



Dear Parents and Friends of St Mary MacKillop Primary School,

IMPLEMENTATION GOALS 2014

Throughout this year the teachers at St Mary MacKillop Primary School have been focusing on a number of goals as an integral part of our 2014 Implementation Plans in Religious Education, English and Numeracy. As with any effective goals our Implementation Plan goals need to be as the acronym suggests SMART goals ie. Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Timely.

As is clearly communicated in the SMMK Vision statement, learning is most effective when there is a close partnership between school and home. With this in mind I would like to share these goals with the parent community.

- The Religious Education Goal for 2014 is: To improve teacher and student knowledge, understanding and participation of the celebration of the Eucharist (mass) and Sacraments of the Church.
- The English Goal for 2014 is: For all students K-6 to be working in their zone of proximal development during guided reading instruction; demonstrating appropriate growth in reading levels (at least 2 levels per term for running records to Level 30 and an improvement in the individual scaled scores of students using PAT R) as indicated through running records of reading behaviour, PAT R assessments and student work samples. To embed the literacy success criteria of FOCUS 160 into the daily literacy block, with explicit instruction and modelling of reading comprehension strategies.
- The Mathematics Goal for 2014 is: To improve student learning outcomes in mathematics by measuring, predicting and tracking growth point data.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

The following poem "The hand that rocks the cradle" reminds us of a mother's influence over children and potentially the world. The influence a mother might have over her child can extend to everything from morals and manners to work ethics and belief systems. The woman's influence can be strong, often so strong that the results of her influence can extend well beyond her lifetime.

The Hand That Rocks The Cradle

*The Hand that rocks the Cradle is The Hand That Rules The World
 Blessings on the hand of women!*

*Angels guard its strength and grace, in the palace, cottage, hovel,
 Oh, no matter where the place;*

*Would that never storms assailed it, Rainbows ever gently curled;
 For the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world.*

*Infancy's the tender fountain, power may with beauty flow,
 Mother's first to guide the streamlets, from them souls unresting grow-
 Grow on for the good or evil, sunshine streamed or evil hurled;
 For the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world.*

*Woman, how divine your mission here upon our natal sod!
 Keep, oh, keep the young heart open always to the breath of God!
 All true trophies of the ages are from mother-love imperaled;
 For the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world.*

*Blessings on the hand of women!
 Fathers, sons, and daughters cry, and the sacred song is mingled
 With the worship in the sky--
 Mingles where no tempest darkens, rainbows evermore are hurled;
 For the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world.*

--William Ross Wallace

A HUGE THANKYOU

Sincere thanks to Liz Whalen, Rachel Townsend and the many parent helpers and friends who have worked tirelessly over many months in preparation for our 2014 fete on Sunday 18 May. That's only ten days away!

CONGRATULATIONS!!!! BABY NEWS.

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Cutajar on the recent birth of their baby son Anthony Vince Emmanuel, brother of Alessia Rose and Grandson of Vince and Chris Capolupo.

Thought for the Week

*'A stream cuts through rock , not because of its power,
 but because of its persistence.'*

Jim Watkins

Have a Blessed Week

Michael Siciliano
 PRINCIPAL

Project Compassion:

Thank you for supporting the 2014 Caritas Australia's Project Compassion appeal during the Season of Lent. As a school community St Mary MacKillop has been able to raise an outstanding \$1390.35. This is a great effort and every child is to be congratulated! Your generous donations give expression to the Gospel imperative to pursue justice and stand in solidarity with those most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. If you would like to join Caritas Australia beyond Lent in the struggle against poverty and injustice, visit www.caritas.org.au/act and support their campaigns!



