Dear Community,

Violence is a crime against humanity that has raged for all time and continues to rage across nations and cultures. Intimate partner violence is the most common type of violence against women, affecting 30 per cent of women worldwide, according to the 2013 World Health Organization. The impact of violence against women is widespread and long-standing, generating profound personal, social and economic costs for individuals, communities and the nation.

White Ribbon Day, 25 November, is Australia’s campaign to stop violence against women. White Ribbon is the world’s largest male-led movement to end men’s violence against women. White Ribbon Australia is a non-profit organisation and Australia’s only national, male-led primary prevention campaign to end men’s violence against women.

Through primary prevention initiatives and an annual campaign, White Ribbon Australia seeks to change the attitudes and behaviours that lead to and perpetuate men’s violence against women, by engaging boys and men to lead social change.

In particular, Australia’s White Ribbon Day reminds men to be the faces and leaders of the campaign, by living the White Ribbon Oath: never to commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women.

The violence perpetrated by men against women must stop and it is up to men to stop it. The victims are not merely statistics; they are wives, sisters, mothers, daughters and friends. Good men cannot and will not sit on the sidelines while those they love are at risk of harm.

The White Ribbon Campaign is about recognising the positive role that men play in preventing violence against women. It fosters and encourages male leadership in the prevention of violence against women, based on the understanding that most men are not violent.

The Campaign is a means for men to speak out against violence against women, and to safely and effectively challenge the attitudes and behaviours of a minority of men who use or condone violence against women.

White Ribbon Australia believes in the capacity of the individual to change and to encourage change in others. Our generation can and must work towards stopping violence against women so that all women can live in safety, free from violence and abuse.

The prevention of violence against women will change society for the better.

If we accept the statistics, three in ten women are the victims of violence from men. And as a community, and more particularly as a Catholic/Christian community, I am confident we can stand together and say, enough is enough; violence against women must stop!

If any support is needed please contact: 1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732 or Lifeline 131 114 Mensline Australia 1300 78 99 78 or Kids Help Line 1800 551 800

Have a good week everybody.

Anthony McCluskey
Principal
School Closed Wednesday 4 December for 2014 Planning

Due to a Parish function in the hall, there will be NO ASSEMBLY on Monday 9th December

FAMILY PICNIC & CHRISTMAS CAROLS

On Thursday 12 December we are holding our Annual Family Picnic and Christmas Carols, commencing at 6:00pm on our oval.

The shape of the day has now changed from previous years.

The children will come to school as per a normal school day i.e. 9:00am-3:15pm.

The children will wear their school uniform.

At 3:15pm children move home or to After School Care as per usual.

Parents are asked to gather on the oval for a BYO Picnic from 6:00pm onwards. However, if people choose there will be Sausages and Drinks for sale. There will also be a Coffee Cart

Carols will commence at 6:30pm.

Students are asked to wear colourful clothes in the spirit of Christmas to the Carols evening.

Of course Carols is weather dependent. If it rains on the day an SMS will be sent out and a Schoolbag App alert will also be sent, advising of any changes to plans or cancellation.

CONGRATULATIONS ALL AROUND!

WEDDINGS

We congratulate Miss Julia Veneziano (Year 4 B teacher) on her marriage last weekend to Paul Fodero.

We also congratulate Miss. Linda Marino (Year 1 Red teacher) on her forthcoming marriage this weekend to Marco Rabar.

We sincerely wish both couples a life time of happiness as they enjoy the blessings and challenges of life’s journey together.

BABIES

We congratulate Mrs. Natalie Mulford (Classroom support teacher) and her husband Dave on the birth of their second child Oliver. Oliver was born on 5 November.

We congratulate Mrs. Vicki Himmelreich (Year 2 Blue teacher) and her husband Damien on the birth of their first child Daniel last Tuesday 19 November.

Parents Association

November 28th Subway Lunch Day.

December 12th - Carols Evening/Christmas Raffle Drawn Christmas Raffle

A request goes out to all parents/carers that run a home based direct selling business. We are kindly asking for any donations that can be used as prizes for our raffle. If you do have something to donate whether it be a product or voucher, please hand it in to the office. Raffle tickets will be given out next week.

5 cent & 10 cent Collection

Remember to keep those small silver 5 and 10 cent pieces for the collection jars in your children’s classroom.

The class that raises the most money will win a special lunch.

The winning class will be announced the week ending December 6th and lunch will be provided on Friday December 13th.
Junior School Council Congress 2013

On the 18th of November, school captains Cheyenne Parente and Isabella Magazzu attended an event Parliament House called the Junior School Congress, which allowed students from many primary schools across Victoria to voice out their opinions on behalf of the students in their school.

Prior to the event, we selected 20 students from Year 6 to complete a survey recognising school, local and global issues. We then had to tally the results and pass them on to David Mould, the organizer of the occasion.

When we arrived with Miss V after going through security checks, many schools flooded Queens Hall, Parliament House Melbourne. There was an introductory speech regarding the day and the history of the building.

We then dispersed into the Upper House while others went into the Lower House. When in the Upper House, a few schools presented their prepared speech. Examples of what people spoke about were; asbestos in their walls (Manchester Primary) and economical Asia (Finley Primary School).

After that, we split up into animal groups and moved on into different rooms. We were in the Knight Kerr Room and part of the Lyre Bird group. Our task was to create a motion that would be proposed to our fellow delegates.

