



MASS TIMES: Saturday Vigil 6.00pm, Sunday 8.00am and 9.30am. All welcome!

DIARY DATES

Dear Parents, Carers, Students & Friends,

On Monday 8th August we celebrated the feast of Australia's first saint, St Mary MacKillop. Many of you are very familiar with the story of Mary MacKillop and the amazing qualities she demonstrated to the people of her era.

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holiness. What was so amazing about this woman? In an interesting article written by Mary Cresp rsj it was described that it was Mary's personal virtues that made her so special rather than her achievements. In a world that focuses heavily on results, financial success and position in society many people forget the importance of being a good and decent human being, willing to show generosity, service, compassion and forgiveness. The two categories are not necessarily mutually exclusive, however, there are people who have been highly successful and who embody

the characteristics described. What is noticed, however, is that their focus seems to be the personal fulfilment that comes with sharing one's gifts with others. These people seem to possess the condition of happiness.

Another significant feature of Mary's life is her belief in the dignity of all humans, especially through the provision of education. This belief is particularly interesting as education; learning about God, oneself, the world and each other is such a powerful privilege and one that we can often take for granted in Australia. Providing quality learning experiences in the family and in the school can often help students to recognise their moral obligation to learn. This concept is described by Professor Therese D'Orsa, lecturer at the University of Newcastle who says that learning is, 'a responsibility to oneself, one's community, one's future and the relationships which circumscribe that future.'

A well-known saying by St Mary MacKillop reflects this moral obligation: 'Never see a need without doing something about it.' Her dedication to the poor and marginalised was a key element of her ministry and one that we can emulate in our own way.

Allowing our children to begin to take on small responsibilities around the home and the school begins to empower them to recognise that they can contribute in very significant ways to the family, the school and society. Sometimes parents can feel that children are too young to do chores, to look after their own possessions and to take on tasks to assist them. At times it is in fact easier to do things for them. However, imagine the 'seeds for service' parents can sow and the sense of self efficacy i.e. the strength of one's belief in one's own ability to complete tasks and reach goals, that can be developed in our children, through these experiences.

The life of St Mary MacKillop is as significant today as it was to the people of her time. She taught us that life is precious and the impact we can have on our world is in essence only brief. Using her wise words, 'We are but travellers here', let us work together to make a positive impact on those around us each and every day.

Let us pray:-

For all the people in the world who are suffering and without food and clothing, we ask you through St. Mary MacKillop to help each of us to extend ourselves.

God Bless you, Mrs. Sue Veling Principal

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Thursday 11 August Athletics Zone Carnival

Confirmation Parent Information Session, 7.30pm

Sat/Sun 13/14 August Confirmation Enrolment at Masses

Monday 15 August Year 4 Excursion to Glenbrook Lagoon

Wednesday 17 August P & F Meeting, 7.00pm

Thursday 18 August Year 3 Excursion to Featherdale

Friday 19 August PUPIL FREE DAY

Tuesday 23 August Netball Gala Day

Friday 26 August Book Character Parade

Thursday 1 September Fathers' Day Stall

Friday 2 September Fathers' Day - Breakfast 7.30am, - Prayer 9.00am

Parish Wine Tasting, 7pm Mon/Tue 12/13 September Confirmation Rehearsal

7.30-8.30pm Thursday 15 September

Confirmation, 7.30pm Monday 19 September

Way of Mercy visit Cross and Relic

Thursday 22 September Grandparents' Day - Mass, 9.15am

- Celebrations, 10.00am

Friday 23 September Footy Fever Mufti Day

Last day of Term 3 Monday 10 October

School resumes

Wed/Thurs 12/13 Oct First Reconciliation Parent Info Session Congratulations to Mrs Julie Irvine who was awarded the Diocesan Medal. Julie was nominated for her outstanding contribution and service to the parish and school. Bishop Vincent presented Julie with her medal at a beautiful ceremony at the Cathedral on Monday evening.



