

St Mary MacKillop

GENEROSITY: "TRY ALWAYS TO BE GENEROUS:" (1882)

NEWS

Vision

As partners in Catholic education and open to God's presence, we pursue fullness of life for all.

Mission

At St Mary MacKillop College we are people who affirm the dignity of every person, who act with respect and compassion, who reverence relationships, who have hearts for generosity and forgiveness.

We celebrate our Catholic identity.

We respect the unique dignity, faith and gifts of each person.

We value learning, aspiration and connectedness and we work together to create a positive future.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

This time of year is always a happy and sad time as we see the end of Year 12 classes. This year I am finding it particularly difficult as I will see the last days of school for my own daughter. What a journey it has been. I am immensely proud of her, as I am of all of the Year 12 students. I hope that all Year 12 students enjoy their last days of school and then that VCE students settle into study and exam preparation. Our VCAL students are finishing courses too and hopefully either moving straight into work or having a rest before apprenticeships start in the new year.

We have also been quite busy working on the staffing of the school for 2020. Sadly, we will say goodbye to Mr Nick Danaher and Ms Roisin Sheedy, as they move on to new adventures in 2020. Mr Danaher has secured a teaching appointment at MacKillop Regional College, Werribee. It is wonderful that Mr Danaher will continue to work within a Josephite school, and we wish him and Ms Sheedy all the best. We also wish them well on their upcoming wedding.

We have also had some new appointments within the Leadership structure of the school. Mrs Mandy McCallum will take on the role of Director of Wellbeing in 2020 and Mrs Sally Looney will be the Pathways Coordinator. Mrs Looney has been the Director of Teaching and Learning for 6 years and we thank her for the wonderful work that she has done in this role.

Moving into 2020 we have created a new Teaching and Learning position: Deputy Principal Teaching and Learning. I am happy to announce that Mr Nathan Lane has been appointed to this position from 2020. Mr Lane is currently the Director of Pedagogy and Innovation at Presentation College Windsor and teaches methods of History, Geography and Japanese.

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ABSENCE NOTIFICATION

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FUTURE EVENTS

OCTOBER

Sat 19 th	Youth Mass
Mon 21 st	Year 12 House Farewells
Tues 22 nd	Year 12 Final Day End of Year Mass Year 12 Parent, Student, Staff Luncheon Year 12 Final Assembly
Wed 30 th	Year 12 Exams Begin VCE English Exam

NOVEMBER

Mon 4 th	Student Free Day Staff Wellbeing PD
Tues 5 th	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Fri 8 th	Year 11 Final Day
Mon 11 th – Thurs 14 th	Year 11 Exam Week



We have also made a second appointment for 2020, employing Mr Gibson Jim into the Maths and Science domains. Mr Jim teaches Physics, Chemistry, Science and Mathematics. Mr Jim has taught for 6 years at Macleans College in New Zealand before moving to Australia this year.

Due to a number of teachers on parental leave in 2020 we are also seeking to employ further staff to cover a number of subject areas. More interviews will be held this week; however, we are on the search again for a Mathematics teacher. If you know of anyone trained to teach in other methods that might consider re-training in Maths, please ask them to make contact with me to find out more.

I will provide more information in a future newsletter in regard to other appointments and leadership roles for 2020.

Spring can be quite a difficult season, with constant changes in weather and a lot of pollen in the air. I hope that you are enjoying the beautiful days and the rain (when we get it).

Michelle Haeusler
Principal

FAITH MATTERS

How quickly is this year going? Next week will be our final liturgical celebration as a whole school community. The End of Year Mass is on Tuesday 22nd October at 12:15pm in the church. This liturgy is particularly special as we farewell our current Year 12 students. I often find this an emotional time as I reflect on these young people about to embark on the next chapter in their lives. Last year I was not only a staff member to our Year 12 group but a parent of one as well. For so many years I have said farewell to so many students, but the feeling of your own child finishing thirteen years of school is something very different.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all our current Year 12 students as they prepare for their important final exams. We must also remember Year 11 students who will be completing these exams as well.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my two Liturgy committee captains – Sienna Haeusler and Emma Hoare. These young ladies have led this committee with a great degree of enthusiasm and willingness to be a part of and help with all our liturgical celebrations and prayer throughout this year. Often they have organized things without direction from me! I sincerely thank them for their contributions to the faith life of our school.

