



Dear Parents and Friends of St Mary MacKillop Primary School

BE SAFE RESPONSIBLE LEARNERS

For many children social media is becoming an essential part of their lives. We know that children need to be 13 years of age to register on network sites like facebook, twitter and snapchat, however we find that many parents are allowing their children to register on these networks at a much younger age. There are appealing aspects of about social media, but also many potential dangers and things that you will want your children to avoid. Children can make the incorrect choices when they post something to a social web site and this can lead to problems like cyberbullying or online predators. It's very important for parents to teach their children how to use social media wisely before they register online.

These statistics about teens highlight the dangers of social media:

17% of teens say they've been contacted online by someone they didn't know in a way that made them feel scared or uncomfortable

30% of teens say they've received online advertising that was inappropriate for their age

39% of teens admitted to lying about their age to gain access to websites

What Parents Can Do

It's important for parents to be aware of what their children are doing online. The key is to stay involved in a way that children clearly understand that you want to make sure they are safe.

Here are some helpful hints to share with your child:

Be nice. Mean behaviour is just as unacceptable in the virtual world as it is in the real world. Make it clear that you expect your child to treat others with respect and courtesy, and to never post hurtful or embarrassing messages about others. And ask them to always tell you about any harassing or bullying messages that others may post.

Think twice before hitting "enter." Remind teens that what they post can be used against them. For example, letting the world know that you're off on vacation or posting your home address gives would-be robbers a chance to strike.

Follow the "WWGS?" (What Would Grandma Say?) rule. Teach children "once it's out there, you can't get it back." They shouldn't share anything on social media that they wouldn't want their teachers, parents, future bosses and yes, grandma, to see.

Use privacy settings. Privacy settings are important, and to highlight their importance, go through the settings together to make sure your children understand how it's done. Explain that passwords are there to protect them against things like identity theft and should never be shared with anyone not even their best friend.

Don't "friend" strangers. "If you don't know them, don't friend them." This is a plain, simple and safe rule of thumb.

High expectations of self

Parents also can help their children by putting limits on media use. Keep computers in public areas in the house, avoid laptops and smartphones in bedrooms, and set some rules on the use of technology.

And don't forget: Setting a good example through your own virtual behaviour can go a long way toward helping your children use social media safely.



Miss McNally at World Youth Day 2106

On July 15 one of our teachers, Miss Maryanne McNally, will be joining hundreds of fellow teachers and high school students from the Parramatta Diocese and over a million pilgrims from around the globe for the World Youth Day Pilgrimage 2016



The group from Parramatta Diocese begin with a mission experience at Bohol Island in the Philippines. Bohol Island was devastated by an earthquake in 2013 and the Pilgrims will spend four days working with young people in parishes, schools and orphanages. There is a large amount of travelling in the pilgrimage: two flights, a two hour coach ride, a 40 minute ferry ride and another bus ride to take them to Bohol Island. The journeying is all part of the sense of pilgrimage. The pilgrims are on a physical and spiritual journey. They will celebrate mass every evening as well as participating in the Youth Festival and Final Fiesta while in the Philippines

Following this mission experience, the group travels to Krakow, Poland to participate in and celebrate World Youth Day week with millions of young people ready to pray in solidarity with Pope Francis at World Youth Day.

While in Poland the pilgrims travel to the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial & Museum; a time for reverence as they visit the remains of the former concentration camp.

They then visit and celebrate Mass at Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, one of Poland's most famous shrines, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, which played a pivotal role in the Pope's spiritual life. The Calvary Sanctuary was established in the 1600's for pilgrims as a substitute for Jerusalem. It has grown to be the biggest shrine grounds of its type in Europe, with 42 churches and chapels of all shapes and sizes scattered on the slopes of Zar Mountain. The central basilica and Franciscan monastery still welcome pilgrims from all over the world today.

For the next three days pilgrims will be involved in catechesis with Bishops from across the world. The Youth festival will take place during this time, meaning pilgrims can choose from a range of religious, artistic and cultural experiences.

There are two full days of walking, where they follow the Pope, and the "way of the cross" along a designated route.

We wish Miss McNally all the very best on this Pilgrimage and we are assured that she will keep the St Mary MacKillop Community in her prayers as she encounters this spiritual experience of a lifetime.

