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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

You may have noticed that our term calendar has been blank this term! This is a direct result of the disruptions caused by the Coronavirus. Last weekend, we had originally planned to hold our First Holy Communion ceremonies. However, they had to be postponed until we get the 'all clear' from the Premier and Archbishop. As it stands now, all churches are still closed on the weekends and they will only allow 20 people in at a time on weekdays. All our assemblies, Masses, excursions, incursions, hymn singing, choir practice, dance troupe rehearsals etc. are on hold until further notice. However, we are still planning on doing everything, it is just we don't know when at this stage. On a positive note, the teachers are really enjoying the fewer disruptions during the day as it gives them good blocks of time for teaching and learning and supporting their students.

After School Parking As you have seen, the parking situation after school each day has been hectic to say the least as parents have been asked not to get out of their cars by the State Government. I asked the rangers from the City of Swan to come and have a look at the situation. **Whilst they did not have any simple solutions, they did say that a lot of our issues were caused by people not following the procedures correctly.** They saw a number of people disregarding the request to turn left when leaving the gates which blocked traffic and caused hold ups further down the road. At one point, there was gridlock in all directions. It is really important that everyone follow the correct procedures, exercise patience and courtesy and do the right thing. **If I was to give one piece of advice for those of you with older children, it would be to come at 3.10pm.** I have noticed that a lot of cars are sitting in the driveway at 2.45pm when there is no need for this. The teachers are on duty until 3.20pm and the car park is often empty at that time. The few parents who take this advice usually drive straight in, collect their children and drive away quickly and easily.

As a short term solution, we are using a staggered departure time for the Kindy and Pre Primary students and their older siblings until the Premier lifts his ban on parents getting out of their cars. However, I have also engaged a traffic consultant to come and help us create a long term plan which will ease the situation. Once this plan is finished, I will forward it to everyone with the new details. Again, I would like to acknowledge the superhuman efforts of our staff who have been out in numbers every day helping your children get in and out of the cars. Yesterday, there were 18 staff members on duty which is unsustainable. Hopefully, the ban on parents coming into the school will be lifted soon as this will ease the situation significantly. I know a lot of you appreciate this and we have received a number of very positive and appreciative emails. Please feel free to keep them coming as the staff really appreciate them!

Kindy 2021 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 filling quickly. I would hate to miss one of our families and give a place to someone else.

Farewell Mrs Tardrew On a sad note, we say farewell to Alisia Tardrew who has been a part of our community for a number of years. Alisia has been a wonderful teacher here at Mary Mac and we will miss her greatly. The pressure is on to find another teacher to sing the Responsorial Psalm

at the end of year Mass with Mrs Ricciardi! Please joining me in wishing Alisia all the very best as she undertakes her new adventures at Padbury Catholic Primary School. Alisia finishes here next week. On Monday 8 June, Mrs Courtney Carr takes over from Alisia. Courtney is an experienced teacher who has worked at a number of Catholic schools.

Yours sincerely
Laurie Bechelli

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday	1st June	Public Holiday
Monday	29th June	Reports go home with students.
Friday	3rd July	Term 2 Ends Students
Wednesday	22nd July	Term 3 Begins Students

If your circumstances have changed and your family are now eligible for a Family Health Care Card, please contact the office to make an application for your discount on your school fees.

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.

SCIENCE

If you have any of the following items could you please ask your child to take them to the Science room.

- paper towel tubes
- tissue boxes
- small plastic containers (eg. yoghurt containers)
- wire hangers
- corks

Barb Stojkovski

Sport/Music

Could the following year levels please wear their sport uniform on Tuesday in the weeks listed below, in addition to their normal PE lesson. This will allow them to be more active when Miss Hince or Mr Power take them during this time.

Wk. 5	Year 5
Wk. 6	Year 2
Wk. 7	Year 6
Wk. 8	Year 1
Wk. 9	Year 4

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILDREN AS WE TRY TO RETURN TO A SENSE OF NORMAL.

As we try to return to some sense of normal following this period of COVID isolation it can be expected that children and families will manage this phase differently. Parentline in QLD and NT asked parents if they were ready to return to normal or not and approximately half were and half were not! Heading back to normal can be anxiety provoking for some children. Kid's Helpline reported that children have expressed grief and loss of feelings relating to changes in lifestyle, fears that 'normal' won't be the same as before COVID 19, fears of a second-wave of the virus, feeling out of control or unsafe in public, and feeling stressed by other issues such as school bullying.