PUPIL FREE DAY

Next week, the staff will be attending a faith formation day at Benedict XVI Retreat Centre in Grose Vale for guided reflection led by Professor Laurie Woods. As previously advertised, **Friday 19th August** will be a PUPIL FREE DAY. There will be no staff at school next Friday. COSHC has limited places available for full day care. Please see the attached note.

LEAVE

Mrs Thomas is taking extended long service leave until the end of 2016, with tomorrow being her last day. We wish Mrs Thomas a happy holiday and joyous time with her family. The Year 1 children will miss her. Mrs Kakoschke and Mrs Glazebrook will be the Year 1 teachers working closely with Mrs Kuipers.

Mrs Masters is on three weeks leave touring America with her family. She will be returning to the library on 29th August. Mrs Zarlenga will be helping out in the library in her absence. Mrs Veling will be away on twoweeks leave, returning on Monday 29 August. Mr Mifsud has been appointed Acting Principal and Mrs Flanagan, Acting Assistant Principal in her absence.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Please pray for the children in our school and parish who are commencing their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is an exciting and challenging time for families to participate actively with their children on this journey of faith; to foster their growing sense of God and ensure their initiation, begun in Baptism is completed through Confirmation. For our school and parish it is a joy to support these children and families through prayer.

May you have the strength of the SPIRIT, the power of PRAYER and the force of FAITH... To live in SERVICE, to LOVE, with all your heart and to let God lead you, always. Amen



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR TERM 3 WEEK 2 and WEEK 3



Fraser Tait, Aiden Cremen, Charlie Kassouf, Taylor Latham, Paige Hawkes, Mack Boormakin, Matthew Sekulic, Ruby Murphy, James Byrne, Zachary Levy, Ariella Stroud, Tiare Raukawa, Logan Sultana, Tully Brown, Cooper Bahlmann, Breha Pearson, Milaya Cleary, Kennedy Storr, Archie Prendergast, Georgia Cashel, Cooper Jones, Marlie Robertson, Holly Rech, Harrison Phillips, Rory Muller, Ethan Knott, Olivia Boulous, Aidan Latty, Chase Hirsch, Nathan Moore, Emilie Brett, Talisha North, Espri Footman, Madeleine Godfrey, Taylah Cowley, Layla Starr and Shanyah Kubic.

READING RECOVERY GRADUANTS

Congratulations to Carter Pereira and Lilly Thompson who successfully completed the Reading Recovery Program under the guidance of Mrs Hensen and Ms Glynn. Reading Recovery is an accelerative reading program run by specialist teachers. The program is sponsored by the Catholic Education Office Parramatta Diocese.

EXTENDING MATHEMATICAL UNDERSTANDING (EMU) GRADUANTS

Congratulations to Cadence Biggar, Samuel Bray, Brooke Bentley from Year 5 and Sienna Gahagan, Dieter Erdman, Daisy Andersen from Year 4 who successfully completed the EMU (Middle Years) Program under the guidance of Mrs Flanagan. The EMU program is an intensive numeracy program run by specialist teachers, sponsored by the Catholic Education Office Parramatta Diocese.

STAGE 3 SOCCER GALA DAY POSTPONE Once again, due to inclement weather, the Stage 3 soccer gala day has been postponed. No date has been set as yet..... **ARE YOU MOVING?**

To estimate enrolments for 2017, it would be appreciated if the school could be notified in writing of any children who may be leaving Our Lady of the Way at the end of the year from grades other than Year 6.

You are reminded that CEDP policy is that families need to give the school one full term's notice in writing in these circumstances. Thank you for your cooperation.

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

The school community wishes to express their deepest sympathy to the Houlihan family – Amity (Yr 2), Ethan & Bailey (Yr 4) at the passing of their grandfather. May the Lord bring you and your family the much-needed peace during this sad time. May the soul of the faithfully departed be at peace.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ariella Stroud in Year 3 who has been identified by the Australian Ballet for her excellence in dance and has been offered ongoing solo ballet lessons with specialists from the Australian Ballet. This is a special privilege, particularly for someone so young. We look forward to watching Ariella's career in this field.







