



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.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Wishing all of our Fathers and father figures a wonderful day of appreciation for this Sunday. Thank you for all you do.

The past fortnight has been a wonderful time to be the principal of St Mary MacKillop Primary School. There has been so much to be proud of as the children have shone whilst demonstrating the complex learning that they have engaged in this year.

Last week we had our whole school participate in our first 'Colour Explosion'. This event provided a fun way for classes to come together, enjoy the outdoors and participate in a sustained period of physical activity. It was such a wonderful day that was really appreciated by the children. The P and F team were outstanding in devising, proposing and organising all the components that made it the "best day ever!!!" As one group of Year Six students told me.

We also have had many of our students demonstrate their athletic excellence and sportsmanship recently. The children who attended the St Nicholas Netball Gala Day were terrific ambassadors for our school and put the learning that they have been doing in P.E. lessons into practice on the court. We also had an amazing group of students' progress from our school athletics carnival onto the Zone Athletics carnival. From there we had many students' progress to the Diocesan Athletics carnival and now we have a group of students selected for the elite Inter-diocesan level of competition.

I also travelled this week to Glenmore Park to observe the Voice of Youth cluster final. Our Year Six students have been articulate and intelligent in the construction and delivery of their speeches this year. The three students who ultimately represented our school were outstanding models of the sophisticated learning that takes place during literacy time across our school. They presented challenging, well researched and at times funny opinions and views that engaged the audience.

Of course the opportunity for our kids to demonstrate, perform and showcase how they apply the sophisticated learning that takes place in the classroom would not be possible without the continuous support and guidance of the wonderful staff that work in our school. Their generosity of time and talent as well as their ability to challenge each and every student to develop their unique gifts and talents amazes me and makes me a very proud principal indeed.

Staffing News

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Monique Kearins who has joined our team this year as part of our Office Administration team. Mrs Kearins has been working at OLOL Seven Hills but is now joining our team as Senior Finance Officer for the school.

On behalf of our community, welcome to the St Mary MacKillop team.

Together We Grow.

Mr Scott Buchan - Principal

Father's Day Celebrations – Friday 30th August

Please join us on Friday 30th August as we honour our fathers and other special male role models in our lives. Fathers are very special people and the very presence of our fathers in our lives, or the memory of our fathers, is a gift.

On Friday we will show our appreciation and love for all the men in our lives who give us care and protection, love and guidance. On Father's Day and it is time to think about our fathers, to honour them, and to give thanks for them. This is a day for all fathers, to know how much we love and respect them. Most importantly, this is a day for us to thank God, our Father in heaven, for His presence in our life.

An outline of our morning is as follows:

8:15am Father's Day sausage sizzle breakfast. Thank you to the P & F for organising this

9:00am Father's Day Liturgy in the hall. Please join us as the Year 1 children lead us in prayer to celebrate our Fathers and the special love that they share with us.

9:45am – 10.15am Open classrooms

10.15am Normal classes resume

The P&F Father's Day Stall will be open for students to purchase gifts during normal class time.



VOICE OF YOUTH COMPETITION 2019

by Thomas and Jarred

This term Year 6 students have been participating in the Voice of Youth public speaking competition. Each student was required to write at least 2 speeches based on topics they're passionate about. This year was a huge success with everyone's speech being outstanding and entertaining.

After four weeks of researching, writing, memorising and presenting speeches the teachers chose 12 out of 58 students to present their speech to Stage 3 students and judges. All the speeches were amazing but only 3 could represent the school at the cluster finals on the 27th of August at Bethany Primary School in Glenmore Park. These 3 representatives were Ava D, Emily B and Thomas F. The 3 students did our school proud doing an amazing job at the cluster finals.

The Voice of Youth experience was extremely beneficial for all students, teaching all students about public speaking. Some of these benefits included dealing with nerves and developing confidence when speaking in front of an audience. Also we were able to further develop our writing and research skills when preparing and writing the speeches, all in all preparing us well for high school.



P & F News

Friday, 30th August we have our breakfast BBQ to celebrate Father's Day! Bring dad, grandad, an uncle or another significant male in your child's life and enjoy a sausage sizzle starting at 8.15am

We also have our Father's Day Stall for the children to buy a gift for dad. Prices range from \$1-\$10. Please ensure that you send money with your child as those who do not have money on the day will only be able to choose from a small selection of gifts for dad.



Thank you to the wonderful people who have busily been wrapping gifts for the stall....

Linda Proud
Leng Rubelj
Jo Bortolazzo
Nellie Ellis
Jo Groger
The Neal Clan
Kymberley Fitzpatrick
Dominic Fitzpatrick
Jenna McConnell
Rylee Randall
Jo Randall

School Fees

Term 3 School Fees are now overdue. If you already have paid your fees, thank you. All outstanding school fees should now be paid or under an arrangement.

If you are having difficulties in paying your school fees please do not hesitate in contacting Mrs Joanne Groger or Mrs Monique Kearins on 02 4724 3200.

School Office hours are 8:30am – 3:30pm.

All payments and enquiries can be made during that time. Payments may be made by cash, cheque, EFT-POS, BPay, Post BillPay or by Credit Card. Details are located on the bottom of the statement. When paying by BPay please use the current statement. We advise that we are unable to process EFTPOS payments after 3:30pm.



CALLING ALL SECRET AGENTS, MYSTERY WOMEN & INTERNATIONAL SPIES...