To support your children who might be experiencing worry, Kid's Helpline suggest:

- Be curious about their thoughts and feelings and actively listen to them.
- Normalise and validate their feelings – let them know that what they are feeling is normal.
- Limit their exposure to media.
- Take small steps to reintegrate back into society – some fears can be alleviated with small, controlled exposures, for example a quick trip to the supermarket.
- Problem solve any concerns together. Talk through strategies together and increase your child's problem-solving skills so they feel empowered.
- Get back into routine – routines are familiar and safe and can help reduce anxiety.
- Focus on what you can control rather than becoming caught up in the unknown.
- Revisit social distancing rules and good hygiene practices to help your child feel more at ease and safe in public.
- Provide reassurance. Sometimes we can't solve all of our children's problems, but they don't always need solutions – just to feel understood and supported.
- Explore the positives in the situation with your child.

Lisa Mueller
School Counsellor

CONDOLENCES



Our deepest sympathy to the McGinnis family (Ricky 60) on the sad passing of his Grandmother.

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 or you can email to admin@mmccps.wa.edu.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.

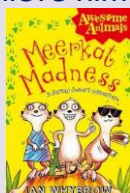
Year 6 leavers shirts have been at the printers and should be delivered next week.

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to the Library. There are many new books and some favourites on display ready to be borrowed. Look at the following ones –

Meerkat madness by Ian Whybrow

Mimi, Skeema and Little Dream love hearing tales from their Uncle's glory days – stories of the Upworld, of befriending blah-blahs and battling the enemies in the grasses and the skies...They're just not *quite* sure they believe him.



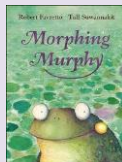
Little lunch – The monkey bars by Danny Katz

At little lunch Tamara Noodle hogged the monkey bars, we all fought over what kind of sandwich Manny was eating and Battie became SUPER BATMAN GUY. What else can happen in fifteen minutes?



Morphing Murphy by Robert Favretto

Murphy likes his life just the way it is – swimming in his weedy pond, slurping up algae and rotting water plants. But then things begin to change ... and he's not the only one caught by surprise!



CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome back to some normality in our school life. I am happy to say that the canteen is operating as usual and it has been reasonably busy. We are implementing very strict cleaning and sanitising regimes due to COVID, rest assured that everything is clean and safe.

The WA government have developed an online hygiene training course for canteen workers that we are now in the process of completing, enabling us to be up to date with all the necessary requirements.

The new Semester 1 CANTEEN MENU for 2020 is available on the MMCCPS website.

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 quickcliq.com.au to register.

Sylvia Iggleden
Canteen Manager

P&F NEWS

Our teachers and school staff are the best! I absolutely applaud them for standing in the pouring (horizontal) rain this week, with smiles on their faces, safely collecting and delivering our children to us. Thank you!

For a bit of competitive fun between classes, and to raise money for a worthy cause, the P & F are running a SILVER COIN CHALLENGE for the month of June. Starting next week, please bring in your loose silver change and put it in the container in your classroom. Donations will be tallied up weekly and we will track each class' contribution on our champion chart. The class in the lead each week, will get the honour of displaying the trophy! Proceeds from this challenge will go to St Vincent De Paul Ballajura, to help those doing it tough in our local community. Please dig deep and support the challenge wherever you can.

The P & F continue to offer ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS. If you are interested, please visit <https://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/861q83>. Proceeds go back to our school community.

Our NEXT MEETING will be on **MONDAY 15th JUNE**. 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.

Remember, the current school arrangements are inconvenient for everyone, so please be courteous, turn left, and try not to block the road.

Alyce Hofmann-Fritz
P & F President 2020

COMMUNITY NEWS



La Salle College
is now accepting
ENROLMENTS
for
Year 7, 2022

For an enrolment
package please visit the
College website
www.lasalle.wa.edu.au
email
lasalle@lasalle.wa.edu.au
or call 9449 0601

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Dear Parents & Caregivers

Administration of Schools (AoS)

Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) has committed to a new Administration software platform that has been a work in progress for the last couple of years.

As the demands of modern schools increase, the services required to support schools increase faster still. AoS (Admin of Schools) is a comprehensive engine designed to integrate all these services and unite them in one central management system. Mary MacKillop Catholic Community Primary School have been working with staff from CEWA in preparation for the installation of AoS, to replace our current Administration system.

Please be aware that this will occur as of Monday 15th June 2020. There will be several changes such as a new BPAY reference number and SEQTA logins.

BPAY reference number

We will send you a Fee Statement showing your current balance and updates payment details in the coming weeks. Please take note of your new BPAY reference number on the attached Fee Statement. Prior to making any BPAY payments, please update your bank account details to the new BPAY reference number.

SEQTA Engage

We will send Parents/Carers a link to setup their accounts. All families are required to setup their new account within a week of receiving the link in order to access past reports. Please ensure you keep your username and password, in order to use this again at the end of the year.

We appreciate your patience during the transition period.

Laurie Bechelli
PRINCIPAL

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