



Dear Parents and Friends of St Mary MacKillop School,

Our school constantly strives to be:

A Christ centered community which challenges students to develop their unique gifts and talents through a supportive partnership of school, parents and parish.

I had the wonderful opportunity this week to attend the Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting. As part of this meeting we elected a new executive for our P and F for 2018.

On behalf of the staff and students of St Mary MacKillop I offer my heartfelt thanks to the members of our 2017 P and F executive. Their generosity, talent, wisdom and sense of fun have enhanced the community spirit and teaching and learning for our school in so many ways. They have embodied the teaching of St Mary MacKillop, - "Never see a need without doing something about it".

I welcome our 2018 team and look forward to working with them as a new and exciting year approaches.

President: Veronica Neal , Vice President: Paul Bortolazzo

Treasurer: Michelle Darwen , Secretary: Fiona Bryant

Major Fundraising (Fete): Catherine Watson, General Fundraising: Natalie Borg

Parent Representative Council: Sonya Peters

Congratulations to those elected and thank you to all those who attended the meeting.

Student Leaders 2018

This week also saw the election of our student leaders for 2018. I attended speeches given by many of our current Year Five students as they put forward their case as to why they would

be an effective representative and leader of all students in our school in 2018. I was really proud of the number of children who value leadership as a means of shaping the development of our school. I was also amazed by the quality and passion of the persuasive speeches that were directed to our Year 4 and 5 classes as well as many of our staff.

I have sincerely enjoyed working with our current team of student leaders and appreciate their 'voice' in helping to focus our school to address student needs. On behalf of our community I say 'Thank you'.



I welcome our 2018 team and look forward to working with them to continue growing our great school into an excellent school.

School Captains: Georgia Grady and Levi Choice

School Vice Captains: Angelica Papalia and Lincoln McConnell

Together We Grow.

Mr Scott Buchan – Principal



Crossing Safety

We have received a number of enquiries and concerns recently with regard to our crossing guard being absent before and after school.

This is a complex but highly important issue as it pertains to the safety of our children. The current arrangement at St Mary MacKillop is that our crossing supervisors are employed by NSW Transport – Roads and Maritime Services. As such they are managed by and responsible to that organisation. The crossing supervisor is not an employee of the school or of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta. As such, the crossing supervisor is not required to report to me if they will be unable to complete their role on any given day. They report to Roads and Maritime Services, who attempt to engage a casual replacement supervisor as a solution. The Roads and Maritime Services will notify the school of absences of crossing supervisors if they cannot find a replacement but this often is received at 9:30am – after the school day has commenced. There are very strict limits on what myself or my staff are able to do in the absence of a crossing supervisor e.g. we are not authorised to use the 'crossing lollipop'. I am continuing to discuss this matter, on your behalf, with Roads and Maritime Services.

Our current crossing supervisor, Tony, is a very dedicated and committed supporter of our children's safety and does not take absences lightly. However there are times when he will not be able to be at our school.

Could I ask that as parents who drive their children to school, that you check whether a crossing supervisor is present each morning. If a supervisor is not on duty, please walk your child across the Fragar Road crossing. This will ensure that they safely arrive at school. In the afternoons our caring staff already escort the children across Fragar Road for dismissal and this process will continue.

Thank you for working in partnership with us to ensure safety for all of our children.

Italian Classes at St Mary MacKillop

Thank you for your consideration of St Mary MacKillop hosting after school Italian Classes in 2018. We have currently received twenty five expressions of interest in taking up this opportunity next year. We will now commence working with the organisation providing this program to formalise days, venue, times etc... and publish this information shortly so that interested families can register for 2018.



2017 Christmas Celebration: 6:30pm Wednesday 29th November at St Dominic's Hall

On Wednesday, the 29th of November we will gather as a school community to celebrate the Season of Christmas. This year, religious songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn, will be leading our Christmas celebrations in a concert style format. Andrew's songs, such as "These Hands", "Together As One", "Rainbow" and "In the Beginning" are used in classrooms and liturgies around Australia, New Zealand, the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom.