WAY OF THE CROSS - MONDAY 19th SEPTEMBER

On Monday 19th September, the Way of Mercy Cross & Relics will be coming to Our Lady of the Way School as part of its diocesan journey in the Year of Mercy.

This celebration will be held between 9-11am. We invite and encourage all families, parishioners and friends to come along and witness this special event.

The Mercy Cross is a 4 metre high cross that was donated to the Richmond Parish in 1990 as part of a Redemptorist mission. The Richmond Parish is delighted to share this precious symbol of faith with the Diocese. The Mercy Cross will be accompanied by a relic from Blessed Mother Teresa and a relic from St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

We hope that you will be able to join us for this great celebration.

KISS & DROP ZONE

Our Kiss & Drop Zone in Troy Street is operational between 8am and 9:30am school days.

The zone is for parents and carers to drop off their children, without having to park or get out of the car.



Once stopped, it is safest for the children to get out of the car on the **kerb side of the road** to be away from passing traffic.

Parents and carers are asked **NOT TO** get out of the car as a matter of courtesy. If you wish to spend more time with your children, please park in a designated car spot so you are not holding up traffic.



The *Kiss and Drop Zone* is manned by a staff member from 8:20am each morning. However, if no staff are present, the same rules apply until 9:30am.

Please be considerate of all members of our school community. The safety of our children is paramount.

NEW SCHOOL ADDRESS

In preparation for our new administration block being built in September and fronting onto Troy Street, Penrith Council has approved a change to the school street address. The new street and postal address for Our Lady of the Way School is **17 Troy Street**. A new mailbox has been installed in Troy Street. If you are writing to the school, or sharing the school address with anyone, please use the new address. Over the next few weeks there will be a gradual replacement of the address on all correspondence.

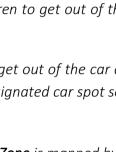


NOTE! ADDRESS CHANGE

OLOW BOOK CHARACTER PARADE

Students from Kindergarten through to Year 6 are invited and encouraged to dress up in costumes of their favourite storybook characters and parade around our school on **Friday**, **26th August at 9am** on the front playground. Bring your family, a camera, and a big smile as we cheer on our students and staff celebrating the joy of reading!





WAYS PARENTS CAN HELP TEACHERS - TO TEACH THEIR CHILDREN BETTER

The partnership between parents and teachers is expressed in many ways. Some of the most basic elements of this important partnership are also the most important for a happy student doing well at school.

- Start each day smoothly with kind words and a hug. A child leaving a happy home starts the day in a happy state of mind.
- Send your children to school with a nutritious breakfast.
- Find time every day to share moments of each day.
- **Model and teach** time management and organisational skills. Use calendars and planners for school and family life.
- Show your love of learning by talking about something you are reading.
- Make sure they get plenty of sleep every night so their brains and body can grow.
- Talk with respect about teachers. Deal with any issues in private, not in front of your child.
- Encourage them to take responsibility for their own learning.
- Let your children know every day how much you love and value them.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Pyjama Day:



Thank you so much for helping to support our Pyjama Day in Week 2. We raised a total of \$525.20 on the day and have sent all the winter clothes that people sent in to St. Vincent de Paul. Wonderful community spirit and support was shown once again by the OLOW families.

Feast of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Congratulations and thank you to the Year 4 students and teachers who prepared a beautiful Mass for us to celebrate the feast of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop. They highlighted many special qualities of our extraordinary Australian saint.





Divine Mercy Image:

We are very pleased to have Miss Reynolds back with us after her time in the Philippines and Poland for World Youth Day. We thank her for the gift she bought back for our community: the Divine Mercy image of Jesus. It is in pride of place in our foyer and is helping us to reflect on this Year of Mercy.

