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Mary MacKillop
Catholic Community
Primary School,
Ballajura, as a
growing faith
community seeks to
be enlivened by
Christ to live in
truth, love and
dignity.

In 1861, Mary MacKillop went to work in Penola, a small town in South Australia. Here she met a Catholic priest, Father Julian Woods.

Together they opened Australia's first free Catholic school. At that time only the rich could afford schooling.

Penola

Principal's Post

Dear Parents

I would like to extend to you a warm welcome back for the start of the new school year! I would like to welcome Mrs Lisa Liebregts as our new Assistant Principal and Pre Primary teacher. Along with Lisa, we welcome Mrs Aleshia Procopis (Year 1), Mrs Alisia Tardrew (Year 4) and Mrs Kylie Mawson (Year 1) back from Maternity Leave. We also welcome back Mrs Alli Glenister – Bielby who used to work here a number of years ago. Alli will be working in the St Joseph Centre. I would also like to extend a special welcome to any new students and families who will become a part of our beautiful community family. I hope your time with us will be rewarding.

At the end of last year, I highlighted a few of the things to look forward to in 2019. These came from our Annual School Improvement Plan, which is linked directly to our Strategic Plan. They are:

Two Enrichment Programmes From the start of this year, we are introducing an Art enrichment programme for the students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. This will be run on Fridays by Mrs Bowman. On top of this, our STEM enrichment programme will be extended to include the Year 4, 5 and 6 students. This will be run on Tuesdays by Mrs McLeod.

Social Worker A number of years ago, schools didn't have social workers or psychologists. However, it now seems that we can't run without them. The mental health and well-being of our students needs to be one of our top priorities. The rise in mental health issues seems to be directly linked to the rise in social media and technology. Daily, our children are being bombarded with messages, which affect their perceptions of themselves, often in a negative way. Therefore, we have employed Mrs Lisa Mueller for three days a week to provide a counselling service to our students who need extra support. Mrs Mueller will also introduce mental health and well-being programmes such as Be You and Friendology, which the class teachers can use in the classrooms. Mrs Mueller will be here on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Celia Byass, will be with us for Wednesdays only this year. As you can see, there will be a lot of support in place for our students and families.

Literacy and Numeracy Support This will continue this year with more support offered for all classes. Mrs Hutcheson and Mrs Liebregts will guide the support staff as both Assistant Principals are very strong with their knowledge and understanding of these programmes. Both Assistant Principals are Reading Recovery trained and they will also undertake Extending Mathematical Understandings (EMU) training as well.

Making Jesus Real and Servite 24/7 Youth Ministry Aspects of these highly successful programmes will be introduced to enhance the students' understanding of what it means to live as a Christian. Some of the senior students already received the support of the 24/7 Youth Ministry from Servite College, and extra social justice and service learning opportunities will be made available to them. The Year 6 students will receive four days of leadership training throughout the year and the Year 5 students will once again participate in the leadership preparation day.

Waste Wise Programme Mrs Hutcheson and Mrs Curtis will be leading this programme and hopefully we will see a focus on reducing waste and an increase in recycling throughout the school. We will be planting some fruit trees around the school grounds and will also get a compost system and worm farm going. Ideally, we may even get some chooks to eat all of the food scraps that are left over from the students. If you go to the ABC website and look at Gardening Australia, they had a wonderful example of a school in the eastern states who have fully implemented a similar programme which I think is brilliant.

Holidays Works During the school holidays, a number of exciting improvements took place. I hope you have noticed our lovely new signs at the front of the school. I don't think you can miss us now as you drive past. I also hope you like the ten pieces of our students' artwork displayed at the front entrance. I think they look amazing and it makes for a colourful and welcoming entrance to the front of our school. Along with this, the Year 3 and 4 classrooms all received brand new carpets and they look fabulous. What you won't see, but is equally important, is a new solar panel system on the roof of the undercover area. As we run 86 reverse cycle air conditioners, this will make a big impact upon our carbon footprint here at Mary Mac. It also fits in perfectly with our focus on waste, which will happen this year. It's always exciting when improvements are being undertaken.

