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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

Newsletter –13 May 2020

Dear Parents

I think at long last there is a bit of normality returning to our community with the full resumption of classes as they used to be before the shutdowns caused by the COVID19 crisis. **This will start next Monday 18 May, and we will only be doing class-based teaching from that time.** We are currently running with 90% of the students in the classrooms and I am sure it will be close to 100% next week. If there is a significant reason why you would like to keep you children at home, please inform the class teachers immediately. I must say that it has been fantastic seeing our beautiful students with their smiling faces and vibrant personalities bringing energy back into our lives. Parents, your support has been deeply appreciated by everyone here and it has made these very challenging times that bit easier. Again, I would like to acknowledge our amazing staff as this has been an incredibly difficult and complex situation to manage and they have all done a magnificent job. I can honestly say that in my whole career, I have never seen anything like this. I am so glad we live where we live, especially as we watch what is still happening around the world. The Premier will be making an announcement tomorrow with more information and I will send a letter to you from CEWA which should answer most of the questions you may have.

OSHClub Since the closing of the Alex and Flora out of school hours care at the start of the year, several parents have asked me to start our own service. I am pleased to announce that the Board have approved the appointment of the OSHClub as our new provider. **They will run the service from our school hall before and after school every day from the start of Term 4.** I was hoping to get it started in Term 3, however, it is a long process and registration takes 90 days. Please note that this is an outside company who will run this service and they will only stay here as long as it is viable, which means our families will need to support it to keep it here. I have worked with the OSHClub before and they are an excellent provider who run a quality service. They will also offer full day care on the school days when we have professional development, at the start or end of each term. Please have a look at the flyer attached to this newsletter for more information. The OSHclub will run an information session for interested parents in the near future. I will keep you posted.

Kindy 2021 Believe it or not, I have already started interviewing for next year and the numbers are looking solid at this stage. If you have a younger child who is due to start Kindy next year, please let Barb or Jane know asap as we have already filled one class and the other one is on its way. I would hate to miss one of our families and give a place to someone else.

Board/P&F Meetings These will take place next Monday evening, however, restrictions will be in place as no more than 10 people can attend, and we have to stick to the social distancing guidelines. We certainly are living in unusual times!

Yours sincerely
Laurie Bechelli

KINDERGARTEN 2021 ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS

If you have a child born between 1st July 2016 – 30th 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

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.

FROM THE SCHOOL COUNCELLOR

SPECIAL REPORT FROM SCHOOLTv AND PSYCHOLOGIST DR MICHAEL CARR-GREGG WELLBEING - CHECKLIST FOR STUDENTS

Whilst most children are resilient and seem to be demonstrating a remarkable capacity to manage during this challenging time, others are not faring as well. Some are experiencing a variety of emotions ranging from fear to anxiety, all of which are considered normal or natural responses to this current situation. However despite this, it is still important for adult carers to remain vigilant for any signs of unusual distress or behaviour, even though your child may not have any prior history of a mental health disorder.

It was estimated that one in seven Australasian children experienced a mental health issue before the Coronavirus pandemic, therefore early intervention, diagnosis and treatment is even more important now. In the current climate, one useful thing you can do is help your child focus on the things that they can control — such as their learning, diet, exercise and sleep.

In this Special Report, adult carers will be provided with a checklist that can be used as a guide in determining if there is any cause for concern. We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this Special Report, and as always, we welcome your feedback.

Here is the link to the special report https://schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-wellbeing-checklist-primary

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact our school social worker, Lisa Mueller or seek medical or professional help.

Lisa Mueller
School Counsellor

LIBRARY NEWS

Remember to look at your local library and the State Library for books. It is free to join both of these Libraries and they have ebooks available for members. Below is a link to the State Library website and the City of Swan Library membership website to join and then you have access to the resources from home.

State Library

<https://catalogue.slwa.wa.gov.au/selfreg~S2>

City of Swan Libraries

<https://www.swan.wa.gov.au/Your-Services/Libraries/Library-membership>



UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop continues to be run by Julie who is on site Tuesday 8.00am-10.30am and Thursday 2.30pm-4.00pm. If you would like to place an order there are a few ways of doing so during these Covid 19 restrictions.

You can order directly through Uniform Concepts Nell Gray 92704660.

There is an option for home delivery, pick up from the Joondalup store, or to your child's classroom.

<https://www.nellgray.com.au/S.../Mary-Mackillop-Primary-School>

You can download the form from our website place your order and email back to Julie mmccps@uc.nellgray.com.au with your credit card details.

You can send her a text message to contact you on 0427 352724 and Julie will return the call.

