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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 is with a great deal of sadness that I inform you that Mrs Loretta Hutcheson will be taking up a new appointment as Assistant Principal at Padbury Catholic Primary School from the beginning of next year. Whilst it will be a huge loss for us, it is also an exciting opportunity for Loretta who has been an important part of our community for the past 15 years, the last seven as Assistant Principal. Luckily, Loretta will be with us for the remainder of the year and we will get plenty of opportunities to say farewell to her. I know you will join me in congratulating her (even though we are very sad to see her go).

Performing Arts Festival We are right in the middle of the annual Performing Arts Festival and many of our students have the opportunity to shine in numerous areas. We have students doing solo performances, instrumental performances, choir recitals and dance troupe routines that will highlight their extraordinary talents. The performing arts is a critical part of our students' development as it lets them express themselves in a creative way. Creativity is often considered the main competency needed by our students to best prepare them for the future. Many people will argue that Maths or Science are more important. However, it really is about how we can teach our students to apply their imagination towards Maths and Science to solve real world problems that counts most of all. I would like to acknowledge and thank Miss Vanessa Hince, Mrs Adriana Zuvela, Mrs Mel Trusso, Mrs Tamara Bowman and Mrs Diana Ballarotta for their outstanding efforts preparing our students once again this year. I know the standard of the performances from our students is high and is a true credit to their creative abilities.

Father's Day Once again our hard working P&F will be putting on a lovely early morning breakfast for our fathers and grandfathers on **Friday 30 August**. Fathers play a critical role in raising their children and it is always wonderful to see them in the school. I realise that it can be very difficult to get our fathers into the school as many of them work long hours. This is the main reason why we do the early morning breakfast as a lot of them will need to go straight to work from here. However, it is still great having them here. The P&F will send out all the details, and yet again, I would like to thank them for all of their hard work building up the community spirit.

Confirmation Please keep our Year 6 students in your prayers as they will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Saturday 7 September or Sunday 8 September in our Church**. This is a very exciting time for them as they will become full adult members of the Church. At Baptism, in most cases, their parents made the decision for them to become a part of our Church. However, at Confirmation, it is their choice.

Long Service Leave I will be taking a week's leave next week and as usual, please direct any queries to Loretta Hutcheson or Lisa Liebrechts in my absence. I will be back at Mary Mac on Monday 2 September.

Yours sincerely
Laurie Bechelli

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday	21st August	Dance Troupe Rehearsal
Wednesday	21st August	Convention Centre Dance Troupe 6.30pm
Thursday	22nd August	Mass 8.45am Yr 2
Friday	23rd August	Book Week Parade (Theme Reading is my Secret Power)
Monday	26th August	Pre Primary Excursion SchiTech
Monday	26th August	Kindy Nurse Screening Recheck
Tuesday	27th August	Yr 6 Purple Retreat Day (Mary MacKillop Centre)
Wednesday	28th August	Kindy Nurse Screening Recheck
Thursday	29th August	Yr 6 Aqua Retreat Day (Mary MacKillop Centre)
Thursday	29th August	Jnr Choir Choral Singing (11-12.30pm) (Vasto Club Balcatta)
Thursday	29th August	Mass 8.45am Yr 3
Friday	30th August	Assembly 8.35am (Yrs 4-6)
Friday	30th August	Father's Day Breakfast 7am P&F Father's Day Stall
Friday	30th August	Snr Choir & STAR Choir Coral Singing 11-12.30 (Vasto Club Balcatta)
Thursday	5th September	Mass 8.45am Yr 6
Thursday	5th September	Yr 4 Excursion Fremantle Prison
Friday	6th September	Assembly 8.35am (PP-Yr3)
Saturday	7th September	Confirmation 6pm
Sunday	8th September	Confirmation 9.30am

SCIENCE

Science is collecting paper towel tubes, old CDs and bottle caps. If you have any of these items could you please drop them into the Science Room.

Barb Stojkovski

Monday 9th September 2019
6:00pm-7:00pm



PARENT
CYBER SAFETY
EDUCATION SESSION

SUITABLE FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

We are offering an education workshop for parents, carers and community members to learn more about managing cyber safety, social media and gaming issues.

This FREE session will be delivered by ySafe, one of Australia's leading provider of cyber safety education. The session will cover information about exactly what you need to know about raising kids in the digital age, and practical tips for managing cyber safety!

MARY MACKILLOP
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

To register, please visit:
<http://bit.do/marymackillopPS>

MAKE JESUS REAL BEARS

Congratulations to our MJR winners from Week 3 and Week 4 Assemblies.

Week 3 Miya Minas 1A, Louise Bui 3A, Lizzie Collier 5A

Week 4 Jayeda Clark PPA Skye Colangelo 3A Kevin Trinh 6A



LIBRARY NEWS

This week is Book Week. Events happening within our school this week are –

Raewyn Caisley a W.A. author visiting our school on Wednesday speaking to classes from Pre-Primary to Year 6.

Book Week Dress Up Day is on Friday so we will have many book characters walking around the school.



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

The Alex and Flora Club has a new supervisor Melissa Tartaglia, she is an early childhood facilitator and play enthusiast. Melissa's contact number is 0447 019567 or alternatively email her on office.marymackillop@bigpond.com



CANTEEN NEWS

The new Semester 2 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 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 2.00pm-4pm**

EFTPOS AVAILABLE

**Julie
Uniform Shop Manager**



P&F SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Mrs Anita Andrews will be running the second hand uniform shop. If you require any items please contact Anita on 0412 866 588.

OPEN every Tuesday 8.35am – 9am.

