



# St Joseph's School PETERBOROUGH

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Mass Times – St Anacletus Church – Sundays 5:00pm

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

### WEEK 3

THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST
Junior Joeys Playgroup 9:00 -

10:30 am

FRIDAY 6TH AUGUST

Mary MacKillop Feast Day Celebrations

#### WEEK 4

TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 7-9 Information Session 2:45pm MEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

### School Board Meeting 5:30pm

THURSDAY 12TH AUGUST

Junior Joeys Playgroup 9:00 -10:30 am

5/6/7 Food Groups #1
FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUS

5/6/7 Prayer Service 9:15am

### WEEK 5

MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST R/1 Class Excursion

THURSDAY 10TH ALICUS

Junior Joeys Playgroup 9:00 - 10:30 am

5/6/7 Food Groups #2

FRIDAY 2011 AUGUS

2/3/4 Liturgy 9:15am

### WEEK 6

THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

Junior Joeys Playgroup 9:00 · 10:30 am

5/6/7 Food Groups #3

FRIDAY 27 ... AUGUST

Book Week Parade 9:00am

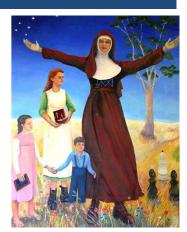
### WEEK 7

MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2/3/4 Camp – Adelaide TUESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2/3/4 Camp - Adelaide WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### **SAINT MARY MACKILLOP**

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of August each year we celebrate the Feast Day of St Mary Mackillop. It is a special day for our school community along with many others scattered throughout Australia. It is a significant day because on 8<sup>th</sup> August in 1909 Mary MacKillop passed away in Sydney. Therefore, on this day we remember and celebrate her life and inspirational story. She lived an incredible life that was committed to helping others and selfless acts. She inspired those around her; so much so that in 2010 she became Australia's first saint. Our



school community is blessed to be part of St Mary MacKillop's wonderful story.

As a Josephite School, sometimes it is helpful to be reminded just what it is to be a part of St Mary MacKillop's legacy through the Sisters of St Joseph.

Being part of a Josephite Tradition means to be a welcoming, inclusive, compassionate community.

Being part of a Josephite Tradition means that as a community everyone is treated with dignity.

Being part of a Josephite Tradition means that as a community we most support the people who are poor and marginalised.

Being part of a Josephite Tradition is about serving others.

Being part of a Josephite Tradition is about having strength, courage and perseverance.

God of the Pilgrim,

Mary MacKillop trusted your guidance in her journey of life and deepened her confidence in your will.

May we renew our trust in your Providence to lead us in hope.

May we relish the sacred in the ordinariness of our lives.

May we grow in the fullness of your love and the depth of your mystery.

We ask this through Jesus Christ the way, the truth and the life.

Amen.

#### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN WEEK**

Due to COVID Restrictions we are unfortunately unable to host our Open Afternoon as planned. We have been instructed to keep the mixing of adults and students to a minimum at school events until further notice. We will endeavour to host another open day in the warmer months when Covid seems to settle a little.

We will still be hosting a **Parent information session at 2:45pm on Tuesday August 10<sup>th</sup> in the Hall**. This information session is open to all Parents of current students as well as any interested parents within the community. We will be sharing progress of the project, what to expect in the 7-9 learning spaces and the curriculum offerings.

We were hoping to take parents on a tour of the building however the builders have informed me that the vinyl flooring will be being laid on this day so whilst we cannot walk through the building, we will hopefully be able to walk around the outside and view the development through the many windows and doors!

\*Please note\* All adult visitors to school need to wear a mask and maintain social distancing.

### **PARENT SURVEY**

Every year, we send home a survey to parents to gather feedback about our school and we use this information to help with continuous improvement and strategic planning. This year, Catholic Education SA has developed a survey tool for each school to use in order to gather the feedback and data about how our school is performing. The questions are aligned to CESA's Living Learning Leading Framework which is a significant guiding document for our school when making and actioning annual improvement plans. This is an important opportunity for parents and caregivers to tell us how things are going for you and your child/ren. There are no wrong or right answers and no individual data is collected, results are presented in graph form as a collective set of data.

