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Mary MacKillop Catholic Community Primary School, Ballajura, as a growing faith community seeks to be enlivened by Christ to live in truth, love and dignity.

In 1861, Mary MacKillop went to work in Penola, a small town in South Australia. Here she met a Catholic priest, Father Julian Woods. Together they opened Australia's first free Catholic school. At that time only the rich could afford schooling.

Penola

Principal's Post

Dear Parents

Performing Arts Festival
Once again, I would like to extend my congratulations to all students and staff members who participated in this year's Performing Arts Festival. From what I heard and saw, it was a great success and the standard of performances was very high. If you would like to see some of these performances, please come along to the final assembly of the term on **Friday 20 September at 8.35am in the Hall.**

Confirmation
The big day has finally come for our Year 6 students and they will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this Saturday night and Sunday morning in our parish. Confirmation is the final Sacrament of Initiation and the candidates will now become full adult members of our Church. This is a big commitment for them to make and it is their choice. Please keep them in your prayers this weekend. I would also like to thank the Year 6 teachers (Mrs Bowman, Mrs Trusso, Miss Versace and Mrs Zuvela) for all of their hard work preparing the students. Special thanks are also extended to our Assistant Principals for all of their support and guidance behind the scenes. I know that Fr John and Fr Mark will make it a sacred and special occasion.

Y – Safe Social Media and Cyber Safety Parent Workshop
We live in a time where we have access to a very powerful medium in the latest technology. Along with this technology comes social media in many forms. If used correctly, it can be a very positive thing to have. However, it does come with great responsibility, and if it is misused, it has the potential to cause great harm.

It is no coincidence that the rise of the 'Anxiety Epidemic' matches perfectly with the introduction of social media. Our students and families are constantly bombarded with negative messages about how we look or what type of clothing we should wear etc. If you are concerned about this, then please come along to a parent workshop organised here at school next Monday evening from 7pm. Currently, we have very few expressions of interest from parents. If we get a low response rate, we will hold the workshop in the staffroom. If we get a better one, we will hold it in the library. I sincerely hope we get a good turn out of parents so you can be informed about the best ways to deal with the impact of social media and cyber safety.

Faction Carnival
Our annual faction carnival will be held next **Thursday 12 September** on our school oval. If it rains that day, our back up day will be **Friday 13 September.** This is always a major highlight of the year and I know the students are really looking forward to it. I would like to thank Mr Laurie Power in advance for all of the hard work he has put into preparing for this carnival. Mr Power will be taking some well deserved long service leave straight after the carnival and will be away until early next term.

Assembly Night

Another highlight for the students and parents is our assembly night. **This one will be held in the Hall on Wednesday 18 September for the students from Pre Primary to Year 3.** The idea of the assembly night is for the students to share their learning with you from this term.

As always with the little students, we are expecting a bumper crowd. **The assembly commences at 6.30pm sharp and all students are required to meet in their classrooms at 6.00pm.**

Yours sincerely
Laurie Bechelli

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday	**5th September**	**Mass 8.45am Yr 6**
Thursday	**5th September**	**Yr 4 Excursion Fremantle Prison**
Friday	**6th September**	**Assembly 8.35am (PP-Yr3)**
Friday	**6th September**	**Australian Girls Choir Workshop 1.15pm**
Saturday	**7th September**	**Confirmation 6pm**
Sunday	**8th September**	**Confirmation 9.30am**
Monday	**9th September**	**Y Safe Child Workshop**
Monday	**9th September**	**Y Safe Parent Workshop 6-7pm**
Thursday	**12th September**	**MMCCPS Athletics Carnival**
Friday	**13th September**	**Assembly (Yrs 4-6) 8.35am**
Saturday	**14th September**	**Confirmation Certificate Mass Weekend**
Monday	**16th September**	**K-6 Aboriginal Incursion Hall**
Monday	**16th September**	**Board Meeting 6pm**
Monday	**16th September**	**P&F Meeting 7.30pm**
Tuesday	**17th September**	**K-6 Aboriginal Incursion Hall**
Wednesday	**18th September**	**Assembly Night PP-Yr3 6.30pm**
Thursday	**19th September**	**Mass 8.45am**
Thursday	**19th September**	**Chisholm Presentation (Yr 4) 9.30am**
Friday	**20th September**	**Assembly (PP-Yr 3) – Performing Arts 8.35am**
Tuesday	**24th September**	**Yr 6 Graduation Photo 9.30am**
Thursday	**26th September**	**Whole School Mass (Pre Primary) 8.45am**

