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Monday, Wednesday, & Friday

Uniform Shop:
Tuesday 8:00 - 10:30am
Thursday 2:00 - 4:00pm



*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

Reports As a final reminder before the reports go online next **Monday 29 June at 4pm**, please remember that the Government authorities have decided that we cannot report against the usual A, B, C, D and E grades. Instead, your children will be graded according to **'Working Towards Expected Level, At Expected Level and Above Expected Level'**. The reports will also look significantly different for this semester only. Due to a very different format for these reports, I have not put my own comments in for each student as I usually do. However, I can assure you that I have read every single report in the whole school and intend to put my comments in at the end of the year when we hopefully go back to the old style. **Please also note that the student reports will no longer be printed and sent home. Instead, they will be made available to you online via SEQTA. Please make sure you have set up your SEQTA account in preparation for this change. As this year is a transition year, we will print reports for those families who specifically request them by contacting the front office. However, from next year, they will only be available online.**

AOS As I mentioned in the last newsletter, our school has now transitioned to an office and finance system on a new platform called Administration of Schools (AOS). It was a huge change and there are likely to be teething problems. I ask for your continued patience and understanding as Barb, Jane and Sue adapt to the new platform. The long term benefits will certainly outweigh some of the issues we will face in the coming weeks. I really do appreciate all the support you have shown us over the last weeks and months.

Newsletter As we are going through so many changes with the way things are organised in the front office, we have decided that it is time to upgrade our newsletter as well. From the start of next term, it will come to you in a digital style which is much more device friendly. It will be presented in a tile format so you can choose the sections you want to read. We can run analytics on this over time to see what is being read the most and make changes accordingly. Hopefully, more of you will engage with the newsletter to keep informed of all that is happening at Mary Mac.

Term 3 Dates I know many of you are keen to get a copy of the Term 3 calendar, and this will be available for you by the end of next week. I'm just waiting on some clarity on a few points from CEWA and will add it to the planner once it comes in. Expect next term to be very busy as we have a fair bit of catching up to do!

School will resume next term on **Wednesday 22 July** as the staff will be participating in two days of professional development that week. We will be doing the fifth and final day of Cooperative Learning training as well as a day of rich, open ended problem solving mathematical tasks with Dr Paul Swan. As you can see, we have a very clear focus on teaching and learning using effective and proven strategies which make learning interesting, challenging and fun for the students.

Uniform Shop Update We have been trying to source girls' trousers for some time and finally, I'm pleased to inform you, they are now available from the uniform shop from tomorrow. Most schools offer these to the girls who would like to wear them in winter instead of a dress. Generally, they are not a big seller, which is why it has taken so long to source them. However, maybe we will be the exception!

CEWA Use of Our Hall I have received notification from CEWA that from the start of next term, they will no longer be using the office space at the front of our hall. Whilst I am sad to see them go, it will give us another space which we can use for staff meetings, parent information sessions, OSHClub and a variety of other purposes. It will also free up several bays in our front car park for parents to use. The office staff will be relocating to the Newman Siena Centre in Doubleview.

COVID-19 Restrictions I am anticipating that if all goes well, by the time we return next term, we can go back to business as usual and recommence weekly assemblies, interschool sport carnivals and Masses (not to mention, going to watch the footy at Optus Stadium!!). It has been a very challenging time this term and I am so happy we live where we live as so many parts of the world are still in deep trouble.

There will be the usual maintenance programmes taking place over the holidays with the adventure playground being painted, veranda poles outside Year 5 and 6 being replaced and the roof outside Year 1 and the Science rooms being upgraded.

I wish you a safe and restful holiday (**this term ends next Friday 3 July**), which I think we all need as we move through this time of incredible disruption. I look forward to seeing you again on 22 July.

Yours sincerely
Laurie Bechelli

IMPORTANT DATES

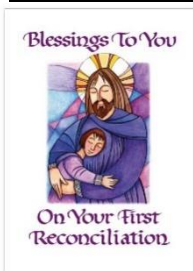
Thursday	25th June	P&F Catch up Morning Tea Yrs 3-6, 8.30am
		Upper school drop off /pick up area.
Monday	29th June	Reports available on line 4PM
Friday	3rd July	Term 2 Ends Students
Wednesday	22nd July	Term 3 Begins Students

Please take note of your new BPAY reference number on your fee statements. Prior to making any BPAY payments, please update your bank account details to the new BPAY reference number.

Thank you.

If your circumstances have changed and your family are now eligible for a Family Health Care Card, please contact the office to make an application for your discount on your school fees.

RECONCILIATION CERTIFICATE MASSES



All Year 3 students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last Saturday are asked to attend one of the Masses this weekend to collect their certificate.

KINDERGARTEN 2021 ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS

If you have a child born between 1st July 2016 – 30th June 2017, they are due to attend Kindergarten in 2021. Application forms are available at the office or online at our website www.mmccps.wa.edu.au

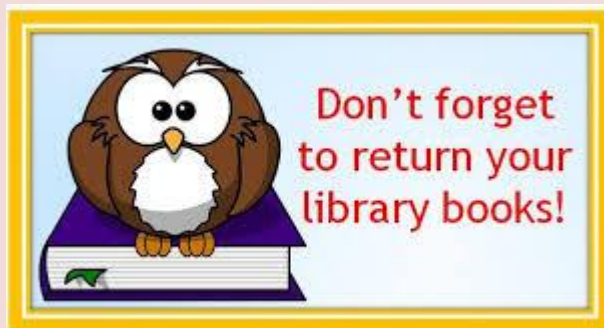
Please return application forms to the school office ASAP.

