



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.

This week I was gathered with many colleagues from across the diocese engaged in learning when we collectively stopped our workshops and gathered to listen to our Prime Minister make a profound and historic statement of apology on behalf of us all. It was a powerful speech that affected everyone in the room where I was.

Following this national apology, Bishop Vincent shared with us all his thoughts on this important statement and acknowledgement. I feel it is appropriate and relevant that I share it with our community so that we can work together through our partnership to ensure that we do not repeat the mistakes of our past.

National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse

This reflection is to acknowledge and recognise the importance of the National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse being delivered by the Prime Minister of Australia, Scott Morrison.

Today is a very important day when the prime minister will say sorry to all those people in Australia who, in the past, were hurt as children in places where they were supposed to be loved and cared for, including our churches and schools.

The prime minister will not only be saying sorry to the people for the hurt they have suffered, but also to acknowledge and recognise their courage in telling their stories. With their voice, these brave people were able speak out and ask for help. It has meant that many of those who caused the harm have been brought to justice, and other children have been saved from harm. It has also helped us as a Catholic community to learn from the past so that this does not happen again.

The Diocese of Parramatta, including our parishes, schools, ministries, agencies, staff, clergy and volunteers are joining together today to acknowledge the National Apology, to remember the children who were hurt, and to give thanks to those who found courage and strength in speaking out. We stand together to acknowledge the harm caused by those within Catholic institutions who sexually abused children or responded to abuse in a way that was ineffective or inadequate, and to honour the immense courage of those who found their voice and spoke the truth which saved others from harm.

For more information about the National Apology, please visit www.nationalapologyconsultation.gov.au or call 1800 604 604.

Staffing News

I had the great news last week that Mrs Milgate and her husband are expecting a beautiful addition to their family in 2019. Congratulations to Ashlea and Michael from everyone here at St Mary MacKillop. We wish you all the very best as you move to this next chapter of your lives together – becoming parents. May the time ahead be exciting and blessed.

Together We Grow

Mr Scott Buchan
Principal

News from Scott—continued

Dear Parents and Carers

Last week you would have received an email from research company JWS Research asking you to complete a short survey about the reasons for sending your child to a Catholic school. Thank you to those who have responded to this. There has been a good response rate so far but we are hopeful of getting as many replies as possible.

If you haven't already done so, could you please click on the link in your email and complete the survey. It will take only about 15 minutes to do. **The closing date for the survey is 26 October.**

If you did not receive an email inviting you to participate in the survey, please email Jacqui Lowe from JWS Research at jlouw@jwsresearch.com.

Thank you for your support of this important project.

Sports News

Stage 2 Basketball Gala Day

The Stage 2 Basketball Gala Day will be held at Penrith Valley Sports Stadium on Monday 29th October. This is the first time St Mary MacKillop have entered this Gala Day and we are looking forward to a successful day! A huge thank you to Miss Jones, for giving up her lunch breaks to trial and select the teams and to the mums and dads who have offered their time in coaching and scoring. We wish you all the best for Monday!

Infants Tabloid Sports Carnival

The 2018 Infants Tabloid Sports Carnival will be held here at school on Thursday 1st November, from 9:00am - 12:30pm. Students from K - 2 will participate in a range of non-competitive, skill based activities. Students are asked to wear their full sports uniform on the day and bring extra water and sunscreen. In order to run the day smoothly, we are calling for any parent helpers who may be able to assist in the running of a station. All equipment and instructions will be provided. If you have completed your Working with Children Check and would like to assist, please return the Tabloid Sports Carnival note to school with your child.

Maryanne McNally
Sport Coordinator



Religious Education News

A pilgrimage is "a journey, especially a long one, made to some sacred place as an act of religious devotion."

As we know, Mrs Gillard is currently participating in a pilgrimage of shrines and Cathedrals of Central Europe. She and her husband have been travelling with their Parish Priest and a group of parishioners visiting many sites that are important in the expansion of the early Christian Church. We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Gillard back in Week 4 and hearing about her experiences away.