Thursday	**26th September**	**End of Term 3**
Tuesday	**15th October**	**Start Term 4**
Friday	**13th December**	**Term 4 Ends (for Students)**

FACTION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

This year's carnival is fast approaching. It is to be held next Thursday 12 September. We hope the weather will be kind to us with a lovely spring day. The children have been practising their team events in preparation and competing in athletic events such as long jump and shot put in PE for the older children. Results of long jump and shot put finals are posted on the undercover area noticeboard. Kindy children who are at school will be asked to join us at approx. 10:00am for a race and game.

All students please remember to pack your lunch, water bottle, sunscreen and school hat.

THURSDAY 12 September		
9.00am	**Welcome & Prayer**	
9.10am	**Running Races** Yr 6 Yr 5 Yr 4 Yr 3 Yr 2 Yr 1 PP	**Hurdle Races** PP Yr 1 Yr 2 Yr 6 Yr 5 Yr 4 Yr 3
10.15am	**Shuttle Relays** Yr 6 Yr 5 Yr 4	**Shuttle Relays** Yr 1 Yr 2 Yr 3
10.45am	**Team Games** Yr 4,5,6	**Team Games** PP & Yr 1,2,3
12.30pm	**LUNCH BREAK**	
1.30pm	Games...continued	
2.40pm	**PRESENTATIONS**	

100m / 400m Finals - TUESDAY 10 September

With the setup of the carnival on our oval on Thursday, the 100m and 400m events for years 4, 5 & 6 will be held prior to the carnival day. These events will be held next **TUESDAY 10 September** at the following times. Parents are welcome to attend.

100m Finals "A" Division only – 9:00am
400m Finals – 2:00pm

Laurie Power
PE Teacher

MAKE JESUS REAL BEARS

Congratulations to our MJR winners from Week 5 Assembly.
Ben Daniel (5P), Jade Do (4P), and Ava Iuliano (2A)

ARE YOUR KIDS FALLING DOWN THE YOU-TUBE RABBIT HOLE?

I often ask the children I meet what they like to do in their spare time and of course many of them mention playing games online, or watching things on the internet. They talk about spending time watching You-Tube in a similar way to how we might have watched a video or a TV series when we were young. When I ask them what they like to watch, they usually reply 'just stuff'! With 300 hours of video being uploaded to You-Tube every minute, and new video prompts appearing on the screen continually, it seems that You-Tube can provide an instant cure for boredom! I also speak regularly with parents who are struggling to get their child to leave their iPad or computer to come to the dinner table, or get ready for bed, and the resulting arguments and tantrums can sometimes bring the house down! These are the joys and challenges of raising children in a digital age!

"Cyber Expert and Psychologist Jordan Foster from ySafe explains 'YouTube's constant advertising is not the issue, it's the tailored stream of videos targeting the viewer. Kids are provided with a never ending source of entertainment that can begin with a cute Peppa Pig video and lead to very inappropriate content before parents even realise'. 'This is what Cyber Experts refer to as the YouTube rabbit hole - a parent can put on an innocent cartoon for the kids while they get dinner ready and very quickly the child can click the next video in the 'Recommended' list, and then the one after that and so on until they're watching videos with nudity, foul language or worse' Jordan explains."

We are fortunate to have YSafe coming to work with our whole school community on Monday 9th September. If you haven't already booked your ticket to the parent seminar, please do so now. Even if you think you know enough about cyber-safety to get by, please come along. Each time I attend a cyber-safety workshop I learn something new because the digital world changes ever so rapidly. It's our responsibility as parents to keep ourselves informed….and one step ahead of our children, if that's even possible!

Lisa Mueller
School Counsellor

Monday 9th September 2019
6:00pm-7:00pm

ySafe

PARENT CYBER SAFETY EDUCATION SESSION

SUITABLE FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

We are offering an education workshop for parents, carers and community members to learn more about managing cyber safety, social media and gaming issues.