All sibling applications need to be lodged as enrolment process is now beginning.

We don't want you to miss out.

LIBRARY NEWS

As we near the end of Term 2 the last week for Library borrowing will be in Week 9. I would ask that all Library books could be returned in Week 10 please. Thank you for your help in this matter.



SCIENCE

If you have any of the following items could, you please ask your child to take them to the Science room.

- paper towel tubes
- tissue boxes
- small plastic containers (eg. yoghurt containers)
- wire hangers
- corks

Barb Stojkovski

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop is now open to our families to purchase their uniform requirements.

**Tuesday
Morning 8.00am-10.30am**

**Thursday
Afternoon 2.30pm-4pm**

EFTPOS AVAILABLE



Alternatively if you are unable to attend during these times:-

You can download the form from our website place your order and email back to Julie mmccps@uc.nellgray.com.au or you can email to admin@mmccps.wa.edu.au with your credit card details.

You can send her a text message to contact you on 0427 352724 and Julie will return the call.

If any of the items need to be exchanged, please contact Julie first and return to the school office please do not remove any of the tags or packaging.

**Julie
Uniform Shop Manager**

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

If you would like to purchase any second hand uniforms, please contact Mrs Anita Andrews 0412 866588. The second hand uniform shop is located next to the netball courts

If you have any unwanted uniform items, please drop them into the office to be donated to our shop.

CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome back to some normality in our school life. I am happy to say that the canteen is operating as usual and it has been reasonably busy. We are implementing very strict cleaning and sanitising regimes due to COVID, rest assured that everything is clean and safe.

The WA government have developed an online hygiene training course for canteen workers that we are now in the process of completing, enabling us to be up to date with all the necessary requirements.

The new Semester 1 CANTEEN MENU for 2020 is available on the MMCCPS website.

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 quickcliq.com.au to register.

Sylvia Iggleden
Canteen Manager



P&F NEWS

As we reflect on the last few months, the overwhelming feedback that I have had of our school community, is that our community has been strengthened with kindness and gratitude. I have already acknowledged our fantastic teachers and school staff. I want to also acknowledge our wonderful parents. We are fortunate to have a great group of parents who all contribute to our school community in their own unique capacity. Thank you for all your contributions in building our school community so that our children and our families experience a sense of warmth and welcome, giving our kids a better environment to learn and grow. It is so lovely to walk through the school and see so many friendly, smiling faces. I want to especially acknowledge all the amazing parents that help on the P & F in small to very big ways. It is very easy to underestimate the amount of work that goes on behind the scenes. Your help does not go unnoticed and we are very grateful for it! Thank you!

PARENT CATCH UP MORNING TEAS

Our first few parent catch up morning teas have been a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with parents that haven't seen each other for a while and were filled with great conversation. Thanks to the local coffee van, Perk Up With Me, for providing the hot drinks. The Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6 parents are warmly invited to the final morning tea on Thursday 25th June from 8:30am. Due to the easing of restrictions, the school has kindly allowed us to hold the morning tea on school grounds. Please meet at the **upper school drop off/pick up area** as the coffee van will park in the drive through. All hot drinks are on the P&F so we hope to see you there! The details are as follows:

Yrs 3-6 Parents: Thursday 25th June 2020 8:30am Upper school drop off/pick up area

SILVER COIN CHALLENGE

For a bit of competitive fun between classes, and to raise money for a worthy cause, the P & F are running a SILVER COIN CHALLENGE until the end of Term 2. Please bring in your loose silver change and put it in the container in your classroom. Donations are tallied weekly. **Congratulations to 4A for being champion donors for Week 2, and PPA for being champion donors for Week 3.** There were a lot of excited Pre-Primary students to have the trophy in their class this week! Only Aqua classes have won the trophy so far, so come on Purple and Orange classes! Proceeds from this challenge will go to St Vincent De Paul Ballajura, to help those doing it tough in our local community. Please dig deep and support the challenge wherever you can.

P & F 2ND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The P & F second hand uniform shop is back on school grounds in the P & F room near the courts. Hand sanitiser is provided and only one family is permitted in the shop at a time. As always, a notification will be posted on the second hand uniform Facebook page and a text message will be sent when the shop will be open. If you have any donations, please deliver them to the office or let Anita Andrews know. A massive thank you to Anita, for running the second hand uniform shop from her home while parents were not allowed on school grounds!

The P&F continue to offer ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS. If you are interested, please visit <https://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/861q83>. Proceeds go back to our school community.

We are so excited to announce that the P&F Movie Night and P&F Disco will be going ahead this year. More details to come soon. Please SAVE THESE DATES:

31st July: P&F Movie Night

30th October: P&F Disco

Our NEXT MEETING will be on **MONDAY 17th AUGUST at 7:30pm**. If you would like an item raised at a P&F meeting, please let us know. Follow us on Facebook: Mary MacKillop P&F, or send us an e-mail at pandf@mmccps.wa.edu.au.

Alyce Hofmann-Fritz
P&F President 2020

