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Staying Connected No. 5, 2024

Dear Community,

As we have just commemorated ANZAC Day on the 25th of April, it is a time for reflection within our community. This day marks the anniversary of the courageous landing of Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZACs) on the beaches of Gallipoli in 1915. It is a defining moment in the history of our nation.

ANZAC Day allows us to remember and honour the sacrifices of over 1.5 million men and women who have served our country in wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations around the world. Among them, we recall the 103,000 brave souls who gave their lives in the ultimate act of service. Their sacrifice laid the foundations for the peace and freedoms we enjoy today.

In our Catholic faith, the notion of sacrifice is deeply significant and is epitomised by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, who gave His life for the salvation of all. As we reflect on the sacrifices made by our servicemen and women, we are reminded of Jesus' call to love one another and to live in service of our community.

Let us hold in our hearts the memory of those who have fallen and those who continue to serve. Let their legacy inspire us to carry forward the values of courage, duty, and above all, peace. May we also find in their stories a reminder of our call to be servants to one another, fostering a community of compassion and support.

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We must teach more by example than by word."

These words from Saint Mary MacKillop remind us of the importance of leading by example, just as the ANZACs did. Their legacy is not just in the battles they fought, but in the peace they sought to achieve and the examples they set through their actions. Let us strive to be examples of peace, courage, and resilience in our community, reflecting on how our actions can inspire and support others.

Lest we forget.

Congratulations to the children in Year 3 who celebrated their First Reconciliation on Thursday 2nd May. Thank you again to Natalie Mulford and the teachers of Year 3; Linda Marino, Rebecca Micallef, Elyse Whitfield and Laura Barui, for preparing the children so well; and to Monsignor Portelli for his tireless support and guidance.

This was a significant moment for these young people. I am extremely proud of them.

Go well everyone and always remember;
"If you see a need do something about it."

Anthony D'Amico
Principal

Blessings To You



On Your First
Reconciliation.

REMINDERS

- The School opens at 8.30am and children can enter the classroom at 8.50am. **Please do not drop children off prior to 8.30am.** If you need to bring your child to school before 8.30am please book them into the before school hours program.
- If your child needs to bring a mobile phone to school it **must be handed** into the teacher in the morning where it will be stored in a secured location and returned to them in the afternoon. Please refer to the Mobile phone policy on the following pages.

CHANGES TO NOTE

- As there is no supervision on the playground area in the morning, the playground is **out of bounds** and children are not to play on the playground before school.
- The front drive through area between the Church and the School operates as a **drive through zone only before school**.

Due to a few near misses, those who wish to park and bring their child into class must use the back car park area. There is now **no parental parking** in bays outside the front of the Church.

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PREP ENROLMENTS 2025

Enrolments for 2025 close on Friday 10th May. Make sure you get onto our website to secure a position.

Enrol now....

Go to our website

<https://www.mmkeilordowns.catholic.edu.au/>

Click on 'Enrolment Information' link at the top of the page.

Once redirected to the '2025 Prep Information and Timeline' page click on the St Mary MacKillop Prep Online Application link

<https://app.digienrol.com/user/signup>

Create an account and proceed to fill out the online application form or call Kellie on 9367 6199 for assistance.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS



School Closure-Wednesday 15 May

The school will be closed on Wednesday, May 15th for a professional development day. Our staff will work with Glen Pearsall, an expert educational consultant, to help us develop our understanding of evidence-based classroom management techniques and interventions that promote highly effective learning environments. We look forward to working with Glen in our ongoing effort to provide the best education for your children.

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Parent Assistance in the Classroom

Parents as Reading Partners.

We are holding our **Parents as Reading Partners** briefings on Thursday 9th of May at 2.30 and Tuesday 14th of May 9.00-9.30 in the **Art Room** located in the new Tenison Woods building. (You only need to come to one workshop.)

Parents as Reading Partners gives children the much needed opportunity to read aloud to a supportive adult and thus build their confidence as a reader. We will discuss legal requirements and school expectations and give an overview of how you as parents can support by listening to a child read.