Over the school holidays, Mrs Rowan participated in a pilgrimage of The Holy Land and Rome. She travelled with Fr Chris D'Souza, a group of senior system leaders, principals and assistant principals and engaged in listening to God's questions. She spent three weeks in the places where the Catholic Church was created and the person of Christ walked and preached. Mrs Rowan is looking forward to sharing this faith journey and her experiences with the school community.

October - World Mission Month

World Mission Month is celebrated every year in every country wherever there are Christians committed to building a better world for all of God's people, a world where everyone has all they need to live a dignified and fulfilling life.

Jesus' mission of creating a world where all can live a fully dignified life is still far from completion. Therefore, the whole month of October has been dedicated to reflecting on the central mission of the Church to help all Christians in their commitment to Christ's mission of love, mercy, forgiveness, peace and justice for the world.

Missionary activity is, fundamentally, a going out of oneself in love, a reaching out to see God in everyone and to share God's love with each person we meet – especially our poor and marginalised.

The theme of 2018 Mission Month is: *Healing a nation through education. "The Church's mission of evangelization has always been accompanied by teaching and the founding of schools, since education promotes the dignity of the person and provides for the full development of his or her God-given gifts. Illiteracy and lack of access to education are in fact a form of poverty and injustice."*

Catholic Mission aims to help students learn more about the issues of justice and how we can all be involved with global mission, and participate in this wonderful work of sharing the loving grace of God throughout the world.

This term, during Religious Education lessons, the students of St Mary MacKillop will be learning more about Catholic Mission, and how we are all called to be disciples of God, and fulfill the mission Jesus has left us. We invite you to talk to your children about the new learnings they are gaining during their Religious lessons this term.

Praying The Rosary

Traditionally the month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary and this has been a tradition in the Catholic Church for a long time. Catholics pray the Rosary because it is a powerful prayer to God through His mother, Mary.

During the month of October there will be a school focus on the Rosary. The students in Years 3-6 will focus on learning and praying The Rosary during whole school prayer time at 2pm on a Friday afternoon. Whilst we have Rosary beads at school the children are encouraged to bring in their own set of beads to personally enhance their prayer experience and to foster the prayerful practice in their own homes.



Miss Maryanne McNally
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

Library News

Library Helpers Needed

In recent weeks we have purchased new Reading Resources for the children of St Mary Mackillop Primary. We are in need of parent helpers to cover / contact these books. If you think you would be able to help, please drop into the office and write your name down. We will have bundles with books and contact ready to go for those parents who might have the time to contact some. Any help, great or small, would be greatly appreciated.

Marina Napoli
Library



P & F News

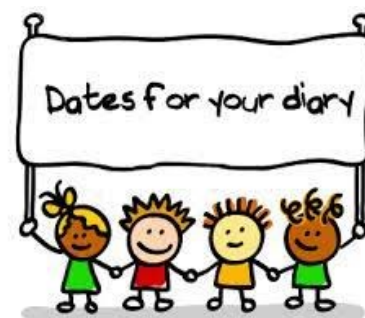
We are kicking off the P&F activities tomorrow night with our Dads and Daughters evening! It's not too late to come along!!

Girls bring along your dad, grandpa, uncle or any other significant male in your life and have a fun filled evening of games and challenges!

Arrive anytime between 5pm and 7pm and take part. Sausage sizzle provided. Look forward to seeing you all there!

Save the dates for these upcoming P&F events...

Thursday 8th November Infants School Disco 5.30pm-6.30pm
Tuesday 20th November P&F AGM 6.30pm



Office News

Medication

If your child requires medication to be taken during school time, please ensure they bring their own drink bottles to the office. Due to a change in our WH & S policy it is required that children supply their own drink bottles for the use of medication.

