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Term 3  
7th August 2014  
Issue 11, Week 4

**Friday 8th August**

Nepean Zone  
Athletics

**Tuesday 12th August**

Special Food Day

**Tuesday 19th August**

Netball Gala Day

**Friday 29th August**

Adidas Mini Olympics

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

August 8<sup>th</sup> is the day we celebrate the feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first saint.

Mary MacKillop was devoted to the service of the poor. Her love for poor children knew no bounds. She established a Catholic school system for children who were isolated, marginalised and in poor circumstances. She had a practical love for those who were poor and destitute setting up orphanages, refuges for the sick and elderly and visited those who were in prison. She welcomed those experiencing difficult situations and provided opportunities for those who were most vulnerable in the society of her time.

Mary was a woman with whom we can all relate. She lived a full life, experiencing many of the hardships that life can sometimes present to us all.

Mary MacKillop was a woman of faith who lived by the power of the Cross. When it came to suffering and hardship Mary MacKillop had more than her fair share. She endured many tragic deaths in her family, including the fatal drowning of her mother and a life-long battle with ill-health. Hardships also came from within the church with her excommunication which was a very painful moment in her life.

**Lord,**

***May we, like Mary MacKillop, respond with faith and courage in all the hardships that we face in our life.***

***Fill our hearts with love deep enough to walk in the shoes of those who have known hardship in their lives.***

***Like Mary MacKillop may we reach out to those who are struggling in our community.***

***St. Mary of the Cross, pray for us.***

Tomorrow we will celebrate with a Liturgy at 11:45am in the Sacred Heart Church. We look forward to celebrating this great Catholic Australian with you.

**At Holy Family**

I Respect Myself

I Respect Others

I Respect the  
Environment

*In partnership let us continue to work to develop in the children strong minds and gentle hearts.*

Peace and Best Wishes for a wonderful fortnight ahead.

Tim Vane-Tempest  
Principal

# From the Principal

## Stage 3 Canberra & Snowy Mountains 2014

### *Day one Monday the 4th of August*

We started our day by coming to school and hopping on the bus. It took us a hour and a half to get to Berrima. We stopped there to have morning tea, we also played in the park. There were rides that swing you from side to side and some that took you from one side of the park to the other. The boys played a game of soccer while we were there. After we left it took us an hour and a half to get to the War Memorial. We saw a light show and a couple of slide shows. War is so dangerous and brutal, it must be really terrible. After we left we went to the Electoral Commission where we ate our lunch. When we went into the Electoral Commission we watched a slide show. We even saw holograms! That was pretty cool. After the slide show we went and did some activities. With one we got to type our last name in the computer and in a few seconds you can see everyone with the same last name as us. After the activities we went and did a survey on our favourite fruit to see how they count the votes. Oranges were Bus Two's favourite fruit. After we left the Electoral Commission we headed to Cooma and unpacked our stuff into our rooms and had dinner. After that we all went and got ready for bed. Then we all heard 'lights out'.

### *Day two Tuesday the 5th of August*

We went to the snow today. We started by stopping at the snow gear hire place to get some gear. It took us 30 minutes to get to the place to get the gear. When we arrived at the snow we went to Smiggins Hole. We walked up to the slope and started playing. After a little while we started having snow-ball fights with each other. Mrs Whiteman, Miss Bunting, Mr Mac and Mr Vane-Tempest had a snow-ball fight by themselves and then it all started.

A few Yr 6 threw snowballs at Mr Vane-Tempest and he got them back badly.

After three hours we went and had lunch. We got sandwiches with a muffin or a lemon tart. After that we had a snow-ball fight with another school. We had good fun! After the lovely day at the snow we went to the motel at Cooma. We had dinner and went to bed. Lights out!!!!

### *Day three Wednesday the 6th of August*

We started our day by having breakfast at Cooma. After breakfast we started to pack our bags to leave. We left at 8:30 and headed to Canberra. A little while later we arrived at Parliament House. When we were at Parliament House we got a tour of the place. We got to go onto the roof and in the Senate and also The House of Representatives. It was fun! Next we went to Questacon and had lunch. Then we went to alot of the galleries with fun experiments. We went into the gift shop and bought a few gifts. After 2 hours we were on our way to McDonald's. Finally we were on our way back to school!!!

We say a dear thank you to our bus drivers Jeff and Les and a giant thank you to Mrs Whiteman for organising this lovely camp.

From Stage 3 :)

## **Zone Athletics Carnival**

Tomorrow our Zone Athletics team will compete at the Zone Athletics carnival at Blacktown Olympic Park. The team is:

They are Austen Pantazacos, Joshua Baldacchino, Ryan Wilson, Daniel Powderly, Patrick Vial, Harrison Tyler, Daniel Kraljevic, Leyton Pantazacos, Cameron Gill, Harry Mason, Jake Matheson, Jordan Ford, Jack Vella, Noah Cutajar, Talyse Pantazacos, Alicia Mizzi, Chloe Gill, Ashleigh Gill, Mia Gleeson, Julia Saliba, Andrea Tassone, Maddy Vella, Haylee Vella, Jesse Penza, Emily Obereigner and Emily Vella. Best of luck to all our athletes.