Parent Information Night This will take place next Monday 11 February from 6pm in the Hall. Like last year, I will meet all of you in the hall for about 15 minutes. After that, you can go to two of your children's classrooms for 30 minutes each. One session will be held at 6.20pm and one at 7.00pm. Please remember that this is an evening of general information only. If you would like to discuss anything about your child individually, please make a separate time to meet with the teachers. I really hope that as many of you as possible come and find out what is happening this year at Mary Mac.

Yours sincerely Laurie Bechelli

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday	7 th February	Whole School Mass 8.45am
Thursday	7 th February	Swimming Trials (Yrs 4-6)
Friday	8 th February	Assembly 8.35am
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Monday	11 th February	Kindy –Yr 6 Parent Information Night 6pm
Thursday	14 th February	Yr 6 Mass 8.45am
Friday	15 th February	Assembly 8.35am (PP-Yr3)
Monday	18 th February	Board Meeting 6pm
Monday	18 th February	P&F Meeting 7.30pm
Wednesday	20 th February	Incursion – Waste Wise Audit
Thursday	21st February	Year 5 Mass 8.45am
Friday	22 nd February	Assembly 8.35am (Yrs 4-6)
Friday	22 nd February	Family Fun Night 5-9pm
Saturday	23 rd February	Reconciliation Commitment Mass 6pm
Sunday	24th February	Reconciliation Commitment Mass 9.30pm
Monday	4 th March	Public Holiday

SWIMMING TRIALS – Years 4 - 6

Swimming trials will be held **THIS WEEK at Ballajura Aquatic Centre**. (Cnr Illawara Cres and Kingfisher Ave.) The students will be driven by bus to the venue and back to the school grounds when the trials are completed. The trials will help with organising students into their events for the carnival in Week Five. A note containing details has been sent home with your child.

The trials for the different classes will be held on the following days:

DATE	10AM	11AM	12PM	1PM	2PM
Thursday 7 th Feb	4A	40	4P		5A
Friday 8 th Feb	6A	6P	60	50	5P

Students are to wear their sports uniform to school on their trial day. Please ensure that all their clothing is clearly marked with their name. There will also be a lifeguard at the pool specifically to supervise our children.

Parents who are available to help Mr Power are to meet him at the pool.

Catholic Education WA

The meeting room in the school hall will continue being utilised by CEWA as a northern region base for their staff. Consultants in the areas of curriculum, students with disabilities, psychologists and school improvement advisers are all located here at our school. They are a wonderful addition to our school and we very much look forward to making them feel a part of our community again in 2019. You will notice some reserved parking bays in the main car park. These are strictly reserved for CEWA staff.

New students and their families

As we enter in to the new school year, I wish you all many wonderful experiences with your children. Take care this week and enjoy establishing positive relationships with others in our community. If you see our new families around the school, I know you will make them feel very welcome. We have many new families joining us in 2019, and we have all been there as parents, it can be daunting in the early days.

Food Allergies

As parents will be aware, some children in our school are allergic to some foods. This is an extremely stressful time for parents as they do entrust the school with taking care of their most precious gifts.

It would be appreciated if parents could reinforce with their children that there is **no sharing of morning tea or lunches** or buying of food from the canteen for others at school. Please feel free to explain the reason for this. Your understanding and support is much appreciated.

Our students who have allergies are encouraged to wear the red cross on their collars to highlight to staff and students that they have an allergy. The fabric red cross transfers are available from the school office.

As you may be aware, most schools are **nut aware rather than nut free** as it is impossible to be completely nut free. In order to protect our students, and due to the rise of anaphylaxis cases within our schools, parents are asked not to send any food items to school which contain nuts or traces of nuts. There are numerous other allergies related to food that can cause severe reactions for some students. We see the health and wellbeing of our students as a priority whilst in our care and see this as our responsibility to the students, who may suffer an anaphylactic reaction.

We know you will have great understanding of how concerning it is for a child and their parents when such a risk of certain foods could put their young lives in danger.

Your support is greatly appreciated by all.