If any of the items need to be exchanged please contact Julie first and return to the school office please do not remove any of the tags or packaging.

P&F NEWS

Our teachers and school staff have really been going above and beyond recently! With parents not allowed on school grounds, we very nearly didn't have a Mother's Day Stall this year. With minimal instructions and help from the P & F externally, the teachers and school staff almost entirely ran the Mother's Day Stall this year! They even went to the effort of allowing for children working from home to buy something for Mum! We would like to pass on a MASSIVE THANK YOU to all our school staff that helped brighten our Mum's day on Sunday. We hope all the Mum's liked their gifts, enjoyed the kid's excitement and secrecy in trying to hide the gift from Mum until Sunday, and had a wonderful Mother's Day!

The P & F SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP is still open for business but with a few differences. Our Mum who runs the second hand uniform shop, Anita Andrews, has very kindly relocated the shop to her home for the foreseeable future. If you need any uniform items, please contact Anita on 0412 866 588 or through the 'Mary Mac Parent Secondhand Uniform Buy & Sell' Facebook page. Please note that the 2nd hand uniform shop is only accepting payment by direct debit at this time. The P & F account is BSB: 066 167, AC: 105 100 78. We are so grateful to Anita for going to so much effort to provide second hand uniforms to our families!

The PAVERS commemorating the school's 30th year, that some of you purchased at the end of last year, have arrived and been laid. You can find them in the walkway between the school and the Church.

The P & F continue to offer ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS. There are plenty of deals for online shopping and takeaway options to support local restaurants. You can save money, 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 e-mail, pandf@mmccps.wa.edu.au and we can send you the link. Proceeds go back to our school community.

The P & F are here to support our school community in whatever way we can, so get in touch if you need help or have an idea of how the P & F can help out. If your small business is struggling, let us know and we can advertise it to our school community, free of charge. 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 suggestions of how we can help, please e-mail us at pandf@mmccps.wa.edu.au. We will get through this together as a community.

Our NEXT MEETING will be on MONDAY 18th MAY at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome, but as we are limited on numbers due to social distancing requirements, please email the P & F if you wish to attend. If you would like an item raised at a P & F meeting, please let us know.

Follow us on Facebook: Mary MacKillop P&F, or send us an e-mail at pandf@mmccps.wa.edu.au.

I look forward to seeing everyone in the not-too-distant future, when we are once again allowed on school grounds!

Alyce Hofmann-Fritz
P&F President

NEW!

OSHClub 
Before & After School Care

Outside School Hours Care Program

Dear Mary MacKillop Catholic Community Primary School Families

OSHClub are very pleased to advise that we have recently been selected to provide an onsite Before and After School Care program at Mary MacKillop Catholic Community Primary School. This is a dedicated service for the Mary MacKillop Catholic Community Primary School families commencing on Monday 12th October at the beginning of Term 4, 2020.

OSHClub is proud to be Australia's highest quality provider of Outside School Hours Care with a strong local focus on tailoring our programs for each school community.



We would love to meet you to explain more about our organisation and services, so we will be holding a **Parent Information Session**. Details will be provided in the coming weeks of the date and time of the session.

For families that are unable to attend, there will be further communications sent out next term including our Parent Handbook and Key Information Sheet that provides all the enrolment information.

We look forward to meeting you soon

 GAMES  SPORTS  ARTS & CRAFTS  DRAMA  COOKING  MUSIC  SCIENCE  FUN!



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB – TERM 2 2020

With the current pandemic situation, Scholastic Book Club catalogues will not be distributed to students however are available online.

This term's catalogue can be viewed

at https://issuu.com/scholastic_australia/docs/aus_issue_3?fr=sMTQ2ZTEwOTgzNjE .

Books can be ordered by visiting <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent.aspx> or downloading the app through the App Store or Google Play (link available on the Scholastic login page).

The final order date for Term 2 orders is Friday 15th May 2020.

Once the books have been received from Scholastic they will be sorted and packed by our volunteer Scholastic Coordinator. For those students at school, the books will be distributed to them in their classroom. For those students who are schooling from home, the books will be available with the following week's school pack.

MMCCPS receives points for all books ordered through Scholastic. These points are used by the school to purchase Lexile reading books and resources for our Library and other learning areas.

Thank you for your support.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ADVANCED CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT (ACE) PROGRAM

Year 7 in 2021

Apply now for our approved specialist program

Our ACE Program provides a vibrant, high quality learning environment which challenges students to REACH their academic potential.

Testing for the ACE Program will take place on
2 June & 5 June 2020

For bookings, information and an application form:
W: bcc.wa.edu.au | T: 9262 7777



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