Dear Parents and Guardians,

Today is the **Feast of Mary MacKillop**, Australia’s first saint. We celebrated her feast day with a mass on Wednesday morning. Thank you to the many families who contributed so generously to Father Robert’s inaugural Parish Mission for the seminarians he assists in the Philippines. Father Robert was so thrilled with the offerings that you have contributed.

In 1866, in the town of Penola in South Australia, Mary MacKillop saw the need to give poor children, isolated in the Australian bush, the opportunity to have Catholic education. When three other women joined her Mary MacKillop started the group known as the Sisters of Saint Joseph. Mary MacKillop’s motto of ‘Never seeing a need without doing something about it’, led the Sisters of Saint Joseph to many parts of Australia and New Zealand, teaching in schools, helping the poor and those who had no one to care for them. In today’s world, the ministries of the Sisters of Saint Joseph continue in collaboration and partnership with the many that follow Mary MacKillop’s motto. May we reflect with Mary MacKillop’s own words, ‘God wants us by every means in our power to lead others to life’.

We wish our Sister Wendy, a Sister of Saint Joseph, a happy feast day!

**The School Discos were held last Friday evening:** I congratulate the P & F President Michael McGarry, the disco coordinator Adhiel Malual, the entire Committee and the 47 volunteer helpers who made both the junior and senior discos a fantastic success! The overall attendance rate for both discos was in excess of 80%. DJ Vincent played appropriate and exciting music all night. The children loved his play list because they had significant input. I extend my thanks to the many staff who gave of their own time to attend in support of a very special ‘kid’s fun night’.

I was very impressed with the planning of the event – security, the high visibility vests worn by volunteers, the sign in recording system, medical procedures in place and the pick up through the back door of the undercover area. It was a joy to be involved in and I am aware that the P & F plan to do a thorough review as they believe they can further develop the event. Finally, thankyou to the parents and guardians who supported the discos. Criticism whether it is positive or negative when given and taken in the correct spirit is indeed TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More) building.

There will be no newsletter next week because Thursday and Friday 15 / 16 August are Pupil Free days. The staff will be attending professional development courses at New Norcia.

Notes sent home this week:
- School Choir
- Summer Uniform Order

God bless you
Warren Smith
Principal
SCHOOL NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER

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Happy Birthday!

Congratulations to those children who have or will be celebrating their birthdays soon.


Reconciliation Certificates: The children who recently received the Sacrament of Reconciliation were presented with their certificates at Wednesdays mass in honour of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. It was delightful to see so many parents attending in support of their children.

Musica Viva: Today the children in PP – Year 6 attended a performance by the band Amanaska, a band travelling around Western Australia as part of the Musica Viva music programme, a sponsored opportunity for interactive music to be experienced by school children. I thank Mrs Mulholland and Mrs Phillips for organising this fabulous event.
Saint Andrew’s Catholic Primary School is doing brilliantly at the Performing Arts Festival: My congratulations to Mrs Dawne Peacham, Mrs Caryn Tenny and the 28 Year 5 and 6 students who received an Honourable Mention for their dance entitled “United as One”. We also congratulate Mr Scott Young and the guitar ensemble for an Inscribed Certificate of Merit in the Electric Guitar category of the Instrumental Ensemble competition. On Tuesday we received further exciting news. Miss Rachael Perry’s woodwind ensemble received an Inscribed Certificate of Merit in the Instrumental Ensemble competition. We congratulate these hard working and talented members of our school community on their fine achievements. Yesterday our liturgical dance troupe performed at Mercy College chapel. It is absolutely delightful to listen to the performers as they proudly speak of their artistic endeavours.

On Friday 2nd August the Interschool Cross Country Team took part in the Interschool carnival which was held at Mawson Park in Hillarys. Our 44 representatives competed against competitors from 20 Primary schools in our region of Perth. There were 120 students in each race. Our best finishes were 9th, 12th, 15th, 16th, 19th and 20th. Saint Andrew’s came 14th overall – a good performance and reward for all the hard work put in by the squad and Mrs Peacham and her small team of volunteer helpers. Thank you to Simon for pitching the team’s tent, Mr Waddell and Mrs Johnson for assisting in managing the team and the many parents who supported their children.

School Photo Day: Please be aware that School Photo day is next Monday 12th August (Week 4). Children in Years 1-6 are to wear full winter uniform including jumpers. Your assistance in ensuring that your child presents correctly is greatly appreciated. Family photos are scheduled to be taken at 8.20am and 1.30pm. The 8.20am timeslot will be mainly for Kindy children and their siblings and the other family photos will be taken at 1.30pm. Class photos for Kindergarten children will be taken later in the year.

Car Park: Please remember that in the best interests of the children it is preferable to stagger your drop off and pick up of your children each day. I have spoken to Mrs Climo and she prefers that vehicles exit at any point within the kiss n ride provided that drivers indicate and look to their right as they cross the thick yellow line. As you can please move down the kiss n ride as close to gate 3 as you can. Where the car park is concerned please try to display the Making Jesus Real habit of TUP – Tolerance, Understanding and Patience.

