FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Next Friday, 8 August, we will be celebrating St Mary MacKillop’s Feast Day. We have a whole school Mass commencing in the hall at 9.00am. I would like to invite all our school community and parishioners to attend.

Mary of the Cross as she was known was a very courageous lady and led an extraordinary life. Mr Payne has placed a website for parents to visit in his section on pages 2/3. Please take time to look through the site and see how courageous this woman was.

Throughout her life Mary suffered ill health. She died on August 8, 1909 in the convent in Mount Street, North Sydney where her tomb is now enshrined. This year our Year 6 students were fortunate enough to visit Mary’s tomb and had the opportunity to pray for their own intentions besides her tomb along with many of the public.

NEW PARISH PRIEST

As you are aware, Father Greg has now left the parish, however, for the next couple of weeks will be involved with some of our celebrations, i.e. Eucharist Parent Workshop, Mary MacKillop Mass…

Our new Parish Priest, Father Antony Suresh will commence with us on the 12 August. I am looking forward to welcoming Father Suresh into our school community and hopefully we can all welcome him at one of our assemblies coming up.

CONGRATULATIONS

On behalf of the school I would like to congratulate Dylan DiToro for being selected to represent Australia at the Boys World Futsal Championships in Orlando, Florida. As you can imagine Dylan is very excited at being chosen for this event and it will be extra special with Joel, his older brother, also being selected. We wish the boys every success and great fun.

THANK YOU P&F

I would like to thank the P&F for their recent contributions to the school. We now have a new guitar for Mr Leeder to use for music and the junior primary classes have new Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) resources to assist them with their class programs.

RELIGIOUS ASSESSMENT

This week our Year 3 and 5 students have been sitting the 2015 Bishop’s Religious Literacy Assessment. The Year 3 assessment will be marked in school while the Year 5 assessment will be marked at a system level. Results for these assessments will be forwarded to us later in the year. The Year 3 results obviously will be distributed to parents a lot sooner.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Mrs Tash Adams (Kindy/Preprimary parent) for your sewing skills and helping us tidy up around 30 table cloths. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

PERFORMING ARTS

We wish all our students who are performing at the Performing Arts Festival, over the next month, all the very best. More information will follow through your child’s class teacher for dates and venues for various performances.
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Look Closer

Jesus is the ‘Bread of Life’. When we go to Mass, the bread and wine become Jesus’ body and blood. He feeds us with his own body. We too are called to share Christ’s mission—to feed the hungry.

At home discuss a worthy charity that feeds the hungry, either physically or spiritually. How can you as a family contribute to their mission?

Prayer Space

Symbol: Bread

Lord God,

You give us bread from Heaven—your Son Jesus. He is the Bread of Life! Help us to believe.

Amen

Did You Know?

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop was known for pulling the occasional prank on the other sisters. When times were difficult she always remained cheerful and hopeful. She carried lollies in her pocket to give the poor children she taught! St Mary’s feast day is the 8th August. Why not learn more about our first saint with a cool drama project at www.cathfamily.org/st-mary-mackillop-drama/

Preparing for the Sacraments

This term many of our Year 4 students will be receiving Jesus for the first time when they celebrate their First Holy Communion. Similarly, our Year 6 students will be preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation at the end of August. This is such an important time of preparation in the lives of these students and their families.

We ask that our school community prays for all of these students and their families over the coming weeks. We pray that they will be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit who helps us to become closer to God in our everyday lives.

Eucharist Parent Workshop

All parents of children receiving their First Eucharist are invited to attend a Eucharist Workshop on Tuesday, 4 August in our St Joseph’s Hall. The night will commence at 6:30pm. Father Greg will discuss the history of the Eucharist as well as answer any questions you may have. The night will conclude with a shared meal. We look forward to seeing you there.

Wombat, Eagle, Dolphin or Kangaroo— which are you?

The following passage is taken from the website www.happyschool.com.au and ties into this need to find time, find time to understand why we are the way we are, and why others are the way they are.

Understanding your personality and therefore how you respond to situations can help you to manage things like stress levels. People differ from each other in exciting, fundamental ways. That is a given. We hold different beliefs, are moved by different things, perceive “facts” differently and generally behave in ways not always in sync’ with those around us.

Unfortunately, it is sometimes hard to reconcile these differences. We may feel bad about the way we do things or conclude that others are strange, wrong, or just don’t care about us. Instead of seeing the differences in human behaviour as a gift of natural diversity, we often judge people and desire to make them more like us, or try to make ourselves more like them. Either way, we are trying to force people to be something they are not, often at great personal cost. The question then remains as to how to address this problem and look at these differences in a positive light.

The Aus Identities program recognises basic differences between people by using personality profiling to explain individual patterns of behaviour. The system is based in part upon four ancient temperaments, introduced during the 1970’s by American Psychologist Dr. David Keirsey. Within the Aus Identities program, different

The Bread of Life

The Word (Jn 6:24-35)

Jesus said to the people, “I tell you; you look for me because you ate the bread and had all you wanted, not because you understood my miracles. Don’t work for food that goes bad; instead, work for the food that lasts for eternal life.” They said, “Sir, give us this bread.” “I am the bread of life,” Jesus replied. “He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.”
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attitudes and behaviours are then linked to the characteristics of four well-known Australian animals. Gaining an understanding of other people’s type, whether they are Eagles, Dolphins, Kangaroos or Wombats, can enhance your ability to work with others. You will soon begin to realise that what is important to you, may not be quite as important to those around you and recognise why other people impact on you in the way they do.

