



ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thursday 8th August, 2019

The Feast of St Mary of the Cross. Mary MacKillop, Australia's first saint

*Dear God,
Thank you for giving us
The wonderful; gift of Mary MacKillop.
Inspire us to follow her example
And be more giving and loving like Jesus.
Thank you, Mary, for all your gifts,
Especially looking after the children, the poor, building schools,
Starting the Josephite order, teaching and showing us how to be more like Jesus.
We pray that we can be more loving & caring.
Amen.*

Dear Parents,

Thank you for my very warm welcome back to school. I was looking forward to coming back to school and seeing all the smiling faces that greet me each day.

I had a wonderful holiday and Alaska and Canada have the most beautiful scenery to see and explore. I was lucky enough to see 3 black bears in the wild and many glaciers and waterfalls.

We have a very busy last few weeks of this term and I am madly trying to catch up with all the arrangements that have been made and/or need to be made.

I would like to thank Mr Ben Sandison and Mrs Christine Kelliher, for the outstanding job they did in my absence. They worked well as a team and looked after the school community in a very approachable and professional way. Both teachers are looking forward to returning to their classrooms. I would also like to thank Mr Michael Brooks and Mrs Melinda Phyland for stepping in and taking their classes full time. The students are very lucky to have such wonderful teachers.

Next week we welcome 2 past students- Finn Buckell and Will McIntosh, who will be doing work experience for the week.

Nazareth Parish Feast Day

St Joseph's is part of Nazareth Parish at Rickett's Point and next Thursday we will be joining Stella Maris in celebrating our parish feast day. We need all our students to be dropped at Beaumaris Reserve on Thursday 15 August between 8.30am - 8.50 am. As a whole school we will leave the oval at 9 am sharp and walk to Stella Maris for mass at 9.15 am. The students will stay at Stella Maris and join the Stella Maris students for classroom activities and play. At 12.30 pm all students from both schools will walk back to Beaumaris Reserve and participate in an afternoon of games. At 3 pm Stella Maris students will walk back to their school and the St Joseph's student can be collected from 3.10 – 3.30 pm.

If you require before or after school care, please ring the office so we can make arrangements.

A CareMonkey will be sent out for all parents to fill in permission for the excursion.

Parents are most welcome to attend all or any part of the day.

Inaugural Sandringham District Writer's Guild Competition.

Congratulations to Jade Wolff who entered the Inaugural Sandringham District Writer's Guild Competition. All grade 5 & 6 students, from all schools in the Sandringham electorate, were invited to creatively address a writing prompt which related to our local environment or local community.

Jade has been selected as a finalist and will attend a presentation ceremony at Parliament House, Melbourne on Friday 16 August.

First Communion for Grade 4

This Sunday's 9am parish mass, is the Commitment mass for the grade 4 students making their First Communion.

Please pray for the Grade 4 students as they prepare for the First Communion on the 15 September. Thank you to the parents and students who attended last night's Faith night and to Mrs Keely and Ms Cooke for facilitating the evening.

Camp meetings Thursday 22 August

On Thursday 22 August, we will be having 2 Information sessions about the upcoming camps for grades 3,4,5 & 6.

Gr 3 & 4 camp 6-6.30 pm in the grade 3 & 4 classroom

Gr 5 & 6 camp 6.30-7 pm in the grade 6 classroom.

Students can attend, but it is not necessary, as this is an opportunity for parents to hear about the camp arrangements and to ask questions.

Susan McLean – cyberbullying information evening for parents.

21 August at 7 pm at St Bede's college auditorium

I can highly recommend this information session to you and would encourage all parents to attend. I have heard Susan talk, and over the years I have certainly rang Susan for advice on how to best deal with cases of cyberbullying.

I will be attending and hope I will see as many St Joseph's parents there as possible.

Susan McLean is Australia's foremost expert in the area of Cybersafety and young people. She was the first Victorian Police Officer appointed to a position involving Cybersafety and young people. She took her first report of cyberbullying in 1994 and since then she has conducted extensive research and has completed advanced training in this area in both the USA and UK and is a sought after presenter and advisor to Schools, elite sporting bodies such as the AFL, GP's, and both State and Federal Governments.

I have included a letter from the Catholic Education Office about the future of Catholic education in light of Windsor College closing at the end of 2020.

