Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop (1842 -1909)

Saturday, 8th August marked the 4th feast day of Australia’s first Saint, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. This is a wonderful time to contemplate her remarkable life, her sense of justice and her enormous contribution to education. Mary MacKillop was a champion of the poor, vulnerable and marginalised.

While most Australians know Mary MacKillop’s name, many are unaware of exactly what this compassionate, devout and determined young woman achieved in her lifetime. Mary co-founded the Josephites, the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. She was a tireless advocate of education and schools in Australia, establishing a school for children of the poor and underprivileged in Penola, South Australia, and under her guidance, her Order went on to found schools across south eastern Australia and eventually New Zealand.

St Mary and her Sisters were also responsible for establishing orphanages and homes for the destitute, as well as establishing refuges for ex-inmates of Australia’s grim nineteenth century prisons.

Both during and since her life, Mary has continued to be an inspiration to many. Our own College Patron, Irene McCormack, was so inspired by Saint Mary MacKillop, that she dedicated her life to God by joining the Josephite Order.

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“Whoever we are and wherever we may be, let self be forgotten, and let God’s glory, His Will, and the general good alone absorb our thoughts, deliberations and actions” (1904). Mary firmly believed in and trusted God’s Will. She referred to it as “His beautiful will”. She talked it; she wrote of it and she lived it.

Mary MacKillop’s inspirational words, life and faith continue to bring the Good News to our world. Let’s ensure we celebrate and honor this wonderful lady’s life and sainthood by learning something from her and incorporating it into our own lives and faith.

Mr John Swindells
Dean of Campus Ministry

School Attendance

Under the Education Act 1999, parents have a legal responsibility to ensure that all students attend school on a daily basis. The College day begins at 8.30am and students are expected to be in their Care Groups at this time. Should students be unable to attend school, parents are asked to contact the Absentee Line on 9562 2431. Upon student return, a note for the absence or email will need to be provided to the Care Teacher.

Course Selection

With the Course Selection process drawing to a close on Friday, 14th August, parents and students are thanked for the wonderful, positive conversations that have occurred and the impressive plans that have been made to ensure that the 2016 school year is a successful one.

Winter Appeal

Every winter there are hundreds of people in our own local and wider Perth community who are left hungry and go cold due to circumstances beyond their control. Next week we will be launching the Annual IMCC Winter Appeal. This year it will run over three weeks, with a different focus each week. We will be collecting for a variety of charities including Shop Front, St Vincent de Paul and MercyCare in Mirrabooka. Collection day will be during Care Group on Thursdays of each week.

Week 5 - Thursday, 20th August: Food drive
Examples include: Tins or packet soups, cans of vegetables (e.g. corn, peas, tomatoes), two minute noodles, pasta, rice, tins of tuna, condiments (e.g. jam, vegemite, honey, peanut butter), biscuits (sweet and savoury), pasta sauces, baked beans, spaghetti, muesli bars and snack packs, long life milk, baby food, tea and coffee.

Help us reach our target of 2015 items in 2015!

Week 6 - Thursday, 27th August: Winter clothing and toiletries drive
Examples include: Jumpers, jackets, jeans, long pants, scarves, beanies, gloves, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, razors, shaving cream, disposable nappies, baby wipes, combs, brushes, tissues (small packets only), socks and underwear.
This year, we have a particular focus on clothing for the youth in our community who are struggling this winter.

**Week 7 – Thursday, 3rd September: Blanket and bedding drive**
Examples include: Blankets, sleeping bags, doonas, rugs and any warm bedding. **No pillows please**

This weekend, we encourage you to start looking through your pantry, your cupboards and drawers, and keep an eye open at the supermarket for some irresistible offers and help to make someone else’s winter a bit more bearable.

Miss Cherie Milne  
Christian Service Coordinator

**Homelessness Prevention Week**

To coincide with Homelessness Prevention Week from 3rd – 9th August, Mrs Flematti’s Year 11 Children, Family and Community class visited the Christian Centre of Social Action to donate the care packages we created for the homeless and disadvantaged members of our community. These care packages included items such as homemade blankets and scarves, ponchos, hand cream and soap.

We were met by Peter, the founder of the charity and he explained how the organisation operates on a normal day. He also discussed how they serve the community offering free meals, company and counselling to the homeless and the disadvantaged. The packages were given, along with the muffins the students from Year 12 Food Science and Technology class had prepared.

After the visit, we all left with a sense of accomplishment and fulfilment, with many of us wanting to return as volunteers during the holidays.

Year 11 student, Katie Ennis
Sports Teams, Groups and Graduation Photographs

On Monday 24th August, the photographs for all sports teams, music groups, after school clubs and Year 12 Class of 2015 will take place. Students will be notified of the allocated time.