A prayer of thanks
Loving God,
We turn our hearts to you, giving thanks, mindful of your many gifts.
For each one, we are grateful.
For each one, we are blessed.
For each one we are opened to the abundance of your love.
May this day, and every day, offer a reminder to be generous with others, as you are with us.
We praise you.
We rejoice in you.
We give you thanks. Amen.

Jesus, light of the world guide us.
St. Joseph, journey with us.
St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.

Alison Wright
Director of Mission

TEACHING & LEARNING

VCE Examinations

All Year 12 VCE classes have now completed their coursework and are focussed on exam preparation with less than two weeks until the Unit 3/4 external examinations commence on Wednesday 30th October.

Full details of examination timetables, rules and the VCE Navigator are available on the VCAA website:

<http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/vce/exams/index.aspx>

Year 12 Students completing VCAL or VET Subjects

Students studying VET subjects and/or the VCAL pathway will also need to ensure all outcomes have been successfully completed by the last day of Year 12 classes on 22nd October 2019. Students who have not completed the required work may be requested to continue attending school through the Year 12 VCE examination period.

Senior Student Transition Interviews for students entering Year 12 in 2020

These interviews involving parents, students and staff from the St Mary MacKillop College Pathways Team will be held throughout Week 6, 11th – 15th November. This is also the Year 11 exam week so appointments need to be planned around times students do not have a scheduled exam. Bookings will be made online using the Parent Access Module (PAM) and full details will be available in the next newsletter.

Senior Student Transition Interviews for students entering Year 11 in 2020

These interviews will be held throughout Week 7, 18th – 22nd November.

Applications to accelerate into VCE subjects

Students who have applied for acceleration into VCE subjects will be advised of the outcome of their application next week. Please contact the Pathways team if you need to reconsider your initial subject selections if your application to accelerate was not accepted.

All Year 10 students who have been accepted into a VCE subject will also be required to attend Year 11 subject counselling interviews in Week 7.

Year 12 Orientation 19th – 22nd November 2019

Students completing Year 12 subjects in 2020 are required to complete an orientation program to ensure they make the best start possible to their final year of secondary schooling. Students completing Year 12 VCAL program will only be required on Tuesday 19th November, whereas students completing a VCE Pathway will be required for all four days. **Year 11 students that have accelerated their studies and are completing a Year 12 subject should also attend their classes as well as the Year 12 Organisation session, Lesson 1 Tuesday 19th November.** Students will be set essential holiday homework and introduced to key concepts specific for each of their selected subjects. **Attendance is compulsory.**

Please contact the Senior School Coordinator, Suzy Haley if you have any questions.

BETTY CURRIE SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications close Friday 25th October 2019

Betty Currie Scholarships for the 2020 school year are now open.
Families experiencing financial hardships are encouraged to apply.

Please note that financial information must be supplied. All applications are confidential.

Application forms are available from Front Office or on the school website

[https://smmc.vic.edu.au/our-community/scholarship/fee assistance](https://smmc.vic.edu.au/our-community/scholarship/fee%20assistance)

2019 Year 11 VCE SEMESTER 2 EXAMS

Please be advised that Year 11 exams will run from Monday 11th November to Thursday 14th November. All Year 11 VCE exams are conducted in the Jubilee Centre. Students must wear their correct school uniform to each exam.

Students are not required to be at school during the exam period unless they have an exam. If they need to remain on the college grounds students must be in the Library. Students in Year 11 VCAL classes should ensure all required outcomes have been completed by the due dates set by their teacher.

Any students with an exam clash must email Mrs Looney to make alternative arrangements.
Year 11 students completing a Unit 4 Exam must attend the VCE Unit 4 examinations as a priority.

Please advise Mrs Looney should you have any questions or concerns.

Subject Selection Counselling Interviews for all students entering Year 12 in 2020

Interviews involving parents, students and staff from the St Mary MacKillop College Pathways Team will be held throughout the Year 11 Examination week. Please book your interview time through the Parent Access Module.