The P&F Second Hand Uniform Shop gladly accepts donations of second hand uniforms. All proceeds from the sale of these uniforms go back to the students and the school.

KINDERGARTEN 2020 ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS

If you have a child born between 1st July 2015 – 30th 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

Please return application forms to the school office ASAP.

All sibling applications need to be lodged as the enrolment process has now started.

We don't want you to miss out.

WASTE WISE

Recycling at Mary Mac

We have a number of recycling projects going at our school and we encourage our families and community to join us in our efforts to reduce, reuse and recycle and to minimise the amount of waste from going into landfill.

Our recycling projects include:

1. **Batteries** – In partnership with Battery World Malaga
2. **Old mobile phones and accessories** – In partnership with Mobile Muster
3. **Oral hygiene products** (empty toothpaste tubes, toothbrushes, dental floss containers and all their packaging) – through Terracycle
4. **Soft plastics** – part of Redcycle
5. **Aluminium cans** – through Auscon (so far we have raised \$12.60 for our Cash for Cans)
6. **Plastic bread tags** – through Terracycle



Our **worm farms** and **compost tumblers** are collecting all leftover fruit and vegetable scraps on a daily basis. Even the Canteen saves their food scraps for our worms.

'Worm Wizz' For Sale at Assemblies

We have been able to collect some amazing 'Worm Wizz' which is great for the garden. Please have a look as we will have some bottles available at assemblies so first in best dressed. A gold coin donation will give you a bottle of 'nature's nutrients' that your garden and plants will love.



New Recycling Project – Planet Ark

We are now collecting empty printer cartridges for recycling. There is a collect box in the front office.

Soft Plastic Audit

Last Tuesday we conducted an audit on soft plastics collected during recess and lunch. In just one day we collected 816 pieces of soft plastic. That would equate to over 4000 pieces in one week and a staggering 163,000 pieces of soft plastic over one year. Our latest venture will be to promote 'Nude Food' at our school and reduce the amount of unnecessary waste from going into landfill. Stay tuned for more updates.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to assist with collecting and dropping off our soft plastics to either Woolworths or Coles stores. Both supermarkets are a collection point for Redcycle.

To find out more please go to <https://www.redcycle.net.au/school>

If you are able to assist please see Sue Curtis in 4A.

Thank you for all of your support

Waste Wise Team

WACA NEWS

The Western Australian Cricket Association (WACA) will be doing a promotion at school leading into the coming cricket season. On MONDAY 16th September all students are invited to attend and join in an after school activation event. The event will involve the WACA setting up some activities for children to join in and play (around 4 or 5 different games); they will also have giveaways and flyers for students. The WACA will invite the local club down to join in and talk with any parents around when the club is starting they're programs and cost. The after school will go for an hour; usually finished by 4-4.30pm. The overall aim is to get kids enjoying playing sport and hopefully more kids will become active in sport outside of school.

P&F NEWS

We have reached our first mark on the 5 cent challenge jar. Thank you for the donations so far. We are looking forward to contributing to our Church pews and rewarding the school with a CRAZY free dress day. Please continue bringing in your coins to add to the jar. We can do this!

On Friday 30st August, we will be having our Father's day breakfast and stall. Dads are encouraged to come along and enjoy a free breakfast with their children. Breakfast will begin at 7am and will finish at the 8:30am school bell. Breakfast will include the option of a bacon and egg roll or sausage in a bun. We will have some fruit, muffins, juice and hot drinks available. Notes will be sent home this week to place your order and RSVP to our annual event. Tokens will then be sent home and we ask that you bring these with you on the morning to allow us to cater for the event. If families attend with no token, they will need to collect it on the morning of the breakfast. During the day, a Father's day stall will be held for children to purchase a small item for a significant male in their lives. Be sure to keep the morning free. We hope to have as many fathers as possible to attend. We look forward to seeing all our superhero men in our community. As with many events held this year, we are on the lookout for some support to run the event. We are in desperate need of at least 5 people to assist on the morning and in the day. Even if it is just a small amount, we will be forever grateful. Running events like these rely on help from our families. Please contact the P&F on 0422 383 036 if you are able to help 7:30am-8:30am on Friday 30th August, or a couple of hours during the day for the running of the stall.

As this year is Mary Mackillop's 30th Anniversary, we will also be ordering Family Bricks for the pathway in our community garden between the school and the church. The bricks will be similar to previous years in which families or individuals can purchase a brick with their name engraved on it. This project will begin next week and order forms will be sent home for interested families. We will have some new designs and prices will remain between \$25-\$35 a brick.

We have also begun planning our Quiz Night for 2019, which is planned for Saturday 26th October. Further details will be revealed shortly, however, we are keeping an eye out for small sponsorships and donations from small businesses or families within our school. If you or someone you know owns a small business and would like to get promotions out to the community, please contact the P&F to find out further information. We are in need of items for raffle prizes, winner's prizes, decorations, bar items/staff, small monetary donations towards the hire of quiz masters, etc...if you are interested in joining the quiz night committee, please contact Joyce Jakob (pandf@mmccps.wa.edu.au) or Taryn Prior (t.prior82@hotmail.com).

Lisa Mueller has dedicated her time at our school focussing on Wellness of students and families. As a school community, parents completed surveys as to what workshops would be beneficial. Lisa has arranged for YSafe workshops. YSafe will run workshops with students and staff during the day and a parent workshop arranged for the evening. Be sure to mark it in your diary, Monday 9th September 6pm-7pm.

Our next P&F Meeting will be on **16th September at 7:30pm** in the staffroom. Feel free to come along to join in discussions regarding our Quiz night, School Fundraising projects and family oriented programs.

Taryn Prior
P&F President