.18, 17 September 2026*

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding term, I want to take the opportunity to simply say **thank you**. Thank you to our wonderful students for the energy, enthusiasm and joy they bring to our school each day; to our families for your ongoing trust, encouragement and support; and particularly to our staff for the extraordinary care, commitment and dedication they continue to give to the children of St Mary MacKillop. We are very fortunate to be part of such a strong, caring and faith-filled community.

The school holidays provide us all with an important opportunity to **slow down, rest and recharge**. I hope our children enjoy a well-earned break from the routines of school and that our families find some time to simply enjoy being together.

Whatever the holidays bring, may there be time for rest, laughter and the people who matter most.

In the spirit of our 2026 theme, Pray, Trust, Act, may we give thanks for all that has been achieved this term, trust in what lies ahead and return refreshed and ready for the final term of the year. I wish every family a safe, restful and enjoyable holiday break.

Go well,

Anthony

**Anthony McCluskey**  
**Principal**

**SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR THE TERM AT 1:00pm tomorrow, Friday 18 September**

**SCHOOL REOPENS FOR TERM 4 on Monday 5 October**

## STAFF NEWS

**We farewell Kimberly Siadis who is taking Parental Leave.** Kimberly finishes up on Friday 18 September.

We wish Kim and Dylan all the best on the forthcoming birth of their child. We pray their family knows love, happiness, peace and good health. We wish them every blessing.

**Anthony McCluskey will be taking Long Service Leave** during the first week of Term 4. Anthony D'Amico will be acting as Principal during this week.

### KEILOR VILLAGE JUNIOR BASKETBALL CLUB

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

CONTACT DEBBY ON [INFO@KVJBC.COM](mailto:INFO@KVJBC.COM)

## PRINCIPAL AWARD



# LITERACY NEWS

What a vibrant term of reading we've had at St Mary MacKillop! Students had the wonderful opportunity to meet author Kate and Jol Temple, who shared inspiring stories about life as a writer and captivated our students with their behind-the-scenes insights into the writing process. Additionally, classes across all year levels, engaged with meaningful Indigenous texts, deepening their understanding and appreciation of First Nations perspectives. We also had the wonderful opportunity to welcome Indigenous storytellers, who shared with us their rich traditions, history, and personal experiences. Following on from that we celebrated the nominated CBCA books of the year, culminating in our colourful, joy-filled Book Parade! Seeing the entire school come together in a wonderful display of creativity as students and staff dressed up as their favorite book characters was a fantastic reminder of how stories bring our community together. Thank you to everyone who participated! Keep on reading!!!!





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](mailto:tlccjuniors@tlsc.asn.au)  
🌐 [www.taylorslakescricketclub.com.au](http://www.taylorslakescricketclub.com.au)  
📱 Taylors Lakes Cricket Club



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CLUB  
FAMILY  
PURPOSE

BUNNINGS  
warehouse

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

FRIDAY  
18<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

at the school office  
or directly to  
Crystal Maros  
by negotiation.



Crystal can be emailed at:

[crystal@baggageboutique.com.au](mailto:crystal@baggageboutique.com.au)



### VOLUNTEERS!

Spare an hour,  
make a difference!  
Please commit, help  
our school community!



EMAIL AVAILABILITY TO:

[jmaxwell@mmkeilor Downs.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jmaxwell@mmkeilor Downs.catholic.edu.au)



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Together we can make a big difference!

# VICTORIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAGUE

## TERM 4 2026

### PLAY WITH YOUR SCHOOL PLAYERS IN TERM 4!

### JOIN OUR FUN & COMPETITIVE SATURDAY LEAGUE COMPETITION

*More Than A Game*

**Three Skill Divisions**  
Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced divisions for every experience level

**Competitive Matches**  
Weekly matches with professional referees and match management

**Term 4 Season**  
Saturday matches at Manningham Reserve throughout Term 4

**Finals for All**  
Every team plays at least one final, ensuring all players receive medals

### Choose Your Division

Three divisions designed for every skill level, from brand new players to experienced competitors.

**B**

**Beginner**  
Prep, Grade 1

Finals: 2 x 20 min halves

**I**

**Intermediate**  
Grade 2 & 3

Finals: 2 x 20 min halves

**A**

**Advanced**  
Grade 4, 5 & 6

Finals: 2 x 20 min halves

**Match Location**  
Manningham Reserve, 80 Manningham St, Parkville, VIC, 3052  
Every Saturday during Term 4

**MORE INFO AND REGISTRATION VIA THE QR CODE. ONCE REGISTERED, WE WILL CREATE AND ORGANISE YOUR TEAM!**

*School Players Stronger Together*

# Ave Creates '26

## ARTS & TECHNOLOGY FESTIVAL

**Tuesday 13 October**  
**5.30pm-8.00pm**

**ART • DESIGN • TECHNOLOGY**  
**MUSIC • TEXTILES • DRAMA**

**AVE MARIA COLLEGE • ABERFELDIE**



# 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



### QUESTIONS?

[juniors@keilorparkfc.com.au](mailto:juniors@keilorparkfc.com.au)

**COME JOIN  
THE DEVILS!**

OR SPEAK WITH US AT  
OUR AUSKICK SESSIONS

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**Club Italia**  
EST 1974



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# Working Bee



Many hands  
make a  
big  
difference!  
♥

## SPRING GARDEN CLEAN-UP

at St Mary of the Assumption Parish  
152 Odessa Avenue, Keilor Downs

Come along  
and help us get  
the gardens  
looking their best  
for spring!  
♥

### PLEASE BRING YOUR GARDEN TOOLS:



Pruners



Blowers and  
extension leads



Chainsaws



Wheelbarrows



Shovels  
and rakes



Garden gloves

**Sausage  
Sizzle!**



Coffee, tea  
and drinks  
provided!



**SATURDAY, 3 OCTOBER**



**START TIME: 9:00 AM**



Please sign the clipboard  
in the foyer.

All help  
greatly  
appreciated!  
♥

Clean  
Tidy  
Beautiful  
Together  
♥

Let's work together to make  
our parish gardens look their best!

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER 2026

### TERM 3

**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

**Monday 2 November**

School Closure Day

**Tuesday 3 November**

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

### TERM 4 Continued.....

**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