Dear Parents,

We are here to stay: Catholic education boss says Despite media speculation on school closures, Catholic education is strong and here to stay, says Catholic Education Melbourne Acting Executive Director, Jim Miles. 'Ill-informed conjecture by some outlets regarding the viability of Catholic schools with enrolment decline is feeding uncertainty in some school communities', Mr Miles said. 'Hardworking Catholic school principals who are making a real difference to their communities and to shaping the lives of so many young Victorians are being chased by journalists out for a scoop that just isn't coming.' Mr Miles said that the Catholic sector was saddened by the Presentation Sisters decision to close Presentation College Windsor, but that this did not reflect the broader situation in Catholic schools across Melbourne.

'Instant analyses that only focus on one or two data points do not reflect a fully informed picture for Catholic schools', said Mr Miles. 'In a number of schools, including Mercy College, Coburg, and Nazareth College, Noble Park North, new leaders are breathing life into their school communities and turning around enrolments.' 'Instead of talking down school communities and undermining parents' confidence in their choice of Catholic education, single-sex education or a combination of both, commentators should pause to try and understand the individual circumstances of school communities.' 'What might be true in one school is unlikely to be true in another', Mr Miles said.

Mr Miles also said that Catholic Education Melbourne works with all schools to ensure they have a viable future. 'Catholic education has a number of processes in place – marketing training, access to demographic profiles and systemic frameworks – to address and arrest enrolment decline where necessary', said Mr Miles. 'We are committed to working with all school communities to deliver a quality Catholic education to their students.'

'We are also mindful of our commitments to both the Victorian and Australian governments to deliver educational and community value for the investment they make in Catholic schools.'

Open Mornings for Foundation 2020

Our doors are always open (during school terms), so if you know of anyone who has a child starting school next year please mention us and encourage them to come in and take a tour. Invite them to have a look at our school website or Facebook page too!

If anyone has a child who will be attending St Joseph's in 2020 can you please, collect an enrolment form from the office and enrol them as soon as possible.

What's Happening	WEEK 5 TERM 3
August	Sunday 11th August
Wed 14 – Grade 5 Bike Ed	Gr 4 Commitment mass 9 am
Wed 14 – Grs 3 & 4 to Kilbreda to see Mary Poppins	Monday 12th August
Wed 14 – Nazareth parish Education Board Meeting	Work Experience- Finn Buckell & Will McIntosh
Thurs 15 – Nazareth Parish Feast Day	Mrs Kelliher in charge- Ms Stutterd at Catholic Leadership Centre
Thurs 22 – Camp meetings for Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6	STEM Gr 5 & 6
Mon 26 – Grade 3 & 4 camp	Tuesday 13th August
Tues 27 – Grades 3 & 4 camp	Ms Cooke at Maths PD
Wed 28 – Grades 3 & 4 Camp	Miss Wood at Maths PD- Mrs Kelly
	Mrs Kelliher at Maths PD- Ms Bierman
	STEM Gr 3 /4
September	Wednesday 14th August
Tues 10 – Grades 5 & 6 Camp	Bu Watts/ Ms Bierman
Wed 11 - Grades 5 & 6 Camp	Bike Ed – Gr 5
Thurs 12 - Grades 5 & 6 Camp	Gr 3 & 4 to Kilbreda college
Fri 13 th - Grades 5 & 6 Camp	Nazareth Parish Education Advisory Board meeting 7pm
Sun 15 – Grade 4 First Communion	1-2 pm Gr 6 Bayside Community
November	2.30-3.30 pm School choir
Mon 25 – School Musical at Kilbreda	Thursday 15th August
	Nazareth Parish Feast Day at Beaumaris Reserve
	Friday 16th August
	Mr Sandison in charge 9-1 pm
	Ms Stutterd at Southern Region Primary & Secondary Principal's forum
	12-2 pm Atrium/STEM – Foundation

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Today we shared in a liturgy to remember and honour St Mary MacKillop of the Cross, Australia's first saint.

Dear God

Mary MacKillop was a woman who lived, loved and served God and was always forgiving to all.

She loved the children and founded the sisters of St Joseph to educate and care for those in need.

Mary MacKillop always showed courage

When faced with challenges.

We pray that we can continue her wonderful work.

Amen



FIRST COMMUNION

Please pray for our Yr 4 students as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday 15th September.