The staff highly value your feedback and hope that many parents will take the time and opportunity to provide us with feedback. Attached to today's newsletter is a page including a QR code to scan for access to the survey, a web address is also included. There is a unique code to use which can be found in the top banner of the letter. Thank you in anticipation for your responses.

### **Our Catholic Identity**

#### **GOSPEL VALUE**

Hope

As a believer in God you can confidently say, 'Although I don't know what the future holds, I know who holds the future'.

- Deuteronomy 1:29-30

#### **JOSEPHITE VALUE**

Charity

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

- Acts 20:35

### **Our Mission**

**VALUES** – what is important to us

Faith & Religious Education
It is important to us that all members of the school community develop:

- self-worth and personal responsibility while contributing to God's loving plan
- an appreciation of social justice through our Josephite tradition

### **NEW PHONE SYSTEM**

Our Phone system upgrade occurred today. We hope that no one had trouble getting through, apologies for any inconvenience if you did. Our new phone number is: **8651 8100** Please save this number in your phone so that you know when it is school calling you. We do have message bank so if you call and all lines are busy you will have the opportunity to leave a message, similarly if you call out of hours you will be able to leave a message.

### **MORNING SUPERVISION**

A reminder that school supervision does not start until **8:30am** and therefore students should not be arriving at school before this time. Recently we have had several students arriving well before expected arrival time. Should a parent have a need to drop their child at school earlier than 8:30am on a one-off occasion, you need to contact the school and let us know in order to ensure that appropriate supervision can be arranged. If your child walks or rides, please help them to ensure that they are leaving at an appropriate time so as not to arrive too early. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

### **PLAYGROUP - MASKS**

Junior Joeys is back as of tomorrow thanks to restrictions easing slightly. Parents and caregivers will need to wear a mask (unless unable to for medical reasons). A reminder to also sign in using the QR code at the entrance of the Hall.

### **COVID RESTRICTIONS**

Despite some easing of restrictions coming into effect tonight, Parents are still asked to remain off school grounds for the time being. Should you need to come into the front office please ensure that you sign in with the QR code and wear a mask. We will inform you as soon as these restrictions change and look forward to welcoming you all back for Liturgies and into Classrooms as soon as we are allowed.

- Bec Fahey

# FROM THE APRIM

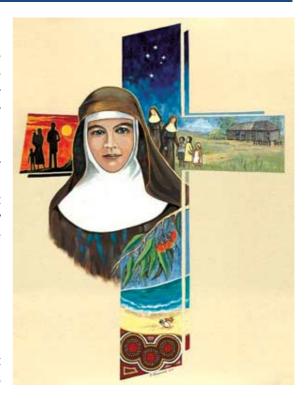
### Feast Day of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop

On Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> of August we celebrate the Feast of St Mary of The Cross MacKillop. Mary's influence on education and bringing God to the people, especially the poor, is one of the most remarkable stories in our Australian story. She remains our only Australian Saint, with this year being the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her canonisation.

She was an ordinary person who had a deep love for God, deep love for people and a deep love for the poor. Mary believed that education sets a person free and she believed that Catholic children should learn about their Catholic faith through their parents and in school. Although Mary favoured the poor and the marginalised, she welcomed all and she befriended people at different levels of society.

# So, you and your child are part of a Josephite School Tradition. What does this mean?

The word 'Tradition' is often misunderstood as something from the past. Tradition is actual the lived expression of the values that inspired Saint Mary MacKillop and the sisters in the past and is now expressed in today's world.



Where do these values come from? The values come from the Gospel. They are Gospel values as Mary MacKillop interpreted the stories of Jesus in the Gospel and applied them in her life in her words and actions. Her determination to do so, often at her own detriment, is today one of the most amazing Australian stories, a story born in South Australia and a story that has been told over and over and will continue to be a story that will influence generations to come.

