Feast Day of Mary Of The Cross (MacKillop)

The celebration of Mary MacKillop’s life calls us at this time to be people of hope in our broken and fragmented world. It calls us to be people who relieve suffering and bring hope in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. The celebration of her Feast day challenges each Australian to know the God who is with us, to embrace with a compassionate heart those who travel the journey with us and to believe that each person can and does make a difference in our world.

Mary MacKillop was born in 1842 in Fitzroy, Melbourne (Australia). On 8 August 1909 she died, having suffered a disabling stroke in 1908, inspired by a meeting with Fr. Julian Tenison-Woods. Mary MacKillop at the age of 25 took her vows and the religious name, “Mary of the Cross”. In doing so, she founded the congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph. Soon after taking her religious vows, Mary MacKillop began schools. Within 5 years of taking her vows and founding the Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph, Mary had established over 30 schools, in South Australia and over 100 women had joined the Sisters of St Joseph.

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Holy God, source of all goodness, You show us in Mary MacKillop a woman of faith who lived by the power of the cross. Teach us to embrace what she pioneered: new ways of living the gospel that respect and defend the human dignity of all in our land. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Parish News

Weekly Gospel reflection and discussion on Fridays between 1pm – 2:15pm at the Presbytery. All are most welcome.

Parish Family Mass

Children from Kindy to Year 5 are invited to join in the Children’s Liturgy in the school library each second Sunday of the month. The children will start the Mass in the Church with their parents and then go to the library for their lesson, returning for the Offertory Procession.

Altar Servers

4th August: Fedele, Nikolas & Caprice Franco
11th August: Ray & Danny Stokes, Angelina Dimasi
18th August: Owen Grantham, Brock Rae, Brayden Napoli

St Patrick’s Church Cleaning Roster

2nd August: Angi Ferraro & Carmel Look
9th August: Pat Henderson & Del Leahy
16th August: Sandy Mansell & Family

Feast of The Assumption—15th August

The Assumption of Mary is the day we remember the ascension, the going up of Mary, body and soul to heaven. The belief of people ascending into heaven is part of both Jewish and Christian tradition. In 1950 Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Assumption of Mary as official church doctrine. It is a holy day of obligation. It is a day to remember the Mother of the Messiah, Mary would be preserved from the corruption of the body that all people experience after death.

The answer to the question “Mary help me do what is right” reflects the importance of Mary’s role as the Mother of the Messiah. Mary’s role is to help people to do the right thing by following her example of faith and sacrifice.

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Mission Statement

To provide an affordable, quality Catholic education.

Vision Statement

St Joseph’s School, as an integral part of the Waroona Catholic Community, is inspired by Christ’s teachings. We endeavour to nurture all children to grow as confident, independent, life-long learners, enabling them to contribute to society with dignity, respect and a spirit of service.

From the Principal

Dear Parents, Friends, Students and Staff of St Joseph’s School,

Welcome to Term 3 and welcome to new staff, students and families:

A new term begins and it was wonderful to greet everyone returning to school after the holidays. There was a real buzz in the air as people shared their holiday stories. Welcome to our school Miss Rimmer, our Year 5 Class Teacher for this semester, Jordan Tremayne, a Year 3 student in Year 3 and Kayden Lucas who returns to the Pre-Primary Class. Welcome to their families too. I hope you enjoy your time at St Joseph’s School. Your presence, gifts and talents will enhance our school community.

Staff Professional Development:

Staff began the term with a pupil free day attending a session on the “Eucharist – forming and transforming the Christian Community” led by Fr Tony Chiera. The purpose of this day was to aid our own understanding and appreciation of the Eucharist and the associated rituals. He reminded us Eucharist has essentially five components, these being: gathering, listening, thanking, eating and drinking and then going out into the world. Fr Tony is a dynamic presenter with a strong connection to St Joseph’s school being a former student. We were very blessed to have him lead us.

Beginning of Term 3 Mass:

Last week we celebrated the start of Term 3 with a Mass. The Mass was dedicated to Grandparents as it was the Feast day of Saints Joachim and Anne who were Jesus’s Grandparents. The Church was filled with delight and proud Grandparents and family members. Mrs Ripley and her Year 2/3 Class did a fabulous job leading the Mass and organisers a lovely morning tea afterwards.

Confirmation:

Our Year 6/7 students are preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 7th September. The Confirmation Candidates were commissioned during last Sunday’s Parish Mass and attended an information evening with their parents last night. This Sacrament is the last of the ‘initiation’ sacraments and bestows full membership into the Catholic Church. The students are presently researching the stories of Saints they admire and whose name they will take when they are confirmed. This would be a great time to share your own Saint’s names and the reason for choosing that name. Please keep the Confirmation Candidates, the Year 6/7 Class, their families and their teachers in your prayers throughout this time.