Thought for the Week

"God's love is best shown to us in times of aridity"

Mary MacKillop 1870

Have a Blessed Week

Michael Siciliano

PRINCIPAL

Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy: 8th December 2105 – 20th November 2016

The Corporal Works of Mercy

This fortnight we will unpack the last three Corporal Works of Mercy and their implications for our lives today.

The seven Corporal Works of Mercy are:

- (1) Feed the hungry
- (2) Give drink to the thirsty
- (3) Clothe the naked
- (4) Shelter the homeless
- (5) Visit those in prison**
- (6) Comfort the sick**
- (7) Bury the dead**



Visit those in Prison

If Jesus were on earth today, would we find Him in the prisons, talking and dining with the most loathed criminals and outcasts? Of course we would. He would be there 'to seek and to save the lost' thereby affirming their human dignity as persons made in God's image. Jesus believes that friendship and prayer has the capacity to reform and to heal.

Comfort the Sick

To 'comfort the sick' means, first of all, to comfort them with something they urgently need: namely, proper medical assistance. There are also some people who are "sick" not from physical illness but from social isolation. One thinks especially of the elderly in our communities who, whether at home or in long-term care facilities, live in geographical isolation from their loved ones. "Visiting the sick" in our world can mean reaching out to the friendless in our local nursing homes: those who are "sick at heart" from being lonely and forgotten and who are regularly deprived of the basic human need called "friendship." This corporal work of mercy is relatively easy to do. The socially isolated elderly are usually not far away. They often live just around the corner from us, or they are members of our own parish. Most of all, do not forget that some of them may even be members of your own family, relatives too much overlooked and too often forgotten. Our mere presence, as someone willing to be a friend and a listening ear, can mean much more to them than we can imagine, and along the way they will be giving a precious gift to us as well: the gift of growth in the virtue of compassion.

Bury the Dead

We need to be aware of the needs of those who are grieving: struggling to "bury their dead" emotionally. Grieving can be a long and arduous process; shedding tears at a funeral rarely completes it. We need to help one another to truly bury our lost loved ones by letting go of them, entrusting them to the hands of our merciful Creator and Saviour. That takes friendship — a patient friendship that keeps on visiting the bereaved, keeps on helping them dry their tears, even when the grieving process takes many months or even years. This is a precious work of mercy: to help one another emotionally "bury the dead," entrusting them finally to the merciful Heart of the Redeemer.

At this point, after reading about all seven of the corporal works, you may be thinking, "It all sounds inspiring in principle, but what can I possibly do? I am already so weighed down with my own issues and responsibilities. I cannot possibly take on any more burdens. I cannot possibly do all these things you suggest!" Of course you can't, and no one is asking you to do so. Not *all* these things. Perhaps just two or three, as you have the opportunity.

To accept the challenge of being a true disciple of Jesus Christ, however, means making yourself available to whatever our Lord might call you to do in His service. It means opening your eyes, opening your hearts, and serving His children. It's our duty.

Even for those who, through circumstances beyond their control, cannot do much more than they are doing now, they can always pray for those who are doing works of mercy. Pray for those in prison ministry and those advocating for the needs of the poor. Most of all, pray for those struggling to provide food and clothing, shelter and health care for their own families.

Religious Education News—Continued

Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist - Whole School Mass - 9:15am Fri 24th June

Please join us for a whole school mass at 9:15am on Friday 24th June to celebrate the Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist. This feast is special because ordinarily the Church observes the day of a saint's death as their feast, because that day marks their entrance into heaven. There are two notable exceptions to this rule, the birthdays of Blessed Mary and of St. John the Baptist. The day of John's birth, the day on which he began his mortal life, is sacred. The reason for this is that the Lord wished to announce to the world His own coming through John the Baptist, so that all the world would not fail to recognize Him.

The Sacrament of Confirmation: Parent Meeting Monday 8th August

The parent information session for Confirmation will be held on **Monday, 8th August, 2016** at 7pm in the Church. This meeting is for parents whose children are currently in Year 5 or above and have made their First Communion.

If you have any questions regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation please contact the parish house on 47212509.

Mrs Leesa Gillard

Religious Education Coordinator

News from the Assistant Principal

Mathematics Professional Learning

Currently our teachers are involved in two extensive research projects through Monash University around Multiplicative Thinking in numeracy, led by Professor Peter Sullivan and Dr Ann Downton. All of our teachers have set aside 5 extended professional learning sessions to work with numeracy leaders in the Diocese, specifically targeting multiplicative thinking. The research projects that our teachers are involved in includes one on one multiplicative thinking interviews with some students, teaching of purposefully designed tasks that extract multiplicative thinking and pre and post test assessment.