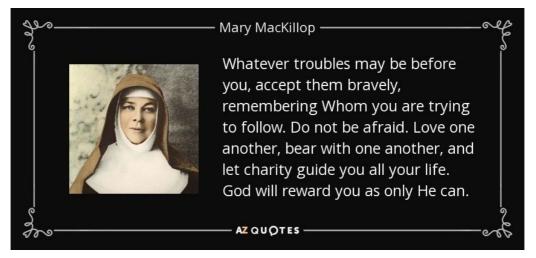
Our St Joseph's School community in Peterborough is fortunate to be a part of this story and therefore, we are part of Mary MacKillop's legacy and the Josephite Tradition is alive in us.

 ${\it Adapted from Frank\ Congedi-Principal\ Whitefriars\ Catholic\ School}$ 

### Our celebrations for the Feast Day of Mary MacKillop

Unfortunately, due to recent COVID-19 restrictions we had to cancel our trip to Jamestown for our shared celebrations with St James and St Joseph's School Gladstone. However, we are still able to celebrate this special occasion within our own school.

This Friday, students and staff can **wear green and gold** to celebrate being an Australian during this time of the Olympics, as well as the fact that Mary MacKillop was Australia's first saint. Students will be walking down to Victoria Park for the middle part of the day to participate in some activities and free play. There will be a FREE sausage sizzle on the day and students will get a sausage and fruit-box for lunch. We look forward to celebrating this special day as a whole school.



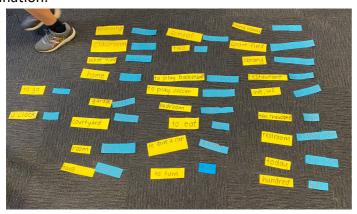
- Ally Kelly

# **SCHOOL NEWS**

### 5/6/7 CLASS

The 5/6/7 class are happy to be back at school learning alongside each other. We have been engaging positively in our learning through visible learning strategies.

In Chinese, we revised vocabulary we have been learning in our unit about houses by matching the English word to the Chinese word. Students collaborated, identifying the known vocabulary and the process of elimination.

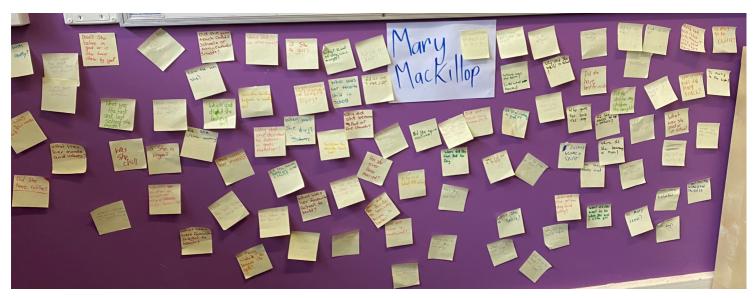




This term in Religious Education we will be focusing on the topic of Moral Life through Mary MacKillop. During our first lesson, we created a visible learning nest that includes what we know about Mary MacKillop and questions we have about her life. Over the next few weeks the shape of our learning nest will change when we begin to make connections.







# **SCHOOL NEWS**

### 5/6/7 FOOD GROUPS

This term the 5 6 7 class will be making a variety of food to sell at lunchtime on selected Thursday's. The money will go towards paying for the camp the class attended earlier in the year.

An order form will be sent home on the Monday prior to the week of the product been sold and will be required to be returned by the Thursday. This will allow students time to collate orders and order ingredients needed. Payment needs to be made by the Wednesday before food will be served. Family members are also more than welcome to order, food can be picked up from the Canteen on the day at 1:00pm.

We will monitor the ongoing changes to the current covid-19 situation and adhere to any advice given regarding the preparation and selling of food. Should restrictions still prevent parents coming into school grounds, we will meet you at the gate with your order. Please remember your mask.

Students will be following safe food practices including sanitising and wearing gloves and masks.

Below you will find the dates, items available and pricing for each group's food.

Week 4: Thursday 12th August Baked Potatoes

Week 5: Thursday 19th August Egg and Bacon Rolls

Week 6: Thursday 26th August Pizza

Week 7: Thursday 2nd September Pinwheels

Week 8: Thursday 9th September Smoothies

Week 9: Thursday 16th September Scrolls

Thank you for your support in our business venture.







### **Book Week**

This year we will host our Book Week Parade on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 9:00am. This will be held on the court area (weather permitting).

