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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

**Parent Interviews** Over the next fortnight, the class teachers have made themselves available for you to see them about your children's progress. Whilst these interviews are not compulsory, I would strongly encourage you to make the time to come in and talk with the teachers. The teachers here are very professional and they always have your children's best interests at heart. If there are any issues you need to be aware of, this becomes the opportunity to have the conversation and then work in partnership with the teachers to cater for your children's needs. Please feel free to keep in regular contact with the teachers throughout the year if you have any questions or concerns.

**Parking** I have worked in eight schools and parking before and after school has been a big issue in every one of them. In fact, it is an issue in virtually every school. I'm out at both kiss and rides most afternoons and have noticed a couple of things. Most parents and grandparents do the right thing most of the time. Sometimes, when a new parent or grandparent does the drop off and they don't know our procedures, we get a hold up. **However, the biggest issue I see is that a number of parents come well before 3pm and wait in their cars in the kiss and ride lanes. This in turn causes congestion out on Cassowary Drive as the line of cars bank up. I also notice that at 3.10pm, the school is half empty. I know what I would be doing if I was a parent here!**

Please remember that teachers are on duty until 3.20pm. If parents came a bit later when half of the school has gone home, I'm sure a lot of our issues would decrease. Please give it a go as it really is an easier and less stressful option.

**New App** I hope by now that most of you have downloaded our new app. It has a number of new features including an online absentee form, which allows you to sign it electronically with your finger. A number of families are already using it as it is quick and effective. Please give it a go and pass on any feedback to me.

**Year 5 Sleepover** This year we have brought the Year 5 sleepover forward to **Friday 29 March** as this allows us extra time to introduce the new leadership program to our students. On this day, the students will be participating in an introduction to the servant leadership model by the staff and students from Servite College. After school, our students will travel to Servite College to participate in their youth group, which is available to a number of Catholic primary schools in the area. In the evening, they come back to our hall for dinner, a movie and the sleepover. Parents are asked to collect their child by **7.30am on Saturday 30 March**. The Year 5 students this year will be offered a second leadership day later in the year as they prepare to become next year's Year 6s.

**First Reconciliation** Our Year 3 students will be making their First Reconciliation on **Saturday 30 March in our Church**. This is a big occasion for them and I would like to thank their teachers, Mrs Hunt and Mrs Nottle for preparing them really well. As usual, we have been wonderfully supported by Fr John and our parish. All Year 3 students and their families have been asked to attend Mass each weekend in the lead up to receiving the Sacrament as a part of their preparation. Please keep these students and their families in your prayers.

**SAM Club** At today's meeting, we looked at Simultaneous Round Table. This is a fantastic structure, which looks at the interpersonal skills of teambuilding and communication as well as the academic skills of knowledge building, procedure learning, processing information and developing thinking skills. Next week, the coaches and I will visit all classrooms to help the teachers implement this structure.

Yours sincerely  
Laurie Bechelli

### **ALTAR SERVERS**



Father John is looking for more altar servers to serve at school and Sunday Masses. If you are interested in learning out to become an altar server and are in Yr 4, 5 or 6, please let your teacher or the School office know.