When: Friday, September 6, 2019

Where: St Mary MacKillop School Hall, 150 Fragar Rd, South Penrith.

Time: Doors open at 6:30pm, be seated by 6:45pm. First round starts at 7pm sharp.

Dress: Dress to impress... Iconic Bond fashion.

Cost: \$20 per person, or \$150 per table of 8. Groups and individual participants are all welcome.

Bookings are now being taken through the school office or via www.trybooking.com/BDVCZ

There will be 2 exciting raffles:

- You could be the owner of a brand new Thermomix TM6, valued at \$2289! Tickets for this raffle are extremely limited. Only 250 tickets will be sold! Get in quick. Tickets are \$20 each.
- Be in the draw to win a Bar Fridge stocked with Beer and Wine – to gear you up for finals season! Valued at approx. \$400! Only 200 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$10 each.

Raffle tickets can be purchased via www.trybooking.com/BDVCZ

There is an exciting Silent Auction:

- **Silent Auction #1** – A Private BBQ for you and 14 friends! Generously donated by Outback Steakhouse.
- **Silent Auction #2** – A One Night Stay for two people at The Fairmont Resort, Leura with Breakfast included. Dates subject to availability. Generously donated by The Fairmont Resort & Spa, Blue Mountains.
- **Silent Auction #3** – A three-month gym membership to Atmosphere Health and Fitness Club. This auction also includes a backpack, t-shirt, towel and shaker bottle. Generously donated by Atmosphere Health and Fitness Club.
- **Silent Auction #4** – A delicious Lindt Chocolate Hamper, generously donated by Lindt.
- **Silent Auction #5** – A Sydney Harbour Sightseeing Cruise. Valid on Harbour Story, Highlights or Hop On Hop Off Harbour Explorer. Dates subject to availability. Generously donated by Captain Cook Cruises.

Bids can be placed via the St Mary MacKillop Silent Auction Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/smmpevents

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Dates for Your Diary Term 3 - 2019

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday	30 August	8:15am-9:00am 9am 9:45am - 10:15am	Father's Day Breakfast Father's Day Liturgy Open Classrooms Father's Day Stall NO WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY TODAY 2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP WILL NOT BE OPEN TODAY
Friday	6 September	6:30pm	Staff Development Day (NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS) Trivia Night
Friday	13 September	9:15am 2:20pm	Year 4 Mass Whole School Assembly Stage 2 Boys & Girls Touch Football Gala Day
Friday	20 September	9:15am 2:20pm	Year 1 Liturgy Whole School Assembly
Tuesday	24 September		Kindergarten Excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm
Friday	27 September	2:20pm 2:00pm-3:00pm	Whole School Assembly Second Hand Uniform Shop Open LAST DAY OF TERM 3

Dates for Your Diary Term 4 - 2019

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	14 October		TERM 4 Commences
Friday	18 October	2:20pm	Whole School Assembly
Thursday	24 October	2:00pm-2:45pm	Kindergarten 2020 Playgroup Session No. 1
Friday	25 October	2:20pm 2:00pm-3:00pm	Whole School Assembly Second Hand Uniform Shop Open
Thursday	31 October	2:00pm-2:45pm	Kindergarten 2020 Playgroup Session No. 2
Friday	1st November	2:20pm	Whole School Assembly



TRUE LEARNING

PUPIL FREE DAY

Friday 6 September 2019

Are you looking for something for your child and their friends to do on the upcoming **Staff Development Day**?

Send them along for a day of TRUE LEARNING (and fun).

The program for the day includes: natural science activities, getting active, being practical, developing skills, fun and animals!

Cost per child: \$50 (Siblings: \$45)

Drop off from 8.00am, Pick up by 5.00pm

Activities run 9.00am – 3.00pm

Location: Luddenham

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM - VACATION CARE

WEEK ONE		
MON 30 SEP	Eyes and Ears and Mouths and Noses Can chickens smile? Do ducks have eyelashes? Are puppies' noses wet?	South Penrith
TUES 1 OCT	Over, Under, Around and Through Design and create an animal obstacle course and race against Coco!	South Penrith
WED 2 OCT	Patter, Paddle and Clip Clop So many different feet! We'll take a close look and figure out why.	South Penrith
THU 3 OCT	Horse Play A day of horsey-themed fun. NO RIDING.	Luddenham
FRI 4 OCT	NO PROGRAM TODAY (THE ANIMALS ARE HAVING AN EXTRA LONG WEEKEND!)	
WEEK TWO		
MON 7 OCT	LONG WEEKEND	
TUE 8 OCT	Waddle, Trot, Jump, Hop Duck dive, hop aboard and jump to it – a day all about movement.	Luddenham
WED 9 OCT	Fur and Feathers Soft, scruffy, smooth, shiny, fluffy. A close look at some furry & feathered friends.	South Penrith
THU 10 OCT	This Way and That Way Animals stick together in flocks, herds and packs. Can we keep them together?	South Penrith
FRI 11 OCT	Snap It, Sketch It, Paint It, Shape It Capture our furry and feathered 'models' in photos, drawings, paintings and clay.	South Penrith

Cost per child: \$50/day

DISCOUNTS

Early Bird, booked and paid in full by 18 Sep: Take 10% off

Siblings: First child \$50, siblings on same day \$45 each

Multiple days: First day \$50, other days booked & paid at same time \$45/day

BOOKINGS: www.truelearning.com.au under 'Programs'

QUESTIONS: Wendy Truelove

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