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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

Can you remember how different our lives were three short weeks ago? Can you believe the seismic shift that has taken place in our world which has caused so much disruption and caused fear, anxiety and uncertainty? During this Lent, which is a time of reflection, I ask you to focus on the words Jesus was most often quoted in the Bible as saying, "Do not be afraid, I am with you". Apparently, he said it 365 times, which works out nicely as once per day for us. It is during times like these that our faith and belonging to a community of faith will help us through to the other side. We will make it through to the other side, however, once we do, it is likely to be very different. The world we are living in will be changed forever. Personally, I believe that a lot of good things will come from this challenging and unprecedented time.

**Health Care Card** If you are experiencing financial difficulties because of the Coronavirus, please make sure you contact myself and/or Sue Haynes to discuss ways in which we can assist you regarding school fees. One of the most important things you can do is contact Centre Link and get a Health Care Card which will allow you to get a significant discount. It is very important to us that we look after our families in these difficult times.

**Online Learning** One of the most common questions we are getting is regarding what online learning will look like next term. This is very difficult to answer as the Government has not yet made that clear to us. On top of that, it will vary greatly according to what devices and technology families have at home. For now, the teachers are preparing work for next term that will be a blend of online learning and rich open-ended tasks like those you have in the working from home kits sent home last week. Once we know more, it will be communicated to you.

**Contacting Teachers** During this time of students working from home, the teachers will be available via email from 8am to 4pm on school days. They will do their very best to answer your questions and provide assistance where they can. Please be mindful that the teachers are very busy at the moment and won't be available to answer emails outside of work hours. However, they will certainly get back to you as soon as they can. I appreciate your understanding with this.

**Easter** I would like to wish all of you a safe, healthy and holy Easter. It will be very weird not being able to go to Church over the coming weeks. However, if you would like to attend Mass online, Fr John has been filming the weekend Masses and they are available on the parish website for you to watch. We certainly are entering a new reality!

Yours sincerely  
Laurie Bechelli

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Friday**

Friday

Sunday

**3<sup>rd</sup> April**

10<sup>th</sup> April

11<sup>th</sup> April

**Term 1 Ends**

Good Friday

Easter Sunday

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

**27<sup>th</sup> April**

**28<sup>th</sup> April**

**29<sup>th</sup> April**

**Public Holiday (Anzac Day)**

**Pupil Free Day**

**Term 2 Begins for Students**

## KINDERGARTEN 2021 ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS

If you have a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 – 30<sup>th</sup> 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](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.

## SCHOOL COUNSELLOR MESSAGE

My thoughts are with you all as we find ourselves in such strange and uncertain times!

During the coming weeks, I will be sending home information that I hope will support you with ideas about how to care for your child's emotional wellbeing and manage the mental health of yourself and your children as we move through this Covid19 crisis. I'll also work with teachers to ensure that your children have access to wellbeing resources and activities while they are at home.

We know that having children at home for extended periods can be very tough on parents, and this period is a little more complex given that our usual social and physical outlets aren't available to us. It's normal to feel some anxiety at the moment, and there are also likely to be times when you feel you aren't quite in control or don't know what's coming next. Be compassionate to yourselves as parents. Reach out to people who you know will support you when you have these moments. Remember that there is no such thing as a perfect parent and if you are feeling out of your depth with home schooling, remind yourself that this is a shared feeling with many other parents out there! On the other hand, try to slow down and enjoy the small things in life with your kids while you can. There is nothing like a global pandemic to make us reassess what is truly important in our lives.

If you have concerns about your child while we are in this period of shutdown, the best way to contact me is via an email [Lisa.Mueller@cewa.edu.au](mailto:Lisa.Mueller@cewa.edu.au) or by calling the school administration.

Stay home, stay well, and stay positive! We are a strong school community and will support each other through this time.

Lisa Mueller

School Social Worker

Available Tues, Thurs and Fri

### **FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March Year four to six students gathered at Bayswater Waves for the annual swimming carnival. O’Sullivan (Green) were the overall winners on the day with 654 points followed by McCormack (Yellow) 596, MacKillop (Blue) 480 and McDonald (Red) 478. All children had a fun day in the water swimming in competitive events or in novelty events for less experienced or non-swimmers. Mr Power would like to thank the staff and parents who assisted in conducting all the events. Congratulations to the following students who claimed champion and runner-up champion awards.

