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Upcoming Events

Term 3

Monday 20 August

Book Week Parade at 9.00am in the hall-see flyer

Tuesday 28 August

Cyber Safety Workshop
6.30pm-7.30pm in MPR-see flyer

Friday 31 August

Father's Day Breakfast at 7.30am in the MPR-see order form

Monday 10 to Thursday 14 September

Year 6 Sydney/Canberra Experience

Friday 21 September

End of Term 3-School finishes at 1.00pm

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Community,

Last week, on Wednesday 8 August, we celebrated the Feast of St. Mary MacKillop. The children had a day of celebration with Mass, a BBQ and in the tradition of Mary MacKillop, who always gave lollies to children, each child received a bag of lollies. (Please see a report and photos).

I had the privilege of attending Mass at St. Mary MacKillop Place in Nth Sydney on her Feast Day. The Mass I attended, one of a number of Masses to be held in Nth. Sydney on the day, was celebrated in the grounds of the centre where Mary MacKillop is buried. It was a great day of celebration with hundreds of people gathered for Mass. I was amazed with the many people who had gathered from all walks of life and from many nationalities. Mary MacKillop is most certainly an Australian Saint for the world, appreciated and loved by many people.

I am proud to lead a school community in the name of St. Mary MacKillop.

The theme of the Mass was '*Listening to the heartbeat of the world.*' That is exactly what Mary did. She was an ordinary woman, who in listening to the heartbeat of the world, was compelled to do extraordinary things. Mary lived by the belief, '*If you see a need, do something about it*'. It is this belief that we follow as we live, work and play together as a school community.

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As we move further into our school year together, we ask that through the example of St. Mary MacKillop, we might learn to recognise God's will and trust more in God's care. May her life of service awaken in each of us a deep respect for all people and may we share in her courage, so as to see with the eyes of Christian love.

And today, the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, the mother of Jesus into heaven, we look to her for the inspiration and courage to say 'yes' to living as we are called to live, as Christians in today's world.

Have a good week everybody,



Anthony McCluskey
Principal

*The wisdom of
St. Mary MacKillop*

***"We must look
before us, do what
we do well and
refuse to undertake
too much."***

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BOOK FAIR

The school has had another successful book fair with over \$9,900 worth of books & variety items being sold. The library will receive a commission from Scholastic to purchase new books for the library.

Thank you to all the families who supported the book fair & a special thanks to those who donated books to Joseph's Corner.

The book fair could not be successful without the help of staff & parents. Special thanks to Jenny Melki, Skye Rando & Dinah Vidot.

All orders will be placed with Scholastic this week & delivery will be in approximately 2 weeks.

Thanks again everyone.

Denise Thorne
Library Technician



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Cyber safety/bullying



The 3 Cs, Primary



The 3 Cs, Secondary



The 3Cs, Adults



#Trending, Adults

Dear Parent's,

On Tuesday, 28th August, we will be running a parent Cyber Safety Workshop, presented by a recognised expert in cyber safety from the Alannah & Madeline foundation. This workshop is aimed at supporting parents as they play an active role in their child's digital world. This session includes detailed information on risks and opportunities afforded by technology for young people, with practical tips on how to stay safe.

The workshop presents a selection of advice based on formal research and extensive work done with schools, children and their parents.

The information evening is for **parents only** and will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room between 6.30 – 7.30pm. As we have limited space it will be necessary to book in for this session. If we have a large number of interested families we will endeavour to repeat the workshop at a later date. A booking form has been sent to you via Caremonkey, so please respond if you wish to attend.

Anthony D'Amico
Deputy Principal

Book Week Parade

Book Week celebrates Australian authors and illustrators of children's books. It's such a wonderful time to immerse children in literature and celebrate books and reading. Children's Book Week runs from 18-24th August. This year's theme is "**Find Your Treasure**". Such a perfect description of the search to discover your next great book. An incredible story can feel like treasure when it speaks to you and understands the way you think and feel.

At St Mary MacKillop we continue to encourage our students to engage in a range of stories; to read them, listen to them, view them, think about them and share them with others. In the weeks leading up to Book Week, the children will have had an opportunity to view and listen to many of the nominated picture story books.

To celebrate this occasion we will be having a **Book Character Parade** on **Monday 20th August**, in the hall at **9.00am**. Students are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Now is the time for everyone to start thinking about their costume and being creative. Each grade will have an opportunity to parade their costume in front of the school community. We hope you can join us on this special day!

