

# ST. MARY MACKILLOP PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## *Staying Connected No. 10, 26th July 2024*

Dear Community,

Term 3 has certainly started with a sense of excitement and renewal. We have much to be grateful for and much to celebrate this term. As a school community, we look forward to our Book Fair commencing next week in the MPR. The children will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair and make a wish list of books they would like to purchase throughout the Book Fair.

A number of children in Years 5 and 6 have been working along with Mrs Kandzidis in preparation for their Wakakiri performance. This is a Performing Arts Showcase for primary aged students which will be held at the Moonee Ponds Clock Tower on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July. We wish all the students and staff that are preparing for the Wakakiri performance all the best and I know they will have a great time and do us proud.

Next week on Tuesday and Thursday we will be holding our online Parent, Teacher, Student Conversations. This will be an opportunity for you and your child to meet with the teacher to celebrate your child's successes at school and to discuss your child's learning. On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July the children will be finishing school at 12pm and on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August they will finish at the normal time.

St. Mary MacKillop Primary School is committed to child safety. We believe all students deserve, as a fundamental right, safety and protection from all forms of abuse and neglect.

If you have not yet booked your appointment please refer to the email sent out earlier this week or contact the school to book in your appointment.

As we reflected at assembly on Monday about Jesus' Grandparents Anne and Joachim we stop and think about our own Grandparents and how they often play a crucial role in shaping our values, beliefs, and sense of identity. They pass down wisdom, traditions, and a sense of continuity that connects us to our roots. Just as Anne and Joachim's faith influenced Mary and ultimately Jesus, our grandparents' guidance and love can profoundly shape our lives.

And finally, this week I heard a heart warming story from a member of the local community. Late last term a member of the community was walking along Sunshine Ave, where she tripped and fell. A number of our wonderful parents stopped and helped her up and made sure she was ok. This is a true testament to the wonderful, caring community we have here at St Mary MacKillop.

Have a great weekend everyone.

**Anthony D'Amico**  
**Principal**

As Mary MacKillop said in 1899,  
"May God bless you all, with all the love in  
my heart I pray that God may do this."

## REMINDERS

- The basketball court is used as a carpark in the morning and afternoon. The safety of our children is of utmost importance and therefore I ask that you take extra care when driving in the carpark areas. The speed limit is **5km per hour** and there is to be no double parking at all. Please only park in the designated parking spots and do not park on the artificial turf or in pedestrian walk ways.

Thank you for taking the safety of our children seriously.



- From time to time our children forget to bring their lunch to school or a lunch order is ordered for the wrong day and we ask parents to bring in the missing lunch. In order to continue with our healthy eating expectations we ask that parents **do not bring in take away food** such as McDonalds, KFC etc. If you do need to purchase lunch for your child we ask that you purchase things such as sushi, sandwiches or wraps.
- 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.
- St Mary MacKillop is a 'Smoke Free Zone' and smoking on the school grounds is not permitted. According to the law, 'The Tobacco Act 1987 bans smoking or vaping on school premises or within 4 metres of any pedestrian access point to school premises.'  
**Please do not smoke or vape on the school grounds.**

- 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 school website.
- 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.

# PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS



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Each year since 1945 the CBCA has brought children and books together across Australia through CBCA Book Week. During this time schools and public libraries spend one glorious week celebrating books and Australian children's authors and illustrators.

*Our aim at SMMPS is to grow a love of reading in all children.*

*We want them to see reading as a pleasure and a skill that helps them unlock many aspects of life.*

*We see the growth of book love as a responsibility of the whole school community. Beyond the classroom children need to experience the closeness of sharing reading with their family and discussing their enjoyment, wonderings, and opinions with others.*

*During this reading journey, a way of moving forward could be for parents to discuss with their children memories of their own favourite books, characters and authors.*

At SMMPS we are planning to celebrate Book Week by having some fun asking students to dress up as a book character. **There is no pressure for families to purchase costumes.** (Time to get creative!!!!) We will be celebrating this special day on **Monday 19th August 2024**. The parade will begin at 9.10am-10.00am in the hall. **Parents are welcome to attend.** Additionally we have some Australian authors visiting, giving talks to the classes and we will be exploring and studying the various Shortlisted books.

## 2024 -READORAMA RESULTS

Congratulations and thank you to students and teachers who supported and read so much to build stamina for reading across the school!