The Season of Easter:

The celebration of the Easter Vigil is the beginning of the season of Easter. The Vigil is the feast of new birth, new beginnings, salvation renewed, and humanity restored to the Lord. While the Vigil marks the end of the celebration of Holy Week, and the end of repentance and conversion for which Lent prepared the community, it is much more a beginning. It is the beginning of a new season of grace and a time of joy and thanksgiving, for Easter is not one day or one solemnity—it is a fifty-day celebration from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. The colour of the Season of Easter is white reflecting new life, fulfilment, rejoicing and joy. I offer you the following Easter reflection:

*The apostles' acts continue the work of Jesus, through the ways they bring his liberating message and his healing.
And Jesus is very much with us during the Easter Season, offering us his peace.
We ask to be able to share our faith and our love with others.*

Jesus said,

"Why are you so frightened?

Why do you doubt? ...

...you must tell everything that has happened.

-- Luke 24:38, 48

*He's
Risen!*

Sacramental Program – First Holy Communion:

If your child is in Year 4 or above and has made their First Reconciliation they are eligible to enrol in the Sacramental Program for First Holy Communion. The parent information session for this sacrament was held on Tuesday 6 May at 7:00pm in the St Nicholas of Myra church. The Enrolment Masses will be this weekend (10 and 11 May). For further information please contact Mrs Anne Tucker (St Nicholas of Myra Sacramental Coordinator)

Mother's Day Liturgy:

Please join us for our Mother's Day Liturgy on Friday 9 May at 9:15am in our Multi Purpose Centre. During our liturgy we will pray for all mothers and ask God to keep them in his loving care. A big thank you to the teachers and students of Year 3 for organising this special liturgy.

Mrs Leesa Gillard

Religious Education Coordinator

From the Assistant Principal

Late Arrivals

Just a reminder about the importance of children arriving at school prior to our first bell which sounds at 8.45am. Any child arriving late for class must go to the **student foyer** and complete the green late notice slip. Here they will be recorded as a late comer and this is documented on the official school role as a **Partial Absence**. This is a mandatory requirement and the school role is an official legal document.

NAPLAN

Next week our Year 3 and 5 students will complete the NAPLAN tests. The results of the test will provide important information about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs.

Tuesday 13 May	Wednesday 14 May	Thursday 15 May
Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)	Reading	Numeracy (Number, Algebra, function and patterns, Chance and Data, Measurement and Space)
Writing		

Mr Steve Cauchi
Assistant Principal

Diocesan Cross Country

On Tuesday 6 May, 45 St Mary MacKillop students represented our school at the Diocesan Cross Country at Sydney Motorsport Park, Eastern Creek. It was a wonderfully successful day and the students should be extremely proud of their efforts. The team was outstanding in their behaviour and in the way in which they supported each other.

Special congratulations to the following students who will be representing the Parramatta Diocese at the Catholic Primary Schools Cross Country Championships on Friday 13 June. Alison (1st, 12 year Girls), Tayla (1st, 11 year Girls), Ella (5th, 11 year Girls), Cody (2nd, 10 year Boys), Samantha (8th, 10 year Girls), Brock (4th, 8/9 year Boys), Mitchell (8th, 8/9 year Boys), Amy (6th, 8/9 year Girls), Sienna ((7th, 8/9 year Girls). We wish them well.

An extra special thank you to all the parents who helped at the Cross Country Carnival.

P & F News

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE

Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser - Thank You:

To all the parents that supported our school on Easter Saturday, I applaud you as I know for a fact that the Bunnings BBQ is hard physical work. However, it is a great way to meet some amazing people that make up our school community. The P & F wish to humbly thank the following families for helping out on the day, Ellston, McGuiness, Darwen, Moxey, Probets, Thomas, Inskip, Clarke, Flynn, Hind, Smith, Randall and Whalen. Thanks to your support we were able to raise just over \$1200 for our school.

Year 6 Farewell Committee round up - Monday 12th May 2014 @ 3:15pm

If there are any Year 6 parents interested in being part of the Year 6 Farewell Committee, you are welcome to attend the first meeting taking place on Monday 12 May 2014 at 3:15pm in the Multi Purpose Centre meeting room.

Autumn Fete 2014 Update: 10 DAYS TO GO!!! - SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY 18 MAY 2014

Volunteers for Fete needed - We need a few more people to volunteer their time during the fete, especially with the P & F stalls in the afternoon shifts. If you are able to volunteer, please text Liz Whalen on 0416 102 233. Your assistance is very much appreciated.