Reflection by Peter Mitchell (Mitch) - JR:

Use the Big ‘T’ Word – Thanks (10 X A Day)

The word thanks is a small word that seems to be forgotten in so many cases. We all like to be thanked for the small things we do for others. The following questions might be able to help us.

Students: When was the last time you thanked mum (or dad) for ironing your clothes, cooking your meals? When did you thank your parent or guardian for driving you to school, to sport, to dancing etc.? When did you last thank your parent’s for the food and clothes you have and the love you are given? Do you say the word thanks to your friends at school and the adults you encounter within the school?

Parents and staff: Do you use the word thanks? Do your children/students hear you being thankful?

The small things in life are probably more important than the big things. How do you feel when people praise you, smile at you, greet you, etc.? Reflect on the small things that we can do to make other people feel good.

God Bless,
Karmella Messineo - Principal

“May God help me to do what is right.”

St Mary Of The Cross
St Mary MacKillop

Dates to Remember

Thursday, 8th August
Year 3 Liturgy, 9am

Friday, 9th August
Book Club orders due

Sunday, 11th August
8:30am
Children’s Liturgy

Wednesday, 14th August
Year 6/7 Assembly

Thursday, 15th August
Year 5, 9am Book Club Dress Up
Parent Reading Session
Family Reading Night

Monday, 19th August
Pupil Free Day

Wednesday, 21st August
Year 3 – 7 Jumps

Tuesday, 27th August
3:15pm – 5:30pm
Learning Journey
5:30pm Board Meeting
7pm & P & F Meeting

Wednesday, 28th August
Athletic Carnival

Saturday, 4th September
Confirmation
(PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DAY)
Catholic Education in Western Australia has unique needs and two outstanding funding issues remain unresolved and discussions will continue with the Federal Government. Catholic Education in WA will continue to work hard to ensure that we achieve the best possible outcome on behalf of your children and all of the 73,000 students in our system across WA.

Clan W A Parenting Workshops for Term 3 are now displayed in the glass cabinet adjacent to the canteen. Workshops include; Managing Sibling Rivalry, About Boys and Food Sensations.

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There are 2 inserts within this week’s newsletter from Michael Grose about resiliency.

To attend on Thursday, August 15th at 2.30pm in the library.

Please call Mrs Della on 9682 6500 to let her know that you will be there.

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They were a credit to themselves and the school, every student gave their very best in the face of tough competition from all schools in the Peel region. Thank you to Mr Giglio and Mrs Leonne Martelli for volunteering to help out on the day.

The Three Year Old Programme will not run if there isn’t enough interest in it. Interest is registered by making contact with the school office on 97826500 and completing an enrolment form. The closing day is Monday 16th September, after this date numbers will determine whether a Three Year Old Kindy programme will operate at St Joseph’s School in 2014. Please read the note for more details.

We are looking at creating sustainable gardening at our school where every class is actively involved. Sustainable in that as people move through the school, the gardening practices will continue regardless i.e. they’re not dependent upon any one person or group of people. To get this started we require a committee of keen gardeners who can get the ball rolling (garden growing). The committee would be responsible for setting up best gardening practice and responsibility for each year level. In addition to building upon and creating vegetable gardens, as well as the greenhouse stocks, we are also looking at developing good recycling practice through the use of compost bins and worm farms. If you’d like to be a part of this committee please contact the school office within the next week on 97826500. After the committee has worked out the finer details a further call for help will go out to community to help with establishment.

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How to listen to your child read!

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“Resiliency Robbers - All parents have the best intentions when raising kids. Wanting what is best for kids can cause parents to make decisions that are not always in their (children’s) long-term best interest.” “The Language Of Resilient Families - Children and adults in resilient families tune into the needs of each other, choosing situation-specific language, rather than simply regurgitating generalised ‘feel-good’ or ‘get-on-with-it’ platitudes.”

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Waroona Amateur Basketball Assoc. – 2013/14

Junior Comp

Nomination forms are now available at the school office and the Waroona Recreation Centre. Competition is open to all juniors between the ages of 8 and 16, as of 31st December 2013 (Younger ages may be considered if numbers permit). Age Groups finalised once all nominations are received. All juniors wishing to play basketball this season must complete a nomination form and return to the collection boxes at the school office or the Recreation Centre. Nominations close Friday 6th Sept. For an electronic copy or for more information, contact Brad Vitale – (H): 9733 1791 (M): 6042 692 448 (E): bradvitale28492@gmail.com