



Term 3

Week 4

8th August 2013

Dear parents,

On Monday, as you know, the staff were involved in some Spiritual Formation as we followed in the footsteps of St Mary MacKillop. Our day was a pilgrimage in the true sense of the word. A pilgrimage is an education in awareness of the sacred component of life, and a pilgrim is one who recognises God around him/herself. When you travel as a pilgrim, the world is crowded with hidden shrines and with teachers to guide you.



Mary MacKillop was born in Melbourne on the 15th January and died in Sydney on the 8th August 1909. Assisted by Fr Julian Tenison Woods she founded the Sisters of St Joseph in Penola, South Australia in 1866. Mary and her Sisters lived among the poor and offered special care to the needy and marginalised. Her life teaches us to live with courage in the face of difficulties and trust in God's care.

As we followed in St Mary's footsteps we walked through The Rocks, under the Harbour Bridge and stopped outside buildings that Mary worked and lived in during her life. We visited St Brigid's in Kent Street – a beautiful Sandstone church with a school above it and also St Patrick's at Church Hill where the Blessed Sacrament was being venerated.

Father George was with us for the day and we concluded with Mass in the Chapel at Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney – joined by office workers, students from the Australian Catholic University and other pilgrims. We were able to take time to reflect on the work of the Sisters of St Joseph and in particular the example of St Mary, of the Cross, Mackillop.

Today the students in Years 3 to 6 joined the Parish for the celebration of the Feast of Mary Mackillop and Fr George challenged us all to be courageous – like St Mary – especially helping the poorest of the poor. It was a lovely mass and the students responded beautifully.



*Dear Lord,
Mary Mackillop trusted in your guidance in her journey of
Life and deepened her confidence in your will.
May we renew our
trust in your Providence to lead us in hope.*

*May we relish in the fullness of your love and the depth of
your mystery.
We ask this through Christ Jesus, the way,
the truth and the life. Amen.*

Have a wonderful week.

R. Blissenden

Richard Blissenden
Principal



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Dear Parents,

Faith Formation and Reflection

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C
Lk 12:32-48

Feast of St. Mary of the cross Mackillop

On Monday the staff of our school joined with Father George to embark on a pilgrimage through 'The Rocks' of Sydney. We walked in the footsteps of St. Mary of the cross reflecting on her life and her charism of *'Never see a need, without doing something about it.'* We then moved on to Mary Mackillop Place where we celebrated the Eucharist and prayed at her shrine. This was a very important part of our own Faith Formation. I know that all who were able to attend found it a very worthwhile experience. If any parents would like to borrow the booklet which outlines the walk and the prayer reflections in great detail please feel free to contact me. I would recommend it for not only adults but children as well. It would be a great day out to share with the family.

Catholic Culture

This weekend we have children from our school and parish Celebrating their First Holy Communion. There will be two masses on Sunday, the first will be at 9.30am which is the normal Parish mass and the second is at 11.30am.

Our best wishes to all the children who are going to be celebrating their First Communion this weekend.

*Dear Jesus,
Thankyou for sharing your life with us.
I know that you will be with me always,
through all my growing and changing.
Help me to be a person who listens to
your words.*

*Thankyou for my family and my friends,
and for this special day.
Amen*



For those parents and children interested in beginning the Sacramental journey, the next parent meeting will be on the 23rd October. This would generally be for the parents of children in **Year 3**. I would encourage all parents to discuss this with their children as it is advised that the children complete this process before they enter secondary school.

At Corpus Christi we generally have the children complete their Reconciliation in Year 3, their First Communion in Year 4 and their Confirmation in Year 5.

Religious Education News cont:

In the past a number of parents have expressed to me that they were going to allow their children to make the decision themselves. If that is the case in your family please take these thoughts into consideration.