	Monday 11th November	Tuesday 12th November	Wednesday 13th November	Thursday 14th November
9:00am to 10:45 am (English and Literature finish at 11am)	English Literature	Psychology	General Maths Maths Methods	Chemistry Legal Visual Communication and Design
BREAK				
1:30pm to 3:15pm	Biology Business Management	Accounting	Physical Education	Studio Art VET Sport and Rec

PATHWAYS/CAREERS

As we prepare to farewell our current Year 12 students, we wish them all the very best for their next adventure. They have been a wonderful group of students who have been very proactive in gathering information, asking questions, being job ready, attending Open Days and the like to make sure they are really well prepared for life after school. We feel blessed to have played a small part of their journey – from their early days in Year 9 Pathways to now.

“Don’t just fly, soar”

Year 12 Tertiary Scholarship

Every year the Tresco Masonic Lodge offer scholarships to local students who intend to study at University. In 2020, this Scholarship is worth \$3,000. Applications must be received by December 24th and more information is available from the Pathways Office or the Year 12 Study Centre.

Chances for Children

Chances for Children Tertiary Scholarships are granted to young people who are wanting to complete an Undergraduate Degree at University, or a Certificate, Diploma or Advanced Diploma at TAFE.



chances for children

Apprenticeship costs such as supplies and equipment, and trade school travelling expenses can also be covered by this scholarship. The next funding round closing date is Monday, October 21st. Applications for 2020 can be submitted after this date but outcomes won't be decided until February/March next year. Contact Kim Lavery on 5021 7488 for more information.

CASPer Test for Teaching Courses

Year 12 students have been reminded that one of the Education course prerequisites is to sit the CASPer Test. The next two dates are November 17th at 11.00am and December 10th at 8.00pm. You must complete this test to be eligible for Round 1 offers.

Passionate About Filmmaking?



Australia's largest accredited short film festival is now accepting entries from around Australia for the FlickerUp competition. This is a national short film competition open to filmmakers under 18 years of age.

For more information go to <http://flickerfest.com.au>

Applications close Saturday 9th November.

Free TAFE for Priority Courses in Victoria

If you live or work in Victoria, you may be eligible for a fully subsidised course at a Victorian TAFE Institute next year. There are eligible courses in Health and Community Services, Agriculture/Horticulture, Construction and Infrastructure, Hospitality, Tourism, Business and IT. There are also a number of Apprenticeship Pathway Courses at Certificate II level. To check your eligibility and to search for TAFE courses and providers, go to <https://www.vic.gov.au/free-tafe>

Full Time Employment Opportunity

Little Swans Early Learning Centre is offering a 12 month traineeship to a student who is genuinely interested in working with young children. This would be an ideal opportunity for any Year 12 student seeking employment or looking to take a gap year. The position will commence in December 2019.

For further information contact Rob or email your resume to enquiries@littleswans.com.au

And for those students who are considering part-time employment, this time of year is when many employers such as Target, Coles, Woolworths, Bunnings, as well as other local retailers could be looking for an extra pair of hands to help with the upcoming Christmas rush. If you need a hand with your resume or application in any way, please see one of us in the Pathways Office.

Laura Crow and Brenda Brady

Pathways Team

HEALTH & PE WEEK

Monday:

Year 7 Netball in the JC, Volleyball on South Grass area and a Sports movie in S1.



HPE Week Facts

The most points in a single NBA game is held by Wilt Chamberlain with 100 points against the New York Knicks in 1962!

Tuesday:

Year 7 & 8 Dodgeball in the JC, Footy Kicking Comp on South Grass area and a Sports movie in S1.



Wednesday:

Staff V Student Basketball Match. Congratulations to the students on winning this match.

HPE Week Facts

The Marathon World record was broken in September this year. Eliud Kipchoge from Kenya completed the Berlin Marathon (42.195km) in 2:01:39, breaking the previous record by over 1 minute. His average speed, 20.81km/h or 2.53 minutes per kilometre, is faster than the top speed of a treadmill!

Thursday:

Hickmott Ball in the JC and a 3-point Basketball Comp on the South Grass area.