*In Christ*

**Dcn. Mark Rucci**

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

|               |                              |   |
|---------------|------------------------------|---|
| Thursday      | 21 <sup>st</sup> March       | Yr 1 Mass 8.45am  |
| Thursday      | 21 <sup>st</sup> March       | Parent/ Teacher Interviews  |
| Friday        | 22 <sup>nd</sup> March       | Parent/Teacher Interviews   |
| Friday        | 22 <sup>nd</sup> March       | Assembly 8.35am (Merit Certificates PP-Yr 3)                          |
| Saturday      | 23 <sup>rd</sup> March       | Reconciliation Students Mass Weekend 3<br>(students attendance only). |
| Monday        | 25 <sup>th</sup> March       | P & F Pre Primary Cuppa   |
| Monday        | 25 <sup>th</sup> March       | Parent/Teacher Interviews   |
| Tuesday       | 26 <sup>th</sup> March       | Parent/Teacher Interviews.  |
| Wednesday     | 27 <sup>th</sup> March       | Reconciliation Parent Evening   |
| Thursday      | 28 <sup>th</sup> March       | Yr 3 Mass 8.45am  |
| Thursday      | 28 <sup>th</sup> March       | Parent/Teacher Interviews   |
| Friday        | 29 <sup>th</sup> March       | Assembly 8.35am (Merit Certificates Yrs 4-6)                          |
| Friday        | 29 <sup>th</sup> March       | Yr 5 Leadership Day (Servite) Sleepover                               |
| Friday        | 29 <sup>th</sup> March       | Parent/Teacher Interviews   |
| Saturday      | 30 <sup>th</sup> March       | First Reconciliation  |
| Monday        | 1 <sup>st</sup> April        | P&F Yrs 3,4,5 & 6 Cuppa   |
| Wednesday     | 3 <sup>rd</sup> April        | P&F Years 1 & 2 Cuppa   |
| Wednesday     | 3 <sup>rd</sup> April        | Assembly Night Yrs 4-6 students<br>And Dance Troupe                   |
| Thursday      | 4 <sup>th</sup> April        | End of Term Mass 8.45am   |
| Friday        | 5 <sup>th</sup> April        | Assembly 8.35am (Merit Certificate PP-Yr 3)                           |
| Saturday      | 6 <sup>th</sup> April        | First Reconciliation Certificate Mass                                 |
| Sunday        | 7 <sup>th</sup> April        | First Reconciliation Certificate Mass                                 |
| Tuesday       | 9 <sup>th</sup> April        | Easter Reconciliation Yrs 4-6   |
| Thursday      | 11 <sup>th</sup> April       | Passion Play 11.15am  |
| Friday        | 12 <sup>th</sup> April       | Assembly 8.35am (Merit Certificates Yrs 4-6)                          |
| <b>Friday</b> | <b>12<sup>th</sup> April</b> | <b>TERM 1 ENDS</b>  |

## **KINDERGARTEN 2020 ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS**

If you have a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016, they are due to attend Kindergarten in 2020.

Application forms are available at the office or online at our website [www.mmccps.wa.edu.au](http://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.

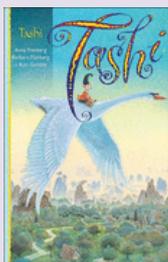
### **HEALTH CARE CARDS**

Health Care cards applications should have been finalised by the 8<sup>th</sup> March. If you are holding a current concession card and have not yet submitted it through the office, could you please do so by the end of this week.

Sue Haynes  
Finance Manager.

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

Introducing – Author – Anna Fienberg, Barbara Fienberg & Kim Gamble  
Series – Tashi



'Tashi comes from a place very far away. He escaped from a war lord and flew to this country on the back of a swan. He's as brave as he's clever, and he tells the very best stories...' (blurb)

<https://youtu.be/fOGQwrLxSWc>

We have many Tashi books in the Library ready for borrowing.

### **FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

On Friday 8 March the annual faction swimming carnival was held at Bayswater Waves. On a day that was just about perfect, the champion team for 2019 was McCormack (922) followed by O'Sullivan (850), MacKillop (644) and McDonald (600). With a combination of 50m, 25m and 15m races together with novelty events for less capable swimmers a great day was had by all students. Mr Power would like to congratulate all students who took part to the best of their ability. Many thanks are also extended to all the staff and parents who assisted throughout the day.

Champion boys and girls were also announced for each year level. Congratulations to those students listed below.