Even if you have attended this training in previous years, we are required to cover the legalities every year to ensure Child Safety protocols are covered. Therefore, we would love to see you on either day as your support is greatly appreciated.

Please note, under State Government legislation, only people with a WWCC may assist in schools.

Looking forward to seeing you on either Thursday afternoon (9/5/24 - 2.30pm) or Tuesday morning (14/5/24 - 9.00am).

Regards

Jenny Melki
Literacy Leader.

St Mary MacKillop PS

Mobile Phone & Smart Watch Policy



Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd (MACS) is a company limited by guarantee that has been established by the Archbishop of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne to assume the governance and operation of MACS schools.

MOBILE PHONES – STUDENT USE

PURPOSE

To explain to our school community St Mary MacKillop's policy requirements and expectations relating to students using mobile phones [and other personal mobile devices such as Smart Watches] during school hours.

SCOPE

This policy applies to:

- All students at St Mary MacKillop Primary School and,
- Students' personal mobile phones [and other personal mobile devices eg. Smart watches] brought onto school premises during school hours, including recess and lunchtime.

DEFINITIONS

A **mobile phone** is a telephone with access to a cellular (telecommunication) system, with or without a physical connection to a network. "For the purpose of this policy, "mobile phone" refers to mobile phones and any device that may connect to or have a similar functionality to a mobile phone such as smart watches."

POLICY

St Mary MacKillop Primary School understands that students may bring a personal mobile phone or smart watch to school, particularly if they are travelling independently to and from school.

At St Mary MacKillop Primary School:

- Students who choose to bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and securely stored in secured box in the classroom during school hours. Smart watches must be set to School Mode and not connected during the school day.
- When emergencies occur, parents or carers should reach their child by calling the school's office.

Personal mobile phone use

In accordance with the Department's Mobile Phones Policy issued by the Minister for Education, personal mobile phones must not be used at St Mary MacKillop Primary School during school hours, including lunchtime and recess.

Secure storage

Mobile phones owned by students at St Mary MacKillop Primary School are considered valuable items and are brought to school at the owner's (student's or parent/carer's) risk. Students are encouraged not to bring a mobile phone to school unless there is a compelling reason to do so. **Please note that St Mary MacKillop Primary School does not have accident insurance for accidental property damage or theft.** Students and their parents/carers are encouraged to obtain appropriate insurance for valuable items.

Where students bring a mobile phone to school, St Mary MacKillop Primary School will provide secure storage. Secure storage is storage that cannot be readily accessed by those without permission to do so. At St Mary MacKillop Primary School students are required to hand their phones to the classroom teacher to be placed in a lockable box.

Enforcement

Students who use their personal mobile phones inappropriately at St Mary MacKillop Primary School may be issued with consequences consistent with our school's existing policies (Student Wellbeing and Anti-Bullying Policy).

At St Mary MacKillop Primary School there is to be no use of mobile phones **during school hours**, unless an exception has been granted.

Students are not to use their Mobile Phones:

- in any way that disrupts the learning of others
- to send inappropriate, harassing or threatening messages or phone calls
- to engage in inappropriate social media use including cyber bullying
- to capture video or images of people, including students, teachers and members of the school community without their permission, and
- to capture video or images in the school toilets, school buildings, gyms and school grounds (or surrounding areas afterschool)

Camps, excursions and extracurricular activities

St Mary MacKillop Primary School will provide students and their parents and carers with information about items that can or cannot be brought to camps, excursions, special activities and events, including personal mobile phones.

Exclusions

This policy does not apply to

- Out-of-School-Hours Care (OSHC)
- Out-of-school-hours events
- Travelling to and from school

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22/04/24

Who is God? How do others experience God?