The classes who read the most across the school were:

**Prep Yellow, Year 1 Red, Year 2 Yellow, Year 3 Yellow, Year 4 Blue, Year 5 Blue and Year 6 Yellow**

Jenny Melki  
Literacy Leader





# MOVING STORE

ACADEMY UNIFORMS WILL BE STOCKING  
**ST. MARY MACKILLOP PRIMARY SCHOOL, KEILOR DOWNS**  
AT THE NEW AND IMPROVED UNIFORM GROUP STORE

# DEER PARK

FIRST DAY OF TRADE **TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OF JUNE**

LAST DAY OF TRADE AT ACADEMY DEER PARK STORE **FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> OF MAY**

**STORE ADDRESS:**

UNIT 2, 51-53 WESTWOOD DRIVE,  
RAVENHALL VIC 3023  
(03) 9768 0342

**TRADING HOURS:**

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9AM - 5PM  
SATURDAY 10AM - 1PM  
SUNDAY CLOSED



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## Saint Mary Mackillop Primary School Winter Uniform

In Terms 2 & 3 students are required to wear their Winter Uniform.  
The photos below show what all students should be wearing.



\*Hair ties, small bows or headbands need to be pale blue, royal blue, navy blue or white.

**Uniform items can be purchased in the following ways:**

- **In Store at: Academy Uniforms, Deer Park. Monday to Friday:** 9am - 5pm Saturday: 9am - 12 noon. 10/85 Mt Derrimut Road, Deer Park. Phone (03) 8385 9111
- **On-line:** at [www.academyuniforms.com.au](http://www.academyuniforms.com.au) for home delivery or a free weekly delivery to school.



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## 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:  
[crccs.vic.edu.au](https://crccs.vic.edu.au)  
and navigate to  
'Join our Community' and  
'College Tours / Events'

*Every Student  
Every Pathway*

## 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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## Term 3 College Tours

Bring your child to a College Tour and:

- Meet the College Principal
- Visit Classes in Action
- Chat to Enrolment Staff
- Engage with Student Ambassadors
- Share Morning Tea

### Upcoming Tour Dates

Thursday 18 July

Tuesday 23 July

Friday 2 August

Tours commence at 9.15am sharp and run for approximately 90 minutes.

Online bookings are essential. Visit [crcnk.com.au/enrolment/college-tour](https://www.crcnk.com.au/enrolment/college-tour)



## YEAR 7 2026 APPLY NOW

**VISIT THE WEBSITE TO COMPLETE AN ONLINE APPLICATION  
FOR ENROLMENT FORM**

### KEY DATES:

**FRIDAY 16 AUGUST 2024 - APPLICATIONS CLOSE**

**Friday 18 October 2024 - offers of enrolment sent to families**

**Friday 8 November 2024 - final date to accept offer**

<https://www.crcnk.com.au/enrolment/year-7-2026>





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# EXPERIENCE CRC NORTH KEILOR

## GRADE 5 IMMERSION PROGRAM

CRCNK are running a Grade 5 Immersion Program throughout Terms 1-3. Students engage directly with our inspiring staff and our Year 10 student leaders for an exciting & fun hands-on Immersion program.

From interactive projects to collaborative activities, this unique experience provides Grade 5 students with an opportunity to explore high school subjects in a safe and supportive environment and gain invaluable insight into what student life is like at CRCNK.

- Sessions run from 3:45pm - 5pm
- Students are required to attend in their school uniform
- A parent/carer is required to attend for the duration of each session and are invited to attend presentations by members of our Leadership Team.

Each program will run on a Thursday after school for 3 consecutive weeks. The dates for the Term 3 programs are as follows -

**Term 3:** Thursday 18 July, 25 July & 1 August  
**OR**  
Thursday 15 August, Thursday 22 August & Thursday 29 August

**Students will be required to attend all 3 sessions in one program.** Places are limited so register online via our College website using the link below. **Registration will open on Monday 27 May at 9 am.**

 [crcnk.com.au/enrolment/year-7-2026](http://crcnk.com.au/enrolment/year-7-2026)



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## Upcoming Events 2024

**Term 3: 15 July-20 September**

**Monday 29 July to Friday 2 August**

Book Fair

Prep 2025 Existing Family Meetings

**Tuesday 30 July and Thursday 1 August**

Parent Teacher Conversations-refer email sent earlier in the week

Students finish at 12.00pm on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>

Normal school day Thursday 1 August

**Thursday 8 August**

St Mary MacKillop Feast Day

**Friday 9 August**

Casual clothes day-Olympic Colours-more details soon

Canteen special-see flyer

(Queen Baker Catering-QKR App)

**Thursday 15 August**

Feast of the Assumption

## Upcoming Events 2024 Continued.....

**Monday 19 August**

Book Parade-details soon

**Tuesday 3 September**

School Closure Day-details soon

**Friday 20 September**

Last day of Term 3

Students finish @ 1.00pm