PENOLA

Sick/Unwell Children at School

If your child is unwell/sick, please refrain from sending them to school. An unwell child in a classroom will spread their illness quickly as the children are in close contact with each other. Parent support is needed to ensure our children stay as well as they possibly can during the school year. When an unwell child is in a classroom environment, bugs can travel quickly. We rely on our parents to support this policy as we have children in our school that can become very ill, very quickly. I wish to thank our 2018 parents for working hard at this. Your efforts and concern for other students is highly valued.

Transport Permission Note

To avoid having to obtain signatures from parents repeatedly, as a consent for all occasions throughout the year for your child to travel by bus, we will be sending home a Transport Permission Form. Please ensure you return this signed form to your classroom teacher. If you did not receive one, you can collect a form from the office.

PUPIL FREE DAYS 2019

Please note the following days are Pupil Free Days for staff professional learning:

Monday 29th April 2019 Monday 22nd July 2019 Tuesday 23rd July 2019 Friday 27th September 2019 Monday 14th October 2019

The School Board for 2019

Albert Feralloro (Chairman) Amy Lam
Colin Schotte (Treasurer) Katie Rankin

Bryce Parry
Kirsty DeLongis
Deanne Wright

Laurie Bechelli (Ex Officio)
Fr John Jegorow (Ex Officio
Wayne Ehlers (Parish Rep)

P&F Executive and Members for 2018

Taryn Prior President
Melissa Carlson Vice President
Alyce Hofmann-Fritz Treasurer
Joyce Jakobs Secretary

SCHOOL TIMES

Year 1 to Year	to Year 6	to	1	Year
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8.00 am Before school duty commences 8.20 am Class doors open

8.30 am Classes commence - morning sessions

10.35 am MORNING TEA

10.55 am Classes resume-midday sessions

12.55 pm LUNCHTIME

1.35 pm Lessons commence - afternoon sessions2.50 pm Pack-up bell: collect message boxes

3.00 pm SCHOOL CONCLUDES 3.20 pm After school duty ends

Pre-Primary

8.20 am Class doors open 3.00 pm School Concludes

<u>Kindergarten</u>

8.30 am Class doors open 8.45 am Lessons commence 2.50 pm School Conclude

If children are not in their classroom by 8.30am, they **must** sign in at the front office before going to class otherwise they will be presumed absent.

ABSENTEES

If your child is absent you must send in a letter/email to your classroom teacher. Please notify the school office on the day of your child's absence on 9241 7500 before 9am, a letter or email is still required for the class teacher. Parents will be contacted via SMS if your child is away when the school has not been notified.

NOT FIT FOR PE & SPORT OR DANCE?

It is expected that students who cannot participate for a legitimate reason are <u>provided with a note by their parent explaining the nature of the injury or illness</u>. Mr Power & Miss Hince request that rather than provide a total exemption from the lesson for your child, it is often more appropriate that a request that my child "be allowed to participate where able to" in the lesson be the norm.

Many parents assume the PE or Dance & Drama lesson will be more robust than is planned for that day. Not all lessons are 'rough and tumble' where re-injuring may occur. Often lessons involve co-operative activities at controlled speed of movement or even in stationary positions. It is even possible for students to work away from the class group independently where practice and learning can still occur.

There are obvious cases where a student will not be allowed by Mr Power to be involved even if the child believes it is ok. These instances are judged individually in line with duty of care considerations and as a parent which Mr Power is. Keeping our children active and fit are goals not just for now but for them as adults too.

SCHOOL UNIFORM GUIDELINES 2019

Thank you to our families who continue to set high standards in the appearance of our school uniform. In 2019, there will be reminder notices sent home to parents when students are consistently in the incorrect uniform or if the uniform does not meet standards. Please understand, this is about being consistent and ensuring all our students meet the requirements. Without parent support with the uniform we can achieve very little with maintaining these high standards.

MEDICAL INFORMATION AND ASTHMA PLAN FORMS

To maintain your child's/children's safety at school, it is vital that we are kept up to date with any medical concerns that the students at the school may have. In the coming weeks, Family Information Forms will be sent home for updating. Please do this carefully, especially with regard to medical information. These must be returned as soon as possible. If these have not been received by the school, please be aware it then becomes a parent responsibility.