Year 5 Excursion to NGV

Something I found interesting was learning about the Buddhist God Avalokiteshvara, which has 11 heads and 1000 hands!
Elisa 5Y

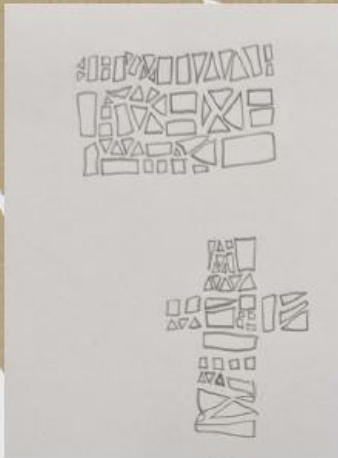
We saw paintings and sculptures of different religions and faiths. Many told stories of Jesus' life, while some were before his presence or of other faiths.
Kiara and Zara 5B



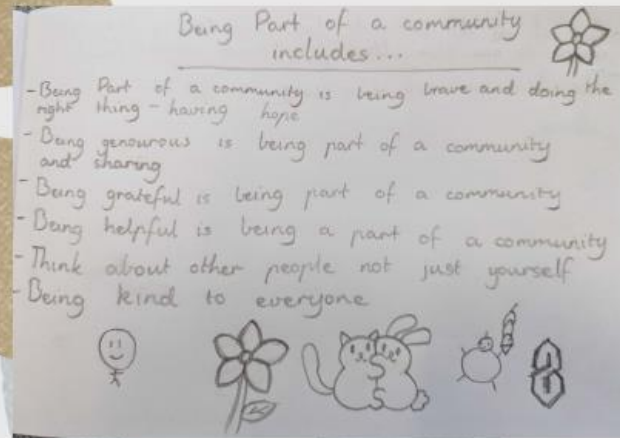
Flowers are associated with Mother Mary and dark blue was a very special colour.
Daniel and Alexia 5Y

We looked at a painting that told the story of the miracle of the loaves and fishes.

Jesus had a golden halo around his head.
Isabel and James 5Y



The Great Hall was really cool because we lay down and stared up at the roof with the glass windows; it had all different colours and patterns and images made from the shapes.
Kristina and Milana 5B



I have never seen a place like this before!
Xavier and Ashton 5B



Something we found interesting is that paintings from the 1600-1700s had lots of cracks from the oil going dry.

We liked to see all of the different types of artwork.
Clodagh and Carter 5Y

One thing that impressed me today was the mosaic in the Great Hall. It used different shapes and colours to create pictures on the ceiling with the glass.

I learned that there are many different media used to create art.
Joshua M 5Y

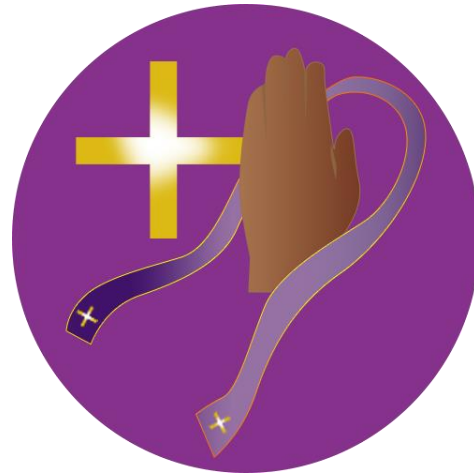
I learned about the different ways that artists represent halos in religious artwork.
Charlotte 5Y



YEAR 3 RECONCILIATION 2024

Heavenly Father,
By forgiving us today You show us how to forgive others.
You have filled our lives with Your love.
We pray that we may continue to grow into more loving
members of Your family.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen



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SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTION

Hope in a Suitcase

We are the Year 6 Mission Leaders and we want to tell you about our whole school social justice action: Hope in a Suitcase. Hope in a Suitcase is an organisation that helps kids who go into foster-care. They organise bags and suitcases to give to children who have been removed from their homes to keep them safe. Sometimes these kids leave all of their belongings behind. This organisation's aim is to give these kids a suitcase full of things to help them feel special, important and loved.

We would like our whole school to work together to gather important items to go into the hands that need them. We have been thinking about and connecting with children the same age as us: children in primary school.

Wouldn't it be great if we could collect BRAND NEW things to put in these suitcases for children aged 6 to 12 years old?

Our collection boxes will be placed in the Office foyer. You can bring your donations to the Office and pop them into the boxes. Let's work together this term to support this great organisation and children in need!

Final donations will be collected by Friday 14th June, the end of Week 9 this term.



