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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

It feels like yesterday that we were starting 2018, and yet somehow, we have just finished it. It has been a fantastic year and I am most grateful for all of the contributions from everyone in our beautiful community.

The P&F have done an outstanding job of engaging the community with their activities this year. I believe they have some good ideas in the pipeline for next year, as it will be the 30th anniversary of the school and the 20th anniversary of the Church building. You will hear more about that next year! The Board have been very supportive this year helping with the careful financial management of the school. We are in a good position moving into the future with lots of exciting things happening.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge and thank the staff for their dedication to our wonderful students. They are very hard working and collaborated as a team for the benefit of the students. Along with Fr John and Fr Israel, they work tirelessly to make the learning experience at Mary Mac, a very positive one for all students. Speaking of Fr Israel, it is with a heavy heart that we say farewell to him. He has been an outstanding assistant priest in our parish and he will be greatly missed. Thank you for all of your support this year Frizzy!

At the end of this newsletter, you will find the staffing list for next year so you will know exactly who will be doing what. There have been two late appointments of staff for next year. Mr Paul Cranley will be transferring to Newman College for Term 1 as a secondary RE teacher. Paul is a passionate RE teacher and I know he will do a fantastic job in his new role. Also, Mrs Kris Bowden will be moving much closer to home at Brighton Catholic Primary School in Butler. The St Joseph Centre staff and students will be very sad to see Kris go as she has done a fabulous job at Mary Mac over a long period of time. I wish Paul and Kris all the very best for their new challenges.

As well as that, I would like to highlight a few of the things to look forward to in 2019:

Two Enrichment Programmes Next 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 We have employed Mrs 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 Kidsmatter and Friendology, which the class teachers can use in the classrooms. Mrs Mueller will be here on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Byass, will be with us for Wednesdays only next year. As you can see, there will be a lot of support in place for our families.

Literacy and Numeracy Support This will continue next 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.

Making Jesus Real and Servite 24/7 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 Ministry from Servite College, and more 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 may even plant some more fruit trees and get a compost system going. Who knows, we may even get some chooks!

Starting Date 2019 Please note that the students will be returning to school on **Monday 4 February**. The office will be open from **Tuesday 29 January**. You will be able to collect your children's books from the hall on this day from 9am to 11am. The uniform shop will be open on **Tuesday 29th January** and **Thursday 31st January** from 9am to 2pm on both days. The staff will be having two days of professional development on **Thursday 31 January and Friday 1 February** and won't be available to meet with you. However, on the first day back, **Monday 4 February**, the first hour of the day will be organised so that you can come in with your children, help them settle in and meet the teachers.

Once again, I thank all families for your continued support of our beautiful school community. I wish you a safe and holy Christmas and I strongly encourage you to support our parish as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. See you in 2019!

Yours sincerely
Laurie Bechelli

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday	7th December	Last Day of Term 4 for Students
Tuesday	29th January	Book Pick Up day 9-11am
Tuesday	29th January	Uniform Shop Open 9am-2pm
Thursday	31st January	Uniform Shop Open 9am-2pm
Monday	4th February	Term 1 2019 Commences
Thursday	7th February	Whole School Mass 8.45am

**School Fees for 2019 are now available
to view on our website.**

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

Sincere thanks for your tremendous support of the Christmas Hamper Appeal. Because of your generosity, 34 families in need in our community will receive a Christmas hamper. Their Christmas has certainly been made so much brighter because of the kindness and care shown by our school community.

Many blessings to you and your family for a safe, happy and holy Christmas.

Maria Beaney
St Vincent de Paul Society

MUSIC FILES FOR 2019

All students in Years 1-5 will have brought their music files home with the following note attached:

"Please take me home and have a look at me. I am far from full so please keep me safe and bring me back to school next year to continue adding work to me."

In order to reduce waste, I am asking all students who are in Years 2-6 next year to bring the same file back to the music room. The work from 2018 can remain in there. If for any reason your child did not have a file for music this year they will need to have an A4 display file for the beginning of next year.

Looking forward to seeing you all in 2019.

Miss Vanessa Hince
Performing Arts Coordinator

Library News

We look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year. The Christmas holidays are a great time to enjoy some recreational reading



BALLAJURA DENTAL THERAPY

Ballajura Dental Therapy Centre will be closed from Monday 24th December 2018 - Friday 18th January 2019

If your child requires urgent dental treatment, an emergency clinic will be available from **24th December to 19th January at Mt Henry Dental Therapy Centre, 43 Mt Henry Road Salter Point (excluding public holidays) 8.15am – 4.30pm 9313 0555.**

For **emergencies** only outside these hours or on weekends and public holidays, please consult with: Your own private dentist

Oral health Centre Emergency Service on 6457 4400 (HCC holders only).