Andrew will work with each grade throughout the day in preparation for the night time performance. Each class / grade will be presenting an item and as this is our last whole school religious celebration for 2017 it is expected that all children will attend. If, for some reason your child cannot attend please forward a note to the class teacher, in advance, so that they are aware of this when they are assigning roles for the night.

Our Christmas celebration evening will be held in the St Dominic's College Hall (54-94 Gascoigne St, Kingswood) at 6:30pm. All parents and parishioners are warmly invited to be a part of the celebration of faith and fun.

We have kept costumes simple for your ease and convenience. The children are asked to wear the following:

** Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 are to come dressed in Christmas Colours (no tinsel please)*

** Year 2 are to come dressed as characters from the nativity (Mary, Joseph, angels, shepherds, wise men etc - robes, head towels, dressing gowns, no tinsel) OR Christmas Colours with no tinsel please.*

All children will need to meet their class teacher outside the hall by 6pm SHARP. Their teacher will be waiting for them and will mark their name off the roll. There will be class signs to advise of each meeting spot.

We would appreciate that all noise during the celebration be kept to a minimum, out of respect for each class performing.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you there.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers – Social Justice Activity

As a Catholic community based on following the example of Jesus and St Mary MacKillop, we are asked to think of those less fortunate than ourselves as we approach the season of Advent. As part of our community building and outreach we have been approached by St Vincent de Paul to help assemble hampers for the poor as a way of preparing for Christ's birth at Christmas.

Very shortly each child will be asked to generously donate specific items as our offering towards the marvellous work St Vincent de Paul does in helping those in need.

Once the hampers are finalised they will be presented to a representative from the St Vincent de Paul Society.

I ask that you please give this appeal your consideration, as it is one of the outreach activities we undertake as a Christian Community throughout the year.

Mrs Leesa Gillard

Religious Education Coordinator



Stage 2 League Tag Gala Day

Unfortunately, due to the wet weather we received last week, the Stage 2 League Tag Gala Day was moved from its original date of Wednesday 8th November to Wednesday 29th November. As St Mary MacKillop will be celebrating our Christmas concert that day / night, we had to WITHDRAW our teams from the competition. A big thank you to Miss Nicole Jones and Mrs Amanda Joseph who trialled and selected the teams, and thanks also to the parents who had put their hands up to coach. We are looking at running a round robin style competition here at school, during lunchtimes, to make up for the disappointment.

Gymnastics Competition - New Date

The 2017 Parramatta Diocese Gymnastics Competition was postponed last week. The new date is Thursday, 23rd November. It will be held at the Sydney Gymnastics and Aquatic Centre, Rooty Hill. Best of luck to our 20 competitors.

Representative Basketball Talent

Congratulations to Mikayla C, Year 5, who has qualified for the 2018 Parramatta Representative Basketball Team! This is an outstanding achievement. Well Done Mikayla and best of luck for the competition!

Kindergarten Figure Skater Crowned National Champion

KM student Sophija P has been recognised in the local paper for her outstanding achievements in Figure Skating. Sophija travelled to Adelaide last month to compete in the Panda Challenge, against children from across the country. Sophija was awarded first place in both the artistic and technical categories. Congratulations Sophija! Here is a link to the full article in the Western Weekender <http://westernweekender.com.au/2017/11/local-skater-wows-the-judges-at-major-competition/>





Catholic Education
Diocese of Parramatta

2018 Team Sport Trials

Parramatta Diocese 2018 Information For Parents of **current Year 4** and Year 5 students – Registration window open only for Basketball & Tennis ONLY

All correspondence to:

PDCPSSC

Aengus Kavanagh Education & Equity Centre

PO Box 215, Rooty Hill 2766

Tel (02) 9677 4314

Mobile 0408 278 918

mthornton@parra.catholic.edu.au

www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au

Facebook: Primary Sport Parramatta Diocese

Dear Parents,

Parramatta Diocesan Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2018 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term Four in 2017 and Term One in 2018. It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in years 5 & 6 in 2018 be invited to attend. To facilitate this, Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:

Sport	Age Group	Trial Date	Registration closing date
AFL	Open boys & girls	Term One 2018	Friday 2nd February 2018
Basketball	Open boys & girls	14th November 2017	Friday 27th October 2017
Cricket	Open boys & girls	Term One 2018	Friday 2nd February 2018
Diving	10/11yrs girls & boys & 12/13yrs girls & boys	Term One 2018	Registration via CSSS in 2018
Football (Soccer)	Open boys & girls	Term One 2018	Friday 2nd February 2018
Golf	Open boys & girls	Term Three 2018	Registration via CSSS in 2018
Hockey	Open boys & girls	Term One 2018	Friday 2nd February 2018
Netball	Open girls	Term One 2018	Friday 2nd February 2018
Rugby League	Open boys & 11yrs boys - NB. No State team selected for 11 yrs	Term One 2018	Friday 2nd February 2018
Rugby Union	Open boys	Term One 2018	Friday 2nd February 2018
Softball	Open boys & girls	Term One 2018	Friday 2nd February 2018
Tennis	Open boys & girls	20th November 2017	Friday 27th October 2017
Touch	Open boys & girls	Term One 2018	Friday 2nd February 2018

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au ~ Click on "REP SELECTIONS" tab and scroll down to the SPORT you wish to register for and click on the "REGISTER" button below the heading "PDCPSSC Expression of Interest Registration Form". **Each sport has a different registration criteria.**

This online form is an EXPRESSION OF INTEREST for the 2018 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. You may complete this form to attend a selection trial or if you have been selected in a representative squad or team. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport and when completed, click SUBMIT.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST** be approved by your child's school. In order for your child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of your school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated. Please complete all fields and especially "Representative Experience".

Your child's school will notify you one week prior to the trial date if your child is to attend to the Parramatta Diocesan trial for their selected sport by providing a trial information sheet.

Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.

\$8.00 trialling fee is payable on the day for after school trials & \$10.00 trialling fee is payable on the day for half day and full day trials.

– This is to be paid upon registration at the trials once your child has been approved to attend the Parramatta Diocesan Trials.

Please note that the full day trials will be for boys cricket, boys soccer, boys rugby league & boys rugby union.

Due to the popularity of boys cricket, boys soccer and girls netball a maximum of 2 children only are eligible to trial from each school. Selection of the 2 boys and girls will be made jointly by the school sport coordinator and principal.

Half day trial for tennis and netball... all other trials will be held after school beginning at 4pm.

MACKILLOP TRIAL

It should be noted that the main purpose of the Mackillop trial is to select a team to compete at the NSW PSSA Championships. The Inter-Diocesan MacKillop Trial is not a competition although a round robin format is often used to facilitate the selection procedure.

NSW PSSA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Children who are successful at being selected in the Mackillop team will compete at the N.S.W. P.S.S.A. Championships. These championships involve three or four days of competition at various locations in NSW. Children selected in these teams may also be required to attend training sessions. At the NSW PSSA Championships a State team will be selected to participate at the School Sport Australia Inter State Exchange for some sports.

SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA

To be considered for selection in the NSW PSSA state team for participation at all School Sport Australia 12 Years & Under championships: Students must be turning between the ages of 10 and 12 in the year of competition i.e. Students turning the ages of 8, 9 and 13 in the year of competition are not eligible for NSW PSSA State selection.

Please note the following information:

- Parents are responsible for all transport and supervision arrangements and must remain to supervise their child at the trial at all times.
- Children need to generally be of representative standard.
- Attendance at training days, where applicable is compulsory.
- The selector's decisions are final.
- Parents will need to make their own travel arrangements for children representing Parramatta at Inter-Diocesan MacKillop trials. This may mean travel to Sydney, Wollongong, Canberra, Wagga or Forbes.
- Please be aware that the teacher conducting the trial and accompanying the team to the venue is a "Team Manager" ~ not a coach.

