



ISSUE 2

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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

I would like to thank all of the parents who turned up to our information night last week. There were excellent numbers in the classrooms and the vibe certainly was very positive. I really enjoyed watching the teachers take you through some of the Cooperative Learning structures and hearing the laughter. It gave most parents a good idea of how we teach your children here at Mary Mac.

**New Website and App** Some of you may be aware that we have upgraded our website with a fresh new look. It is more user friendly for mobile devices and it even has a translation button for our Vietnamese families. Please have a look at it and pass on any feedback of how we can make it even better. Over the coming weeks, we are going to introduce a new app, which will have more features on it than our current one. Again, it will be more user friendly for mobile devices and it will also allow you to fill in permission forms and notify us of absent students. It will be another form of communication as we can send announcements on it. Once it is up and running, we will let you know. We will send you paper copies initially with instructions of how to log in. Like all change, it will take a bit of getting used to, but once you get your heads around it, you will see the value of it.

**Family Fun Night** This annual event will be held on our oval this **Friday 22 February from 5pm to 9pm**. However, this year will be a little bit bigger and better than other years as it is our school's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the P&F have decided to celebrate in style. I'm sure you will need minimal encouragement to come along and support our community and have some fun on Friday night. Please make sure you thank our hardworking P&F members when you see them, as I know they have put in a lot of time and effort preparing for this occasion. I know I certainly do appreciate their efforts.

**First Reconciliation Commitment Masses** Late last year you may recall a letter going home from a concerned parent/parishioner regarding the lack of attendance from our families at the Family Masses. After having a few conversations with Fr John, we have decided to rework the Family Mass concept. From this year, the Family Masses will cease. In their place, once a term, we ask all families to come along instead to the sacramental commitment ceremonies. The first one is this weekend and our Year 3 students will be making their pledges to the First Reconciliation programme. **I strongly urge all families to make a big effort and come along to either the 6.00pm Mass on Saturday night or the 9.30am Mass on Sunday morning. As a bonus, Fr John has organised a sausage sizzle and icecream for a \$2 donation after each Mass.** Please hang around afterwards and socialise with each other as that is what a faith community is really all about. It doesn't matter if your children are not making their pledges this weekend. Just come along and help us build some community spirit. I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. Let's make this a new and special tradition in our community!

**Waste Wise Programme** Mrs Curtis organised a waste audit at school today as a part of the Waste Wise programme. It involved sorting waste produced between recess and lunch into different categories. The purpose of the audit is to determine how much and what types of waste we are generating here at Mary Mac. After that, we can then look at ways of reducing our waste by being more sustainable. This is the first step of this exciting programme which will hopefully educate our students about living in a more sustainable and eco-friendly way.

**SAM Club** The focus of our first SAM Club Cooperative Learning structure was Inside Circle, Outside Circle. This was held at today's staff meeting. In this structure, the students rotate in concentric circles to face new partners for sharing, quizzing or problem solving. We are very fortunate to have Mrs Lisa Liebrechts on staff who will run our SAM Club meetings (Structure a Month). Lisa has done the instructional leadership course in Kagan Cooperative Learning in the United States with Spencer and Laurie Kagan and she brings a wealth of knowledge to our school. This SAM Club meeting will be followed up with a day of coaching by myself, Lisa and Loretta Hutcheson next Wednesday. I always find it very exciting watching our skilful teachers bringing first class learning experiences to our students.

**Ash Wednesday** Please remember that Ash Wednesday signifies the start of Lent. This year Ash Wednesday falls on **Wednesday 6 March and all parents and grandparents are invited to the whole school Mass at 8.45am in the Church.** I'm sure we will fill the Church as we prepare ourselves for the Lenten season.

**Board and P&F Updates** Please note the office bearers for 2019:

**Board** – Chairperson Albert Ferraloro, Vice Chairperson Bryce Parry, Treasurer Colin Schotte, Secretary Dee Wright, P&F Rep Melissa Carlson.