Making Jesus Real: Honesty and Trust
In a survey of Grade 6 students who do the MJR program well over 90% of students stated that Trust and Honesty were high on the list of the most important aspects of FRIENDSHIP.

To practise honesty, which is also the first cousin to trust, we have to be honest with ourselves. Never tell a lie to yourself – link this with blamers and claimers. People who blame others are very often not honest with themselves. They can never
make a mistake, and they also rarely say “sorry” – which takes a bit of humility and strength of character to do – so they are linked. Honesty, Trust, Forgiveness, Humility, Being Reliable – they are all sensational qualities to admire and practise.

Being reliable is connected with TRUST. Being reliable is never letting people down. One of the most sacred things people give you is trust. Once you let them down it is hard to build back that trust.

**Resiliency:**

Robber # 2: **Make their problem, your problem.**

Sometimes parents can take too much responsibility for issues that are really up to children to work out or decide. Here’s a clue if you are wondering what I am talking about: a jumper is something a mother puts on her son when she is cold!

- Resilience notion # 2: Make their problem, your problem.

**Contact with Suta Dharma Primary School Ibud, Bali:** Our Indonesian language teacher, Ibu Chin has established a sister school relationship with Suta Dharma Primary School which is located in Ibud, Bali. Ibu Chin has established a Skype link between the schools and has sent student work to the school located in Ibud. Both she and I have dropped off or mailed items to the school once in Bali. Recently Ibu Chin received a beautiful email from Ibu Putu, the Principal of Suta Dharma who spoke glowingly of a visit from the Kitching family (including Jacob, Hanna and Luca and their dad and mum Matthew and Peta who called in to the school and dropped off books, balls and booklets for the Year 6 students. Thank you to the Kitching family – a truly wonderful act of kindness. On speaking to Matthew he informed me that the school had put on a wonderful welcome.
HEALTHY FAMILIES WORKSHOPS
Does your family need some extra support to make healthy lifestyle changes? Perth North Metro Medicare Local’s (PNML) Healthy Families for Happy Futures group workshops help parents identify food, activity, lifestyle and parenting changes they can make, and how to achieve them. A physiotherapist, psychologist and nutritionist facilitate separate workshops for parents and kids in an informal setting, over 3 fortnightly two hour sessions. Kids enjoy getting involved in activities and preparing a fresh snack/meal.

Workshops coming to Carramar! Next workshops start Tuesday 27 August 3:30-5:45pm, and continues 10 September and 24 September. No formal referral required – parents of children 6-12 years old can contact Jacqui directly on 9208 9529 or jacqui.paul@pnml.com.au to register for the next workshops, or talk to your GP.

MATER DEI COLLEGE - Change of enrolment procedure. If you are considering enrolling your child at Mater Dei College, a new process is now in place. To register your child prior to Year 3 of Primary School Education, an Expression of Interest Form is lodged. An Enrolment Application will then be forwarded to the family for completion and return when the student is in Year 4. Student interviews are conducted in Year 5. Information and forms are available on our College website. www.mdc.wa.edu.au.

OSHCLUB
Here at OshClub the children enjoy their stay with many things to do, different activities to join in and chill out with friends. They have lots of fun and don’t want to leave at the end of the session. Morning sessions are from 7.00am to 8.40am where breakfast is served. Afternoon sessions are 2.45pm to 6.00pm. Children have fresh fruit and afternoon tea. Come and join in and have lots of fun.

Next Week’s Activities

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OSHClub program phone: 0432678211 Coordinator: Lisa Collins
Assistant: Rebecca McManus OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000
All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
Butler Fire and Rescue Visit to St Andrew’s

The students of year 3 were lucky enough to have a visit from the Butler Fire and Rescue Team on Friday the 28th of June.
Here are some of the important facts that 3 Blue learned.

Your sense of smell turns off at night, so you need smoke alarms! Areta and Amelia.

All houses should have a fire extinguisher – Jarrod and Zach.

If there is a big white H on the road there is a fire hydrant – Zoey and Jessica.

If there is smoke anywhere you need to keep low to be able to breathe – Tom and Dylan.

Firemen wear reflective clothes so they can be seen in the dark – Sarah and Bethany.

You need to drop and roll to get away from smoke and fire – Christina and Alyssa.

If smoke gets in your lungs it is bad, you need to cover your mouth – Hayden and Kade.

The Fireman’s uniform is bright yellow and cannot catch on fire – Kasey and Krystel.

The hoses are all different sizes and the *jaws of life* are very strong – Destinie and Tyeesha.

The *jaws of life* can cut through anything even metal – Amy and Olivia.

A fire proof blanket is very useful to have around – Nikita and Nuke.

Firemen need to have special masks to help them breath – Lochlan and Lleyton.

The special boots they wear cannot catch on fire or get hot- Sienna and Raquelle.

We had great fun squirting the hose! – Christian and Mason.

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The *jaws of life* Sharing information Year 3 and the **BIG** Fire Truck