A key learning from this work is the notion of 'A Growth Mindset in Mathematics'. A student with a *growth mindset* believes that he/she can get smarter by trying harder. The he/she can learn and be successful in mathematics. A student with a *fixed mindset* believes that maths is too hard and they can never be good at it, despite how hard they try.

Students with a *growth mindset*:

- Tend to have a resilient response to failure.
- Remain focused on mastering skills and knowledge even when challenged.
- Do not see failure as an indictment on themselves; and
- Believe that effort leads to success.

Students with a *fixed mindset*:

- Believe they are as intelligent as they will ever get. Such students.
- Seek success but mainly on tasks with which they are familiar;
- Avoid or give up quickly on challenging tasks;
- Derive their perception of ability from their capacity to attract recognition.

How can you help to develop a GROWTH MINDSET?

Think about the *things that you affirm*, (effort, persistence, co-operation, learning from others, flexible thinking).

Think about *the way you affirm* ('You did not give up even though you were stuck'; 'You tried something different', 'You tried to find more than one answer').

Developing a 'Growth mindset' in our children in the first step in experiencing success in mathematics!

Mr Cauchi

Assistant Principal

P&F Dance-A-Thon

The P&F Dance-a-Thon will be held on the 3rd August this year, the event will be held during the school day and the children will be allowed to wear mufti for the day. Sponsor Sheets will be sent home with the children, it would be fantastic to get as many sponsors as possible so we can raise money for the school.



Bargain Buyers Shopping Trip - SEATS LIMITED

SATURDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 2015. To reserve and finalise your spot, cost is \$40 for the day (includes morning and afternoon snacks), drinks available for purchase on the bus. Come and join us for a day filled with raffle prizes, bargains and adventure, please contact Fiona Bryant on fionaw@smartchat.net.au

P&F Disco

The P&F disco will be held on the 20th October this year, more information closer to the event.

LOST PROPERTY

Parents, we all know how expensive school uniforms can be to the home budget, however recently there has been many unclaimed items belonging to your children. Please make an effort to come up to the school to claim your child's clothing from the 'Lost Property basket' across from the Kindy and Year 1 classrooms. Once you do claim them, we strongly recommend that you label their clothing

Fiona Bryant

Vice President

On behalf of P&F Executive Team



Library news

Our annual Book Fair once again was a great success, thanks to the efforts of our volunteer parents and staff members. We sold over \$8000 worth of books from the fair, enabling us to receive a substantial amount in commission to purchase new resources for our teaching and learning. Thank you to all the families who supported this fundraising event through purchases and donations of books for the library. We look forward to future success at our Book Fair next year.

Please encourage children to read regularly, a reminder that the Premiers Reading Challenge is well under way, so keep logging those books. If any student has problems logging in, please see Mrs Eisenhuth in the library before the closing date (August 31st)

Students are also reminded to borrow regularly from our school library, keep a look out for new books on our shelves.

We are always in need of helpers to re-shelve books and cover our new books. If you can spare some time to help out with this we would be very grateful, just leave a message at the office and we will be in touch. If any families have access to A4 size scrap paper that could be donated to the library our students would be very appreciative.

Maree Eisenhuth

Teacher Librarian

Captivate Showcase

45 of our students from St Mary MacKillop will be participating in the 2016 Captivate Season this year. They will be involved in the Primary School Combined Choir, selected "Voices" Group and the Combined Captivate Orchestra. Please find below the dates for the concerts and to book tickets go to captivate.parra.catholic.edu.au.

Nagle College Blacktown

Tuesday 21st June 7pm - Captivate Orchestra, Captivate Choir and Voices

Wednesday 22nd June 7pm - Voices

Thursday 23rd June 7pm - Captivate Orchestra

Best Of @ The Joan, Penrith

Monday 27th June - Captivate Orchestra, Voices and selected Captivate Choir students.

Disney's The Lion King Junior- Dates

St Mary MacKillop's production of Disney's "The Lion King Junior" will take place in Week 9 of Term 3. There will be two matinees and two evening performances. The show will be double cast by class groups - please see attached poster on information for your child's performances.