Students must be wearing full winter uniform for all group photographs.

PISA International Student Assessment

PISA is an international computer based assessment of how prepared students are for adult life. A group of Year 10 and Year 11 students from every high school in Australia is randomly selected to undertake the assessment. Twenty students from the College have been selected to be part of the assessment.

The assessment will take place in the morning and afternoon of Tuesday, 25th August. All students and parents who have been selected will be notified by the Dean of Year.

Year 11 and 12 OLNA

The second round of OLNA testing will take place in Weeks 7 and 8 for those Year 10 and Year 11 students who have not yet met the competency level in Literacy and Numeracy. The relevant Dean of Year will contact those students who are required to take the assessment. Students will be given the opportunity to undertake practise assessments within lesson time. Further details of exact dates and times will be sent via the Dean of Year.

Mr Andrew Billingsley
Dean of Year 12

Vietnam Cultural Immersion Tour 2016

Thank you to the students, parents and guardians who attended the Vietnam Tour 2016 Information Evening on Tuesday, 4th August. Attendees are gently reminded that a deposit of $550 is to be paid at the College Reception and signed contracts must be handed in to Miss Babic by Friday, 28th August.

Year 10 and 11 students interested in attending the 2016 Vietnam Tour in the July holidays, please obtain an information pack from the Social Sciences office.

Miss Mery Babic
Vietnam Tour Coordinator

Year 12 Religion Guest Speaker

The Year 12 Religion and Life students had the opportunity to listen to Mr Phil Smith on the topic of Pilgrimage. He recently completed the Camino de Santiago and was able to share his experiences with the students. The talk covered the syllabus content and has given the students an insight into pilgrimage in the modern world.
It was great to catch up with Mr Smith and we thank him for an excellent presentation.

Mr Kevin O’Brien
Head of Religious Education

Angelico Arts Exhibition

On Tuesday, 11th August 2015, the opening of the 22nd annual Angelico Art Exhibition was held at the Forrest Centre in the city. Six students from our College had their work selected to be part of this prestigious exhibition.

- Teal Scherini (Year 8)
- Lucie (Year 11)
- Danielle Vahala (Year 11)
- Tara Browne (Year 12)
- Jade Larkman (Year 12)
- Ola Stoppa (Year 12)

These students are to be congratulated on their efforts and continued interest in the Visual Arts.

Mrs Amy Richardson
Head of Visual Art
Music News

Catholic Performing Arts Festival

What a week we have had at the Performing Arts Festival. Solos have continued and were followed with one of our bigger Festival events, the Big Band and Jazz night. Every performance went extremely well and all students involved should be very proud of themselves.

Congratulations to the following performers:

**Drum Solos:** Daire McCabe and Thomas Walsh.


**Jazz Ensemble:** Jeremiah Ayalde, Sean Butler, Jac Donnelly, Bianca Gimondo, Mikiel McNamara and Tyler Walsh.

**Electric Guitar Solos:** Sean Butler, Alex Hardy, Matthew Henning, Luke McGowan and Reagan Whiting.

Special congratulations to Year 12 student Thomas Walsh, and the Year 9 and Year 11 Rock Bands who were awarded a Certificate of Merit for their performances last week.

Performances continue until 2nd September, so there is plenty of time to support the students by attending any of the indicated events.

Catholic Performing Arts Festival Dates:

- Monday, 17th August: Dance Teams
- Monday, 24th August: Brass and Woodwind Solos
- Tuesday, 25th August: 2108 Singers and Barbershop
- Wednesday, 26th August: Drama Solos
- Tuesday, 1st September: Piano Solos
- Wednesday, 2nd September: Piano Solos
IMCC Escape Festival

The Escape Festival will be held on Friday, 25th September, on the last day of Term 3 and is set to be bigger and better than ever! With three performance stages, a guest artist and DJ, it’s going to be an event everyone is sure to enjoy.

If you are interested in performing on the day or being a part of a professional DJ workshop, be sure to register your name in the Music Office by Monday, 24th August (Week 5).

Year 8 Specialist Music and Art Courses in 2016

Last week, packs were sent home to all Year 7 families regarding the application process for Specialist Music/Art Courses in Year 8 2016. Students are strongly encouraged to apply if they are interested in furthering their knowledge and ability in these fields.

Applications are to be handed in to the Music/Art offices no later than the 27th August. Best of luck to all students applying.

Miss Kylie Malam
Head of Performing Arts

Language Perfect

Competition Winners

Congratulations to the Languages Week prize winners who have learnt over 700 French words in only a week! Well done Daisy, Nhial and Jayde!