Friday:

Xavier Car Rally and Casual Dress Day

HEALTH & PE WEEK

HPE Week Facts

Did you know that 2.6% of the total disease burden in Australia is due to physical inactivity? This is preventable. If all Australians did an extra 15 minutes of brisk walking for at least five days each week, this would reduce disease burden due to physical inactivity in the population by approximately 13%.

By increasing this to 30 minutes, the burden of disease attributed to physical inactivity could be reduced by 26%.



HPE Week Facts

Live Pigeon Shooting was an Olympic Sport at the 1900 Olympic Games in Paris.

Donald Mackintosh from Australia and Léon de Lunden from Belgium won the 2 gold medals on offer at each competition. Throughout both competitions over 400 Pigeons were killed.



HPE Week Facts

The longest ever recorded time for a marathon is 54 years, 8 months, 6 days, 5 hours, 32 minutes and 20.3 seconds. Shizo Kanakuri was competing in the 1912 Stockholm Olympics when he stopped at a house to request water. Shizo felt ill and was cared for by the farming family, but ended up taking a nap and didn't wake up until the next morning. Ashamed by his actions, he eventually returned to Japan without notifying officials. He was marked as a missing person by the Swedish authorities for 50 years.



SWAN HILL - YAMAGATA STUDENT EXCHANGE 2020



The 2020 Yamagata Exchange Students and Committee would like to express their gratitude to the following businesses, who have very kindly made a donation in goods, cash, or vouchers, in support of the Swan Hill - Yamagata Student Exchange Program.



Doey's Meats	19 Brown Street
Fashion Affair	220-222 Campbell Street
Frankie and Co Clothing	244 Campbell Street
Jilarty Gelato Bar & Café	233 Campbell Street
Swan Hill Off Road	1 Nyah Rd
K2 Hair Studio	36 McCallum Street
Swan Hill Stockfeeds	150 Karinie Street

Supporting these businesses is a great way to thank them!

SPORTING SCHOOLS GRANT

We were lucky enough to successfully receive funding from Sporting Schools to promote sport and physical activity in our school.

With the funds obtained we purchased outdoor volleyball stands and nets which have already been erected on the South Grass area of the school for use during class, recess and lunchtime. Already we have seen some students enjoying the use of these during their recess and lunchtimes which has been fantastic.

We are also in the process of purchasing new soccer goals that can be used outside during recess and lunchtimes. So keep your eye out for this coming up. And what a perfect time to be outside and physically active with the great weather that we have had this week during our St Mary MacKillop College Health & PE Week!

Chelsea Watson
Health & PE Curriculum Leader



eat. move. smile.

fruit & veg more often together

Think about these three words to help your child (and yourself) be their most healthy and happy

Eat more fruit and veggies

Move more often

Smile with friends, family and neighbours.

Getting good nutrition, good levels of physical activity and interacting with other kids and adults are important factors in the growth, learning and health of children.

Week 1

7th – 11th October

smile.
together

Mental Health Week

Mental Health Week 2019 will run from Sunday 6th to Saturday 12th October and aims to activate, educate, and engage Victorians about mental health & wellbeing.

The five ways to wellbeing provides a guide showing steps we can take to increase our overall health and happiness and promote mental wellbeing.

- **Connect** with those around you
- **Be active** and move your body
- **Take notice** of the small things
- **Keep learning** and challenging your mind
- **Give** and help others

Think of ways you can include the five ways to wellbeing in your day.

Week 2

14th – 18th October

eat.
fruit & veg

National Nutrition Week “Try for 5” campaign

National Nutrition Week 2019 is running from Sunday 13th to Saturday 19th October, this year the focus is the “try for 5” campaign, encouraging people to incorporate more vegetables into their diet to meet the recommended intake guidelines.

Getting your kids to eat veggies can be difficult, but there are many different ways to hit 5 serves a day!

Head over to the Try for 5 website, <http://www.tryfor5.org.au>, for loads of tips for getting more veg into your children's diets – from hiding them in yummy sauces, to making them a fun, enjoyable snack – they've got it all!



ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL CENTENARY 1919-2019

St Mary's Primary School has reached its 100th Anniversary of Catholic Primary Education in Swan Hill.