Carole Day Religious Education Coordinator

WORLD YOUTH DAY pilgrims leave Krakow eager to be missionaries of mercy.



Sea of faith: World Youth Day pilgrims hold candles during Eucharist adoration with Pope Francis at the July 30 prayer vigil at the Field of Mercy in Krakow, Poland. Photo: Emilie Ng

THEY'RE exhausted, homesick and desperate for a shower, but Australia's 3000 pilgrims (including Miss Reynolds) are ready to heed Pope Francis' call to get off the couch and 'live lives of mercy'.

Australia's Catholics made their voices and flags known among the 356,000 registered WYD pilgrims from 187 countries who gathered in Krakow last week. Pilgrims walked more than 100km during the WYD week, held between July 26 and 31, to participate in catechesis, daily Mass, special youth festival events and gatherings, and the final Vigil and Mass with Pope Francis. The final Mass was held 22km from the Australian pilgrims' accommodation in Krakow.

The Holy Father greeted more than 1.5 million registered and unregistered pilgrims at their final gathering at Campus Misericordiae, a site in Poland designed specifically for the WYD Vigil and Mass. Pope Francis thanked the enormous Catholic youth gathering for fulfilling St John Paul II's dream of bringing young people together for the cause of Christ.

"You filled Krakow with the contagious enthusiasm of your faith," Pope Francis said. "St John Paul II has rejoiced from heaven, and he will help you spread the joy of the Gospel everywhere."

During his speech at the Vigil on July 30, Pope Francis responded to a testimony by Rand Mittri, a young Catholic woman from Syria who spoke of the murderous persecution in her country.

"Today the war in Syria has caused pain and suffering for so many people, for so many young people like our good friend Rand, who has come here and asked us to pray for her beloved country," the Pope said. He then told the young people that the way to conquer war was not with hatred but with unity and mercy.

"Our response to a world at war has a name: its name is fraternity, its name is brotherhood, its name is communion, its name is family," the Pope said. He called the young people to a time of silence before warning them against a "kind of paralysis" that confuses happiness with "a good sofa". Paralysis and a lukewarm attitude towards life was a recurring theme in the Pope's messages to young people during the WYD.

"For many people in fact, it is much easier and better to have drowsy and dull kids who confuse happiness with a sofa," he said. "That is probably the most harmful and insidious form of paralysis, since little by little, without even realising it, we start to nod off, to grow drowsy and dull.

"Yesterday I talked about the young people who retire at the age of 20, while others – perhaps more alert than we are, but not necessarily better – decide on our future for us."

St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland youth worker Ryan Andrews was among several hundreds who were given an opportunity for a front-row pew when the Holy Father admonished couch potatoes. Mr Andrews said spending time in prayer so close to Pope Francis was "incredible".

"It was an amazing energy, atmosphere to know that behind me there were a couple of million people with the Pope and how he challenged the people to not be couch potatoes, to get off the couch, put on shoes and to walk into the world as missionaries," he said. "I was basically right up the front and was able to kneel with the Pope; it felt like I was just right behind him." Mr Andrews was joined by Alice Springs pilgrim Olivia Rose who travelled with the Darwin, Brisbane and Rockhampton Catholics.

The 31st WYD in Krakow coincided with the extraordinary jubilee Year of Mercy, taking its theme from the Gospel of Matthew 5:5.

Krakow is often considered the city of mercy as it is the home of St Faustina Kowalska, who had a vision of the Divine Mercy, and St John Paul II, who made the devotion an official feast in the Church.

Nundah parishioner Joans Thetadig said she was impacted most by the witness of the Polish people at the Jasna Góra monastery Czestochowa's deep Catholic faith, in particular their daily devotion to Our Lady.

"Every single night, 365 days a year, they all sing our Lady to sleep, our Lady goodnight," Ms Thetadig said. "And just masses of people, and this is not a special occasion, not a feast day or anything.