Perhaps you are like the **Eagle**, who likes to be seen as an expert in their chosen area of interest, displaying extensive knowledge of the subject matter. Eagles are drawn to roles requiring superior knowledge, expansive thinking and creative problem solving. Or are you more like the **Dolphin**, helping others to achieve their goals, unassuming and dedicated, Dolphins derive great satisfaction from fostering greatness in others, often working in the background to inspire and encourage.

The **Wombat** is determined and focused, loves to be of service and are steadfast and diligent in the completion of their goals, no matter how big or small. The most responsible of the types, Wombats will always put work before play; or possibly you are more like the **Kangaroo**, fun loving, non-judgmental, preferring to be guided by your own desires, and happiest when left to your own devices. Kangaroos will usually enjoy a hands-on approach when perfecting skills in their chosen field, and like to take the time to make work as enjoyable as possible.

Understanding the temperament of the people you work with (and students in your school) can help everyone. Understanding our differences makes life easier and more enjoyable. Visit the Aus Identities website to complete the FREE questionnaire to highlight your animal type.


**Altar Serving**

If your child is in Year 4-6 and is interested in becoming an Altar Server, please email me on payne.clinton@cathednet.wa.edu.au

**Final Thought**

"The man who is filled with the Holy Spirit speaks in different languages. These different languages are different ways of witnessing to Christ, such as humility, poverty, patience and obedience; we speak in those languages when we reveal in ourselves these virtues to others. Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak."

*St Anthony of Padua*

Wishing you a blessed term!

*Clinton Payne*

*Assistant Principal*
Award for Excellence
LEAD excellence in our Early Childhood Area

It’s with great pleasure to inform you all that our next LEAD Award Winner was announced and presented with their certificate at our Monday morning assembly 27 July 2015. Aiden Avila from our Pre Primary classroom was witnessed demonstrating an act of excellence in the area of Discipleship. So beautiful to witness from a child so young. Well done, Aiden.

Lead Team

P&F Events 2015
TERM 3
Evening Event
Saturday 29 August
Student Disco
Thursday 24 September
TERM 4
Art Show
Friday 13 November
(Dates are subject to change.)

P&F Meetings
Week 2—Tuesday 28 July
Week 6—Tuesday 25 August
Week 10—Tuesday 22 September

Dear Parents and Families,

Term 3 is upon us and the P&F parent function is fast approaching. We have a great evening planned of dinner, dancing, live music and games! Tables of ten are available and can be booked via the order form sent home last week. If you have a business or know of any businesses that may be able to donate items for prizes, raffles and silent auction please contact us at pfmarysmount@gmail.com. We appreciate your support!

There will be a Breakfast in the Park 2016 planning meeting next week on Thursday morning at 9am in the multi-purpose room. This meeting will be to form a committee for BIP and to outline what is involved with planning the event. We encourage you to come along if you are interested in helping with this event.

P&F Committee

Email: pfmarysmount@gmail.com
Sad News...
It was lovely to receive a phone call during the week and be invited to Cathy’s house to share afternoon tea. Although I enjoyed catching-up with Cathy and talking about the canteen she also had some sad news. Cathy informed me that she will not be returning to the school canteen for the remainder of this year as she has been advised by her doctor to take time and fully recover from her illness, Cathy tells me she reluctantly agrees.

*On behalf of everyone involved with the Canteen I would like to wish Cathy God’s Blessings for a speedy recovery during this time and our best wishes.*

Volunteers/Helpers
I am currently preparing the roster for Term 3 and **NEED VOLUNTEERS** to assist with lunch order preparation on Mondays or Fridays (Especially Mondays!!). If you can help for a day or just a few hours during the term your help would be appreciated. Being a grandparent myself I am more than happy to welcome other grandparents who may be interested in coming along to help out in canteen for a few hours and join me for a cuppa.

I plan to place the current Term 3 roster on notice boards around the school so please add your name if you are able to assist or phone me (Shirley) to discuss further on 0418 927 177 or 9454-5686.

Menu
I am currently working on Shepherd’s Pie, Fried Rice, Hot Meatball and Sauce Rolls and Banana Cakes to add to the on-line menu. Please look for these items appearing soon as an on-line menu item.

Shirley Shaw

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**Canteen Update from Shirley Shaw**

**It’s back!**
Earn 1 sticker for every $10 you spend.

1. Shop at Woolworths and you’ll get 1 Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 you spend.

2. Stick them on a Woolworths Sticker Sheet.

3. Once you’ve filled your Sticker Sheet, pop it into the collection box in the school office.

**Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015**
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A huge THANK YOU to all the families and businesses for being part of this year’s footy tipping competition!

DON’T FORGET TO GET YOUR TIPS IN BEFORE THE FIRST GAME OF EACH ROUND.

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Pit Stop – a parenting Tune Up for Fathers – Wednesday 29 July x 6 weeks. This course covers: Why Dads Matter To Kids, Developing a Healthy Parenting Style, Improving Family Communication and Closeness, Steering Your Children Through Stressful Stages, Disciplining the Kids, Without Losing It, Balancing Life, Work and Family, Working as a Team (Partner’s Evening) Identifying and Implementing Change. For further information please phone 9489 6322.