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"Seek first the poorest and most neglected of God's vineyard."

Saint Mary MacKillop

Week 5, Term 3

Thursday 23rd August 2018

Dear Members of our Community of Faith,

I read this during this week and wanted to share with you all to highlight the importance of family life and to encourage you all in continuing to fight the good fight in raising our children in virtue, character and faith.

"One could say without exaggeration, that the family is the driving force of the world and of history. Our personality develops in the family, by growing up with our mum and dad, our brothers and sisters, by breathing in the warmth of the home." Pope Francis

It has been another eventful week at SMMC and I for one am looking forward to hitting the slopes at **Falls Creek tomorrow with the Yr.9-12s**. A reminder that they are required at school by **6am**, with the bus departing at **6:15am**. We will return by **6:30pm**. The forecast is for sunshine so it should be a very enjoyable day.

Book Week

This week has been a great week to celebrate the gift of reading. Congratulations to the Van Der Horst and Ryan Families who won the book week competition. It was great to see so many students and teachers put in so much effort on Tuesday for the dress up parade. A huge thanks to the parents for your support! Today the Kinder and 1/2 class enjoyed an excursion to the Lavington Library to enjoy listening to a number of books that have been shortlisted as children's Book of the Year. The students were also able to see the story book illustration exhibition.

SMMC Mary MacKillop Gala Dinner

Thank you to everyone who helped organise and set up our yearly Gala Dinner. All your hard work is much appreciated. A massive thank you for all the donations and to those who were able to buy something on the night to contribute towards our school building fund.

Chosen Retreat

The 2018 Chosen Retreat *"Dare to Proclaim"* for high schoolers and young adults is on **September 7th- 9th** at Harrierville.

Bookings close 24th August. To Book online go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/367494>.

Head Lice

There has been a reported case of head lice within the school, so please be diligent in checking your children's hair and treating if necessary to prevent them spreading. Thank you!

Kinder Enrolments

A reminder for parents looking to enrol their child in Kinder for 2019 to contact the school office and book in a tour and interview.

Curriculum Meetings

On **Tuesday 28th August** we will have Curriculum Meetings for students in Yr.8, 9 and 10 to look at subjects for 2019. Current Yr.8 and Yr.9 students (Yr.9/10 2019) will meet at 6:00pm and current Yr.10 students (Yr.11 2019) will meet at 7:00pm. These meetings will take place in the Library. Interviews for Yr.12s will also take place at 8:00pm.

Yr 12 Exams

Congratulations to the year 12 Students who sat their trial exams throughout the week. We continue to pray for these students as they continue to study hard for the HSC.

HSC History Study Day

This Monday the **27th August**, our HSC students are traveling to Charles Sturt University in Wagga with Mr Couture for an informative History Study Day.

Mackillop Cup – Wagga

On **Wednesday 5th September**, the whole school will be catching buses to Wagga to participate in the Mackillop Cup and other organised activities with Saint Mary MacKillop College Wagga. More details to follow on email next week.

Our Yr.5 students have enjoyed utilising their new learning space. The classroom has been named Saint Maximilian Kolbe. A big thank you to Mr and Mrs Tocher for their excellent painting skills and to Ashley Irwin for his work in getting the room ready for learning.



SMMC Fete

Our Annual fete is coming up again on the 27th of October. Raffle tickets were sent home with students on Tuesday and there will be a prize for the family who sells the most. Please ensure the sold raffle tickets and money is returned before collecting a new book to sell.

Jindera Tennis Club

The Jindera Tennis Club is endeavouring to recruit new players at all levels from Adult to juniors for the 2018/ 2019 season. For more information please see attached flyer.

God Bless, Luke Burton (Principal)

2018 Dates for your diary...

Term 3 – Tuesday 24th July – Friday 28th September (10 Weeks)

- Monday 20th – Friday 24th August – Book Week “*Find Your Treasure*”
- Friday 24th August – Yr.9-12 Snow Trip
- Monday 27th August – HSC History Study Day in Wagga
- Wednesday 5th September – The MacKillop Cup. Held at Saint Mary MacKillop College Wagga
- September 17th – September 21st – Yr.11 Exams
- Thursday 27th September – SRC Breakfast from 8:30am. All welcome!
- Saturday 29th September – Jindera 150th Street Parade. Departs from SMMC at 10:30am.
- Monday 1st October – P&F Bunnings BBQ

Term 4 – Monday 15th October – Thursday 6th December (8 Weeks)

- Saturday 27th October – SMMC Annual Fete
- Saturday 10th November 6pm - Yr.12 Graduation

New Buildings on the Way





LIVING OUT THE FAITH IN FAMILY LIFE

Mary-Queen of our Hearts, Queen of our Homes.

Last Wednesday was the solemnity of the Assumption, the day Our Blessed Mother was taken body and soul into heaven. On the 22nd August we celebrated the Queenship of Mary. This feast instituted by Pope Pius XXII celebrates Mary crowned in glory in heaven. This is the woman clothed with the sun, the moon at her feet and a crown of twelve stars.

Contemplate Mary in her humility. Who was Mary to the world but a simple Jewish girl living in Nazareth. Joseph, a carpenter, was her earthly spouse. She was the mother of only one son, who was born in a stable while they were away from home staying in Bethlehem. Little did the people of Nazareth know that this meek and mild virgin had been chosen from all eternity to be the Mother of God and that because of her yes the “word made flesh” was living among them.

Many of the eastern icons show Our Lady embellished with exquisite crowns, golden and encrusted with precious jewels - the most beautiful crowns humanly possible. We, like these great artisans can bestow on Mary a loving crown. “I have neither gold nor silver, nor virtues to adorn her crown. I can only come up with acts of contrition, deep sorrow for my sins and shortcomings and continual acts of love. The crown I make for my Queen will be made of precious stones, as precious as I can find.” (Orozco, Look up to Mary). This is the crown most pleasing to her.

Mary is the Mother of God and our mother also. We are her children and like children we never outgrow that loving guidance that only a mother can give. Stay close to her for she will show us the way of perfection, “She is not the light but the light shines in her.”(Orozco). She will draw us and our families close to her son.

Salve Regina - Hail Holy Queen.

O Mary, My Queen, My Mother, I give myself entirely to thee and to show my devotion to thee, I consecrate, this day, my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my whole being without reserve.

Wherefore good Mother as I am thine own, keep me, guard me as thy property and possession.

Amen

(Indulgence by Bl Pius IX, August 5th 1851, when said with a Hail Mary in the morning and the evening to overcome temptation.)

Virtue for the month of August - *Justice*

“A just person strives constantly to give others what is their due, so that they can fulfil their duties and exercise their rights as persons (the right to life, to cultural and moral goods, to material goods), as parents, as children, as citizens, as workers, as rulers, etc.- and he also like to see that others do likewise.”

(Character Building- David Isaacs)