**P&F** – President Taryn Prior, Vice President Melissa Carlson, Treasurer Alyce Hofmann- Fritz, Secretary Joyce Jakob.

Please make sure you offer your full support to these wonderful parents and all other parents who are serving on the Board and P&F.

Yours sincerely  
Laurie Bechelli

## IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup> February	Incursion – Waste Wise Audit
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup> February	Year 5 Mass 8.45am
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Assembly 8.35am (Yrs 4-6)
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Family Fun Night 5-9pm
Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Reconciliation Commitment Mass 6pm
Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup> February	Reconciliation Commitment Mass 9.30pm
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 Mass 8.45am
Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> March	Assembly 8.35am (PP-Yr3)
Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> March	Yr 6 Leadership Retreat
<b>Monday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Public Holiday</b>
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup> March	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup> March	Ash Wednesday Whole School Mass 8.45am
Friday	8 <sup>th</sup> March	Faction Swimming Carnival Yrs 4-6
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup> March	Reconciliation Students Mass Weekend 1 (Student Attendance required only)

## **SCHOOL FEES 2019 POLICY**

**School Fee Policy** – full information can be found on the school's website [www.mmccps.wa.edu.au](http://www.mmccps.wa.edu.au) and enclosed in your Family Fee Statement which was sent home yesterday 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](http://www.mmccps.wa.edu.au)

**TERM PAYMENT DATES**

<b>Term 1 due</b>	<b>22/02/2019</b>	<b>Term 2 due</b>	<b>3/05/2019</b>
<b>Term 3 due</b>	<b>26/07/2019</b>	<b>Term 4 due</b>	<b>18/10/2019</b>

### **B PAY** 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 Wednesday or Friday 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).



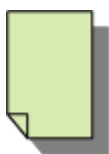
### Mailing your Payment

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 tuition fees only 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:

<b>Kindy</b>	Annual Tuition Fee for Kindy	<b>\$390 per annum</b>
<b>Years PP - 6</b>	Annual Tuition Fee for 1 <sup>st</sup> Child	<b>\$390 per annum</b>

Applications must be made at the School Office each year (please provide your *current* 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 before 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](mailto: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**

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

The Curtis family, Charlie (PPP) have a new addition to their family, a little girl named Seraphina. Congratulations to all of you.



### **FAMILY INFORMATION FORMS**

This week Family information forms were sent home with your child. Please make any necessary changes and return ALL forms (even if no changes were made) back to the school office. Thank you for your support.

## FREE PARENTING IDEAS WEBINAR

### SWITCHING ON YOUR CHILD'S STRENGTHS

The extraordinary results of focusing on our children's strengths rather than always trying to correct their weaknesses is explained in this webinar.

As a strength-based scientist for more than 20 years, Professor Waters has seen how this approach enhances self-esteem and energy in children and teenagers, and how parents find it exciting and rewarding. With many specific techniques for parents, she will demonstrate how to discover your children's strengths and talents, use positive emotions as a resource, build strong brains, deal with problem behaviour and talk about difficult situations and emotions.

#### When

Wednesday 6 March 2019 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM AEDT

#### Price

This webinar is usually \$37 per person to attend, but is **free of charge** to MMCCPS families using the voucher code below.

**About the experts** This webinar will be hosted by Dr Jodi Richardson with guest presenter Professor Lea Waters.

#### How to redeem the voucher

1. Click this link: <https://www.parentingideas.com.au/parent-resources/parent-webinars/webinar-switching-on-your-childs-strengths>
2. Click 'Add to cart'
3. Click 'View cart'
4. Enter the voucher code **STRENGTHS** and click 'Apply'. Your discount of \$37 will be applied to the order. This voucher is valid until 6 April 2019.
5. Click 'Proceed to checkout'
6. Fill in your account details. These are the details you will use to login to your account and access your parenting material
7. Click 'Place Order'

Mrs Lisa Meuller

### **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 [www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au) 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 icecream 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.**

### **CONDOLENCES**



Our deepest sympathy to the Hansen family, Michaela (5A) and Hayley (2P) on the sad loss of their grandmother.