If you would like your child to participate in one of the Parramatta Diocesan trials please complete the Team Online Registration Form that can be accessed via the website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au ~ Click on "REP SELECTIONS" tab and scroll down to the SPORT you wish to register for and click on the "REGISTER" button below the heading "PDCPSSC Expression of Interest Registration Form".

**NOMINATIONS close Friday 27th October 2017 for the sports of Basketball & Tennis
and entries close Friday 2nd February 2018 for all other sports.**

Kind Regards,

Margaret Thornton

Teaching Educator Primary Sport ~ CEO Parramatta

WEBSITE: www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au

The screenshot shows the PDCPSSC website interface. The top navigation bar includes 'HOME', 'ABOUT US', 'CONTACT', 'PDCPSSC', 'PDCPSSC', and 'YOUR NEWS'. The main content area is titled 'Representative Selections' and contains a 'REGISTER' button. A red arrow points from the 'REGISTER' button to the registration form on the right.



This is the message that appears once the registration has been submitted correctly and a NO-REPLY email should be received within 24 hours.

Click on "REP SELECTIONS" tab and scroll down to the SPORT you wish to register for and click on the "REGISTER" button below the heading "PDCPSSC Expression of Interest Registration Form".

GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONSTRUCTION NIGHT - Thursday, 7 December 2017

You are invited to share your creative flair at the SMMP Gingerbread Night.

Kits can be pre purchased for \$30 each or \$35 for gluten free. Each kit includes all pieces, instructions, board, icing, lollies and wrapping.

You can also bring additional sweets along to personalise your build.

There will be two sessions held on the night: 3.30pm - 5.30pm and 6pm - 8pm.

You will need to complete your order form and prepay at the school office by Friday, 24 November.

You can order a takeaway kit, but these must also be prepaid by Friday, 24 November.

We look forward to a fun night of Christmas cheer with our school community.



Sonya Peters

On behalf of SMMP P&F

P&F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - WE HAVE A NEW TEAM!

Thank you to those parents who attended our AGM on Tuesday 14 November. Please join me in congratulating the newly elected executive committee for 2018.

President - Veronica Neal

Vice President - Paul Bortolazzo

Secretary - Fiona Bryant

Treasurer - Michelle Darwen

Major Fundraising - Catherine Watson

General Fundraising - Natalie Borg

PRC Representative - Sonya Peters

I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks the school community for their support of the P&F in 2017, and wish the 2018 committee, much joy and success for the coming year.

Erin Carroll

On behalf of the SMMP P&F

ST MARY MACKILLOP SCHOOL FETE 2018

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The St Mary MacKillop Parents and Friends Association would like to give you the opportunity to support our school community at our fete. Be a part of this wonderful celebration in 2018 where we bring together the whole community for a family-friendly day. We are asking for sponsorship for this event, there are many ways to sponsor through:

Platinum 'Ringmaster' Sponsorship - Sponsorship Rights and the Main Stage

Gold 'Feeding Time' Sponsorship

Silver 'Flying Trapeze' Sponsorship

Bronze 'Juggling Clowns' Sponsorship



THE ST MARY MACKILLOP SCHOOL COMMUNITY WILL HAVE FIRST ACCESS TO SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES - GET IN QUICK!

FOR A SPONSORSHIP PROPOSAL EMAIL: smmpfete2018@gmail.com or call Catherine Watson on 0408971675.

Please contact if you are able to sponsor, donate or help out the fete in any way.

TRASH AND TREASURE

We are accepting unwanted wares that are in saleable/working condition for our Trash and Treasure Stall. We are accepting toys, DVD's, books, CD's, kitchen utensils and crockery.

Whilst we are grateful for all donations, storage space is limited. Please no second hand electrical items.

STALL HOLDER APPLICATIONS

Stall holders applications are now open for next year's fete to the general public. Applications forms are available via the Skoolbag App, Facebook page or through Veronica Neal - smmpfete2018@gmail.com

School Contact Information

St Mary MacKillop has migrated to a new digital phone system which in turn means our phone number has changed. The new school phone number is **02 4724 3200**.