<b>Yr 4 Champions</b>	Makayla	Phan	Samuel	Brown
<b>Runners-up</b>	Annabel	Moyle	Taj	Daniel
			Jacob	Carlson
<b>Yr 5 Champions</b>	Natalie	Thong	Kobe	Lam
<b>Runners-up</b>	Sasha	Maung	Noah	Pereira
<b>Yr 6 Champions</b>	Stephanie	Cooper	Declan	Hornbuckle
<b>Runners-up</b>	Kiara	Lewis	Dylan	Phan



# P&F NEWS

Welcome to the first official week of 'remote learning'! Who would have thought just a few weeks ago that we would be in this situation! We are certainly living through unprecedented times. But what a great opportunity for us all to slow down and spend time with our families.

I would firstly like to say a MASSIVE THANK YOU to our school staff for navigating these uncharted waters, keeping our kids safe to the best of their ability, and providing some sort of normality and calm for them in the stress and madness that was the last few weeks. On top of that, the staff have now had to learn a completely new way of teaching and prepare for that in a very short time! Please be kind and understanding in dealing with your child's teacher. We have great teachers at Mary Mac and everyone is doing their best.

On Friday, the official last day of school, we were able to squeeze in the P & F EASTER RAFFLE & COLOURING IN COMPETITION. Considering that we brought the event forward by 2 weeks and given the global climate, we had a fantastic response of donations, tickets bought and colouring-ins submitted. Thank you to everyone who participated and congratulations to the talented and lucky winners! As usual, the class teacher drew the raffle and a P & F member (who doesn't have a child in the year group) judged the colouring in competition. We were even able to cater for and include students who were already self-isolating by letting them submit colouring-in competitions and raffle tickets by email, pay by direct debit, and we delivered their prizes where possible. We gave out 54 prizes and made over \$1,000 which is absolutely fantastic! I would like to thank all the parents that helped with the Easter Raffle and especially the Mums and Dad that helped at the last minute on Friday. We made a lot of kids very happy in a stressful time. The list of winners is below.

At the last P & F meeting, we agreed that the P & F donations for the rest of the year would go towards helping out our students and families who have been affected by this crisis. If you have any ideas of how we can help, please e-mail us at [pandf@mmccps.wa.edu.au](mailto:pandf@mmccps.wa.edu.au).

IF YOU NEED HELP then please reach out to our school community! If you're struggling with having the kids at home all the time, if you need a chat, if you need help getting groceries, or you're on your last roll of toilet paper, then please let us know and we will try and help. If your small business is struggling, let us know and we can advertise it to our school community, free of charge. If you have to go to work and don't have anyone to watch your kids, let us know. If you are a front-line health care worker, let us know how we can help you to help others! You are not alone. We will get through this together as a community. Send the P & F an email, or post to our Facebook page. We are so lucky to have such a strong community who are eager and happy to help out whenever needed.

We are very glad to announce that we have at least one volunteer CLASS REPRESENTATIVE for every class. Thank you to the parents who have put their hands up to do this. You will receive a welcome email soon. Given the current situation, the role of the class reps is more important than ever! We ask that the class reps provide support to the parents in their class. Ideas of how to do this will be in the welcome email. If you want to contact your class rep, and don't have their contact details, please contact the P & F.

## CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

<b>KA</b>	Kristina Coppola		
<b>KP</b>	Tara Clark	Wendy Jaques	Jenna Brown
<b>PPA</b>	Anita Andrews	Melissa Delmore	
<b>PPP</b>	Leisel Madison	Niki Bodle	
<b>1A</b>	Maria Quin	Samantha Parry	
<b>1P</b>	Annaliese Woodworth	Candice Ladd	
<b>2A</b>	Dee Wright	Kelly Lane	
<b>2P</b>	Chanel Devellerez	Tony James	
<b>3A</b>	Wendy Jaques	Luisa Filardi	
<b>3P</b>	Marisa Lewis	Morena Pellicciotti	
<b>4A</b>	Maria Quin		
<b>4P</b>	Raelene Kerin		
<b>5A</b>	Debbie Schotte	Kelly Sangiacomo	Tina Humphrey
<b>5P</b>	Lauren Ryan	Kristy Aravidis	
<b>5O</b>	Brooke Hornbuckle	Shannon Dean	
<b>6A</b>	Brooke Hornbuckle	Chanel Devellerez	
<b>6P</b>	Amanda Dillon		
<b>6O</b>	Kaila Beilken		

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS are embracing the isolated life with plenty of deals for online shopping. They also have increasing takeaway options to support local restaurants. You can save, support our local community and our school community from the comfort of your home! If you are interested, please visit <https://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/861q83> or send us an email [pandf@mmccps.wa.edu.au](mailto:pandf@mmccps.wa.edu.au) and we can send you the link. Proceeds go back to our school community. At this stage we are not sure if the Mother's Day Stall will go ahead as scheduled but we will keep you updated.