'Sacraments are points of contact for us with God at key moments in our life. They are significant moments of our being together in a believing community that give us the chance to appreciate that we are people who have been touched by God and who have come to appreciate that special gift.' Tony Doherty

The children are part of a believing community every day and through participation in prayer, interaction with each other, religious education activities, community events and social justice they are being touched by God. The celebration of the Sacraments with their family and their peers is a significant moment in their personal journey from which they can draw strength from their community. Programmes are designed specifically for certain age groups (although the programmes have been adapted for older students when needed) so please take this into consideration when you are having a discussion with your children.

Upcoming dates:

30/8 Kindergarten Liturgy 12pm (This change needed to take place due to the Infant's Tabloid Carnival)

13/9 Year 1 Liturgy 12.45pm

Social Justice

PENRITH COMMUNITY KITCHEN

As we have supported Penrith Community Kitchen in previous years, they have requested our help and generosity again. In preparation for their Christmas collection, they have asked for donations of toiletries for both men and women who are in need. We would appreciate donations of new items such as deodorants, toothbrushes, tooth paste, shampoo, soap, wipes, hairbrushes etc. The children in the Liturgy Team will help to promote and collect these items, so your support in sending in these items with your children to their class would be fantastic. There are many people in our local area that would benefit greatly from these donations.



Have a lovely week
Sharon Shahoud
Religious Education Coordinator



CURRICULUM NEWS

MATHETHON 2013 Fundraiser

The Mathethon Challenge will be held during our Literacy and Numeracy Week from Monday 26th August through until Friday 30th August. Please start collecting sponsors and practising for the challenge. Each grade has been given a colour level to practise their mathematical skills.

Kindergarten	White
Years 1 & 2	Yellow and Red
Years 3 & 4	Orange and Blue
Years 5 & 6	Green and Brown

Money raised will go towards the purchasing of new technology hardware such as Mac Book Pros and i-pads.

A-thon Committee

2013 ICAS (INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS)

All entries have now closed for 2013. Students who have entered the ICAS Mathematics Competition will sit for the assessment on **Tuesday 13th August.**

CAN YOU HELP ON THE FATHER'S DAY STALL?

The Father's Day Stall will be held on **Tuesday 27th August.** We need some volunteers to assist in selling the items to the students. If you are willing to assist our stall coordinators please contact the office and they will then forward your details to our friendly Father's Day Stall Coordinators!
Thank you for your support,

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Victoria Olarra's family who donated many delicious cakes and slices for our Grandparents Morning Tea on Grandparents Day. They were delicious and it was very much appreciated.

Mrs Maree Tonnet
Assistant Principal

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE ENDING SOON

Congratulations to the following students who recently completed the Premiers Reading Challenge:

Amber Shearley Yr. 1
Taleisha Muscat Yr. 2

Just a reminder that there are less than 4 weeks to go until the PRC closes again for this year.

All books must be entered on the Premier's Reading Challenge website before the 23rd August; see the website for further details

<https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html> If you are having any difficulties please contact Mrs Pethybridge or Mrs N Micallef at the school before the deadline on the 23rd August.

WHY DO I NEED TO SIGN IN AND OUT

Parents are required to sign in when visiting the site, wear a visitors badge and also sign out when leaving the site – we don't mean to add to the length of your stay on the site but this document would be used in the event of an evacuation as a way of accounting for all people on the site – so parents and visitors are asked to sign IN AND OUT so we know who is on the site and when they leave. Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

SCHOOL FEE PAYMENTS

It is important to note that the final fee statement for this year (we do not charge fees in term 4).were sent to your home address during the holidays. It would be greatly appreciated if families could finalise payments by 19th August so that the school may meet its financial commitments.

Thank you to all those parents who have already paid their fees or who have set up an arrangement.

AUSSIE FARMERS DIRECT

Thank you to all members of the community who support Corpus Christi by shopping through Aussie Farmers Direct \$84.80 was directly deposited into our school account. The money will continue to be put towards resources for our children.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR THOUGHTS

Please keep the Hazeem Family in your prayers – Basel (3E) is currently undergoing treatment in The Childrens Hospital at Westmead.

