“Never see a need without trying to do something about it”.
_Blessed Mary MacKillop (1842-1909)._ Let us all take heed of Mary MacKillop’s powerful words and always do our best to act upon them. May the entire community here at Saint Andrew’s join the Sisters of Saint Joseph as they prepare for Mother Mary MacKillop’s Canonisation in St Peter’s Square in the Vatican on the 17 October, 2010.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

**Congratulations** to Mrs Erin McLoughlin and David on the birth of their daughter last week. Mother and baby are progressing well.

**Motor Neurone Disease:** One of our parents has been diagnosed with this devastating disease. We would like to support research into the disease by sponsoring ‘Richard’s Walk to D’feet MND’. He is walking the Bibbulmun Track to raise funds and is being joined along the way by others. Our parent who has the disease is also walking a short section of the track. There is a sponsorship form at the school office, so if you can help, please call in and sign up. All donations are tax deductible.

**Three Way Conferences:** Pre-primary three way conferences are underway. If you have not booked a time to meet with the teacher and your child, please do so. The booking sheets are outside the classrooms.

**Semester 1, 2011:** Advance notice about the changes to the provisional term dates for 2011, in case you are booking holidays already!! There has been a change made to accommodate the NAPLAN which starts on Tuesday May 10th. Children attend school as follows:
- Term 1: Wednesday February 2nd – Tuesday April 19th (Holidays include Easter)
- Term 2: Thursday May 5th – Friday July 8th July
- Term 3: Tuesday 26th July – Friday 30 September
- Term 4: Tuesday 17th October – Wednesday 14th December

**Wheelchairs for Kids Inc:** We received the following letter from Brother Olly:
_On behalf of the disabled children, thank you all so much for your collection of aluminium ring tops. Your efforts in doing this is really appreciated by all of us at Wheelchairs for Kids. We will now recycle these ring pulls and the money we receive will buy more aluminium so that we can make more wheelchairs._

Thank you for your donations and keep them coming in!

**Staff Changes for Term 3:**
- We will farewell Mr Craig Daglish and welcome back Mrs Karen Young. Thank you Craig on behalf of the students in 6W.
- Miss Robyn Snyman will continue in 6B with Mr Warren Smith for the remainder of 2010. Thank you, Robyn.
- Mrs Nicky Sullivan is taking Long Service Leave for Semester 2. Friday 2nd July is her last day until 2011! A long, well-earned holiday. Mrs Marion Kenny will be taking over from Nicky and working with Mrs Clare Mulholland in 4W.

God bless you.

Eileen Climo
Principal
DATES TO REMEMBER

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SCHOOL MATTERS

Congratulations to the children who have celebrated their birthday recently.


MAKING JESUS REAL

Positive and Negative Thinking.

At times both children and adults range between Positive and Negative thinking.

We all realise that it helps ourselves and the people we live with if we try to be positive in our thinking and body language as much as possible.

Generally in Australia our children have so many opportunities particularly when we see so many millions of others with no real future. Every second 7 people die of starvation in the world!

At times when we moan and groan about our everyday disappointments look at the bigger picture – there is always someone worse off than ourselves.

Positive people are resilient and they bounce back from difficulties. Some days we play our cards and things turn our brilliantly. Occasionally we play our cards and things turn out disappointingly. If we moan and groan over small disappointments we are not playing our cards well.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA ‘BE MORE’ WALK FOR WATER – FAMILY FUN DAY

Get involved in a day of family fun and community action on Lake Monger! The lakeside Walk for Water will give locals a chance to understand the vulnerabilities of millions living without access to clean water and learn more about local water conservation initiatives. The day of activities and advocacy is in support of Caritas Australia’s Be More Challenge and development programs. Rethink the way you use water and enjoy free events like live music, face painting, a sausage sizzle, Walk for Water and many more fun family activities!

DATE: Sunday August 1, 2010
TIME: 11am – 1pm
VENUE: Lake Monger, Lake Monger Drive, Leederville
Meet at Dodd Street car park, near the Speech and Hearing

DRESSMAKING SKILLS REQUIRED

Some of our Year 5 girls are entering the performing Arts Festival in the Christian Dance section. We require 17 simple dresses to be made for this event. If anyone with sewing skills could help in this matter it would be much appreciated. If you could make a few of the dresses it would be very helpful. Could you please see me in the Library before or after school if you can assist? Thank you.

Dawne Peacham
FACTS ON CATHOLIC EDUCATION

- Two out of every five Catholic schools are located outside of Australia’s major cities.
- In Australia, the Catholic school system employs over 78,000 people. This is more people than the entire Australian workforce involved in the manufacturing of motor vehicles, or the same number of people that are employed across every single department store in Australia.
- Catholic school students receive significantly less government funding than students in government schools.
- Some of this gap is made up by contributions from parents and parishes through fees and levies, however Catholic schools strive to keep fees low so that schools remain accessible.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

PARENTS AND FRIENDS’ FEDERATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA NEWS
The PFFWA are wanting your input on four topics that will be formalised into Position Papers that the Federation can use to inform the media, governments and educational organisations of our stance as parents of children in Catholic schools.

The four topics are:
1. The role of the P&F/Parent Council
2. Constitutional revision – both for the PFFWA to include individual membership and also for schools, to better reflect their role and responsibilities
3. MySchool website, and
4. The cost of books, uniforms and other levies

The professionally facilitated Forum will be held at the PFFWA Office, 101 Wood St, Inglewood on Wednesday 28th July, starting at 7pm. This Forum is open to ALL parents and we hope that you take up this opportunity to be involved in the discussion and formulation of ground-breaking position papers. Please RSVP by the 27th July for catering purposes to admin@pff.wa.edu.au or ring 9271 5909. Background information sheets will made available before the evening.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Does your family have a Home Fire Escape Plan? To help you develop a plan visit www.fesa.wa.gov.au and click on Bushfire/Structure Fire. Work together with your family to prepare and practise your plan.

Smoke alarms save lives. Please ensure all smoke alarms are in good working order to keep you and your family safe. Visit www.fesa.wa.gov.au to find out more about smoke alarms.
In Term one, the Year 5 students put their gardening gloves on and got busy setting up their vegie garden. They planted a great variety of vegetables and herbs. The school garden provides the students with new learning opportunities and allows them to be more ‘hands on’ in the environment. It helps the children acquire new skills and knowledge. In addition, it helps the students to become more responsible because they need to take care of it and ensure it gets enough water.

This week, the broccoli, spinach, beans and cauliflower were ready to be harvested. They used the vegetables they picked to make vegetable fritters. They were very yummy!!!