This FREE session will be delivered by ySafe, one of Australia's leading provider of cyber safety education. The session will cover information about exactly what you need to know about raising kids in the digital age, and practical tips for managing cyber safety!

MARY MACKILLOP
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

To register, please visit:
http://bit.do/marymackillopPS

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Week Dress Up Day was enjoyed by everyone at the school. Many photos were taken and there are copies of students and staff on the Library windows. The students love showing off these photos so come and have a look.

Raewyn Caisley, the author who visited the school during Book Week held sessions with Pre-Primary students to Year 6. Raewyn changed each session to suit the age of her audience. For the older students she gave them tips on how to write a story and gave background information on the story behind some of her books. The younger students listened to her reading her stories. The interaction between Raewyn and the students was lively.

SCIENCE

The Science Room are still in the need of
Paper towel tubes
Old CDs
Old keys
Bottle Caps – plastic and metal
Small boxes (tissue, tea, muesli bars, etc)
Small plastic containers (yoghurt, butter, etc)

Thanks
Barb Stojkovski and Helen Jerkovich

The NEW ALEX & FLORA CLUB (Before and After School Care at the Church)

The Alex and Flora Club has a new supervisor Melissa Tartaglia, she is an early childhood facilitator and play enthusiast. Melissa's contact number is 0447 019567 or alternatively email her on office.marymackillop@bigpond.com

CANTEEN NEWS

The new Semester 2 CANTEEN MENU for 2019 is available on the MMCCPS website or alternatively if you require a hard copy, at the office or canteen. Please refer to this new menu ONLY, as many changes have taken place, with freshly made products.

The canteen operates on Monday, Wednesday & Friday. To alleviate using money, **Mary MacKillop Catholic Community Primary School has an online ordering system for Canteen orders. This enables a more efficient and effective service available to you and your family.**

You can visit www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au if you wish, just to have a look at what the school is offering.

If you have any queries, please come and see either myself or Kath and we will be happy to help.

Regards,
Sylvia Campbell

UNIFORM SHOP

Tuesday
Morning 8.00am-10.30am

Thursday
Afternoon 2.00pm-4pm

EFTPOS AVAILABLE

Julie
Uniform Shop Manager

P&F SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Mrs Anita Andrews will be running the second hand uniform shop. If you require any items please contact Anita on 0412 866 588.

The P&F Second Hand Uniform Shop gladly accepts donations of second hand uniforms. All proceeds from the sale of these uniforms go back to the students and the school.

KINDERGARTEN 2020 ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS

If you have a child born between 1st July 2015 – 30th June 2016, they are due to attend Kindergarten in 2020.

Please enrol your child immediately
Only a few places left.

WASTE WISE

Recycling at Mary Mac

We have a number of recycling projects going at our school and we encourage our families and community to join us in our efforts to reduce, reuse and recycle and to minimise the amount of waste from going into landfill.

Our recycling projects include:

1. Batteries – In partnership with Battery World Malaga
2. Old mobile phones and accessories – In partnership with Mobile Muster
3. Oral hygiene products (empty toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes, dental floss containers and all their packaging) – through Terracycle
4. Soft plastics – part of Redcycle
5. Aluminium cans – through Auscon (so far we have raised $12.60 for our Cash for Cans)
6. Plastic bread tags – through Terracycle

Our **worm farms** and **compost tumblers** are collecting all leftover fruit and vegetable scraps on a daily basis. Even the Canteen saves their food scraps for our worms.

'Worm Wizz' For Sale at Assemblies

We have been able to collect some amazing 'Worm Wizz' which is great for the garden. Please have a look as we will have some bottles available at assemblies so first in best dressed. A gold coin donation will give you a bottle of 'nature's nutrients' that your garden and plants will love.

New Recycling Project – Planet Ark

We are now collecting empty printer cartridges for recycling. There is a collect box in the front office.

Soft Plastic Audit

Last Tuesday we conducted an audit on soft plastics collected during recess and lunch. In just one day we collected 816 pieces of soft plastic. That would equate to over 4000 pieces in one week and a staggering 163,000 pieces of soft plastic over one year. Our latest venture will be to promote 'Nude Food' at our school and reduce the amount of unnecessary waste from going into landfill.
Stay tuned for more updates.