CAR PARK PICK-UP and AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION

Kindergarten

Students are collected from the Kindergarten classrooms.

Pre-Primary to Year 2

After school pick up will be from the front car park. Older children from Years 3 to 6 are to be picked up from here if they have younger siblings in Pre-Primary, Years 1 or 2.

Please note: A Year 3-6 child that has younger siblings in PP-Year 2 must come to the front car park pick-up area.

Year 3 to Year 6

After school pick up will be from the Church end pickup area. All Years 3 to 6 students are collected from here until 3.20 pm.

At 3.20 pm, if the students have not been collected, they will be taken to the front car park near the school office.

Students may play on the school oval after school, but they must be supervised by their parents. This means supervised. No children should be on the oval after school unless a parent is present.

<u>Students not collected by 3.30 pm</u> will come into the office. Parents will be required to see the Principal or Assistant Principal if children are collected after this time. We acknowledge there will be occasions where parents run late. If you are running later than 3.30 pm, please contact the office on 9241 7500.

CHILDREN LEAVING THE SCHOOL DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Parents/Guardians collecting children during school hours will need to sign in at the office. We will then call the students to the office. If your child is returning to school later that day, come directly to the office to sign back in. This applies for Pre Primary to Year 6 students. If someone other than the parent or guardian is picking a child up during school hours, the school must be notified.

ACCESS TO SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please be aware the gates have now been fitted with a remote control device. This will mean there will be no access to the school grounds between 8.45 am and 2.30 pm each day. If you require access into the school grounds you will need to access a remote control from the school office and return the remote upon your departure.

PARENTS/VISITORS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS DURING SCHOOL HOURS

All parents and visitors on school grounds during the hours from 8.45 am and 2.30 pm, must report to the school office and sign in. It is expected all visitors adhere to this procedure. This is part of our Safe Schools Policy.

USE OF STUDENT IMAGES ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Please note the only images you may place on social media are images of your own children. All video footage of assemblies, concerts, Masses and other school events is for private use only. We have many students in our school who are not permitted to have their images on the internet or social media, therefore placing other students' images on the internet without written parental consent is not permitted. We appreciate your pride in showing how talented our students are, however, we know you will all understand and respect this request.

NEWSLETTER and WEBSITE

Please remember the Penola is available on-line and the link is emailed out to parents every fortnight on a Wednesday. Parents who do not receive the on-line Penola may collect a newsletter from the administration area. The Penola will also be available on the school website. We are continuing to look at ways of improving the communication with our parents.



SCHOOL FEES 2019 POLICY

School Fee Policy – full information can be found on the school's website www.mmccps.wa.edu.au and enclosed in your Family Fee Statement which will be sent home next week through your child. Please check their school bag.

Kindy to Year 6 Fees - Fee accounts are sent out at the commencement of the school year. Reminder accounts are sent each term before school holiday breaks (copy can be requested anytime). Payments are to be made within 7 days of receiving the account or by terms on the due dates stated. Methods of payment are below. Alternatively, payments may be made by Direct Debit on a fortnightly, monthly or quarterly basis on a **Wednesday or Friday** from your nominated bank account - form available from school office or from school website www.mmccps.wa.edu.au

TERM PAYMENT DATES

Term 1 due 22/02/2019 Term 2 due 3/05/2019 Term 3 due 19/07/2019 Term 4 due 11/10/2019



BPAY

Telephone and Internet Banking - call your bank to pay your account quoting our Biller Code and your Reference Number. Regular cycles can be set up. Please note School preference is for a <u>Wednesday or Friday</u> as payment day.



EFTPOS

Various bank or credit cards are accepted for prompt payment at the school office.

Hours 8.15am - 3.30pm (excluding American Express and Diners Club).



Mailing your Payment

Tear off the remittance advice and send your cheque/money order to the School Office. NO CASH PLEASE



Paying in Person

Present the remittance advice with your payment to the School Office during office. Hours 8:15am – 3:30pm.



