Feast Day of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop—8th August

Loving God

Please help us to be more like Mary MacKillop,
Forgiving to all who hurt us and loyal to friends and family.
We pray that we show courage when faced with challenges the way she did.
Help us to live Mary’s quote,
“If we have love in our hearts, we shall have God with us”. Amen

Amy, St Monica’s, Wodonga

Dear Parents, Families and Friends,
What a lovely send off for Mrs Staples last Friday afternoon! I know that she really appreciated the words and sentiments expressed by the Year 1 class and she had a lovely afternoon with staff and parents as well. The children were such a delight and the songs were very apt for her farewell. Thank you to the Year 1 teachers for preparing the children so beautifully.
On Monday we celebrated the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. We had a special prayer at assembly in the morning and each class had discussions and lessons about Australia’s first saint.
This week I am coming to the end of Kinder 2017 interviews. It has been a very busy few weeks, but it is a privilege to meet the new little ones and their families. We can look forward to another delightful class of eager learners.
Today our Year 5 class spent some time at Mater Dei Catholic College, getting a feel for secondary school life, activities and lessons. I am sure they enjoyed their time immensely.
The teachers continued working on the School Improvement Framework at the staff meeting this week. Also, this week I will be attending a principals’ conference in Mulwala.

Yours in Christ

Kathy Gaskin—Principal
**Important Dates for Term 3—August—September**

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**From the Assistant Principal—Paul Spain**

Book Week 2016 will be celebrated from August 22nd to the 26th. The theme of Book Week this year is **“Australiaw Story Country”**. To celebrate Book Week the students of St Joseph’s will be involved in the following activities:

**Poster Competition:** On an A3 piece of paper students need to design a poster revolving around the theme Australiaw Story Country. Entries are due in on Monday August 22nd so that they can be displayed around the school. There will be a prize for the best poster in each stage.

**Book Swap:** Do you have a book at home that has been read and would like to get something else to read? If this is the case, on Thursday August 25th at lunch time there will be a book swap. Students who bring in a book may swap it for another that someone else has brought in. Only students who have brought in books may attend the book swap.

**Celebrity Readings:** A number of well known people within our community have been invited into school during the week to read one of the shortlisted books to different class groups.

**Class Focus:** Each class will be celebrating Book Week in a different manner but there will be a focus on this year’s shortlisted books.

**Cross Stage Literature Activities:** You Can Do It on Friday August 26th will take on a literature focus with group members sharing their favourite books with others.

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**Tuckshop—Monday 15th August**

To date, we DO NOT have a volunteer for the above date. If we do not have a volunteer, we will be unable to open the tuckshop. If you are able to assist, please contact Kathy Gaffney on 0422493879 - kathandgaff@bigpond.com - kmelcannen@csu.edu.au or contact the school office on 69215733 or email to sjw-info@ww.catholic.edu.au.

We will advise parents this Friday 12th August whether the tuckshop will be open on Monday 15th August.
**Tuckshop News**

We are in desperate need again for volunteers for Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays as we have lost a few helpers due to work commitments. At the moment we only have a total of about 15 volunteers. Below is a list of vacant positions that we need to fill. If you can help out even if it is only for Term 3, it would be much appreciated. If we cannot get volunteers to cover the days below, it may be necessary to close the tuckshop on that day.

Please contact Kathy Gaffney on 0422493879 kathandgaffi@bigpond.com kmclennan@csu.edu.au

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**Cathedral Parish Mass Times**

**School Mass—Monday 15th August 2016**

Our next school Mass is being held on Monday 15th August at 9.15am in the Cathedral. This day is the Feast of the Assumption which is a Holy Day of obligation. Year 4 will be assisting Fr Rick with our celebrations.

**After School Pick up Reminder**

There have been some changes to our afternoon bus pick up times and from this term, our last bus arrives at 3.55pm. If you are picking up your child from school by car please ensure that you have collected them by 3.45pm.

**From the Office**

If you need to take your child out of school during term time, please take note of the following information:

- For 2 days or less, please supply a letter or email to the classroom teacher before the leave is taken.
- For more than 2 days, please supply a letter or email to the school office before the leave is taken.
- For 10 or more days, it is a requirement to fill in the Application for Extended Leave form. These are available at the school office in the front foyer or on our website. It is necessary to provide the completed form to the school office at least 2 weeks before the leave.

A reminder to parents that are paying their school fees by term (not direct debit) that fees for Term 3 are now due. Payments can be made by cash, cheque, EFTPOS or direct credit.

Educational Experience is a company that specialises in very good quality children's toys and games. They have supplied us with a limited number of brochures which are available in the school office. For all orders placed, the school receives 20% of the sales as vouchers which can then be spent on resources for the classrooms. If you are interested, you can pick up a brochure from the office or go online to: www.edex.com.au/fundraising

School photos are being held on Tuesday 23rd August. Individual envelopes will be sent home today with every child. Instructions to order are on the pre-paid envelopes. It is not necessary for the envelopes to come back to school until the day of the photos. If you would like a sibling photo, envelopes are available in the school foyer.