**Donations for
6-12 year olds:**

- carry on size suitcases
- duffle / overnight bags
- pyjamas
- singlets
- underwear
- socks
- clothes
- toothbrush and toothpaste
- small toys and crafts
- hairbrush, headbands, scrunchies and hair clips
- books to read (fiction/non-fiction)
- colouring, drawing or activity books
- pencils and textas
- body wash/soap
- shampoo/conditioner
- cards and card games

Annual St Mary MacKillop PS

READ-O-RAMA

Flex your reading muscles!

Increase your reading strength.

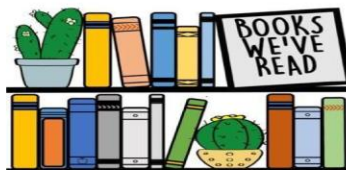
Build your reading powers!



Starting from Monday the 6th May 2024

Your challenge is to read as many books as you can until the end of term.

P-2s will track how many books they read
3-6s will track the number of pages they read



Students record their reading each day,

Teachers keep a tally of their students' reading for the week,

Year levels will keep a running, weekly total of BOOKS/PAGES READ
and **display** them in their areas.

At the end of term we will celebrate!

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School Attendance

I would like to reinforce the importance of students attending school and being present and ready to learn by 9.00am every day. Classes begin at 9.00am so we can maximise the learning time the students have at school.

When students arrive late, they miss the important whole class instruction period and are therefore missing key concepts, modelling and information that is vital to their learning.

Please note that if your child/ren are late (after 9.10am), they **must** come to the office to be signed in late. **Parents are not to accompany them straight to their classroom.**

I also understand that there are times when early departures cannot be avoided. In these cases, I would appreciate if you could pick your child/ren up at either 11.00am-start of lunch break, 11.45am-end of lunch break, 1.40pm-start of second break or 2.20pm-end of second break as picking up during class times disrupts the lesson and the other children in the class.

Due to the busy nature of the office and classroom in the afternoon, we cannot call children out of class between 3pm – 3.15pm (unless it is an emergency). Please try and collect your children in the hours listed above if they must leave early.

Thank you.

2024 Term Dates

Term 1: 31 January-28 March 2024

(Good Friday 29 March-Easter Monday 01 April)

Term 2: 15 April-28 June 2024

Term 3: 15 July-20 September

Term 4: 7 October-17 December

(Year 6 finish Friday 13 December)

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St Mary MacKillop's P.S.

Mothers Day Breakfast Fundraiser

~Friday the 10th of May 2024~

Adults Serve \$12.00

Child's Serve \$10.00



Two Belgian waffles served with homemade berry compote and a scoop of vanilla ice cream.

One Belgian waffle served with homemade berry compote and a scoop of vanilla ice cream.

\$2 Dollars will be donated to the school from each order

Order on QKr! By Wednesday the 8th of May 2024



Catholic Regional College
Sydenham

2024 COLLEGE TOURS WITH THE PRINCIPAL



COLLEGE TOUR DATES

- Tuesday 19 March - 11:00am
- Thursday 16 May - 9:30am
- Thursday 13 June - 4:00pm
- Tuesday 15 October - 11:00am

To register for a College Tour,
scan the QR Code below.



Or visit our website:
crcc.vic.edu.au
and navigate to

'Join our Community' and
'College Tours / Events'

*Every Student
Every Pathway*



PLAY



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KEILOR AUSKICK CENTRE

Keilor Football Club, Old Calder Hwy
Service Rd, Keilor

Friday's 5:00pm - 6:00pm



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Upcoming Events 2024

Term 2: 15 April-28 June 2024

Thursday 2 May

Year 3 Reconciliation @ 12pm

Thursday 9 May and Friday 10 May

Mother's Day Stall

Friday 10 May

Mother's Day Breakfast 8am - 9am-See flyer

Wednesday 15 May

School Closure Day - Classroom Management for Teachers

Monday 20 May and Friday 24 May

Teeth on Wheels

Monday 27 May

Communion Family Faith Night @ 7pm

Saturday 15 June

Year 3 Communion @10.30am and 12.30pm

Friday 28 June

Last day of Term 2

Students finish @ 1.00pm