Staff Development Day

Our next staff development day is Friday, 9th November 2018. School will finish Wednesday, 19th December.

Once we have our Term 1 dates for next year we will advertise this with our parent community.



Dates for Your Diary Term 4 - 2018

Thursday	25 October	2:00pm-2:45pm	Kindergarten 2019 Playgroup Session 1
Friday	26 October	9:15am 2:20pm	Year 3 Grade Mass Whole School Assembly
Thursday	1 November	2:00pm-2:45pm	Kindergarten 2019 Playgroup Session 2
Thursday	8 November	2:00pm-2:45pm	Kindergarten 2019 Playgroup Session 3
Friday	9 November		Staff Development Day No School Today
Thursday	15 November	2:00pm-2:45pm	Year 5 Camp to Yarramundi Year 3 & 4 Parramatta Lake Excursion Kindergarten 2019 Playgroup Session 4
Friday	16 November	2:20pm	Year 5 Camp to Yarramundi Whole School Assembly
Tuesday	20 November	6:30pm –8:30pm	P & F AGM
Thursday	22 November	9:00am-11:00am	Kindergarten 2019 Orientation
Thursday	29 November		Year 6 Excursion to Canberra
Friday	29 November	2:20pm	Year 6 Excursion to Canberra Whole School Assembly
Wednesday	5 December	6:30pm-8:30pm	Christmas Concert (School Hall)
Friday	7 December	2:20pm	Whole School Assembly
Tuesday	11 December	12:00pm	Year 6 Graduation and Ceremony (Whole School to attend St Nicholas Parish)

Building Child Safe Communities - Forms For All Volunteers

'Building Child Safe Communities' is an initiative developed by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta that enhances our commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care. It is now a requirement that all volunteers complete an online undertaking form that confirms expectations in relation to behaviour whilst volunteering at schools. This undertaking form also seeks to determine the suitability of volunteers and contractors by requiring them to declare that they do not have a criminal history involving children.

Volunteers – please access the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>, then click on 'Child Protection Training Forms' (halfway down page on the right hand side).

Then click on '**Volunteer Form**' (halfway down page).

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are volunteering.

If you would like to be a parent helper at sports carnivals, reading groups, gala days, excursions etc you will need to complete the form.

School Fees

Thank you again for your patience with any issues you may have experienced with school fees while CEDP have transitioned the management of school fees.

If you have not yet received your school fee statement or have requested a direct debit arrangement which has not yet commenced could you please contact the school office on 02 4724 3200.

School Banking

School banking day is Friday. School banking encourages your child to develop regular savings habits by giving them the opportunity to deposit money into their Youthsaver account at school each week. If you are interested in school banking and your child does not already have a Youthsaver account you can apply online at commbank.com.au/schoolbanking or visit any CommBank branch.



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**.



Phone Number Change

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.



SYDNEY
YOUTH
ORCHESTRAS

SYO Summer Program

DATES Monday 7 January – Friday 11 January 2019

TIMES 9:00am – 3:00pm

LOCATION Santa Sabina College, Strathfield and Sydney Conservatorium of Music (Friday only)

AGES 6-18

COST \$550+gst

BOARDING Upon Request

[FIND OUT MORE](#)

Boarding

Boarding is available to people who live 150km or more away from Santa Sabina College, Strathfield. SYO will offer catered boarding packages for students to stay in supervised, group accommodation close to the Summer School venue. If you are interested in boarding, please tick the box in the application form.

Scholarships

Any applicant who is a primary or secondary school student and resides at least 200km from Sydney CBD is eligible to apply for a scholarship to SYO Summer School. Successful applicants will receive a waiver on the 2019 participation fee (\$550.00+GST) plus a travel and accommodation bursary. The amount of this bursary is dependent on the circumstances of the applicant.

Applications close Friday 23 November and applicants will be notified of the outcome on Monday 3 December.