To commemorate this huge milestone, we are excited to announce the publication of a new website containing photos, school registers, clips, past publications and information from both High St and Murlong St schools.

The website is a work in progress and will be updated as we receive more contributions to the history.

www.smswanhill100years.com

Further Celebrations for the Centenary will take place in November, there will be more information to follow at a later date.



If you have any photos, information, old stories or anecdotes from either schools could you please contact Susan Domaille at school (03)50332541 Email: sdomaille@smswanhill.catholic.edu.au





Centenary Celebration Events

<i>Friday November 8th</i>	<i>Sunday November 10th</i>	<i>Monday November 11th</i>
<p>Time capsule displayed at Assembly 12.30pm</p> <p>Family Fun Night at St Mary's Primary School 5.00pm-8.00pm</p> <p>Memorabilia Displays in the St Mary's Primary School Gym Foyer</p>	<p>Parish Centenary Mass celebrated by Fr. Matthew Thomas at St Mary's Church 10.30am</p> <p>St Mary's Primary School Tours 11.30am-2.30pm</p> <p>St Mary MacKillop College Tours 11.30am-2.30pm</p> <p>Refreshments at St Mary's Primary School from 11.30am</p> <p>Memorabilia Displays in the St Mary's Primary School Gym Foyer</p>	<p>School Mass and blessing of statue in the St Mary's Primary School Gym 9.15am</p> <p>Morning tea for guests, former students, staff and families 11am</p> <p>St Mary's Primary School Tours 11.30am-1.30pm</p> <p>St Mary MacKillop College Tours 11.30am-1pm</p> <p>Kaboom Old Fashioned Sports 11.30am-1.30pm</p> <p>Memorabilia Displays in the St Mary's Primary School Gym Foyer</p>

Code Club

11am-12pm Saturdays

All ages from 8 to 108 ;-)

It's free!

Parents welcome and encouraged!

CODE.
.THE
MALLEE.

Learn today the skills
for the jobs of tomorrow

Code the Mallee will run as a pilot
from 12 October to 14 December 2019.

Bring your laptop or tablet to Mallee
Rising, 137 Campbell Street, Swan Hill.

Please arrive 5 mins early.



Building Climate Resilience

#BCR19

For community members, small business, farmers and landholders

WHEN

Tuesday 29 October
8 AM - 5PM

Breakfast from 7:30 AM SHARP

WHERE

Birchip Public Hall
81 Cumming Ave
Birchip VIC 3483

This event is FREE, however online registration is essential!

<http://bit.ly/337oOLj>

Presenters include:

Keynote Speaker: Gabrielle Chan

Former political correspondent, writer for Guardian Australia and author of 'Rusted Off'

Keynote Speaker: Professor Mark Howden Director of the Australian National University Climate Change Institute

As well as afternoon streams focusing on Agriculture Diversification & Energy, Growers as Innovators, Small Business & Environment and Improving Connectivity & Community

Plus much more!

This is a carbon neutral event. Walk or ride to if you live locally or try to carpool if you're travelling from further afield.

MORE INFORMATION

Birchip Cropping Group Inc. (BCG)
73 Cumming Ave, Birchip VIC 3483
03 5492 2787 | info@bcg.org.au | www.bcg.org.au



This event was made possible through the Federal Government's 'Drought Communities Programme'



**FREE
EVENT!**

COME JOIN US AT THE INAUGURAL

2019 SWAN HILL EDIBLE GARDEN EXPO

TOWN HALL | OCT 25 | 10AM - 1PM

Interactive stalls, prizes & guest speakers sharing their
tips, tricks & practical skills for home gardening
including:

COMPOSTING | WICKING BEDS | FRUIT FLIES | WATER SAVING



FOOD FOR ALL
SWAN HILL REGION

DEBLU'S DEBUTANTE GOWN SHOWCASE

2nd & 3rd November 9:30am - 3:30pm



Bookings Essential
5480 7200 or on Facebook
211 Hare Street Echuca 3564

For every learner who has a driving lesson with
LEARNER AND BEYOND
during the September – October 2019 term break will have
\$10.00 donated back to the school



Book now to hold a lesson time

Call Amanda on
0407 025 266