We wish the team every success on the day and know that they will represent themselves, their families and Holy Family School in the best possible way. Thank you to the parents who have offered to assist at the carnival. Your support is greatly appreciated. The team will be accompanied on the day by Mrs. Bray.

## **Staff Development Day**

An early reminder to all parents that our staff Professional Learning Day for Term 3 will be on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

# From the Principal

## Primary Voices Choral Celebration

On the 2nd September a group of 45 students from Holy Family School will be performing at the Primary Voices Choral Celebration at St. Dominic's Penrith. Thanks to Ms Bunting who has been working with this group of students to prepare for this event. We wish them well as they continue to prepare for their performance.

## Voice of Youth Cluster Final

Thursday of last week we hosted the cluster final for Voice of Youth for our area. Congratulations to Cassie Tripodi, Daniel Kraljevic and Ben Bartolo on representing Holy Family in this event. Each of our students spoke extremely well and are to be congratulated on being great ambassadors for our community.

## Help Needed - Reading Resources

Over the past week we have taken delivery of \$25,000 of reading resources. These resources have been funded through the State Literacy Program. The resources are to support our classroom readers. To assist with making these resources available as quickly as possible to the teachers and students we need volunteers to assist with covering the books. If you are able to assist please contact the school office on 4773 4485 as to your availability. As soon as we know numbers, we can arrange a suitable day to allocate. Morning tea will be provided. Thanking you in advance.

## Catholic Care Parent Groups

Please find attached calendar for Terms 3 & 4.

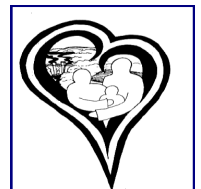
# From the Assistant Principal

## Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received:

### Academic Achievement awards

Elias Barikhan, Jacob Digiorgio, Hayden Krone, Dominic Finianos, Alexis Gatt, Audrey Stubbs, Concetta Coletta, Audrey Cocks, Elise Tyler, Mariam Tadros, Montayah Astruc, Bronte Lago, Saide Massih, Davor Franich, Matilda Vella, Matthew Azzopardi, Sarah Macri, Marcus Reynolds, Jonathan Xerri, Caterina Furfaro, Anique Pantazacos, Hayden Auld, Jeremy Baldacchino, Daniel Powderly, Daisy-Mae Lewis, Wyatt Lewis, Anthony Miliambro, Jaco Vella, Mark Taylor, Justin Nutley, Jesse Penza, Leyton Pantazacos and Brock Heiler.



### One Heart One Mind

Lucas Andrews, Telissa Demirjian, Taylah Hosking, Marcus Barillaro, Jack O'Mahony, Jacob Finianos, Joshua Wilson, Achala Athum, Vincent Barillaro, Nathan Vella, Austen Pantazacos, Capreice Awad, Leo Finianos, Claudia Maycock, Olivia Vella, Vincent Grima, Brayden Hodgetts, Mariah Gauci, Stefanie Krilich, Emily Obereigner, Luke Gauci, Max Blackhurst, Alicia Mizzi, Cameron Rzepecki, Mia Hosking, Emily Fagan, Noah Cutajar, Joel Ciber, Emily Radisaljevic, Patrick Vial, Cassie Tripodi, Ammaleah Astruc and Jared Mifsud.

# From the Office

## School fees

The school fee statements for Term 3, 2014 have been mailed out. If you have not yet received your statement, please contact me on 4773 4485 to arrange for a copy to be sent home.

The Catholic Education Office is committed to supporting families experiencing genuine financial hardship. If you are having difficulties with the payment of your school fees, you are encouraged to contact the school office to arrange an appointment with either myself or Mr Vane-Tempest to discuss payment options. Your situation will be treated with care and confidentiality and an appropriate payment arrangement will be made for you. Please note that as part of this process you may be required to complete a Statement of Financial Position so that the school is aware of your current financial situation.

Please be assured of complete confidentiality with regards to any information you are asked to provide.

Please be advised that unless alternative arrangements have been made regarding the payment of your account it will be assumed that full payment will be made on or before the due date. Fees are payable in accordance with the Diocesan School Fees Policy which states "all fees are due and payable within 30 days of the date the school account statement is issued". Outstanding accounts will be forwarded to the Catholic Education Office for actioning.

If you need to discuss any issues regarding the school fees, please contact me by phone on 4773 4485 or by email [mmiller@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mmiller@parra.catholic.edu.au)

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Monica Miller



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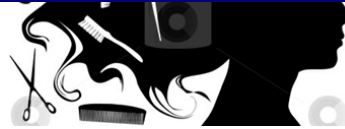
## Happy Birthday

**Congratulations** to the following people who celebrated their birthdays this past fortnight:

Leo Finianos, Riley Agius, Nathan Attard, Jared Mifsud, Vincent Barillaro, Jack Buhac, Ryan Woodhead, Anthony Miliambro, Gabriella Timpano, Kimberley Fenech, Andrea Surace, Scott Miller, Austen Pantazacos, Alexis Gatt and Mrs Surace.



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