Our motion was... “That the Government should make it compulsory that students participate in the study of a global issue and how they can help. The ways students discover should be put into action so that they can use their knowledge for good.” Our idea was that students would make more of an effort to make a difference if they felt more connected to the issue.

We went back to the Upper House and other groups started presenting their motions. After the motion had been spoken, other delegates presented their opinions for or against the motion. Then there was a vote for whether the motion would get passed or defeated. Some passed and some didn’t.

Examples of some motions are... “That all Victorian Schools should reduce the amount of litter, by dedicating 15 minutes after lunch for picking up rubbish.” ...“That the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development should provide funding for schools so that they can run kitchen education programs to teach students about healthy eating.” When we presented our motion it was met with some resentment but in the end it was passed. We had 38 votes for it to pass and 31 votes for it to be defeated. Then we moved on to choosing which 2 of the 5 motions should be given to the Lower House to discuss.

Remarkably, ours got passed with a statement made by the Echidna group... “That Victorian Government schools should get the attention they need to make the toilets usable, comfortable and hygienic.” We then received the motions from the Lower House and they were all passed.

Finally, we received the results of how our motions fared in the Lower House and ours was passed enthusiastically. Our motion will now go to the Minister of Education Christopher Pyne to be considered as a worthy and realistic option for the future.

Written by Isabella Magazzu (6B) and Cheyenne Parente (6R)
Movember

It’s Movember and the time for change is now. As a part of Generation Mo, Mr Stewart and Mr Saxon have committed their faces to the cause and will be growing a moustache for the entire month of November to raise funds and awareness for men's health. They’d like you to support them as they fight the good fight. They’re restless for change and would love you to support their passion with a donation. You can donate to their moustaches by:

1. Donating online at: http://moteam.co/smmps-mo-s

Your donation will support world class men's health programs that combat prostate and testicular cancer and mental health challenges. These programs, directed by the Movember Foundation, are focused on:
- awareness and education
- staying mentally healthy
- living with and beyond cancer
- living with and beyond mental illness
- research

All working to achieve our vision of an everlasting impact on the face of men’s health. Thanks in advance for supporting our Mo’s and helping to change the face of men's health. United we Mo

Please leave your donation at the office – and the good news is that the Mo’s are growing very very well!

Alistair Stewart & Matt Saxon

St Mary of the Assumption Parish

invites our Senior Citizens to

Mass and Anointing of the Sick

at 11.00a.m. on

Monday, 9th December

to be held at

St. Mary MacKillop Church
152 Odessa Ave, Keilor Downs.

and followed by

Christmas Lunch

in St. Mary MacKillop School Hall.

To assist us with catering, please advise numbers wishing to attend to the Parish Office on 9364 0440 or fill in your details on the Clipboard in the foyer of the Church.

R.S.V.P.
by Wednesday 4th December

Moving House / Changing Schools and Not Returning To School 2014?

If you are intending leaving St Mary MacKillop Primary School at the end of this year please advise us by completing the slip attached.

NB: Please return the completed slip to the school office before November 22nd as this will help us organise class allocations for 2014.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Family Name:</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name of School attending in 2014</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Child Name:</th>
<th>Class</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Child Name:</th>
<th>Class</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Child Name:</th>
<th>Class</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Year 5 Excursion November 2013
Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre & St. Patrick’s Cathedral.

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre

Mary MacKillop
We all went to learn about
Oh, how great she was
She is our guidance

To be a great follower
She has done good deeds
Mary of the Cross
She built lots of children schools
And places to live

By Christine Tran

St. Patrick’s Cathedral

St. Patrick’s Cathedral such
A great place to pray

By Jacob Hanna

St. Patrick’s Cathedral

Very religious
A place for people to pray
Always being calm.

By Shana Udagedara

Beautiful, nice, strong
Stained-glass windows everywhere
St. Pat’s Cathedral

By Eva Golembiovski

I love to pray at

By Jessica Grima

All about Mary
Really cool information
Lots to learn about
Christmas Services
Timetable
2013

Reconciliation

Wednesday, 18th December
10:00am — 11:00am  St Paul’s Church
7:00pm — 8:00pm  St Mary MacKillop Church
Thursday, 19th December
10:00am — 11:00am  St Paul’s Church
7:00pm — 8:00pm  St Mary MacKillop Church
Friday, 20th December
10:00am — 11:00am  St Mary MacKillop Church
7:00pm — 8:00pm  St Paul’s Church
Saturday, 21st December
10:00am — 11:00am  St Paul’s Church (English & Maltese)
Monday, 23rd December
10:00am — 12:00noon  St Mary MacKillop Church
7:00pm— 8:00pm  St Paul’s Church
Tuesday 24th December
10:00am— 12:00noon  St Mary MacKillop Church

Mass Times

Tuesday, 24th December — Christmas Eve
5:00pm  St Mary MacKillop Church
6:30pm  St Paul’s Church
8:00pm  St Mary MacKillop Church
10:00pm  St Paul’s Church  (Note: new time)
12midnight  St Mary MacKillop Church

Wednesday, 25th December — Christmas Day
8:00am  St Paul’s Church (Maltese)
9:00am  St Mary MacKillop Church
10:00am  St Paul’s Church
11:00am  St Mary MacKillop Church

There will be NO evening Mass on Christmas Day

Wednesday 1st January 2013 — New Year’s Day
9:30am  St Paul’s Church
11:00am  St Mary MacKillop Church