

## Saint Mary MacKillop College

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*"Listen to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They will be a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck."*

-Proverbs 1:8-9

**Week 1, Term 3**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2019**

Dear Members of our Community of Faith,

Welcome back to the start of Term 3. We hope all families had a wonderful three week break.

Congratulations to the Clark and Firmager families on the arrival of Benjamin Clark and Noelle Firmager. Wishing them all the best for the future.

We ask that you may keep Miss Tania Maclean in your prayers after the loss of her father this week. The Blood and Price families are also in our prayers, after the loss of Anne Price over the holidays.

We welcome back Mr Kevin Tingle, who will be teaching in the 3/4 classroom on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Mr Paul Griffin will have them on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

We would like to thank Mr Andrew Flores for all the hard work and dedication to the school over the past four and a half years, we wish him all the best.

Welcome to Mrs Rebecca Scriven who is also joining our Administration team.

### Parent/Teacher Interviews

A Note regarding Parent teacher interviews was handed out on Tuesday. On **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July** between **3.30-6.00pm** we will hold our Primary Interviews. Those with children in Years 3/4 will also have the opportunity on **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July** between **3.30-5.00pm**. Confirmation on your times will be decided by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July.

High School interviews will be held on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July between 5.00-7.00pm. High School children will need to take their interview sheet around to their teachers to book in a time.

No Kinder Interviews at this time due to the absence of Miss Maclean. The interviews will be rescheduled at a later date.

### SMMC Feast Day

On the **8<sup>th</sup> August** we celebrate SMMC Feast Day. We will be having a mass at **12.15pm**. Students will be allowed to dress up in multicultural dress. Cupcakes will be available for **\$1** at Recess. At Lunch time there will be Paella for **\$2.50**. Please find attached a flyer with information about our St Mary MacKillop Feast Day Competition. There will be Adoration after 12.15 Mass on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August and continue until 10pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to pray for the needs of our school. The roster will be available from next Monday in the Church foyer.

### Enrolments for 2020

We are now starting to take enrolments for next year. Please contact the school to organise an interview and tour.

### Working Bee

The working Bee organised for Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July has been cancelled, it will now be held on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**. A lunch will be provided. Any help is much appreciated.

### Lids4Kids

Our school is going to be a part of the Lids4Kids. If you have any plastic lids from your milk, water, juice and soft drink bottles, make sure they are clean and bring them into school and place them into the red bin located in the office. These lids will then be sent away and converted into prosthetic hands for kids. For more information go to: <https://envision.org.au/envision-hands/>

### Gala Dinner

Our annual Gala Dinner is coming up on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August**. Thank you to all who have made generous donations of goods and services to be auctioned on the night. Any other contributions can be sent along to the school office. Letters to businesses can be collected from the school office.

Please book tickets as soon as possible at [www.trybooking.com/522856](http://www.trybooking.com/522856)

\$60 each or \$55 for table of 10. \$45 for students aged 16+  
See attached flyer for more information.

### Absences

Just a reminder to write or email the school if any of your children are away for any reason. We are also asking that any absence notes that were handed out before the holidays to please return these to the school office.

### Chosen Rally – Albury

The next chosen rally is on **9<sup>th</sup> August** at St. Patricks Parish Hall in Albury, from **6.00-9.00pm**. This event is free. For more information contact Christopher Gilroy Ph. 0429344123 or [youth.murray@wagga.catholic.org.au](mailto:youth.murray@wagga.catholic.org.au). See attached flyer

### ICAS

At the end of Term 2 ICAS notes were handed out. Please return these as soon as you can. The office has plenty of spare notes if needed.

### Upcoming Events

Coming up in Week 5 we have Book Week. The theme this year is *"Reading is my Secret Power"* there will be a dress up day on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**. Also in week 5 we have our Year 12 class sitting their Trail Exams.

Our yr 9-12 Students will be heading off to the snow on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August**. A note will go out shortly with more information.

Our Father and Son camp is on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**. More information will be confirmed at a later date.

## 2019 Dates for your diary...

### Term 3 – Tuesday 23rd July – Friday 27th September (10 Weeks)

- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August – RAS Athletics
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August – SMMC Feast Day
- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August – Gala Dinner
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August – The Assumption
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August – Year 12 Trail Exams
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August - Book Week
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August - Book Week Dress up day.
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August - P&F meeting 7.00pm
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August – Yr 9-12 Snow Trip
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – ICAS, Digital Technologies
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – MacKillop Cup
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September – ICAS - Science
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September – ICAS - Writing
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September – ICAS – Spelling
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Year 11 Exams
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September – ICAS - English
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September – ICAS - Mathematics
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Father and Son Camp
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Last Day of Term 3

### Term 4 – Monday 14th October – Thursday 5th December (8 Weeks)

- Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October – School Fete
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November – All Saints day
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Primary Intensive Swimming

## Curriculum Corner – Mr Paul Elias

In year 11 Biology we have been learning about how the Earth has changed over time and what effect this has had on past ecosystems. The students created a linear timeline (about 50m long) to illustrate the most significant developments in the Earth's history.

In year 11 Chemistry students have been designing their own experiment to investigate what factors impact the rate of chemical reactions. Students will be presenting their findings by writing a formal scientific report.





## LIVING OUT THE FAITH IN FAMILY LIFE

“The family that prays together stays together”. I think it also true that the family that eats together stays together. Family meals are a quiet (or not so quiet) joy amidst the 'busy-ness' of family life. It is a time to nourish your children physically with food and also spiritually with a loving family life. It is a time that begins with grace before meals and a sharing of what everyone has been doing during the day. Even if Dad is away a lot, don't give up on this precious tradition. “Perhaps it's in the genes, or perhaps it is that kitchen table. That magical simple place where I learned responsibility and felt love and security.” (Marianne Jennings, Professor of Legal Studies, Arizona University). Parents can cultivate pleasant conversation with topics such as: “What was the best thing that happened today?” The children then take turns providing their answers. Stories of family history, about persevering through difficulties like the Wars or the Depression fascinate children. Family meal times are food for the soul for children.

Children learn about life at the dinner table. They learn to be polite and well mannered, serving one another, passing the salt and pepper etc. Some children might seem to be forever in trouble at the table, but eventually they do learn. We try to minimise discipline (sending a hungry but disobedient child away from the table for one minute seems to work well). Children learn at the table to listen to what other people have to say. They learn at the table that when Mum and Dad are speaking they have to listen without interrupting. One little boy I know, after hearing his parents share some of their concerns about an electricity bill which had arrived, gave them the contents of his piggy bank. Having all the kids together is a great time to teach them. Some families use this as an opportunity to read and examine a small section of the Bible together or some other family enriching study. We recently went through a book on manners. The kids all made a joke about it and thought it was hilarious but I know they still learnt a lot. Many of life's lessons are learnt at the family table.

Put the time in now to create lasting memories for your children of sharing joy in family togetherness. “We all have to eat. The way to the heart, mind and soul is often through the stomach. It takes careful thought and determination, but it is possible to organise meaningful mealtimes without television and without gulping something down on the run. It doesn't have to take forever, either, particularly if everyone does some part of the preparation and cleanup.” - S Corvey- *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective families*

### VIRTUE FOR THE MONTH OF JULY – FORTITUDE

“Fortitude creates winners and champions that aren't always perfect but perfectly persistent”

— Allene Vanoirschot