

St Mary's School Newsletter

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St Mary's Catholic School is a community that walks in the footsteps of Jesus and works in partnership with families in the Josephite tradition, to develop and educate the whole child.

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St Mary's School is committed to child safety and to the inclusion of all students.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



St Mary's acknowledges the Taungurung people, the traditional custodians of the land on which our school is situated. We commit to working in partnership with Aboriginal people for reconciliation and justice.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Live in charity and peace

20.8.1886

VALUES OF THE WEEK

Generosity in the service of others

This Wednesday we celebrate the feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. I was lucky enough to be in Rome on October 17th 2010 for Mary MacKillop's canonisation. It was a great honour to be there with other principals and RECs from our Josephite schools in Sandhurst. Each year we celebrate Mary of the Cross MacKillop's feast with staff and students from St Joseph's School Nagambie. This year it is our turn to travel to Nagambie.

Mary MacKillop was born in 1842 in Melbourne, Victoria. Her parents were born in Scotland and came to live in Australia. She had three sisters and four brothers. Mary cared people who had no-one to look after them such as boys and about the girls who just roamed the streets, children in the country who had no school to go to, people who were old and sick and people who had nowhere to live. Mary wanted more than anything to help these people.

Mary went to work as a teacher in a little country town in South Australia called Penola. There she met Father Julian Tension Woods who also wanted to do something for the poor children who could not afford to pay the money needed to go to school.

Together, in 1866, they began the first St Joseph's School in an old stable. Two of Mary's younger sisters also taught in the school and other young women came to help them.

On 19 March, 1866 – St Joseph's Day – Mary started to wear a simple black dress and began the Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph. Now as a Sister, she dedicated her life to doing God's work. As more and more young women joined Mary as

Sisters, they were able to start more schools. All children were welcome at their schools, even if they couldn't pay.

In Adelaide they opened a place for women who had nowhere to live, an orphanage for children who had no parents to look after them and a house where poor people could come and stay. The Sisters visited people who were in jail and those who were poor and sick.

Mary MacKillop was kind to all people, even if they didn't like her. She died on 8 August, 1909 in North Sydney. Mary helped many people during her lifetime and after she died the Sisters of St Joseph kept on doing the good work she had started. Mary MacKillop kept her faith in God and bravely challenged those who did not support her vision for a more caring world. Mary is an important Australian who spent her life helping people, especially children. She is Australia's first Saint, Canonised in Rome by Pope Benedict XVI on 17th October 2010.

FR JOSEPH

Fr Brian Boyle said the Masses at the weekend. I had an email from Fr Joseph yesterday to say that his visa is being assessed at the Federal Government office. He sends his regards to everyone and wishes everyone a happy Mary MacKillop feast day.

WORK EXPERIENCE

We welcome past students Heath Vale and Tara Pateman to St Mary's as part of their work experience. Heath is here this week and he is working in the F/1/2 classes. Tara will be here next week and she will work in the 3/4 and 5/6 classes. We hope they both enjoy their experience at St Mary's.

Cate Fraser
PRINCIPAL





Mondays Breakfast Club

Thursdays Bluearth

(Runners to be worn)

9 Aug Flying Bookworm @ Rushworth P/12
F/1/2 students only

15 Aug (Wed) Incursion
Pick a Peck of Pickled Poems @2:15pm

20 Aug (Mon) P & F Meeting
9:00am in the staff room

21 Aug (Tue) Nude Food Lunch Box Day

Board Meeting (w/- Ben Higgins)
7:00pm in the Staff room

22 Aug (Wed) Kyabram P/12, Yr 7 Transition Program
9:00 – 12:00pm (via bus)

23 Aug (Thu) PUPIL FREE DAY
PD Day for staff

24 Aug (Fri) Book Week Parade
More information to follow

28 Aug (Tue) Veolia Waste Pioneers Program, Echuca
Years 5/6 only

30 Aug (Thu) Father's Day Stall
Details to follow

31 Aug (Fri) Father's Day Breakfast
Save the date

Father's Day Stall
Details to follow

1 Sep (Sat) P&F Cake Stall
Details to follow

4 Sep (Tue) Sandhurst Arts on Show
Years 3/4/5 & 6 only (more info TBA)

5 Sep (Wed) Pastoral Wellbeing Review
Rushworth P/12, Yr 7 Transition Program
9:00 – 12:30pm

10 - 14 Sep Aquamoves, Shepparton (Swim lessons)
(Mon - Fri) Students will travel by bus

21 Sep (Fri) Last Day of Term 3
Students dismissed at 2:20pm

31 Oct (Wed) School Disco (school hall)
4.30 - 6.00pm

23 Nov (Fri) School Fete
Save the date

FOOTY TIPPING 2018

Don't forget to pick up your footy tipping sheets from the school office, Perrys Meats, Colbinabbin General Store, Stanhope Post Office or Rushworth IGA.