"Every morning they'll sing her awake.

"And it's just that next level of devotion."

Polish episcopate spokesperson Fr Pawel Rytel-Adrianik told the Polish Press Agency that the Krakow WYD "went beyond all expectations".

"It took place in a family atmosphere; in fact, one could say it was somewhat like when a father speaks to his children," Fr Rytel-Adrianik said.

"The Holy Father encouraged the young people to roll up their sleeves, not let themselves be educated by the media sitting in solitude before computers, but to open themselves, move forward and take matters into their own hands." **Pope Francis announced the next WYD would be held in Panama in 2019.**

Written by: Emilie Ng

Miss Reynolds returned to Australia last Saturday full of stories of the pilgrimage. She looks forward to sharing some of these with you over the next few weeks.



GENERAL NEWS

Team Photos

If your child is a member of the Grade Student Representative Council, the Year 6 SRC, Outreach, Civics & Citizenship or the Technology Team and you would like to order a Team Photo please call by the office and place an order. The Photos cost \$20 each. Orders close Monday 22nd August.



PRC Meeting – All Welcome

DATE Term 3 - Monday 22nd August 2016

TOPIC Helping Your Child Manage Anxiety

ADDRESS

Nagle Girls' Catholic College, COLLEGE LIBRARY, 58A Orwell Street, Blacktown South

COMMUNITY NEWS



Get in on the action and sign your child up to play MILO in2CRICKET this summer! The MILO in2CRICKET program is designed for boys and girls from 5 to 8 years old. It is a fast, fun and active 8-12 week program that emphasises maximum participation, basic motor and cricket skill development in every 60 min session. It is experience based and builds its foundations on the essentials for lifelong involvement in physical activity and sport. By taking part in the MILO in2CRICKET program children will learn the basics of cricket and develop lots of other skills. Each week children will play game based activities that will keep them active, have fun and learn about cricket.

For all of your local options and more information please visit www.playcricket.com.au



Use of any technology (ICT) in schools should be under the direction, supervision and approval of your teacher. Use of ICT should always support and promote being a responsible digital citizen:

BE SAFE

- a Keep your personal information and password safe and secure.
- b Tell a trusted adult when anything you access online is inappropriate or makes you feel uncomfortable.
- c Remember that everything you post and store online is permanent.

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Using ICT

BE RESPECTFUL

Examples

- a Think about how others might feel when you are working online.
- b Is it your own work? You cannot plagiarise.
- c You must have the person's permission before sharing or using his or her personal information, including photographs and videos.

BE RESPONSIBLE a Be careful of what you say and how you

- say it. b Be healthy. Sit correctly and take breaks. c Be balanced. Enjoy family, friends and
- physical activity.

3 things to remember

Logging on	Use of CEDP network	 Keep your password safe and secure. Only use and access what your school allows. Logout at the end of each session.
Using online accounts	 Logging on to online services Learning Management Systems Virtual Learning Environments 	 Only use your school username when creating accounts. Keep your password safe - you may tell your parents. Use your account only for class related tasks. Noone else should use your account.
Devices	 Shared devices Personal devices Mobile devices School equipment 	 Look after the equipment. Use personal devices at school only for school work. Be body-smart: care for your back, eyes, hands.
Completing work electronically	 Document creating Document sharing Document storing Downloading 	 Comply with copyright rules. Use content-appropriate language. Save work correctly.
Applications	 Installing applications Using applications Using mobile applications (apps) Use of online applications e.g. ebooks. 	 Apps can only be installed with permission. Apps cannot be copied or changed. Apps provided at school cannot be shared without permission.
Multimedia	 Cameras including mobile devices Audio recording devices Inserting images, video clips or music Playing videos or music 	 Ask people's permission before capturing and using their images, video or audio. You must have permission to take and use images, video and audio files from the internet. You must not change images or videos to misrepresent people.
Research	Internet for research	 Use trusted sources. Attribute your information. Tell a trusted adult if you see any inappropriate content.
Social Media	 Online communication Social networking 	 Do not post any inappropriate or hurtful images or information about yourself or other people. Everything you post online is permanent and may have legal consequences. Get permission before using or posting any material you did not create.