For Parents/Guardians of graduating Year 6 students: The WA School Dental Service continues to provide free general and preventative dental care to all students throughout high school until the end of Year 11 having not attained 17years of age. Appointments will be posted home as your child reaches their recall date.

Please contact the **Ballajura Dental Therapy Centre on (08) 9249 3812** for change of address or contact details to ensure your child does not miss their appointment.

If you choose to take you child to a private dentist and no longer wish to attend school dental clinic please advise our staff.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

All children and their families are invited to attend the Children's Christmas Eve Mass held on the 24th December at 6pm at the Mary MacKillop Church. Children are invited to dress up as angels, shepherds or other nativity characters. All children are invited to join the choir for this special Mass. If you would like to join the choir for this evening, rehearsals are occurring after the Sunday 5pm Mass on Sunday 9th, 16th and 23rd December. It would be beneficial if you could attend at least one of these practices, if you are unable to attend any of the rehearsals you are still welcome to join the choir. Carols will be commencing at 5.30pm.

If you have any queries please contact Michelle Oliver mb 0413138911 or Susan Sorensen mb 0417967067



FAMILY MASS

Thank you to all the children and families who have participated and / or attended Family Masses throughout 2018.

It was wonderful to have so many children and their families in attendance at our final Mass and morning tea on the weekend.

Special thanks to all in the Mary MacKillop community for their continued support of the Family Mass concept. Special thanks to Fr John, Fr Israel, the Parish Pastoral Committee, senior school leaders and all staff especially Mr Bechelli, Mrs Hutcheson and Mr Cranley.

To the Family Mass Team, Genevieve Gethin, Cath Maybury and Michelle Oliver thank you for your long standing commitment time and effort. We wish Genevieve and Michelle all the very best as they retire from this team as their youngest children are graduating from MMCCPS this week.

We are seeking new team members for the Family Mass team. In 2019 there will only be one Family Mass per term with morning tea to follow so it is not a large commitment but a very important role.

Please contact Susan Sorensen mb 0417967067 for further information or to express your interest.

Parents, keep bringing your children to Mass and giving them the gift of faith.

God Bless

Susan Sorensen Family Mass Team Coordinator (Retired)

CANTEEN

Another busy school year has ended and I would like to thank all the parents who have supported the canteen in ordering or volunteering this year. Thank you to the families who responded to the survey and we will endeavour to accomplish all requests.

The canteen will be open on the first day of school 4th of February and the new 2019 Semester 1 menu will be available on the MMCCPS website, Quickcliq canteen online and hard copies will be available at the office and at the canteen.

The PENOLA PLACE CAFE will continue to operate and hopefully parents will be happy to meet and greet for morning coffees.

Hope you all have a holy and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Take care and see you all next year.

Sylvia Campbell
Canteen Manager.

UNIFORM SHOP

January opening times

Tuesday 29th Jan 9am-2pm

Thursday 31st Jan 9am-2pm

EFTPOS AVAILABLE

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

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

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.

P&F NEWS

As our year comes to an end I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of our families who have supported our events this year. It has been an amazing jam packed year and we are ready for a school holiday break. To all those angels who have been helping behind the scenes, I offer a special thank you to volunteering your time throughout 2018. To our fabulous executive committee members Vice President Tara Clark, Treasurer Wendy Jacques and Secretary Joyce Jakob, the P&F could not have run smoothly without your help, assistance and support. A tremendous thank you for volunteering your time to our school community. We welcome on board Vice President Melissa Carlson and Treasurer Alyce Hofmann-Fritz and look forward to working with you both in 2019.

We would like to announce that our Family Fun Night is currently pencilled in for February 22nd 2019, so please save the date in your diary as it will be an event not to be missed. As 2019 is our school and church's 30th Anniversary, the P&F are organising a fantastic evening out. If you would like to be involved in the planning and/or running of the event, please do not hesitate to contact the P&F at any time.

Once again, have a safe, peaceful and Merry Christmas. We will see you all in 2019 ready to continue building our awesome school community and aiming to raise funds for some exciting school projects. 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.