Rita Krnac-English Leader



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Close Fri 17 August 2018

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2018 TERM DATES

Term 3-Monday 16 July-
Friday 21 September

Term 4-Monday 8 October-
Wednesday 19 December

Parent Engagement

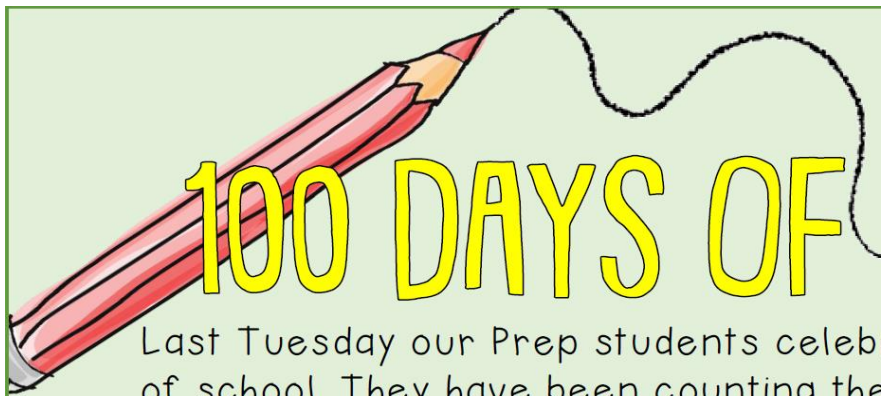
Term 3

Subway Days- Now open on
flexischools.com.au
Next date: 24 August, 2018
Orders close this Friday 17th
at 7pm

Hotdog Day-Thursday 16
August. Orders closed

Pizza Day- Wednesday 19
September. Now open to
order on flexischools.com.au

Trivia Night- Friday 17 August
-cancelled



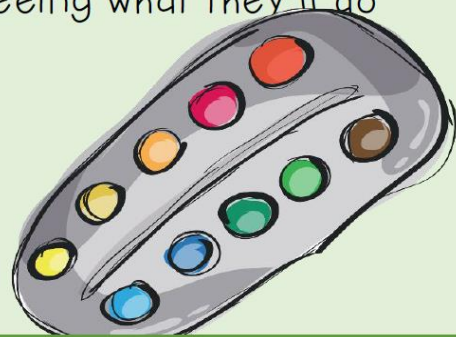
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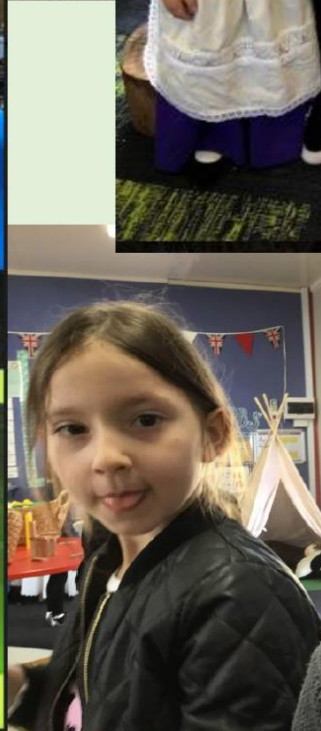
Last Tuesday our Prep students celebrated 100 days of school. They have been counting the days since their very first day of school back in February and it was a much anticipated day.

The day started with the Preps exploring '100' in Discovery Learning – What can you build with 100 cups? What would you do with \$100? The Preps had opportunities to make '100 Days' hats, imagined and drew pictures of themselves at 100 years old, made fairy bread (made with 100s but not 1000s!) They wrote about where they would like to visit and live, what they might work as and a skill they could learn before they reach 100.

They ended the day with assembly where they received a balloon and certificate to remember their special day. Students dressed in amazing costumes on the theme of 100 and some of them shared their thoughts to an audience of well over 100 people.

We are very proud of all they have achieved in just 100 days – and look forward to seeing what they'll do in the next 100.





Religious Education News

Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop August 8, 2018

Dear community,

I write to you this week to report about the exciting events held at school last week in celebration of our Patron Saint, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

We were blessed to have Sister Jeanne Dwyer from Joseph's Corner come and speak to all of the staff and students about her Catholic Mission as a Sister of St Joseph. She spoke about the life and times of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop and the incredible faith that she had in God. She also told the students about the amazing work that the Sisters of St Joseph continue to do in the world today, inspired by the example of St Mary MacKillop.