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Champion</b>   | <b>Runner Up Champion</b> |
|-------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 4 Girls     | Natalie Thong     | Sasha Maung               |
| 4 Boys      | Noah Pereira      | Kobe Lam                  |
| 5 Girls     | Stephanie Cooper  | Kiara Lewis               |
| 5 Boys      | Declan Hornbuckle | Dylan Phan                |
| 6 Girls     | Tiana Bonjour     | Madison Lill              |
| 6 Boys      | Caleb Fernando    | Declan Carlson            |

### **INTERSCHOOL SWIM TEAM**

The following students have been selected to represent Mary MacKillop at the annual CPSSA Interschool Swimming Carnival on Thursday 9 May 2019 at HBF Arena, Mount Claremont. Congratulations to all swimmers who earned their selections through their performances at the faction carnival. Notices will be sent home with details of individual events for each swimmer this week.

| <b>YEAR 4</b> |                   | <b>YEAR 5</b> |                   | <b>YEAR 6</b> |                   |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Tobias        | <b>Casley</b>     | Charlotte     | <b>Aumord</b>     | Tiana         | <b>Bonjour</b>    |
| Luke          | <b>DalGLISH</b>   | Amy           | <b>Bowra</b>      | Alyssa        | <b>Brown</b>      |
| Sienna        | <b>Hornbuckle</b> | Stephanie     | <b>Cooper</b>     | Declan        | <b>Carlson</b>    |
| Kobe          | <b>Lam</b>        | Ben           | <b>Daniel</b>     | Caleb         | <b>Fernando</b>   |
| Sascha        | <b>Loncar</b>     | Tayla         | <b>Fuda</b>       | Ruby          | <b>Lam</b>        |
| Sasha         | <b>Maung</b>      | Paige         | <b>Gillies</b>    | Madison       | <b>Lill</b>       |
| Carl          | <b>Milner</b>     | Jack          | <b>Gonzales</b>   | Cleo          | <b>Loncar</b>     |
| Lucas         | <b>Pardini</b>    | Declan        | <b>Hornbuckle</b> | Davonn        | <b>Lortan</b>     |
| Noah          | <b>Pereira</b>    | Kiara         | <b>Lewis</b>      | Oscar         | <b>Millett</b>    |
| Vinnie        | <b>Perruzza</b>   | Henry         | <b>Moyle</b>      | Lucas         | <b>Mucciarone</b> |
| Chase         | <b>Ryan</b>       | Dylan         | <b>Phan</b>       | Jordan        | <b>Phan</b>       |
| Jasmin        | <b>Simpson</b>    | Megan         | <b>To</b>         | Ashton        | <b>Rankin</b>     |
| Natalie       | <b>Thong</b>      |               |                   | Aidan         | <b>Ryan</b>       |
| Dylan         | <b>Tsilivis</b>   |               |                   | Mia           | <b>Vroomans</b>   |

## **WASTE WISE**

### **Bunnings Donation**

A Big Thank You to Bunnings Malaga, who recently donated a worm farm, 500 worms and a compost tumbler towards our Waste Wise Program. We are looking forward to setting up the worm farm and feeding them our food scraps. Another step closer to reducing the amount of waste we put into landfill here at Mary Mac.



## **WASTE WISE – COLGATE COMMUNITY GARDEN CHALLENGE**

Our school is registered for the Colgate Community Garden Challenge which is basically collecting any brand of oral care waste products such as empty toothpaste tubes, dental floss containers, used toothbrushes and even all their packaging. You can see more about this on <https://www.terracycle.com/en-AU/brigades/colgategarden>

In addition, you are able to vote for our school on their website which helps us collect points towards prizes such as a community garden for the school. Ask your other family members and friends to start collecting oral care waste products and to vote for our school. A collection box will be placed in the front office. Children can bring in their products and place them in their class message tray for collection.

The program runs until September 30<sup>th</sup>. This is one step in reducing the amount we put into landfill so remember to start collecting ASAP.

Thank you  
Waste



## **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.

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.

## **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

Do you want to build a snowman? Or ride our bike around the halls? Easter is nearly upon us and our P&F Committee are planning an exciting Easter raffle and colouring in competition for our students in the coming weeks. Notes and raffle tickets will be sent home on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March, so keep an eye out. This year we will be inviting families to donate Easter items to contribute to our class raffles. So please keep an eye out for those special items in your local supermarket.

Our Family Fun Night raised over \$3500 - a fabulous effort and achievement from our amazing school community. We will be using these funds to purchase some wellness packs for our classrooms. Wellness packs will include items to help students when difficult and emotionally stressful situations arise. We aim to have the wellness packs delivered to the classrooms by the end of Term One. With the remaining funds, we will be looking at holding workshops for families. If you would like to suggest workshop ideas, please submit your interest to the P&F.

