



Tuesday 6 August 2024

Dear parents and caregivers

I would like to begin this fortnight's newsletter with a prayer in the spirit of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop as we celebrate the Solemnity of St Mary this week.

'God of all blessings, you revealed in Mary MacKillop a sensitivity to the rights and dignity of every person, regardless of race or creed. May we learn from her to overcome the obstacles of prejudice and fear. Help us to value the goodness of each person and all the blessings of unity in diversity. Amen.'

### **Interschool Cross Country Carnival news**

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the Interschool Cross Country Carnival. Well done to Charlotte Greenham who finished fifth, Ryder Scally who finished tenth, Isaac Pierson who finished eleventh and Milla Hughes who finished eleventh in their respective races. A huge thank you to Mr Henry who organised our students and to our fabulous parents who supported us on the day. It was wonderful to hear that our students displayed such behaviours as good sportspersonship, respect for others, team spirit and a positive attitude. Behaviours such as these ensure the day is memorable for everyone.

### **Grandparents Day Liturgy and Morning Tea**

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate the wonderful gift of our grandparents last Tuesday. Our lovely Kindergarten class led us in a beautiful liturgy that honoured the special role grandparents play in the lives of their grandchildren. It was heartwarming to see the church full of proud grandparents, parents and friends. Thank you.

### **Prime Minister's Spelling Bee**

Selected students from Years Three, Four, Five and Six will be taking part in the Prime Minister's (online) Spelling Bee, Thursday 8 August. Students are given 30 random words from their reading level word list to spell and only 25 seconds to spell each word! A winner from each class will be chosen, along with an overall school winner. A big thank you to Mrs O'Dwyer for organising our students so they can compete.

### **St Mary MacKillop of the Cross Mass**

Please join us Friday 9 August at 9:00am in the church to acknowledge Australia's first Saint, St Mary of the

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Cross MacKillop, with a Mass led by our Year Five class. She holds a very special place for us as, with Fr Julian Tenison Woods, she founded the Sisters of St Joseph, who in turn, founded our school. I would love to see you there to help us celebrate the Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

### **Technology Conference**

Our Year Six students will be joining other Peel schools at Mandurah Baptist College, Friday 9 August for a Technology Conference, organised by Curtin University. The students will be engaged in live technology productions as well as having the opportunity to hear guest speakers from Microsoft, Alcoa and Curtin University. The aim of the conference is to highlight pathways to future careers for youth in the Peel region. There is also an out of school competition for students on Saturday 17 August. Please see the flyers outside the Year Four, Five and Six classrooms.

### **Advisory Council Meeting**

Please note, there is an Advisory Council Meeting at the school, Tuesday 13 August at 5:00pm.

### **STEMathon**

To celebrate National Science Week, our Year Five and Six students will be joining hundreds of students from local schools, Wednesday 14 August for the 2024 STEMathon in Waroona. Here, students can engage in hands-on STEM activities, keynote presentations, interactive exhibits and exciting experiments designed to ignite their curiosity and passion for STEM. We thank St Joseph's CPS Waroona for hosting this event.

### **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass**

You are invited to join the parishioners from St Augustine's Parish and our Year Four, Five and Six students on Thursday 15 August at 9:30am to celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Assumption Day commemorates the belief that when Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ died, her body was 'assumed' into heaven to be reunited with her soul.

### **Year Two Prayer Assembly**

Please join us Friday 16 August at 8:45am for the Year Two Prayer Liturgy in the Assembly Hall and for morning tea afterwards.

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### **Radical Reader Awards**

You are welcome to join us Monday 19 August at 8:45am in the Assembly Hall for Radical Reader Awards for Years Three, Four, Five and Six.

### **Book Week**

The 2024 Book Week Parade is almost here!

I would like to pass on some information regarding the logistics of the day, Tuesday 20 August. Where we hold the parade will depend on the weather. If the weather cooperates, we will have the Book Week Parade outside on the blue basketball court. Inclement weather will force us into the Assembly Hall. With the expected volume of audience members and the space required for the students to show off their costumes, we have decided to separate the parade into two. That is; Kindergarten, Pre-primary, Year One and Year Two students first (at 9:00am), then Years Three, Four, Five and Six after that. We will video each parade so the older students can see the younger students in their costumes and vice versa. We have a fabulous dress up theme for the staff...so make sure you come along and see what we're dressing up as!

### **Camp Road Carpark**

A reminder please for all our families not to use the sliding black gate at the Kiss and Go carpark to enter the school. It is an automatic gate and not a safe entrance into the school for students. I would also like to remind everyone not to stop in the Kiss and Go section of the carpark in the morning as this stops the flow of traffic. Please use the parallel parking bays.

Finally, congratulations to our Year Four students who represented our school so beautifully at the Mandurah Catholic College (MCC) Taster Day last Thursday. I personally received messages from MCC staff praising the behaviour of our students. Well done to the students and to their fabulous teacher Miss Moroney!

Have a wonderful week!

God Bless

Ms Vanessa Gangell, Principal

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