Catholic Education
Diocese of Parramatta

2019 Team Sport Trials

Parramatta Diocese 2019 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 2786

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 2019 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term Four in 2018 and Term One in 2019. 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 2019	Friday 1 st February 2019
Basketball	Open boys & girls	20 th November 2018	Wednesday 31 st October 2018
Cricket	Open boys & girls	Term One 2019	Friday 1 st February 2019
Diving	10/11yrs girls & boys & 12/13yrs girls & boys	Term One 2018	Registration via CSSS in 2019
Football (Soccer)	Open boys & girls	Term One 2019	Friday 1 st February 2019
Golf	Open boys & girls	Term Three 2018	Registration via CSSS in 2019
Hockey	Open boys & girls	Term One 2019	Friday 1 st February 2019
Netball	Open girls	Term One 2019	Friday 1 st February 2019
Rugby League	Open boys & 11yrs boys - NB. No State team selected for 11 yrs	Term One 2019	Friday 1 st February 2019
Rugby Union	Open boys	Term Two 2019	Friday 1 st February 2019
Softball	Open boys & girls	Term One 2019	Friday 1 st February 2019
Tennis	Open boys & girls	21 st November 2018	Wednesday 31 st October 2018
Touch	Open boys & girls	Term One 2019	Friday 1 st February 2019

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 "INFORMATION & REGISTRATION PROCESS". **Each sport has a different registration criteria.**

This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2019 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 NSW PSSA 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. **The School Sport Australia Championships are held over numerous days that may include weekend.**

Please note the following information:

- The Diocesan trials, MacKillop trials and NSW PSSA Championships are held on school days.
- 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 "REPRESENTATIVE SELECTIONS" tab and scroll down to the SPORT you wish to register for and click on the "REGISTER" button below the heading "INFORMATION & REGISTRATION PROCESS".

2019 Basketball & Tennis NOMINATIONS close Wednesday 31st October 2018

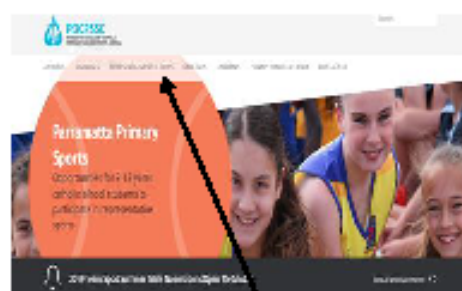
All other sports will open on Monday 19th November and close Friday 1st February 2019.

Kind Regards,

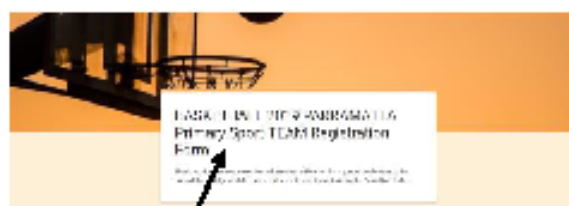
Margaret Thornton

Teaching Educator Primary Sport ~ CEO Parramatta

WEBSITE: www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au



Click on "REPRESENTATIVE SELECTIONS" tab and scroll down to the SPORT you wish to register for and click on the "REGISTER" button below the heading "INFORMATION & REGISTRATION PROCESS".



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

Corpus Christi Primary School MARKET DAY



Saturday 27th October 2018 • 10AM to 2PM

Stalls include:

Licensed kids' clothes
Candles
Children's Craft

Small gifts
Fresh flowers
Nutrimetics

Handmade garments
Jewellery
Scrapbook



Family Fun:

Face Painting
Magician
Cricket Australia
AFL Giants
Games

**Corpus Christi Primary School
90 Andromeda Drive, Cranebrook**

For information on stall availability please
email corpuschristi@parra.catholic.edu.au
with subject "Spring Market Question"

Food vendors:

Sausage sizzle
Doughnuts
Gözleme
Ice cream
Cakes/slices/scones
Tea/coffee