It has been a great start to 2019 and our Kindy parents enjoyed a quick coffee catch up last week. It was a great opportunity to get to meet other parents and take some time out. Our next coffee catch up will be Pre-Primary parents and will be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March straight after the morning bell at Penola Place Café. Parents with students in St. Joseph's centre will have their catch up on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Parents from all the other years will also be invited for a coffee catch up and we encourage as many parents to drop by, even if it's only for a quick coffee, before you leave for work.

If you are interested in becoming a classroom rep for 2019, please do not hesitate to fill in the form that has been sent home. We are still in need of classroom reps for various classes, so do not be afraid, it is a small way to support and assist our school community. Our classroom reps will only have to be willing to receive information regarding 'What's going on in our school' and bake cupcakes for Mary Mackillop Feast Day. It is also a great way to get to know other families in the school community.

Please keep a note and save the following dates in your calendar

Year 1 & 2 Parents Morning Tea – 1<sup>st</sup> April

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Parents Morning Tea – 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Easter raffle drawn and colouring in finalist announced - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

5 cent challenge- Month of May

Mothers Day celebration- 10<sup>th</sup> May

Our next P&F meeting will be held on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm** in the staffroom. We will be discussing our Movie Night for Term Two.

For further information regarding events, volunteering for event organisation or goals for our school, please contact the P&F by email on [pandf@mmccps.wa.edu.au](mailto:pandf@mmccps.wa.edu.au).

Taryn Prior  
P&F President

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **MERCY COLLEGE "LOVE IN ACTION"**

Mercy College is a well-established, innovative, culturally diverse, Catholic, co-educational College, catering for students from Kindergarten to Year 12.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2020**

Students in Private and Government Schools are invited to apply.

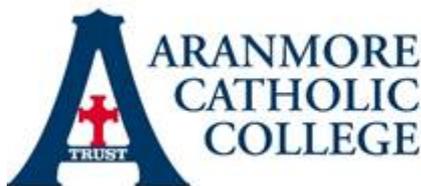
- 1. ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS (YEAR 7, 2020) Full tuition**
- 2. SWIMMING & ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS (YEAR 7, 2020) must be performing at a high level or competing at State level Full tuition fees**
- 3. MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS (YEAR 7, 2020) – Closes Friday 15 November 2019 - Vocal or Instrument tuition**

**All Scholarships are for one year only.**

Applications close Friday, 2nd August 2019 for all Scholarships with the exception of Music. To apply, please visit the Mercy College website [www.mercy.wa.edu.au](http://www.mercy.wa.edu.au) and click on the 'Scholarship' link or contact the College on 9247 9223 for a Scholarship pack.

OPEN DAYS 2020 – TUESDAY 12 MARCH, FRIDAY 10 MAY, TUESDAY 6 AUGUST, TUESDAY 17 SEPT & TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER

For further information or to book, please email: [lee-ann.ottenhof@cewa.edu.au](mailto:lee-ann.ottenhof@cewa.edu.au)



#### **Annette Preshaw**

Community Relations

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#### **Academic Scholarships for Year 7, 2020**

Aranmore Catholic College warmly invites applications for Academic Scholarships for Year 7 in 2020.

For further information, please visit <https://www.aranmore.wa.edu.au/enrolments/scholarships>.

The closing date for Academic Scholarships is Wed 27 March 2019.

Located close to public transport in Leederville, Aranmore is a co-educational school for Years 7 – 12. The College is renowned for our strong sense of community, teaching care and excellence and the outstanding opportunities available to students inside and outside of the classroom.

**Touching Hearts, Teaching Minds, Transforming Lives**

**LA SALLE COLLEGE**

**Tuesday 2 April 2019**

**Tour Times 9:25am and 11:35am**

**Tour bookings please contact : 9449 0635  
or [communityrelations@lasalle.wa.edu.au](mailto:communityrelations@lasalle.wa.edu.au)**

**OPEN DAY**