Direct Debit Authority-Regular Bank Account Payments (savings or cheque)

Wednesday or Friday regular payments can be established on a fortnightly,

monthly or quarterly basis. Please complete an authority form and return to the school office before 1st Term fees due date 22/2/2019. Forms are on the school website or available from the school office and assistance is given to calculate payments in need.

CDF Authority-Regular Credit Card Payments

Wednesday or Friday regular payments can be established using your credit card on a monthly or quarterly basis. Please complete an authority form and return to the school office before 1st Term fees due date 22/2/2019. Forms are on the school website or available from the school office and assistance is given to calculate payments in need.

HEALTH CARE CARD TUITION FEE DISCOUNT SCHEME (HCC)

This scheme assists all families that hold current Family Health Care & Family Pensioner Concession cards that are valid during 2019. The discount is on <u>tuition fees only</u> for Kindergarten to Year 6 students as per Catholic Education Office policy. All Amenities and other costs will be charged at full rates.

The HCC Tuition fees will be as follows for the first child:

Kindy	Annual Tuition Fee for Kindy	\$390 per annum	
Years PP - 6	Annual Tuition Fee for	\$390 per annum	
	1 st Child		

<u>Applications must be made at the School Office each year</u> (please provide your <u>current</u> Health Care Card).

Please note that normal sibling discounts on Tuition still apply for Kindergarten to Year 6 students. Application must be made each year.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 8th March 2019.

FAMILY FEE ASSISTANCE

For families who do not qualify under the HCC Scheme but believe that they may experience financial difficulties with their fees, assistance is available through application to the Principal. It is necessary within 14 days of receiving the school account for the family to contact the School Office and make an appointment with the Principal to discuss fee arrangements.

Families who have bank authorities in place for either Direct Debit or Credit Card payments with "Ongoing no end date" will continue to pay as they did in 2018. I will be checking payment amounts and making small adjustments to payments where necessary for 2019. These families will receive an SMS with the adjusted payment amount and commencement date for the new amount <u>before</u> it happens (SMS in the next 2 weeks). Larger adjustments-I will inform those families of the requirement to complete a new bank authority to commence 2019 payments. Their existing payments will continue in the interim.

If you have any questions or would like some assistance to calculate your payments, please call me directly Ph: 92417506 or email finance@mmccps.wa.edu.au. I'll be happy to help.

Thank you for your continued support of the school. Your prompt and regular payments are appreciated and enable the school to purchase resources early in the year for the children's education.

Sue Haynes FINANCE MANAGER Ph: 9241 7506

PARISH BLESSING

To all our parents, students and staff we are hoping that 2019 is blessed with many of God's gifts for all and we look forward to once again sharing and preparing in the wonderful sacramental programmes in the year to follow.

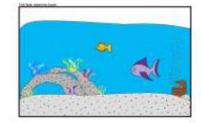
With God's blessings, Father John Jegerow

SCIENCE

The Science room is in desperate need of the following items:Yoghurt containers 250ml or 500ml
Empty 500ml water bottles
Paper towel rolls (the cardboard rolls)

If anyone has a fish tank they no longer need – the science room would love to have one.

Jenny McLeod and Helen Jerkovich



CANTEEN NEWS

The new Semester 1 CANTEEN MENU for 2019 is available on the MMCCPS website or alternatively if you require a hard copy, at the office or canteen. Please refer to this new menu ONLY, as many changes have taken place, with freshly made products.

The canteen operates on Monday, Wednesday & Friday. To alleviate using money, Mary MacKillop Catholic Community Primary School has an online ordering system for Canteen orders. This enables a more efficient and effective service available to you and your family.



You can visit <u>www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au</u> if you wish, just to have a look at what the school is offering.

Canteen tokens are available to purchase from the office or canteen at a cost of \$32 per sheet. Lunch/recess order bags are available from the canteen, 20 bags for \$1. Please ensure your child's name and correct class are written clearly on bags. Separate bags must be written for recess and lunch. PLEASE DO NOT USE STICKY TAPE OR STAPLES TO SECURE LUNCH BAGS.