SCHOOL FEES

School fee accounts were sent out to families last week. School fee relief is available to assist families to pay fees. Families requiring assistance should make an appointment to see Mrs Fraser to discuss this further.

School fees can be paid in instalments or via Centrepay.

CENTREPAY

Centrepay is a method of paying your school fees/levies if you receive Centrelink benefits. This is a regular deduction which comes out of your Centrelink payment and goes directly to the school. This is a free service to families and there is a small administration fee which is met by the school. You can register online through your Centrelink "myGov" account.

MATHEMATICS NEWS

Could Foundation, One and Two students please bring a Teddy Bear for their mathematics lesson on Monday August 13. Any size Teddy Bear is fine but no other toys please.
Many Thanks Sue Deane

LONG SERVICE

Mrs Ryan is on long service leave for the next two weeks. Mrs Chris Fredricksen will take Italian and support groups.

Mrs Deane will take Long service leave on Monday August 20 for two weeks. Mrs Fredricksen will take Maths and Science.

VISITORS

Wednesday August 15th Lee Pethybridge –(RE planning)

Sherryn Long-(speech)

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Thursday Aug 9 & Friday Aug 10 – Grad Conference
Pt 2 Mrs Parry (Miss Bannon F/1/2 TP)

Thursday Aug 16 & Friday Aug 17 – RE Accreditation
–Mrs Jamieson – (Miss Bannon F/1/2KJ)

Monday Aug 20 Languages PL –Mrs Ryan & Mrs Fredricksen

LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

Thank you to the parents who made themselves available to meet with their child/ren's class teacher recently. The teachers found that it was a valuable time to reflect on the year so far and to set goals for the remainder of the school year. If you were unable to attend the learning conversations and would still like to meet with your child's teacher please see them to make a suitable time.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY LEADERSHIP TEAM FEAST OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MCKILLOP WEDNESDAY, 8 AUGUST

Thank you to all the families who have been able to return the permission slip for our excursion to Nagambie. There will be a Sausage Sizzle for lunch, however, if your child does not like sausages they will need to bring lunch on the day.

Our school is a Josephite school and we are still deeply connected to spirit of St Mary of the Cross. One of our Graduate Outcomes is be inspired by Mary Mackillop and we strive to follow in Mary's footsteps and live out the Josephite charism. We are very fortunate to be visiting our neighbouring Josephite school, St Joseph's School Nagambie, to celebrate this very special day.
We continue Mary's story...

Mary's work along side the sisters flourished. The Australian order was very suitable for the Australian colonies. Two or three sisters would go out to live with the community they worked in. They were welcomed wherever they went.

The sisters begged in the street to help support themselves and their work. This practice was seen, by some, as not being appropriate for the religious.

During this time there was also a growing dislike at how Fr Woods was administering the schools in South Australia.

Bishop Quinn requested Mary establish communities in Queensland. During 1870 Mary went to Queensland to begin the sisters work in this state. Mary returned to South Australia in 1871 and she was distressed by what she found. The Bishop had ordered a Commission to examine the life of the sisters. This was mostly due to the growing dislike of Fr Woods by other priests and this included the institute he founded. The Commission recommended that the Rule be altered to making some lay sisters and each convent was placed under the local priest's authority. These recommendations went against everything Mary had worked hard to establish. Mary was not deterred. She showed great courage and wrote to Bishop Sheil explaining her concerns. This was not well received and the events that followed led to Mary being excommunicated on 22 September, 1871. The excommunication was lifted five months later as the Bishop was approaching death.

Mary left Australia for Rome in March 1873. After the difficulties of the past it was decided to go to Rome to ask the Pope to formally approve the Rule. During this time Mary worked to form secure foundations for the Congregation, however, she continued to face challenges for Bishops who wanted the Congregation to be a Diocesan one.

Monsignor Kirby, the Rector of the Irish College in Rome, was a great supporter of Mary and her work.

She wrote a moving letter to the Monsignor at this time reflecting on her life experience up until this time.

Mary was advised to wait in Europe until the Constitutions had been approved. During this time she went on a pilgrimage to Paray-le-Monial, visited her ancestors in Scotland, sought postulants (a candidate for religious life) in Ireland and visited schools in England, Germany and France. Mary found this very emotionally and physically taxing and she wrote of her tiredness and loneliness. Finally, on 31 October 1874 she set sail for Australia with fifteen Irish postulants and a letter from Rome approving of the Central

Government structure for the Institute. The Superior General and her Council would govern the Institute, however, this outcome would continue to cause pain to the new Institute over the next two decades.
Next week, Mary's leadership and the difficulties she faced...



THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY WEDNESDAY, 15 AUGUST

On this day we celebrate Mary's passing from this world into the glory of her risen Son. Mary was a faith-filled person who loved God very much and wanted to do God's will even when she didn't understand. Our school is named in honour of Our Mother Mary. We are inspired to be faithful, trusting in God, humble, strong, persevering, loving and compassionate just like St Mary.
We pray that Mary becomes a model for us and shows us how to trust in God.

Hail Mary

*Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you.*

*Blessed are you among women
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.*

*Holy Mary, mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now,
and at the hour of our death.
Amen.*

EXCURSION THURSDAY 9 AUGUST

On Thursday our F/1/2 students will walk to the Rushworth P-12 College to see the Flying Book Worm". They will leave at 9.00 and return by first break.

INCURSION

Next Wednesday the students will experience a poetry incursion "Pick a Peck of Pickled Poems" from 2.15pm - 3.15pm. The cost is included in your child's student levy.

On Thursday August 16 at 11.35am and 12.15pm our students will participate in Oral Health sessions facilitated by GV Health, Waranga Campus. Alice Bourke and Annette Armstrong will be the presenters.

BOOK WEEK

MONDAY, 18 AUGUST TO FRIDAY, 24 AUGUST

This years book week theme is "Find your Treasure". Children and adults always have a favourite book which they treasure. Our book week parade and activities will be held on Friday, 24 August and our students are invited to dress as their favourite character from the book that they treasure. More details to follow.

MINI VINNIES

The Mini Vinnies will continue to make milos on a Tuesday and Friday. They are doing the Marble Run on a Thursday for all students. A special activity they are planning for the whole school is a Nude Food Lunch Box Day. Nude Food is food without excess packaging. This reduces the amount of 'stuff' that needs to go in bins to be sent to landfill. Durable, reusable containers are a great way to bring food, as they may last from pre-school through to high school and beyond, providing long term cost savings and environmental benefits.

On Tuesday, 21 August, we are encouraging all students to have nude food in their lunch boxes. Students can wear casual clothes to school if they have no wrappers, wrapping, packaging or plastic in their lunch box for that day.

Individually wrapped items are expensive and add a lot of packaging to landfill. Individually wrapped museli bars are one item that add a considerable amount of extra packaging to a lunch box. Here is a link to a simple and delicious recipe that you could

make with the family. This could reduce cost and packaging to landfill.

<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/healthyliving/recipes/view-recipes/muesli-bars-gluten-free>

If you have any questions please ask Mrs Hitchcock or the Mini Vinnies.

The Mini Vinnies, Jennie our chaplain along with Miss Walsh, are planning an art lesson with the hostel residents. The hostel residents will be invited to participate in the grade 5 & 6 art lesson on Monday, 20 August. The Mini Vinnies will serve morning tea to the residents afterwards.

PUPIL FREE DAY THURSDAY, 23 AUGUST

Staff will attend a day "Improving student outcomes in writing, spelling & grammar" with Ms Mliti Adobiou. This day has been endorsed by our speech pathologist Sheryn Long.

VEOLIA'S WASTE PIONEERS PROGRAM MRF TUESDAY, 28 AUGUST

Sustainability is about looking after the world we live in. We all want to live on a beautiful and clean planet and we can all do some really great things right here at school and even in our own homes to do this.

What is our current sustainability situation?

Around the world, we are using more and more energy and water and buying more products, which means we are producing more rubbish. It means we need to think differently and look at different ways to look after the environment.

The grade 5&6 class are working on developing a new use of the 1.25L plastic bottle. This is one of the most commonly found bottles in waste and recycle centres. If you have any great ideas to share about how these bottles could be reused please let 5&6 know. The 5&6 excursion to the Echuca Materials Recovery Facility is on Tuesday 28 August. A permission form will be sent home shortly.

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST FRIDAY, 31 AUGUST @ 7:30AM

Come along to St Mary's and celebrate Father's Day. All fathers, grandfathers and special friends are invited to breakfast on Friday, 31 August. If you would like to help out with breakfast please let Georgia or Peta know ASAP. Being sent home this week is an invitation flyer. Please complete and return this form for catering purposes by

Monday, 27 August or call the school if you have any questions.

HON DAMIAN DRUM MP VISIT

On the 18/7/2018 Damian Drum MP came to St Mary's School Rushworth. We learned all about how important it is to get up every day and work hard at something, to stand up, to speak up, to stay up, believe in yourself and believe in your rights! Mr Drum talked about how we need to be respectful of each other and STOP violence in our community.

