



Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are well aware, we are transitioning back to 'face to face' teaching over the course of this term.

From the beginning of Week 3 (**Monday 11th May**), there will be a gradual return to school for students

The model for Week 3 and 4 will follow the framework below:

- All staff return to onsite work (unless classified as vulnerable as per NSW Health Guidelines).
- Students will return to one day a week of Face to Face teaching and learning. Children will return in Family Groups / Colour House groups.

Girralong - Monday
Thoruna - Tuesday
Remote Learning Day - Wednesday
Carramar - Thursday
Uluru - Friday

This decision was made by our staff with the mindful intention of not adding pressure onto our families at this already stressful time. Whilst we do not control timetabling for high schools or preschools and clashes may still occur, we hope that this comes as some support for you. Students have been told via Seesaw and Google Classroom as to their Colour House group. Please contact your child's teacher if you are unsure.

- Wednesday's of Weeks 3 and 4 will be classified as a 'Remote Teaching and Learning Day". (Student learning will look the same as Week 1 and 2). During Wednesday's the P.E. and Creative Arts activities will be posted for all students to complete. They may need to wear sports clothes for these tasks.
- On any school days when your child / children are not here at the physical school, they will continue 'Remote Learning' in their on-line classroom.
- When children are physically at school they are to wear full winter school uniforms as we have moved to Week 3 of Term 2. Please ensure children bring workbooks, writing samples, reader's etc.. with them to school on their rostered days, so that the teacher's can support their ongoing learning development.
- We remain open every day for those parents who choose to send their children to school irrespective of the roster days.
- Students will continue to be marked as (F) Flexible on the attendance roll if they are not at school on days that they are not rostered to attend. Students who do not / cannot attend school on their rostered day will continue to be marked as (F) Flexible on the attendance roll. This will not adversely affect their attendance record. We understand that many of our families are in situations where household members are classified as vulnerable and it may not be a wise health decision for children to physically attend school at this time.
- Our school canteen will reopen Monday, 11th May 2020.

We continue to work in partnership with you to keep everyone safe.

Please be assured that the health and safety of our students and staff continue to be our highest priority.

Scott Buchan
Principal

The Season of Easter

The celebration of the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday) is the beginning of the season of Easter.

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 (31st May).

The colour of the Season of Easter is white or gold reflecting new life, fulfilment, rejoicing and joy.

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!*



So we pray and we remember that

Yes there is fear.....but there does not have to be hate.

Yes there is isolation.....but there does not have to be loneliness.

Yes there is sickness.....but there does not have to be disease of the soul

Yes there is even death.....but there can always be a rebirth of love.

Mother's Day Prayer Reflection

Mother's Day only comes around once a year, so when it does we have to make it count. After all, our mums do so much for us and this is the one day each year that's all about them.

In this current difficult time, we can't celebrate in the traditional way that we usually do at St Mary MacKillop but we still want to show our appreciation for the achievements and efforts of mothers and mother figures. For this reason, there will be a Mother's Day Prayer Reflection placed on each Google Classroom (See-Saw App for Kinder) this Friday 8th May. It is hoped that this Prayer Reflection can be used on Sunday as part of family celebrations.

On behalf of all the teachers and students of St Mary MacKillop we wish every mother a “Happy Mother's Day”

Mrs Gillard

Religious Education Coordinator

