The Transfiguration of the Lord

At the Transfiguration, Father, You showed
Jesus in glory, a glimpse of what His disciples
would see in His risen life.

Bless us in our humanity,
with an awareness of Your presence,
leading us to share in Your divine life
even in our daily struggle.

Help us to deepen
our knowledge of the Law and the Prophets,
channels of Your grace throughout history,
and signposts for our journey.
Amen.

Dear Parents,

Yesterday we celebrated a beautiful liturgy for Saint Mary MacKillop. St Andrew’s has a strong association with the Josephite Sisters and we have purchased a beautiful new painting of Saint Mary MacKillop, which will be displayed in our MacKillop Centre over the coming weeks.

Ever generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop
to live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and constant in bringing hope and encouragement
to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.
With confidence in your generous providence
and joining with Saint Mary MacKillop
we ask that you grant our request.................
We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by
the Holy Spirit
so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with
courage, trust and openness.
Ever generous God hear our prayer.
We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.
On Sunday, the St. Andrew’s Community celebrated the **Ordination of Father Jeffey**. It was a most wonderful celebration and the involvement of the children added to the unity between school and parish. I congratulate all involved in this celebration and especially Fr Jeffey on becoming ordained as a priest in our Catholic Church.

On Tuesday our **School Band performed at the Catholic Performing Arts Festival**. The band, under the direction of Mrs. Mulholland performed admirably and we are all so proud of their efforts. We have just been informed that the band received a Certificate of Merit. Congratulations to all involved.

Next week, I have been requested by the Executive Director of Catholic Education, to complete a **Principal Review**, for a Principal in the Hills area. Hence, in my absence for this very important task, Mr Warren Smith will assume the role of Principal.

Congratulations are extended to our **Year 6 Basketball Carnival participants** who represented St. Andrew’s last Thursday at Perry Lakes Stadium. The children participated to the best of their ability and had a very enjoyable time. They represented St. Andrew’s with pride and conviction. It was a pleasure to watch their enthusiasm and skills. Well done to all involved.

**We also would like to congratulate the Wildman Family – Danielle (Year 1 Teacher) on the birth of Charlie. Both mother and baby are doing well!**

![Congratulations to Cassie P of 3 Blue who won the State Irish Dancing Championship in the Sub-minor girls, 8 year old category last weekend. Congratulations also to, Matilda D of Year 4, who won 4th Place - Minor girls, 9 year old category. We are all so proud of your result, Cassie and Matilda.](image)

The Staff gave up their Wednesday afternoon, after school, to attend **regional meetings**. These regional meetings were held at other Catholic primary schools within our area and the teachers met with other teachers who are in the same grade. They shared sound teaching and learning ideas, as well as best practice within the classroom. I personally thank all of our wonderful teachers who continue to strive to improve all that they do for the benefit of the students from our school.

**SCHOOL FEES:** Final accounts for this term were sent home in the first week of Term 3. Please ensure that you pay your account promptly. **All outstanding fees are due by 14th AUGUST.** If you are having any difficulties in paying your account, please see Mr. Fontaine immediately. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

**BOOK WEEK 2015 – DRESS UP PARADE – MONDAY 24th AUGUST 8:40am - HALL**

Book Week is celebrated in August each year. This year we are celebrating 70 years of Book Week. The theme is ‘Books Light up our World’. The children have been completing activities in the Library on the Shortlisted books from the Children’s Book Council of Australia. We will be having a **dress up parade on Monday 24 August at 8.40am in the School Hall for P-6**. The children are encouraged to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character and bring along their favourite book. It’s time to get creative and use materials that you have readily available at home to create your character (purchased costumes are not necessary). There will be one randomly selected student from each class that will receive a book prize. We look forward to seeing all of your favourite characters! **Mrs Di Cesare and Mrs Parody**

God Bless

Sam Fontaine
Principal
VISION STATEMENT
St Andrew’s CPS offers an education that acknowledges, respects and nurtures the uniqueness of each person. Within a framework of Catholic values and teamwork, the students will be challenged and supported to recognise their gifts and develop their potential as they learn and contribute to their community.

SCHOOL NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER

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Happy Birthday to those children who are celebrating their birthday soon....
Bianca W, Emily C, H Bidefeld, Sharni J, Hannah K, Jaison J, Joel J, Isla L

A BOOKFAIR IS COMING!
We are having an exciting NEW Book Fair starting on Open Night, Tuesday 22nd September, until the end of the week. This year we are using Scholastic Book Club to supply the books which you will be able to buy for you and your family to keep. We will have a huge range of books/posters, etc to choose from. The school will benefit from all sales, so the more you buy the more books we can purchase for the children to enjoy in the Library.

BOOKCLUB
Scholastic Bookclub order forms are due back tomorrow, Friday 7 August.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TRAGEDIES REMIND US TO HOLD HANDS – SDERA NEWS
0-4 year olds are particularly vulnerable because:

- They don’t always want to hold hands or stay in their car seat.
- They can’t work out where traffic sounds are coming from and don’t know what to look out for.
- They are small and unpredictable and cannot be seen by drivers.

Safety Skills: Always hold hands with children under the age of 10, carry toddlers, or have them strapped securely in a pram when crossing the road. Do not unclip children from their car seat until they can hold an adult’s hand or be strapped into their pram. Always model safe behaviour and practice crossing the road and car parks with children as often as possible.

Family Patterns – Thursday 6th August x 6 weeks. Many of our adulthood attitudes, values and beliefs and subsequent behaviors can be traced to what was passed on to us in our formative years. This course investigates this link with our first family – whether our biological family or other family system, e.g. foster or step family. How we communicate, resolve conflict, use anger effectively or not, and how we show affection – all these can be traced to family patterns passed down from generation to generation. For further information please phone 9489 6322.
Feast of St Mary MacKillop

August 8th is the Feast Day of Saint Mary MacKillop.
On Wednesday 5th August, Four White presented a Mass in her honour.
Here are some things we have learned about her life.

“Mary MacKillop was born in 1842 in Melbourne, Victoria.” Martino, Nyankam and Eoin.

“She loved children and loved being a teacher.” Carlos, Ella and Peyton.

“She became a Nun and gave her life to God, doing what she believed was his will.” Taylor and Drew.

“Mary was just an ordinary farm girl from Victoria.” Jesna.

“When she was young, she gave all of her wages to her mother.” Luke.

“Her parents were called Flora and Alexander.” TeHuika.

“Mary became a Saint in 2010.” Cillian.

“She was the oldest in her family.” Mumbi.

“The first St Joseph’s school she set up was in an old stable.” Lucy and Koby.

“Mary and the Sisters of St Joseph set up many free schools in Australia and New Zealand.” Sienna.

“Mary MacKillop was kind and caring to all people.” Tayjarna.

“She had three sisters and four brothers.” Sophie and Sean-Michael.

“Mary’s first job was as a clerk when she was 14.” Georgia.

“She was the first Australian Saint.” Noah, Rosemary and Nicholas.

“Mary met a priest who also wanted to help the poor.” Adam.

“Father Julian Woods shared her vision that all children should be able to go to school.” Declan.

“Her first school opened in 1866 in Penola.” Joshua.

“She died in 1909.” Shayla and Mary.

“Mary was a wonderful woman who tried to help everyone.” Ethan.

“Never see a need without trying to help.” Mary MacKillop