Ms Cat Harrison
Languages Coordinator

The Huntington’s Disease Forum at the Harry Perkins Institute

On Friday 7th August, Mr Gugenheim, three other students and I attended the Harry Perkins Institute for an all day Huntington's Disease Forum. We received information on this genetic disease and heard from people who have family members with the disease. Throughout the day we attended three workshops learning about the three main aspects of the disease: Blood testing and laboratory work, the family and emotional aspect, and the scientific make-up of the disease. From the sessions, I learned that you have to be over 18 years of age to be tested for this genetic disease. If one of your parents has it, you have a 50 per cent chance of having the disease yourself. Deciding to be tested is very hard for many people and emotional counselling is needed to help people make the decision. 70 per cent of all at risk people who took the counselling decided not to be tested.
Our last session was a series of everyday tasks that are then made really complex, which gave us a taste of what it is like to have the disease. I enjoyed the day and I would recommend this to anyone who was interested in a medical profession.

**Year 10 student, Tafadzwa Antonyo**

The Huntington's Disease Forum discussed the physical, mental and emotional effects of Huntington’s Disease, its causes and how the disease is detected, treated and the morality of genetic testing for the disease. Huntington's Disease has many symptoms that vary from person to person, some people experience many physical effects such as jerky movements, twitches, general clumsiness, and very few mental effects, but the opposite can also be true. Huntington’s Disease is essentially caused when the brain produces too many of a faulty protein that spreads throughout the brain, causing neuron death. This occurs at different times in different people, but generally begins at between 30 and 50 years of age. It is detected in two ways, either an expensive, complicated DNA sequencing test or gel electrophoresis, which essentially filters out the larger strands of the CAG sequence, indicating whether or not Huntington’s is present. There is no specific treatment for Huntington’s, but some success has been seen with certain medications, environmental treatment and living a healthy lifestyle.

**Year 10 student, Zachlan Marcus**

Tafadzwa, Zach, and Year 10 students Lisa Bramwell and Zarlie Stubbs, were invited to the Harry Perkins Institute to this forum to understand a little more about one of the diseases they are researching there. They had opportunities to listen to people closely involved with the effects of this disease and the research that goes into it, as well as the use of a state of the art laboratory to perform a gel electrophoresis to diagnose a potential sufferer.

The ethics involved in the use of any of this technology is controversial and the students were involved in a discussion on these issues. It is fabulous that students have access to this excellent facility and Irene McCormack Catholic College was lucky enough to be invited to this fascinating day.

**Mr Julian Gugenheim**

**Science Department**

**Zoo Excursion**

Perth Zoo accommodates 12 species of primate and is renowned for its Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Program. On 6th August, the Year 12 Human Biology students together with Mr Paul Woodhouse, Miss Kate Murphy and I visited Perth Zoo.

An interactive seminar was delivered by a primate specialist, the crux of the PowerPoint seminar being the evolution of primates. The conclusion was that we, as homo sapiens, are more 'evolved' than all other species of primate.
The primate specialist explained that this is primarily due to our highly developed brains, forward facing eyes which provide greater depth perception, and opposable thumbs enabling us to use tools. The skulls of inferior primates, such as the pygmy marmoset, and the skull of a tiger were passed around the room, enabling the students to observe the striking different brain sizes of primates and other mammals.

Leaving the conference room, we ventured into the dense undergrowth of the Zoo’s ecosystem to observe first-hand the physical features and locomotion methods of our distant primate cousins. Baboons are ‘terrestrial quadrupeds’, which means they walk on the earth using four limbs. Gibbons swing from branch to branch using only their arms, and are thus labelled ‘arboreal brachiates’. The Year 12 students witnessed a particularly impressive example of this, involving a female gibbon swinging at great speed while her young baby held on.

The excursion was successful and informative, providing students with insight into the various differences within the primate order.

Mr Callum Tilak, Pre-service Science Teacher, Notre Dame University

**IMCC Soccer Teams’ Success**

IMCC had another successful week in our Soccer Program, with three teams moving through to the last 16 teams in the state!

The Junior Boys played against Morley SHS, traditionally one of the strongest soccer schools in WA. The Year 7/8 boys conceded a few early goals and rallied hard in the second half. They finished strongly but were unfortunately defeated 6-4.

The Junior Girls (Years 7-9) played at home against Butler College. The girls displayed excellent teamwork with strong defence, great passing with some excellent finishing. They dominated right from the start, finishing with a massive 6-0 win.