All lunch/recess orders must be placed in classroom baskets before the class commences. They will then be taken to the canteen. If your child is late, they are to take the lunch order directly to the canteen.

All prepaid icream orders from Yrs 1-6 are to be collected by your child at the canteen with their lunch order bags as proof of purchase. Please note, your child can purchase a drink or icecream without pre ordering if they have money.

If you have any queries, please come and see either myself or Kath and we will be happy to help.

Regards, Sylvia Campbell

UNIFORM SHOP

Tuesday Morning 8.00am-10.30am

Thursday Afternoon 2.30pm-4pm

EFTPOS AVAILABLE



Julie Uniform Shop Manager

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

If you would like to purchase any second hand uniforms, please contact Mrs Wendy Jacques 0417 092796.

School Counsellor



Parenting Program



Bringing Up Great Kids

Bringing Up Great Kids is a six week reflective parenting program developed by the Australian Childhood Foundation. The program will help you identify and communicate the important messages you want to give your child and better understand the meaning of your child's behavior.

Where: Centrecare Joondalup, 85 Boas Avenue, Joondalup, WA 6027

Dates: Every Friday morning for six weeks

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 / April 5 (2019)

Time: 9.30 am – 11.30 am

Cost: Free

For further information or to register please contact Centrecare Joondalup on (08) 9300 7300

The ALEX & FLORA CLUB (Before and After School Care at the Church)

The Alex and Flora Club provide before and afterschool care for children from Kindergarten to Yr 6, and also offer vacation care for the holidays. They are situated in the basement of the Mary MacKillop Catholic Church.

Please contact Colleen Besterwitch on 0447 019 567.



parenting *ideas

Unearthing kids' strengths for happiness and success

Personality strengths—our character—play a big role in helping us build our talents. Think about anyone who has built a talent and imagine if it could have been done without character. Imagine Einstein without curiosity, The Beatles without creativity, Mother Teresa without compassion and Neil Armstrong without bravery.

Yet for decades, scientists were blind to character strength. We focused on talent, often on physical strength and skills. In fact, when I first ask young children what they think a strength is, they almost always point to their biceps or talk about being able to lift something heavy.

Once you get familiar with the language of strengths and a framework for seeing them, you'll see character strengths easily in your child. In fact, you may find your child calls on their character strengths more often than on talent to meet life's challenges.

Three key elements of a strength

You've probably seen a child joylessly perform at a piano recital. She may hit all the right keys, but there's no energy or enthusiasm. It's as if she doesn't want to be there. On the flip side, we've seen the child onstage who's clearly motivated and energised and who fearlessly flails through every mistake—of which there are many.

Personality strengths—our character—play a big role in helping us build our talents. Think about anyone who has built a talent and imagine if it could have been done without character. It turns out that three elements come together to form a strength. For purposes of strength-based parenting, we need to keep our eye on all three:

1. Performance (being good at something)

Watch for when your child shows above-age levels of achievement, rapid learning, and a repeated pattern of success.

2. Energy (feeling good doing it)

Strengths are self-reinforcing. The more we use them, the more we get from them. They fill us with vigor. You'll notice your child has abundant energy when using a strength.

3. High use (choosing to do it)

Finally, look for: what your child chooses to do in his spare time, how often they engage in a particular activity, and how they speak about that activity.

For true strengths, these three elements form a beautiful feedback loop. Great performance provides the child with a shot of high energy, so the child naturally chooses to do more. In turn, high use—also known as effort or practice—improves performance levels. So, for example, if you notice that your child is energised when they play the piano, and you provide enjoyable opportunities for them to play, if they are mining a true strength they will likely practice more, which improves their performance, which then energizes them... and so the loop continues.