Students are encouraged to dress up as a book character within in the theme of 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds' or their favourite book / character.

Depending on restrictions, we hope to be able to have parents invited into the school for this event. We will keep you informed as new information comes to hand.

# PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

#### KIDS CAFÉ

If you are interested in volunteering in the canteen, please let Kelly know at the Front Office.

To place an order for Kid's Café simply write your child's name on a bag/envelope with your child's order. Please provide the correct money for your order if possible. These need to be placed in the classroom lunch basket. A canteen price list is available from the front office. Friday prices are below:

**SAUSAGES** \$2 each (sauce free)

FRUIT BOXES \$1 each

| Kids Café - Term 3 |            |              |                                   |
|--------------------|------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| WEEK 3             | 2/8        | 4/8          | 6/8                               |
|                    | Deb O'Dowd | Katrina Hill | WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION – NO LUNCH |
| WEEK 4             | 9/8        | 11/8         | 13/8                              |
|                    | Deb O'Dowd | Katrina Hill | Rotary Club                       |
| WEEK 5             | 16/8       | 18/8         | 20/8                              |
|                    | Deb O'Dowd | Katrina Hill | Bill Hill + VOLUNTEER             |
| WEEK 6             | 23/8       | 25/8         | 27/8                              |
|                    | Deb O'Dowd | Katrina Hill | Rotary Club                       |
| WEEK 7             | 30/8       | 1/9          | 3/9                               |
|                    | Deb O'Dowd | Katrina Hill | Bill Hill + VOLUNTEER             |
| WEEK 8             | 6/9        | 8/9          | 10/9                              |
|                    | Deb O'Dowd | Katrina Hill | Rotary Club                       |
| WEEK 9             | 13/9       | 15/9         | 17/9                              |
|                    | Deb O'Dowd | Katrina Hill | Bill Hill + VOLUNTEER             |
| WEEK 10            | 20/9       | 22/9         | 24/9                              |
|                    | Deb O'Dowd | Katrina Hill | EARLY FINISH – NO CANTEEN         |

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### **SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE**

Don't forget that you can also keep up to date with what is happening in our school by liking us on Facebook. Our Facebook page is regularly updated with useful information, photos, videos, etc. Simply click on the following link or type it into your web browser <a href="https://www.facebook.com/StJosephsSchoolPeterborough">https://www.facebook.com/StJosephsSchoolPeterborough</a>







To respond the LLL Parent and Caregiver Survey at St Joseph's School —
Peterborough in 2021:
Parents go to
www.NSIPartnerships.com.au
and enter the code LLLPSJP



### LLL Parent and Caregiver Survey

You are invited to participate in a survey about your school's performance. Similar surveys will be administered to staff and students to enable us to capture a community snapshot.

All responses are confidential and will be used for school improvement purposes.

in the Start Questionnaire field

Completion of the survey is on a voluntary basis.

### Your confidentiality

To protect your confidentiality all surveys are anonymous. All answers go directly to the National School Improvement Partnerships, where the results are analysed for your school. Answers from individual surveys will NOT be reported back to the school. Staff of the National School Improvement Partnerships staff are bound by a Code of Ethics and follow strict professional conduct.

#### Use of the data

National School Improvement Partnerships will report the results to the school in an aggregated format so that individuals cannot be identified. To enable drill-down reporting, the information provided to the school will contain data based on background information. This anonymous data will be provided to CESA for reporting and consideration of support for schools.

### How to complete the survey

- For each statement, you are asked to rate how well you think the school is performing by circling one of six responses. The responses are numbered 1 to 6, with number 1 being the lowest or worst rating and number 6 being the highest or best rating.
- There are no 'right' or 'wrong' answers. Your opinion is what is wanted.
- Please be sure to answer all questions.
- Some statements in may be fairly similar to other statements. Don't worry about this. Simply give your opinion about all statements.

To get started, use the QR code above or go to <a href="www.NSIPartnerships.com.au">www.NSIPartnerships.com.au</a> and enter the access code provided by your school.

If you require more information or have any feedback, please contact Belinda Hurcombe.

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Your time and consideration are much appreciated.