He also spoke to us about how we need to save power and use power wisely. Most importantly, he said that boys and girls should never hit each other. Finally, I would like to say thank you to all the people who organised Mr Drum coming to our school.

By Ella Johnstone.

Damian Drum visited St Mary's on 18 July, 2018. He said he was doing his best to try and lower electricity bills for our families because they were too high. Mr Drum said he was concerned for families suffering with trying to pay high power bills. He also asked us to use electricity wisely.

Another thing Mr Drum was concerned about was violence in families and that people should never raise a fist to each other.

Mr Drum told us to, "Stand up! Stay up! Speak up! And let no one put you down!" It was unexpected when he spoke so passionately. He told us all about what he does as a politician. It was very interesting and so inspiring.

By Jackie Jones

FOUNDATION 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL.

On Wednesday 25th July, Foundation students celebrated 100 Days of School! They have counted from Day 1 and were very excited as the count reached 100 Days. Each day, students counted and identified different things about each of the numbers counted. We held some 100 Days celebrations, including making a whole class Hundreds Chart, making and decorating 100 Days of School biscuits, writing & drawing about how we would look when 100 years old and what we would be doing, making necklaces using 100 fruit loops and writing 100 words and letters! The students thoroughly enjoyed their day with it finishing off with eating cake with

their Grade 5/6 buddies. We look forward to counting the next 100 days at school!



Foundation students enjoyed their 100 days of learning celebration

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 2 & 3/Term 3



F/1/2KJ: Lailah Francis & Emily Walker

F/1/2TN: Zac Cruz

3/4KR: Makayla & Matilda Lockwood

5/6 LH Josh Francis, Amber Clarke & Madalen Knight

Principal's Award Kaitlyn Garvey



MONDAY LUNCH ORDERS LUNCH PRICE LIST

	\$
Meat pie	3.50
Pastie	3.50
Party pie	1.20
Mini pizza (Sup' or Ham & Pine')	3.00
Sausage roll (large)	3.00
Sausage roll (small)	.80
Cheese & bacon roll	1.20
3 filling sandwich	3.50
3 filling roll	4.00
4 filling sandwich	4.00
4 filling roll	4.50
Sandwich with the lot	5.00
Roll with the lot	6.00
Big M (small) (Choc/Straw)	2.50
Nippys (small) (Choc/Straw)	2.50
Primas (Orange or Apple)	1.50
Sauce extra	.20c

Remember: Children will need to hand in their orders, in a paper bag, early on Monday morning as a staff member from the Rushworth Bakery will arrive to collect the orders at 9.30am.

HOT MILO

Tuesdays & Fridays

.50c each

Limit 1 per student



Children's Chatter Matters!



Language Learning activities to have a go at home.

Term 3 Language genres/ communicating for different social purposes

These activities will help the students to make the necessary adjustments to their language so they can communicate for a variety of purposes eg; to tell stories, recount events, persuade, give instructions and report information. Learning about the language and types of words we use in each of these different contexts supports not only the child's oral language but written language development also.

3. The art of persuading!

Many children are very good at arguing but have they got the power of persuasion. Can they justify their decisions and provide evidence? The ability to provide a convincing argument both verbally and in written form is a critical life skill that children need to develop.

Ask your child to provide 3 reasons for and against each of these situations:

a. Having the following animals as pets (encourage them to be as creative as possible)

- snake, cat, koala, mouse, seahorse, magpie, giraffe.

b. having a sleepover at a friend's house

c. staying up to watch a late night movie

d. buying a new electronic game

Encourage them to use the language of persuasion for example: "I believe that a snake would make an excellent pet for the following reasons; firstly it would certainly scare away unwanted visitors....."

4 The art of persuasion.

Show your child how to become more aware of the persuasive devices used by advertising companies. As you drive around notice and discuss the ads on various boards and signage. You could also look through the junk mail and catalogues. Focus on the words or images that influence you most. Would you buy this product why or why not?





Bringing up Great Kids

Heathcote



Parents and carers would you like to.....

- Build strong and positive relationships with your children?
- Increase your children's confidence and resilience?
- Listen and talk more with your children?
- Understand your children's behaviour and how to respond to them?

Term 3, 2018

When: Thursday 26th July - 30th August 2018
(6 sessions)

Time: Arrival and registration 11.45am
Sessions 12.00pm - 2.00pm

Where: Heathcote Primary School, 31 Herriot Street, Heathcote

Cost: Free

Child Care: Sorry, child care is not provided

Facilitators: Jo Rodriguez, CCS Family and Relationship Services



Groups are subject to maximum and minimum numbers determined seven working days prior to the commencement date. Early registration is encouraged.



For bookings and enquires phone Greg or Nina on 5433 3090