We don't know when our next meeting will be, but you're welcome to keep in touch with us on our Facebook page: Mary MacKillop P&F, or send us an e-mail at [pandf@mmccps.wa.edu.au](mailto:pandf@mmccps.wa.edu.au). Look after yourselves. Check up on your friends and other parents in your year group. Buy local where possible. And remember: The greater the storm, the brighter the rainbow.

Alyce Hofmann-Fritz  
P & F President 2020

## EASTER RAFFLE &amp; COLOURING IN COMPETITION WINNERS:

Class	Colouring In Winner	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize Winner	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize Winner
<b>KA</b>	Reuben Rivers	Zeph Huynh	Riley Duff
<b>KP</b>	Hazel de Jager	Indie Anderson	Chloe Jaques
<b>PPA</b>	Tony Andrews	Nate Kreschmer	Bianca Paolone
<b>PPP</b>	Georgia Madison	Aedan Latur	Juby Hwangbo
<b>1A</b>	Isabella D'Souza	Cruz Schofield	Ayat Majak
<b>1P</b>	Eloise Thorne	Riley McCarroll	Ruby Harich
<b>2A</b>	Michael Sciorsci	Scarlett Fritz	Lavender Huynh
<b>2P</b>	Bianca D'Souza	Talia Etoum	Timothy Nguyen
<b>3A</b>	Kate Arthur	Amy Le	Ella Cobbold
<b>3P</b>	Calvin Harding	Tate Proudfoot	Ava Iuliano
<b>4A</b>	Iva Sotiroska	Iva Sotiroska	Cameron Robertson
<b>4P</b>	Isabella Sciorsci	Louis Phelps	Samuel Brown
<b>5A</b>	Danica Vo	Jackson Prior	Kobe Lam
<b>5P</b>	Teresa Nguyen	Sophie Ray	Tobias Casley
<b>5O</b>	Silas Dean	Lian Gaudoin	Luke DalGLISH
<b>6A</b>	Christine Connors	Isabelle DalGLISH	Joel Dann
<b>6P</b>	Emily Davies	Xavier Harich	Leah Jenkin
<b>6O</b>	Bianca Hawkins	Paige Gillies	Bianca Carrocci

## The Time We Spring-Cleaned the World

Author ~ Louise Gibbons

The world it got so busy,  
There were people all around.  
They left their germs behind them;  
In the air and on the ground.

These germs grew bigger and stronger.  
They wanted to come and stay.  
They didn't want to hurt anyone -  
They just really wanted to play.

Sometimes they tried to hold your hand,  
Or tickled your throat or your nose.  
They could make you cough and sneeze  
And make your face as red as a rose.

And so these germs took over.  
They started to make people ill,  
And with every cough we coughed  
More and more germs would spill.

All the queens and kings had a meeting.  
"It's time to clean the world up!" they said.  
And so they had to close lots of fun stuff,  
Just so these germs couldn't spread.

We couldn't go to cinemas  
Or restaurants for our tea.  
There was no football or parties,  
The world got as quiet as can be.

The kids stopped going to school,  
The mums and dads went to work less.  
Then a great, big, giant scrubbing brush  
Cleaned the sky and the sea and the mess!

Dads started teaching the sums,  
Big brothers played with us more,  
Mums were in charge of homework  
And we read and played jigsaws galore!

The whole world was washing their hands  
And building super toilet roll forts!  
Outside was quiet and peaceful,  
Now home was the place for all sports.

So we played in the world that was home  
And our days filled up with fun and love,  
And the germs they grew smaller and  
smaller  
And the sun watched from up above.

Then one morning the sun woke up early,  
She smiled and stretched her beams wide.  
The world had been fully spring cleaned,  
It was time to go back outside!

We opened our doors oh so slowly  
And breathed in the clean and fresh air.  
We promised that forever and always  
Of this beautiful world we'd take care! 

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