Sister Jeanne prepared three different presentations for the students aimed at their particular level of understanding. She spoke to them all about how Mary was an ordinary person who used her life for God doing extraordinary things. Sister Jeanne asked the students to think about how they could use their lives to do something for God and be a positive influence in the lives of others.

A very important part of the day was attending Mass, celebrated by Monsignor Charles Portelli, in honour of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. The entire school community gathered with parishioners to give thanks for the life and inspiration of our Patron Saint.

Students were treated to a celebratory sausage-sizzle lunch and sent home with a bag of lollies in remembrance of the lollies that Mary MacKillop handed out to students when she visited them in her day.

Many thanks to Kellie Doherty, Heath Thomas, James De LaRue and the parent helpers who supported with the sausage-sizzle and bagging-up of the lollies.

Kind regards,

Anne-Marie

Religious Education Leader



Religious Education News

Year 5 visit to Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre

On the 7th and 9th of August the students from Year 5 attended the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre to learn more about her family and details of her life. They also walked to Mary's birth site in Brunswick St to get a first-hand experience of the size and position of Mary's first home. The students attended Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral before returning to school.

Here are some of the reflections made by students and a parent of one of the Year 5 students.

"Our Excursion to St Mary MacKillop's Heritage Centre taught me many new things. At the Centre, I learnt that for most of Mary's childhood, she didn't have a home. Mary and her family always relied on their family and friends for food and education. Learning this, I realised that Mary and her siblings' childhood would've been very different and challenging as they were all split up into different houses at different times."

-Edan Gregory

"When we visited St Mary MacKillop's birthsite marked by a garden bed in Fitzroy, we were able to see how small Mary MacKillop's house was and learnt about the amazing things that she did for us. One of these things was opening 111 Catholic schools for us and gathering 811 sisters to help Mary live out the Catholic Mission."

- Joseph Scarfo

"At the St Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre we learnt about St Mary MacKillop's life. We visited the place where Mary MacKillop was born in Fitzroy, Melbourne and heard stories from the Sisters of St Joseph about how Mary helped people and where she prayed. When I was there I felt inspired because she was just an ordinary woman who travelled all around Australia trusting in God."

-Sufia Kashani

"One thing that I found interesting was that the house Mary could eventually afford for the sister's to live and work in was big but she couldn't afford the stained glass windows in the chapel, so someone gave the sister's money so they could."

- Michael Simic

It was wonderful to see The Sister's of St Joseph and all the hard work they do near and far and to learn all about the history of St Mary MacKillop and all that she did for the women and children in need. She went above and beyond to help them and keep them safe, gave them a better future and asked nothing in return!

- Julie Attard



Posters created by Year 5 students on display at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre.

SHE WHO SUCCEEDS



Applications for Year 7 in 2020 close on Friday, 17 August 2018.

Find out more by visiting our website at www.avemaria.vic.edu.au

KEILOR CRICKET CLUB
"Your Premier Family Community Club"

Junior Registration Day

Sunday 26 August
9.30am - 11.30 @ Keilor Reserve

FREE Sausage Sizzle
NEW Players welcome
Boys & Girls Competitions

Age groups from
Milo (5-7 yr olds - Beginners)
Under 10, 12's,
14's, 16's, 17's

Check the club website for all registration details & updates
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ALL OUR DAD'S ARE INVITED TO OUR.....

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Date: Friday 31st August, 2018

Time: 7:30am to 08:45am

Venue: St Mary MacKillop Multi Purpose Room

Cost: **\$7.00 (per person-including children)** to help cover the costs. Any profits will be donated to a Men's Health charity.

We invite our Dads, Grandads, Uncles and any other significant males in our children's lives to join us for an egg and bacon breakfast at school.

What's on the menu? I hear you ask! We will have:

- Egg and Bacon Sandwiches
- Sausages
- Juice
- Cappuccino, Long Black, Hot Chocolate & Tea can be purchased for \$3.00

Please complete the slip below and return with your money to the office by **Friday 24th August**. **As this is a catered event, we strictly cannot accept any replies after this date.**

Hope to see you there!

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST – Friday 31st August, 2018

Family Name	
Eldest Child's Name and Class	
Number of persons attending	
I enclose my \$_____ for the Father's Day Breakfast	

NB: Please return to school by Friday 24th August, 2018