We have updated our calendar on the St Joseph’s Skoolbag App. This is a great way to see what is happening at our school. To download this app, go to the app store on your device and type in Skoolbag and select our school. You can also enter absences through this app.

**DPF Star Saver**

Congratulations to Addi Dean from Year 2 who was the DPF Star Saver last term. If you would like to open an account for your child at the DPF please contact their office on 69370099.
Tuckshop News—Online Ordering
Our school has now signed up to use School24 which is an online system to order recess and lunches at the tuckshop. This will save having to find cash to send and can be done the night before. The cut off for ordering through this system will be 9am each day. The tuckshop will still accept orders sent in paper bags.

First you need to create an account:
2. Enter the School Registration ID—25389963
3. Fill in the registration form
4. Submit

Login
After creating account, use your email address and password you selected to log in to the portal.
1. Go to https://www.school24.net.au/login
2. Enter username and password
3. Submit

Top-up
You must top up your tuckshop account before you can order from the tuckshop menu.
1. On top navigation menu, click on Setup and then Top-up
2. Click on Pay using Credit Card button
3. Follow the prompts

Select a Service Fee Plan—there are 2 plans
1. Pay as you go: for parents who don’t order frequently
2. Unlimited: for families with more than one student who order more often

Pay As You Go
◆ $0.25 will be added to the total of each order
◆ You can order recess and lunch in one order
◆ Perfect for casual ordering

Unlimited Plan
◆ $13.20 per family for the remainder of the year
◆ Order as often as you like and for the whole family
◆ Ideal for parents with more than one child and who order often
◆ The unlimited service fee will be deducted from your current balance

Add Students to your Account
1. From the top navigation menu, click on Setup and then on Setup Students
2. Click Add Student Button
3. Fill in the student registration form
4. Click on Add Student button to submit

Now you are ready to order!!! We hope that this system helps families in the never ending job of feeding our children.

If you need assistance, call the Help Desk on 80411132 or email help@school24.com.au

Year 5 and 6 Canberra Excursion
Notes were sent home yesterday with every student in Year 5 and Year 6 with information regarding the annual excursion which is being held on 19th, 20th and 21st October. The Excursion Consent and Medical Information form needs to be returned to the class teacher by Friday 12th August and we are asking each student to pay a $70 deposit towards the excursion by Friday 19th August. This can be paid by cash, cheque, EFTPOS and direct deposit. The remainder of $230 is to be paid by Thursday 22nd September.
RAISING CHILDREN IN A HYPER-SEXUALIZED SOCIETY

Children are Facing REAL ISSUES, Parents need answers.

At a time where parents can feel overwhelmed and powerless to address issues such as social media, apps, sexting, and pornography there is a huge amount parents can do.

This parents night aims to address the intimate questions that parents have while empowering them to be an influential presence in their children’s lives.

• How to parent your child through a sexually saturated society.

• The truth behind media, marketing and advertising and how it can affect young people.

• Sexting, apps, and the online world; the secrets parents need to know.

• Pornography; what you need to know as a parent.

• The effects of poor sexual decision making.

• Rites of passage; your sons and daughters journey to adulthood.

• The crucial role parents can play in giving their children a healthy understanding of sexuality and relationships.

Did You Know?

• The average age of a young persons first exposure to pornography is 11 years of age.

• 1 in 5 young people struggle with an eating disorder.

• 54% of students reported receiving a sexually explicit text message.

• 26% reported sending a sexually explicit text message.

• 74% of parents feel they are unaware of what their children are doing online.

Location: Kildare Catholic College
Date: Monday 22nd August
Time: 6:30pm - 7:45pm
All Parents Welcome
St Francis De Sales
Regional College, Leeton

You are invited to join the College Community on

Sunday 9 October 2016

In celebrating 60 years of Excellence in Catholic Education with the Leeton Parish celebrating Sunday Mass at St Francis College commencing at 10.00am followed by a FREE BBQ

——ALL WELCOME——

Please RSVP to the Mass and/or BBQ to the College Office via Phone, Email or Fax no later than Friday 9 September 2016

St Francis De Sales Regional College
102 Yanco Avenue
LEETON NSW 2795
Phone: 02 6953 3622
Fax: 02 6953 5887

E-mail: office@sfwsw.catholic.edu.au
Web address: www.sfsw.catholic.edu.au

Kooringal-Wagga Athletics Club

Little A’s Friday Nights from 5pm
For 4 - 16 years old
Registrations for the Little A’s 2016/2017 season will once again open on the 1st August 2016.

Register online at www.kwa.org.au

Registration & Uniform Order Night on Thursday 4th August 2016 5pm to 7.30pm at Sportsman’s Warehouse. If your child requires a uniform this season, please make sure you order it on this evening. Please note NO EFTPOS or Credit facility will be available. Cash or cheque only.

Please note Proof of age is required for all new registrations (Birth Certificates, Passport or Hospital Book)

***Early Bird Discount for all registrations completed online between 1st - 31st August 2016***

Visit our website www.kwa.org.au for more details

Season Start date: 16th September 2016 5pm
Contact: Registrar Julie Deal on 0409 363 910 or Jemma McPherson 0408 429 260

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