PRG NEWS

Our next meeting for the Parent Representative Group is set for THIS COMING MONDAY 12th August – from 7pm in the School Library. Our focus is on helping your child with reading. Our Learning Support team, led by Mrs Tonnet will explain how you can best help your child as they are learning to read. We will have a lucky door prize and parents will have an opportunity to have their questions about 'reading' answered. **Please come along to this very important session commencing at 7pm.**

Please note that for parents interested in an update on our community events and fundraising there will be a short meeting from 6pm – just before the main meeting



PRG - COOKBOOK

Don't forget to submit your recipes on line for our cookbook (**we only have 20 recipes in the system – we need at least 80 more**) and orders for the books can be placed now too.

How to submit your favourite family recipes

- Just go to the Published Authors website www.PublishedAuthors.com.au and submit your recipe using their simple template. This process is really very easy and takes only minutes to do.
OR
- If you don't have access to the internet, then just complete the Recipe Card on the original note and return to Miss Bonser by 30th August.

Please submit your recipes AND return the attached Order Form by: 30th August 2013

CCC FM is BACK!

We are excited to announce that the Corpus Christi Radio Station is broadcasting again! The show will be a mix of students sharing their learning, recent and upcoming events and student achievements.

You'll find us on frequency 97.5FM mornings and afternoons, so you can tune in while you drop the kids off or pick them up! If you happen to miss the show you can catch up via podcast at

<https://sites.google.com/a/parra.catholic.edu.au/corpus-christi-chat2/hor>

You might even hear your child on the sound waves!
The first show went to air this morning and continues morning and afternoons.



NEPEAN ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2013

Friday 9th August (tomorrow) – rain, hail or shine

What's on and When

August			
Week 4	9 th	Friday	Award Stamping Athletic Zone Carnival (rain hail or shine)
Week 5	12 th	Monday	PRG meeting
	16 th	Friday	Yr. 1 Excursion
Week 6	20 th	Tuesday	Netball Gala Day
	23 rd	Friday	Infants Tabloids, Award Stamping
Week 7	Literacy and Numeracy Week – MATHETHON 26 th – 30 th August		
	27 th	Tuesday	Father's Day Stall
	28 th	Wednesday	Athon – Sausage Sizzle
	30 th	Friday	Yr. 5 Bathurst Excursion, Last day to submit recipes for cook book, Any remaining father's day gifts will be for sale
September			
Week 8	6 th	Friday	PRG Bush Dance, Award stamping
Week 9	9 th	Monday	Yr. 6 Canberra Excursion
	10 th	Tuesday	Yr. 6 return from Canberra
	11 th	Wednesday	Dance Fever Challenge
Week 10	20 th	Friday	St. 3 Touch Footy, Award Stamping, Last day of Term 3

FAMILY FUN DAY

St JOSEPH'S PRIMARY, KINGSWOOD

Sunday 11th August 11am to 3pm

School Tours, Raffle, Drinks, Sausage Sizzle,
Photo displays, Student Performances etc.

Come along and help us celebrate 50 Years of
Catholic Education.



KEN GATES TENNIS COACHING ACADEMY

Beginners programmes for 8 - 14 years old

Programmes for 4 – 7 year olds

For more information Mobile: 0419 973237



UNIFORM SHOP

Wednesdays
8.30am – 9.30am
&
2.30pm – 3.30pm

EXCHANGES OR REFUND

Although exchanges and refunds are accepted. All items must be in original condition with all packaging including tags attached.

A receipt IS REQUIRED for any faulty item or refunds.

A receipt is issued for all purchases including pre-paid orders

******PLEASE KEEP YOUR RECEIPTS******

NOTES SENT HOME RECENTLY:

- "God is with us" letter and booklet
- Mathethon information



Term 3 Week 5 - GENERAL INFORMATION AND REMINDERS

- Monday - Assembly , PRG meeting
- Tuesday - Dance Fever, ICAS Maths,
- Wednesday - VoY Cluster final (Yr. 6)
- Friday - Year 1 excursion, Student Banking