New Recycling Project

We are now able to collect plastic pens, textas, whiteboard markers, highlighters and empty liquid paper bottles. Collection points are in the front office and the library.
For more information go to:
https://www.terracycle.com/en-AU/brigades/writing-instruments-recycling-au

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to assist with collecting and dropping off our soft plastics to either Woolworths or Coles stores. Both supermarkets are a collection point for Redcycle.
To find out more please go to https://www.redcycle.net.au/school
If you are able to assist please see Sue Curtis in 4A.

Thank you for all of your support
Waste Wise Team

P&F NEWS

Thank you to all the wonderful helping hands that made our Father's Day breakfast another great success. To all the Dads, Grand Dads, Uncles, and Big Brothers, thank you for attending our breakfast last Friday morning. We hope you all had a wonderful Father's Day on Sunday and were spoilt through out the day.

I would like to thank McLoughlin Butchers who time after time, consistently support our events by donating meat. McLoughlin's were kind enough to donate bacon and sausages for our breakfast as we served close to 500 people bacon and egg rolls and sausage sizzles. If you are ever in need for meat products, please go and support this local business that not only supports our school, but produces such delicious food.

Another massive thank you must go to all our angels in disguise throughout our Father's Day events. These events could not run so smoothly without the help from Joyce Jakob, Melissa Carlson, Alyce Hofmann-Fritz, Nikki Ellul, Anita Caifano, Nevena Sotiroska, Kerry Thorne, Mo Dorson, Brooke Hornbuckle, Lisa Daniel, Maria Quin, Marissa Lewis, Louise Sciorsci, Sue Curtis and Julie Cockman. A massive thank you to our amazing cooks, James Sandon, Frank Campione, Andrew Dann and Marty Hornbuckle; the food was cooked to perfection, thank you.

Our 5 cent challenge has almost reached the top of the jar. We are almost able to reward the school with a Crazy Free Dress Day. A twist may be added shortly to the challenge! We may be adding a second jar with a second reward. Stay tuned. Thank you for the donations so far.

As this year is Mary Mackillop's 30th Anniversary, we will also be ordering Family Pavers for the pathway in our community garden between the school and the Church. The pavers will be similar to previous years - families or individuals can purchase a paver with their name engraved on it. This project will begin this week and order forms will be sent home for interested families. We have 2 options in design and prices are $30 & $35 depending on the paver chosen.

We have also begun planning our Quiz Night for 2019, planned for Saturday 26th October. Further details will be revealed shortly. We are keeping an eye out for small sponsorships and donations from small businesses or families within our school community. If you or someone you know owns a small business and would like to get promotions out into the community, please contact the P&F for more information. We are in need of items for raffle prizes, winner's prizes, decorations, bar items/staff, small monetary donations towards the hire of quiz masters, etc… If you are interested in joining the quiz night committee, please contact Joyce Jakob (pandf@mmccps.wa.edu.au) or Taryn Prior (t.prior82@hotmail.com).

Lisa Mueller has dedicated her time at our school focussing on wellness of students and families. As a school community, parents completed surveys as to what workshops would be beneficial. Lisa has arranged for YSafe workshops. YSafe will run workshops with students and staff during the day and a parent workshop has been arranged for the evening. Be sure to mark it in your diary, Monday 9th September 6pm-7pm. To register please visit:http://bit.do/marymackillopPS, or alternatively contact the school office if you are able to attend this fabulous workshop.

Our next P&F Meeting will be on 16th September at 7:30pm in the staffroom. Feel free to come along to join in discussions regarding our Quiz Night, school fundraising projects and family oriented programs.

Taryn Prior
P&F President

COMMUNITY NEWS

MERCY COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Tuesday 17 September – 3.30pm

See what Mercy has to offer your family by attending their next Open Day.
They will also be holding their Learning Journey for current students so all classrooms will be open.

Student led tours last for approximately 1 hour and will include afternoon tea with their Principal Mrs Julie Hornby.

To register, please phone Ms Lee-Ann Ottenhof 9247 9223.

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