The old phone number is still in effect and will be for the next 12 months, however, when we call you the new contact phone number will be shown on your caller id.



Phone Number Change

Changing Schools

We will be finalising enrolments for 2018 in the coming weeks. If you are changing schools next year could you please notify the school office on 02 4724 3200 or stmarymackillop@parra.catholic.edu.au so that we can finalise any paperwork required for the new school and offer any vacancies to families currently on our waiting list.

A Message from Busways

School Opal Card – Help Us to Help You!

This message has been sent from Busways, the bus operator that provides your school bus services, regarding student use of the School Opal card.

An important requirement of School Opal card is the need for students to Tap On and Tap Off when they travel to and from school.

Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used to determine demand for bus services. If students don't tap on and tap off, services may be cancelled due to the lack of recorded patronage.

With this in mind, we ask for your assistance in reminding your students that tapping on and off at the beginning and end of each trip is one of the conditions of using a School Opal card. This in turn helps us ensure we are able to provide the appropriate level of service to your students.

To further promote the use of School Opal, Busways will also be conducting checks on School Opal cards over the coming months. All students travelling on buses to and from school will be required to show their card and ensure they Tap On and Tap Off every time they catch the bus. Students without an Opal Card will be provided with a brochure to take home identifying how they can get an Opal Card.



Please support Busways staff with afternoon boarding and checks to ensure minimal delays to bus departure times and demonstrate a united front to students on bus travel and Opal Card use.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Dates for Your Diary Term 4—2017

<i>DAY</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
Thursday	16 November		Year 6 Canberra Overnight Excursion - Day 1
Friday	17 November	9:15am 2:20pm	Year 6 Canberra Overnight Excursion - Day 2 Year 4 Liturgy Whole School Assembly—1J Assembly Item
Thursday	23 November	9:15am - 12:30pm	Infants Tabloid Sports Carnival
Friday	24 November	9:15am 2:15pm – 3:15pm 2:20pm	Year 5 Liturgy Second Hand Uniform Shop Open Whole School Assembly—6K Assembly Item
Wednesday	29 November	6:30pm	SMMP Christmas Concert—St Dominic's College
Friday	1 December	2:20pm	Whole School Assembly—5G Assembly Item
Tuesday	5 December		Parent Helper Breakfast Year 6 Cake Stall
Thursday	7 December	9:00am - 3pm 3:30pm - 5:30pm OR 6pm - 8pm	Year 6 Fun Day—St Mary's Indoor Sports Centre P&F Gingerbread House Construction
Friday	8 December	6 – 9pm	Year 6 Farewell Disco
Tuesday	12 December	9:15am 6:30pm	Year 6 Graduation and Presentation Ceremony Year 6 Graduation Mass—St Nicholas of Myra
Friday	15 December		Last Day of Term 4 for Students

Is this safe?



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- DO NOT **SHARE** FOOD
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provide a safe environment
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St Mary Mackillop Primary School – Term 4, 2017



Eat Fresh: Healthy Body, Healthy Mind!

Every Day Hot Food

Chicken Nuggets	4 for \$2.80
Chicken Nuggets	6 for \$4.00
Party Pie	\$1.00
Corn on the Cob	\$1.00
Garlic Bread	\$2.00
Chicken Fingers (6)	\$3.50
Veggie Burger	\$4.00
All Burgers include salad	
Salsa Wrap	\$4.50
Chicken Caesar Wrap	\$4.50
Nemo Wrap	\$4.50
Chicken Tender Wrap	\$4.50
Lamb Kebab Wrap	\$4.50

Daily Specials

Monday

Traveller Pie	\$3.50
Sausage Roll	\$3.00

Tuesday

Fried Rice with Chicken Wings (2)	\$5.00
Pasta Bolognese	\$4.00

Wednesday

Lasagne	\$4.00
Sweet Chilli Wrap	\$3.00

Thursday

Beef Burger	\$4.00
Butter Chicken & Rice	\$4.00

Friday

Chicken Burger	\$4.00
Sausage Roll	\$3.00

Sushi Roll

(Available Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday)