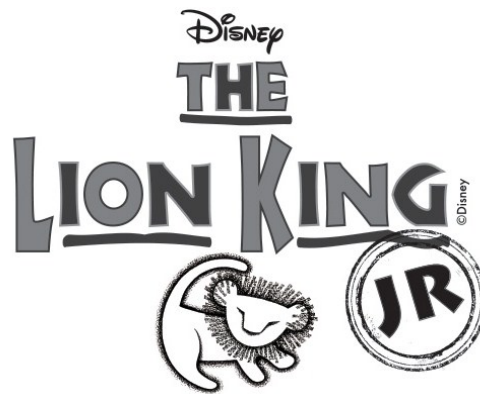
Principal Roles will be announced before the end of the term and they will be cast for the same night as their class group (where possible). Unfortunately we cannot cater to allow for families all to be in one cast due to timetabled rehearsals and Creative Arts lessons.

Auditions for The Lion King Junior (Principal roles/dancers)

As some families may well be aware, students in Years 3-6 have handed in audition notes for our school musical The Lion King Jr.

A reminder that all classes Kindergarten- Year 6 will be involved in the show. Auditions are ONLY for primary students who are interested in a principal role. Students are invited to audition for a principal role by singing a song of their choice. Students who are auditioning for acting roles are also asked to prepare a song. Students interested in dancing should also return an audition note so that a dance workshop can be held at a later date in the term.

Auditions will take place beginning next week (Week 8) and will continue until the end of the term with Mr Carroll and Mrs Meehan.

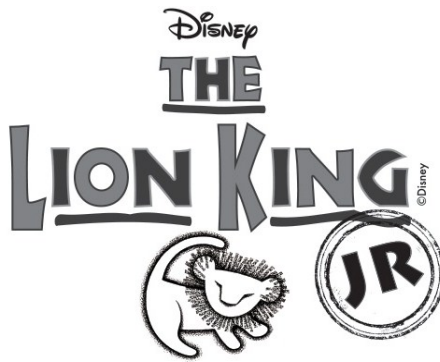


The Conductor and the Clown - with the Penrith Symphony Orchestra

A very big thank you to the Mrs. Anna Bray, Mrs. Margaret Meehan and the Penrith Symphony Orchestra for donating 100 tickets to this Sunday's concert at the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre. I hope the Stage 2 and Orchestra families who are attending will enjoy this very special experience of seeing a professional symphony orchestra in action.

St Mary MacKillop Primary School

Presents



Music & Lyrics by
Elton John & Tim Rice

Additional Music & Lyrics by
Lebo M, Mark Mancina, Jay Rifkin, and Hans Zimmer

Book by
Roger Allers & Irene Mecchi

Based on the Broadway production directed by
Julie Taymor

Directors/ Musical Directors
Brad Carroll & Margaret Meehan

Music Adapted & Arranged and
Additional Music & Lyrics and
"Luau Hawaiian Treat" written by **Will Van Dyke**

"It's a Small World" written by **Richard M. Sherman** and **Robert B. Sherman**

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St Mary MacKillop's Lion King Junior Save the date!



St Mary MacKillop's production of The Lion King Junior will take place in Term 3 of Week 9.
There will be two matinees and two evening performances.
The show will be double cast by class groups -
please see below information for your child's performances

YELLOW CAST

Wednesday 14th Sept- 12pm matinee
Thursday 15th Sept- 6pm evening
YEAR 1, 2A, 3W, 4BL, 5G, 6MC

GREEN CAST

Thursday 15th Sept - 12pm matinee
Friday 16th Sept - 6pm evening
KINDY, 2M, 3M, 4M, 5PM, 6M

Kids Can Act

Drama Studio Holiday Drama Workshops

SPRINGWOOD COURT 133 Macquarie Road,
SPRINGWOOD. (Next to Domino's)

Don't miss out on THE EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT!
CHECK WEBSITE FOR PRICES!

Lights Camera Action-Who Done It? Monday 4th July (9.30am-2.30pm)

In this workshop the students will decide who committed the crime, how they did it, and why. They will then work as a group to devise how the criminal tried to cover it up and what secrets others are hiding. After all the planning has been done, the students will dress up and film their "Who Done It? Mystery"

The Day The Toys Disappeared:- Thursday 7th July (9.30am - 2.30pm)

Imagine how you would feel if you woke in the middle of the night to find all your toys gone and in the morning they are all back in their places. The next night they disappear again so you go searching to discover the secret. Will anyone believe you? We will discover the secret and make a play to show at the end of the day.