Keeping this triad in mind will help you avoid pushing your child into an area that seems like a strength just because your child is good at it. It will also help you differentiate between whether your child is bingeing on an activity in an escapist way or expressing a true strength. For example, parents have asked me, "My kid is great at computer games and wants to play all the time. Is that a sign of a strength?" I reply, "Observe their energy levels at the end. Are they drained and cranky? Or energised and full of life? Are you seeing the full triad?" Computer games can tap into a child's strategic and problem-solving skills or stimulate creativity (in some games, you invent whole new worlds). Or they might just be about filling time. So look for all three signs. When you see your child do something well, with energy, and do that activity repeatedly—you'll know you've unearthed a strength.

P&F NEWS

A warm welcome to all our wonderful families at Mary Mackillop as we blast off on a fast paced start for 2019. To all our new families, welcome and we hope to see you at some of our wonderful P&F events for the year. We will be celebrating our school and parish 30th anniversary this year, so our events will be very exciting and are not to be missed.

We will start year with our Family Fun Night on Friday 22nd February from 5pm until 9pm. We have organised a carnival themed event with carnival rides, water slides, dunk tank, animal farm, food trucks, cake stall and much more to enjoy. This event will be free for our children at Mary Mackillop and siblings are encouraged to come along and receive a wrist band on the night.

Food trucks, slushies, fairy floss, LED balloons, raffles and cake stall will be available on the night, so bring some change along and enjoy a night filled with fun for the whole family. We are looking for high school aged students to assist with the stalls on the night, so if you have a child who needs to complete community service hours please contact the P&F to place their name down. It is a great way to get some work hours and volunteer experience while assisting a great school like ours.

The P&F have a second hand uniform shop available for purchase of second hand uniforms. If you are after second hand uniform items, please contact Wendy Jacques on 0417 092 796 to arrange viewing or simply email the P&F if you would like to be added to our Facebook group.

As 2018 came to an end, we welcomed some new members to our Executive Committee. We welcome Melissa Carlson, our new Vice President and Alyce Hofmann-Fritz our new Treasurer. We encourage parents to come along to our monthly meetings to participate in discussions regarding our school events and fundraising needs. Please do feel free to come and meet our excellent committee, it's not a big commitment, just a way to get to know others in our school community.

If you would like to be involved in the planning and/or running of our Family Fun Night event, please do not hesitate to contact the P&F at any time. This year we will also be looking for classroom reps to assist with building our school community. If you are interested in joining our committee or have any questions, feel free to contact the P&F by email pandf@mmccps.wa.edu.au.

Our next P&F meeting will be held on **MONDAY 18TH February 7:30PM** in the staffroom.

We will be discussing our upcoming Family Fun Night as well as our proposed events for 2019. For further information regarding events, volunteering for event organisation or goals for our school, please contact the P&F by email pandf@mmccps.wa.edu.au.

Taryn Prior P&F President

COMMUNITY NEWS

CHISHOLM CATHOLIC COLLEGE

OPEN DAY/ SCHOLARSHIP and ENROLMENT INFORMATION

The College's annual Open Day will be held on Thursday, 28th February 2019. Guided Tours will begin at 8.45am, 11am and 1.15pm from the Performing Arts Centre. Parking will be from the entry on May Street and as directed.

Bookings for tours are essential and close on Wednesday, 20th February 2019.

Bookings can be made via our website or please contact our administration office on 9208 2500.

The Principal also invites applications for College **Scholarships and Bursaries** including Academic Scholarships, Indigenous Bursaries and Music Scholarships.

More detailed information regarding the Scholarships and Bursaries can be found on the College website under *Enrolments*.

Requests for application forms should be directed to the College Enrolment Registrar Mrs Anne Balmer on 9208 2516. Please note that applications for scholarships close on Wednesday, 13th March 2019.

Enrolment interviews for Year 7 places for 2021 will commence shortly. The deadline for consideration for the first round of applications (including siblings) will close on Friday, 15th March 2019.

Please note that interviews and offers continue throughout first and second term for new families. Sibling interviews will occur over two evenings on a date to be advised.

Please consult the College website: www.chisholmcc.wa.edu.au for further information regarding College Enrolment and enrolment criteria.



Please join us in honouring

Seven Holy Founders Feast Day Friday 15 February

9.00am Feast Day Mass College Gymnasium

10.30am Morning Tea Alexis Research Centre

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