Student Autumn Fete Raffle Draw 1 - Friday School Assembly:

Congratulations to Christian. P from Year 3 for winning the \$50 Lowes voucher from our first student draw. There will be another draw on the 9 May *for 2 winners* and 16 May with *3 winners* before the actual AUTUMN FETE. Remember keep selling those raffle tickets to get more chances in the draw to win a great prize for you and your family. Thank you all for your support as we are very grateful to you all.

Hamper Wrapping Day - Thank you to all those amazing parents that provided their precious time to help with the hamper wrapping and mother's day gift wrapping. You are a blessing to our school community and great role models for our children.

Mother's Day Stall - Friday 9 May 2014:

The Mother's day stall will be taking place on Friday, 9 May 2014 from 9:00am in the library. Gift prices will range from \$1 to \$6. If your child forgets their money on the day, please don't fret as we will have an IOU system set up so that you may reimburse the P & F the following week.

BAKED GOODS NEEDED from Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2:

Calling all Bakers from Kindy, Year 1 and Year 2 (and anyone else that wants to just bake a cake to help raise money for a good cause). We are kindly asking families from ES1 and S1 to bake for our Mother's Day morning tea & Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. Kindly leave your delicious baked goods at the canteen hall prior to the Mother's Day liturgy. Thank you for all your support.

AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA / MOTHER'S DAY TEA is taking place at St Mary MacKillop Primary School on Friday, 9 May 2014 at the same time as our beautiful Mother's day morning tea (after the Liturgy). Let's all have a cuppa and cake to appreciate all the beautiful and cherished women in our lives, whilst raising money for a good cause. See you all there.

Parents Representative Council (PRC) Events: - Reflection Day - with Rev Fr Richard Leonard - 18 May 2014 - "Winbourne" Edmund Rice Retreat & Conference Centre, 1315 Mulgoa Rd, Mulgoa. This is a chance for us to see how the pluses and minuses of the role of the internet and social media now plays in our lives, and what a Catholic Response to it might be. A full day starting at 9.30am and concluding at 3:00pm approximately after a full mass. Lunch and Morning tea are provided. Cost: \$20/person. Email: prcparraevents@hotmail.com for registration form and payment advice.

SMMPS Bargain Buyers Bus Tour - Watch this space.

Liz Whalen

President - On behalf of the P & F Executive Team

Dates for Your Diary Term 2 - 2014

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday	9 May	9:15am 10:00am 2:30pm	Mother's Day Liturgy and Stall Australia's Biggest Morning Tea Whole School Assembly
Monday	12 May	2:05pm	6PM Assembly
Friday	16 May	9:15am 2:30pm	Kindergarten Liturgy Whole School Assembly
Friday	23 May	9:15am 2:30pm	Year 2 Liturgy Whole School Assembly
Monday	26 May	2:05pm	1R Assembly
Friday	30 May	9:15am 2:30pm	Year 4 Grade Mass Whole School Assembly
Monday	2 June	2:05pm	3B Assembly
Tuesday	3 June	7:00pm 7:30pm	Parent Representative Meeting P & F General Meeting
Wednesday	4 June		ICAS Science Competition
Friday	6 June		Staff Development Day-Pupil Free Day
Tuesday	10 June		Year 4 Old Government House & Experiment Farm
Thursday	12 June	2:30pm	Primary Athletics Carnival-Blair Oval St Marys Whole School Assembly
Monday	16 June	3:30pm-8:00pm	ICAS Writing Competition Parent/Teacher Interviews
Wednesday	18 June	3:30pm-6:00pm	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Friday	20 June	9:15am 2:30pm	Year 5 Grade Mass Whole School Assembly
Monday	23 June	2:05pm	KA Assembly
Tuesday	24 June	TBA	Whole School Mass-The Birth of John the Baptist
Friday	27 June	2:30pm	Whole School Assembly Term 2 Ends