The Intermediate Boys (Years 9 & 10) hosted Quinns Baptist College and were clearly the better side on the day. However, they struggled to capitalise on their chances and kept Quinns in the game. The score was tied after 55 minutes then IMCC scored twice in the last five minutes to win 2-0.
The Senior Girls travelled to Balga SHS School for a thrilling game. Balga took the lead then IMCC led before the game finished 2-2. With no score in extra time, a penalty shoot-out ensued seeing the Senior Girls emerging victorious with a 4-2 win on penalties.

Congratulations to all teams on their outstanding efforts and achievements. We wish them all well in the next round.

Mr Damian Stefanoff
Director of Soccer Academy

Outdoor Fitness Sessions Commence

The McRae Fitness free outdoor fitness sessions for students in Years 9 – 12 (as mentioned in the Week 2 newsletter) will take place every Monday after school 3.15pm – 4.15pm until the end of term commencing next week, Monday, 17th August. Students are to meet at the sport shed.

During these sessions, students will engage in a range of body weight exercises, cardio, boxing, and team building exercises focusing on building confidence, in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Students will also receive information on nutrition and how they can best support their bodies with food as fuel.

Mr Neil Bright
Head of Physical and Outdoor Education

U15s State Schoolboys AFL Team

In July this year, I was selected to represent WA in the U15s State Schoolboys AFL Team and travelled to Geelong, Victoria for nine days to compete in the State Schoolboys National Competition.

We played against the other states, winning three out of four games, including a win against Victoria. We then made it through to the grand final but unfortunately lost to Victoria.

Travelling and competing against highly skilled players was a great experience. I was honoured to represent my State and hopefully will get the opportunity again in the future.

Year 9 student, Ewan Brazier

Congratulations Caelan Cooper

Caelan Cooper (7DA) has been selected as the goalkeeper in the State School U12 Boys Football Team, representing WA at the Pacific School Games in Adelaide this November. There will be approximately 4,000 athletes from around Australia, New Zealand and Asia competing in nine sports. Over 10,000 athletes, officials and supporters are expected to attend the Opening Ceremony at the Adelaide Showgrounds before the events commence.
Caelan has been playing football since he was six and has been a full-time goalkeeper for the last three years.

He is very dedicated to his sport and his dream is to one day become a professional goalkeeper. Caelan hopes to travel to Europe in the next couple of years to begin trials with several clubs.

We wish him success for the upcoming Pacific School Games and his ambitions for the future. Well done Caelan!

Mrs Michelle Smith
Dean of Year 7

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is seeking volunteers to help on Tuesdays from 2.30pm to 4.00pm or Thursday from 8.00am to 10.00am. Any help would be much appreciated and no experience is necessary. The shop will start to get busier in September for the new students for 2016.

Blazers for 2016 (for all new students and for students requiring a replacement blazer) must be ordered by September 22nd. For new students requiring uniforms for 2016, it is recommended that uniforms are purchased in Term 4. Any new items may be exchanged before the start of school in 2016. Layby is also available if required. If you have any concerns regarding the sizing of any uniform item or if you need a special order to be made, please contact me as soon as possible to ensure orders are received in time. It usually takes 8 to 9 weeks for a special order to be done. If you are unsure, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Scarves ($15) and rain jackets ($92) are available for purchase. Rain jackets are to be worn only before and after school, and not during the day. Tights ($9) and ties ($15) are also available for purchase.

Winter uniform consists of:
Boys - trousers, plain black school belt, tie, blazer, summer white short-sleeved shirt and dark grey socks.
Girls - skirt, white short-sleeved shirt, tie, blazer and summer socks or tights.
**Tights are only compulsory for formal occasions and not for everyday wear in winter.**

Only jumpers (not sport jackets or rain jackets) may be worn with the winter uniform if cold.

**Term trading hours are:**
Tuesday  noon – 4pm
Thursday  8am – 11am

Mrs Lyn Waite
Uniform Shop Coordinator
St Andrew’s Parish News

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
A Journey in Faith

Are you considering becoming a Catholic or do you know of someone who wishes to join the Catholic Church?
Are you baptised and would like to receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation?
Or you just want to learn more about the Catholic faith?
For further information please contact Fr. Robert or Rainer: 9407 7512 or Gail Finch: 0417 723 048 or gfinch2011@hotmail.com

Community News

20th Anniversary of Francis Jordan Catholic School, Currambine.
Past students are invited to attend an afternoon tea at Sue Groves Hall at the School.
Sunday, 13th September, 2015 3.30pm to 5.00pm.
RSVP huggins.cathy@fjcs.wa.edu.au before 31st August for catering purposes.

Stronger Teens Camp, Perth Catholic Youth Ministry.
2nd - 4th October, 2015 at Fairbridge Village, Pinjarra.

Ms Nancy Bonfiglio
Acting Principal