We look forward to seeing all First Communion candidates at mass this Sunday at 9am at St Joseph's.



OFF YOUR BACK APPEAL



I'm sure you have felt the cold over the past weeks and been pleased you had a warm coat to wear.

We have heard of an organisation set up by Toni Joel called 'Off Your Back.' This was started 12 years ago sparked by seeing a homeless man asleep on a bench in her local park. Her initial reaction was to take the coat off her own back and give it to him. She decided then to do something active and positive. She



received 6,500 coats the first year, with the numbers and need continuing to grow.

Please go through your coat cupboard and ask yourself:

Do I really need all these coats? Could I donate one or more to those who don't even have a coat? We are looking for male and female coats.

Please send to school and we will pass on to the organisation. Many thanks.

WELLBEING

'Positive Behaviour for Learning'

Our students are encouraged to practise positive behaviour towards each other to enhance their learning. As they demonstrate these positive behaviours, based on our own school expectations, they earn tokens as rewards. We also refer to our 'Classroom Positive Behaviour for Learning Flowchart' if these behaviours are not demonstrated. These minor and major negative behaviours have consequences. Over the coming weeks, we will revisit these behaviours and their consequences

MINOR BEHAVIOURS (the first seven)

*Calling out or interrupting

*Not listening

*Answering back to the teacher

*Failure to follow instructions

*Pushing people

*Retaliation (physical)

*Threats-verbally and physically

*Not listening when someone says stop

1st instance redirect student/intervene

2nd instance redirect/another intervention. Reminder about the expectation

3rd instance intervention, record on behaviour tracker and move to Major Behaviour

Jenny Keely REL

NESPRESSO PODS - Recycling station

Parents you are now able to recycle your NESPRESSO Pods at school as we have a cardboard bin in the Staffroom for them to be put into.

ONLINE LUNCH ORDERS ~ EVERY FRIDAY Please click on this link to place a lunch order

<https://classroomcuisine.com.au>

NUT & POTATO ALLERGY At St Joseph's we have a no sharing of food policy due to the number of students with severe life threatening allergies. In particular, we ask that you PLEASE DO NOT SEND NUTS OR NUT BASED PRODUCTS & POTATO CHIP TO SCHOOL.

ELECTRONIC SIGNING IN/OUT IPAD

Please remember to sign your child out of the school when leaving early. It is also necessary to sign in when arriving late. The electronic sign in/out ipad is located in the office on the bench.

SCHOOL HOURS

The school is responsible for the supervision of students from 8.45am. It is important to remember that staff who arrive early for school do so to prepare for the day and cannot do this as well as supervise early arrivals.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Donations or enquiries contact Trisha McKean on 0423 979 745.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

A reminder to all parents who wish to assist in the classrooms or on excursions that a WWCC is mandatory and should be displayed at all times when helping in the classroom or on excursions.

HEAD LICE - ONCE A WEEK TAKE A PEEK

Families please check your child's hair for Head Lice each Sunday before they return to school. Please treat immediately if head lice are found. Head lice numbers would be reduced if this quick check happened every week.

HEAD INJURIES

Any child who has a knock / bump to the head will have their parents notified as a precaution. All children who are treated in sickbay or on the playground are issued with a First Aid slip; however, often these are not seen by Parent. All staff is trained in first aid each year to Level 2, which should be very reassuring for parents, but we will not make decisions or judgments regarding head injuries.

STAFF MEETINGS

Will be held each Wednesday at 3.45pm. Please do not detain teachers on these days.

Team Kids

WHAT'S ON SPRING

ST JOSEPHS PRIMARY
Sept 23 - Oct 4 | HOURS 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

CHOOSE YOUR HOLIDAY ADVENTURE

- NINJA CHALLENGE & BALLOON MODELLING
- CHEMICAL CHAOS & LOLLIPUTTI MONSTERS
- SILVERS CIRCUS
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INNOVATING FOR THE FUTURE SHOWCASE

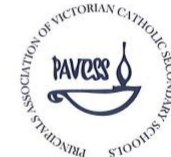
SUN 11 AUGUST 2019

10.00am - 4.00pm

Catholic Leadership Centre
576 Victoria Parade
East Melbourne

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finalise applications
prior to the official
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for Year 7 2021
Fri 23 August



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