*"May perpetual light shine upon her  
And may she rest in peace"*

### **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**

On Monday evening we held our first P&F meeting for 2019. It was a great night with endless discussions regarding our exciting plans for the year. We start the year off with a big bang – our Family Fun Night on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February from 5pm - 9pm. A reminder that children will receive wrist bands on Friday afternoon and siblings can receive one on entry on the night. **Please note, on the night you will only be able to enter the oval via the gate closest to the school office.** This is to ensure all children remain safe on the night. We would love to see as many families attend our biggest Family Fun Night yet, with free and endless carnival rides, water slides, dunking tank, animal farm, tractor rides and children's games and activities. Everyone will be kept busy the entire evening. Families can enjoy delicious food from our food van selections, they can be entertained by a variety of performers. Both current and ex-students from Mary Mackillop will be performing dance routines, singing and Kung Fu demonstrations. Throughout the night we will have fairy floss, a coffee van, a home-made cake stall, LED balloons, raffles and slushies available for purchase. All money raised on the night will go towards purchasing Wellness Packages for each classroom. We invite families to dig deep, bring their loose change for a great cause.

**Don't forget to bring bathers, towels, smiles and the kids.**

In the coming weeks we will also be advertising for classroom reps for each class. Classroom reps will assist the P&F committee with promoting events and allowing families to stay in touch with what is going on in our school. As a classroom rep we are not expecting parents to give up a lot of their time, only to stay in touch and participate as much as they can to assist us with the yearly events. If you would like to know further information, please feel free to contact the P&F through email at [pandf@mmccps.wa.edu.au](mailto:pandf@mmccps.wa.edu.au). Classroom rep nomination notes will be sent home shortly.

This term we will begin with a Kindergarten welcome morning tea to be held in the Penola Place Café. By having these welcome morning teas, we encourage parents to get to know each other in their community and build relationships with people around them. Please keep an eye out for when your year level's morning tea will be held.

Our next P&F meeting will be held on **MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH at 7:30PM** in the staffroom. We will be discussing our upcoming Easter Raffle as well as all 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](mailto:pandf@mmccps.wa.edu.au).

Taryn Prior  
P&F President

## COMMUNITY NEWS



  
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Mary MacKillop Catholic Community Primary School and Church  
 Parents of prospective Year Seven students are invited to join student led College Tours at

# Open Day

## Wednesday 27 March, 2019

Please contact the College Office and book to attend.


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 Ph (08) 9297 7600    18 Strathmore Parkway, Ellenbrook WA



## SAVE THE DATE - SERVITE COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Welcome to the 2019 school year.

Servite are looking forward to welcoming families to their Open Day on Tuesday 19 March from 9.30am to 11.00am.

More information will follow in our next Penola.



**Kris Moore**  
 Executive Assistant to the Principal  
 College Registrar  
 08 9208 0805 | [servite.wa.edu.au](http://servite.wa.edu.au)



**HAVE A STROLL AROUND**

*See how you feel*



**OPEN DAY 2019**  
**9AM SATURDAY 9 MARCH**

**GREAT MINDS**

*Good hearts*



**JOHN XXIII COLLEGE**  
SEEK JUSTICE

# Trinity College Scholarships 2020

- Academic Scholarship
- Astronomy/Space Studies Scholarship
- Music Scholarship
- Pipe Organ Scholarship
- Indigenous Bursary
- Refugee Bursary
- TOBA Bursary
- Edmund Rice Bursary

For full details of these Scholarships and Bursaries please go to our website.

**Applications close at 4:00pm on Friday, 15 March 2019**

**Examination Date: Saturday, 30 March 2019 (Academic only)**

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