Act, Dance, Sing and Make:-As requested! Friday 8th July (10am - 3pm)

A mixed creative arts workshops with acting, dancing, singing and craft. We will take a piece of fun children's literature, write the script, make up dances, sing songs and make the masks and costumes. At the end of the day we will perform it for the parents.

Puppetry No. 5 Folded Paper & Foam Tuesday 12th July (9.30am - 2.30pm)

Children communicate more easily with a puppet on their hand, giving them confidence to express their ideas and feelings. Let's have fun as we try out different types of puppets.

Students create fun folded paper and craft foam puppets and use a variety of materials to bring their character to life.

When Kids Rule the World:- Thursday 14th July (9.30am - 2.30pm)

Last night there was an enormous sleep over at the school but something strange has happened. In the morning no parents came to pick you up and no teachers came to school. No adults anywhere! What's happened to them? The children will develop characters and devise their own play ready to perform.

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Kids Can Act

Drama Studio Holiday Drama Workshops

"SOUTH PENRITH Neighbourhood Centre"
Cnr Trent St & Birmingham Rd, SOUTH PENRITH. (Behind Southlands)

Don't miss out on THE EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT!
CHECK WEBSITE FOR PRICES!

Puppetry No.2:- Tuesday 5th July (10am - 3.00pm)

The children will have incredible fun learning how to use different types of puppets and make their very own to take home to continue the experience. They will also have fun devising their own puppet plays. The children will design and make a calico hand puppet, felt finger puppet and pop stick puppets.

When Kids Rule the World:- Wednesday 6th July (9.30am - 2.30pm)

Last night there was an enormous sleep over for all the kids at the school but something strange has happened. In the morning no parents came to pick you up and no teachers came to school. No adults anywhere! What's happened to them? The children will develop characters and devise their own play ready to perform.

Act, Dance, Sing and Make:-As requested! Monday 11th July (10am - 3pm)

A mixed creative arts workshops with acting, dancing, singing and craft. We will take a piece of fun children's literature, write the script, make up dances, sing songs and make the masks and costumes. At the end of the day we will perform it for the parents.

Lights Camera Action-Advertising Wednesday 13th July (9.30am - 2.30pm)

Are you the camera man, the producer, the director or one of the actors? No matter who you are, you will have hilarious fun, creating and filming our very own TV advertisements for some very extraordinary products!

Act, Play, Paint, Make:-Mime and Mask Friday 15th July (9.30am - 2.30pm)

For thousands of years people have been making and wearing masks. Masks have a long history of use in dramatic performance. Students will have a fun and creative time designing, painting and creating their own masks to take home and use these in mime performances.

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Dates for Your Diary Term 2 ~ 2016

<i>DAY</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
Friday	17 June	9:15am 2:20pm	Kindergarten Liturgy Whole School Assembly & 2A Item Reports Sent Home NSWCPS & CCC Cross Country @ Eastern Creek
Monday	20 June	3:30pm– 7:30pm	Parent / Teacher Interviews
Tuesday	21 June	7pm	Captivate Showcase @ Nagle College
Wednesday	22 June	3:30pm– 7:00pm	Parent / Teacher Interviews
Friday	24 June	9:15am 2:20pm	Whole School Mass for St John the Baptist Whole School Assembly & 5PM Item
Monday	27 June		Captivate “Best of” @ The Joan Penrith
Thursday	30 June	9:30am	Animals of the Dreaming Performance Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day @ Jamison Park
Friday	1 July	9:15am 2:20pm	Year 4 Mass Whole School Assembly

Term 3 -Dates for Your Diary 2016

<i>DAY</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
Monday	18 July		Term 3 Commences
Friday	22 July		NSW PSSA Cross Country
Tuesday	2 August		ICAS English Competition
Wednesday	3 August		P & F Dance a Thon
Monday	8 August		Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
Thursday	11 August		Nepean Zone Athletics Carnival @ Blacktown
Friday	12 August		Staff Development Day—No School for Students
Tuesday	16 August		ICAS Mathematics Competition
Wednesday	17 August		Maths Olympiad #4