Chicken & Cucumber	\$3.50
Chicken Teriyaki	
Tuna & Cucumber	

Sandwiches

AVAILABLE IN WHITE OR MULTIGRAIN

WRAP OR ROLL ADD 0.50c TO SANDWICH PRICE

Vegemite, Jam, Devon	\$2.00
Tomato, Cheese	\$2.50
Tuna or Egg	\$3.00
Leg Ham, Chicken or Salmon	\$3.50
Salad Sandwich	\$3.50
Lettuce Tomato, Cucumber, Beetroot & Carrot	
EXTRAS - Including Toasting	\$0.40

Salad

Cup

Fresh Fruit Salad	\$2.00
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Boxes

Garden Salad	\$4.00
With Ham or Tuna	\$4.50
With Salmon or Chicken	\$5.00
Add to your Salad box	ea \$0.40
Egg, Cheese, Avocado, Sprouts, Bacon, Croutons	
Chicken Caesar Salad	\$5.50

Canteen Bento Box

\$5.00

½ Sandwich, Chicken Wing, Cheese and Crackers, Seasonal Fruit & 2 Mini Muffins

Check with the Canteen for the current Meal Deals \$5.00

Snacks

Piece of Fruit	\$1.00
Cookies, Delights, Popcorn, Jumpy's	\$1.00
Assorted Chips	\$1.30
Screw Top Yoghurt	\$2.00
Fruit Yoghurt Cup	\$2.00
Banana Bread—Slice	\$3.00

Drinks

Juice - Poppers	\$1.60
Plain Milk 300ml	\$1.60
with Sippah Straw	\$2.20
Pop Top Juice	\$2.00
Bottled Water 600ml	\$2.00
Glee 99% Sparking Juice	\$2.20
Blackcurrant, Raspberry, Tropical	
Flavoured Milk Lite 300ml	\$2.30
Fruit 2o	\$2.50
Orange Mango, Dragonfruit	
Iced Tea LOW SUGAR 500ml	\$3.00

Ice Blocks

Zooper Dooper	\$0.80
Frozen Juice Cup/ Icy Mony	\$1.00
Lemonade, Mango or Strawberry Split	\$1.00
Flash Ice Block on Stick	\$1.50
Scooby Chocolate, Banana or Caramel	\$1.60
Looney Tunes Plain Ice Cream Cup	\$2.00
Slushie Cup	\$2.00

Visit the Canteen for ice block specials

PLEASE NOTE

- ♦ Afternoon Tea orders are to be **PICKED UP FROM THE CANTEEN.**
- ♦ All **ICE CREAMS** ordered with lunch are given out when the **LUNCH BAG IS RETURNED TO THE CANTEEN.**

Order Your Lunch Online

Orders can be placed before 8:30am

www.flexischools.com.au



MORE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES COMING SOON TO A STOP, WHARF AND STATION NEAR YOU

Public transport customers will benefit from 8,600 extra weekly services from 26 November when a new timetable is introduced.

This includes more than 1,500 new train services, almost 7000 new bus services, the introduction of 2000 new B-Line services for the Northern Beaches, and more than 140 ferry services.

If you use public transport now you will notice plenty of information and announcements at stations, ferry wharves and on buses across the public transport network.

Not all services will change but adjustments will be made across the public transport network to better align services, making it even easier to change between different modes of public transport.

How the timetable changes may affect you:

- your train line or platform may change at different times of the day or week

- your train, bus and ferry times may have changed

- you may now need to interchange to complete your journey

- there could now be an express service or faster trip to get you where you need to go

Staff will be available at stations across the network to assist customers through these changes. Customers with special needs should seek out staff assistance, especially at busy stations like Central, Town Hall and Parramatta.

Over the coming weeks take some time to find out more about the changes so you can be prepared on Sunday 26 November. Visit transportnsw.info to access the new timetable and start planning future journeys. A new interactive mapping tool will help you to understand how your trip might change so you can prepare in advance.

Customers can also call 131 500 for more information.