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BE SAFE I **BE RESPECTFUL**



Friday 5th August 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Lady of the Way Primary School: Pupil Free Day

As families are aware, **Friday 19th August 2016** is a Pupil Free Day at Our Lady of the Way Primary School. Catholic Out of School Hours Care at Our Lady of the Way is able to offer limited places for care on this day. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, with priority given to families already enrolled at the service.

Opening Times: 7:00am to 6:30pm

Flat Fee: \$50.00 per child for the day, prior to Child Care Benefit deductions. Families that already attend COSHC on Fridays will have their regular fee deducted from the \$50 fee.

How to secure a position for Friday 19th August 2016

Simply complete the tear off slip below and return to the school office or COSHC to secure your position. Families new to COSHC will be required to complete an enrolment form

No further applications will be accepted after 1:00pm on Friday 12th August 2016.

Please note: A minimum number of enrolment applications on 19th August 2016 will be required for all day care to proceed – if this number is not reached, care will not be available on the pupil-free day.

Further enquires are to be directed to the COSHC Supervisor on 0417 886 548 or coshcolowemuplains@parra.catholic.edu.au

PUPIL FREE DAY REQUEST FORM - Friday 19th August 2016

I will require all day care on the Pupil Free Day, Friday 19th August 2016 at COSHC Our Lady of the Way. I accept that if I book care for my children and they do not attend on the day, the all day fee will still apply.

Child's Name:	School Class:
Parent / Carer Name:	
Signature:	_ Date:

I am new to Catholic Out of School Hours Care. Please send me an enrolment form.



'ZERO **TOLERANCE**' OF ILLEGAL PARKING IN SCHOOL ZONES TO **PROTECT YOUR CHILD**

When it comes to the safety of vulnerable road users like school children, drivers found breaking the law will be met with zero tolerance.

Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need you to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones

PENRITH **CITY COUNCIL**

If you've heard the expression "It's only a matter of time important for everyone to obey the road rules. A child hit at an impact speed of 30km/hr has a 99% chance of surviving. At 70km/hr the chance of survival is

What does this mean?

You cannot stop in this area for any reason.

Why is it there? To keep sight distance clear for drivers, children & other pedestrians to avoid crashes.

What does this mean?

You cannot stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a bus.

Why is it there? To provide a safe place for buses to set down & pick up passengers

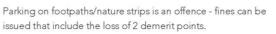
What does this mean?

You can stop in this area to drop off or pick up passengers for a maximum of 2 minutes. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

Why is it there?

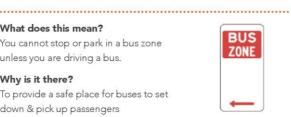
To provide safe places for children to be picked up - usually associated with Kiss & Ride zones.

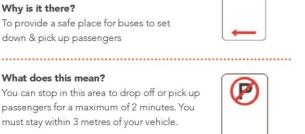
40 km/hr School Zones are provided to increase the saftey of all pedestrians, but especially children, who are walking in the vicinity of schools. Obey the limit and be aware of the time of day.











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SCHOOL DAYS



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All Thursday's in August (commencing 4 August 2016) 10am - 4pm (Bookings preferred) 38 Prince Street, Blacktown

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Come and play with Penrith for the 2016/2017 Summer Softball Season (Ages 4 and up) Registration and Uniform Days

- PLACE:Surveyors Creek Softball Facility
Ballybunnion Terrace
Glenmore ParkDATES:Sat 16th JulyThurs 21st July6pm-8pm
 - Sun 24th July11am-3pmTues 26th July6pm-8pmSat 30th July2pm-6pm



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