Taryn Prior
P&F President

Year	Colour	Teacher	Assistant/s
Principal		Mr Laurie Bechelli	
Assistant Principals		Mrs Loretta Hutcheson & Mrs Lisa Liebregts	
Kindergarten	Aqua (M/W/F)	Mrs Melissa Magriplis	Mrs Anne Carosin (Mon, Wed, Fri) Mrs Tina Zdraveski (Mon, Wed, Fri)
	Purple (M/W/F)	Mrs Paige Lanham	Mrs Grace Allen (Mon, Wed, Fri) Mrs Maria Salpietro (Mon, Wed, Fri)
Pre Primary	Aqua	Mrs Cath Maybury (Mon – Wed) Mrs Lisa Liebregts (Thurs – Fri)	Mrs Marita Gomes (Mon – Fri)
	Purple	Miss Sarah Pinder	Mrs Alba Roussety (Mon – Thurs) Mrs Kelly Sangiacomo (Fri)
One	Aqua	Mrs Aleshia Procopis (Mon – Thurs) Mrs Kylie Mawson (Fri)	Mrs Leonie Bombardieri (Mon – Wed) Mrs Bev Casley (Thurs – Fri)
	Purple	Mrs Libby Dalglish	
Two	Aqua	Miss Kylie James	
	Purple	Mrs Jane Landells	
Three	Aqua	Mrs Jan Nottle	
	Purple	Mrs Maureen Hunt	
Four	Aqua	Mrs Sue Curtis	
	Purple	Mrs Senol Bonny	
	Orange	Mrs Alisia Tardrew (Mon – Wed) Mrs Loretta Hutcheson (Thurs – Fri)	
Five	Aqua	Mrs Natasha Strecker	
	Purple	Mrs Diana Ballarotta	
	Orange	Mrs Sara Blair	
Six	Aqua	Mrs Tamara Bowman (Mon – Thurs) Mrs Jo Rodgers (Fri)	
	Purple	Miss Melanie Chinotto	
	Orange	Mrs Adriana Zuvela	
St Joseph Centre		Mrs Kylie Gazia (Mon - Fri) Mrs Helen Adamos (Mon, Thurs, Fri) Mrs Denise Ricciardi (Wed, Fri) Mrs Allison Glenister-Bielby (Tues)	Mrs Bev Casley (Mon, Tues, Wed) Mrs Debbie Harris (Mon – Fri) Mrs Angela Cox (Tues – Fri) Mrs Lisa Italiano (Wed, Thurs) Mrs Anna Rector (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri) Mrs Deanna Hube (Mon, Wed, Fri) Ms Sharon Murfett (Tues, Thurs, Fri) Mrs Stella Antoine-Prosper (Mon, Tues, Fri)
Literacy Support			Mrs Annette Heley (Mon - Thurs) Mrs Kelly Sangiacomo (Mon – Thurs) Mrs Tina Zdraveski (Tues, Thurs) Mrs Maria Beaney (Mon – Wed) Miss Stephanie Benis (Thurs AM, Fri AM – Lexile)
Numeracy Support			Mrs Deanna Hube (Tues, Thurs) Mrs Julie Cockman (Mon – Fri) Mrs Anne Carosin (Tues, Thurs)
Science		Mrs Jenny McLeod (Mon) Mrs Helen Jerkovich (Wed – Fri)	
Art & STEM Enrichment		Mrs Tamara Bowman (Fri - ART) Mrs Jenny McLeod (Tues – STEM)	

Library	Mrs Marie Gray (Mon – Wed)
Physical Education	Mr Laurie Power (Mon – Fri)
Performing Arts	Miss Vanessa Hince
Information Technology	Mr Steve Duncan (Mon PM, Tues AM, Wed PM, Thurs AM, Fri PM)
School Counsellor	Mrs Celia Byass (Wed) Mrs Lisa Mueller (Tues, Thurs, Frid)
Chaplaincy	Sr Maddi Fr John Jegorow
Finance Manager	Mrs Sue Haynes
Administration	Mrs Barbara Burton and Mrs Jane Coniglio (Mon – Wed, Fri)
School Maintenance	Mr Frank Campione (Mon, Tues, Fri) and Mr James Sandon
Canteen (Mon/Wed/Fri)	Mrs Sylvia Campbell (Mon, Wed, Fri) & Mrs Kath Kilgallon (Mon, Wed, Fri)
Uniform Shop	Nell Gray – Julie Powderly (Tues AM, Thurs PM)

COMMUNITY NEWS

All current yr 6 students are invited to join the Mary MacKillop Community Youth Group, which will be commencing in 2019. Fr John and Fr Israel have arranged a wonderful team of leaders to run this Youth Group likely to be commencing in March. The Youth Group is likely to occur once or twice a month on Sunday evenings at 6pm in the Church Hall. Before our current Yr 6 students complete their years at MMCCPS we are seeking an expression of interest to become involved in the Youth Group next year. This expression of interest will not oblige your child to attend though we would encourage them to do so.

Please email Susan Sorensen bachs_sorensen@bigpond.com to indicate your interest If you have any queries please contact Fr Israel ph 92491247 or Susan Sorensen mb 0417967067

Yes, I am interested in becoming involved in the MMCC Youth Group in 2019.

Child's name: _____

Parents name: _____

Parents contact number: _____

Parents email address: _____



Mercedes College

Victoria Square
PERTH WA 6000

Early in 2019, Mercedes College will commence interviewing Year 5 students who are due to start Year 7 in 2021. If you are considering enrolling your daughter at Mercedes College and have not yet requested an information pack, please contact Mrs Julie Lamb on 9323 1340 or email jlamb@mercedes.wa.edu.au as soon as possible. Further information about enrolments is available on their website, www.mercedes.wa.edu.au.