

## Saint Mary MacKillop College

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*Marriage is an act of will that signifies and involves a mutual gift, which unites the spouses and binds them to their eventual souls, with whom they make up a sole family - a domestic church.*

- Saint John Paul the Great

**Week 5, Term 3**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2019**

Dear Members of our Community of Faith,

Well done to all our Year 12 students who sat their trial exams this week. We continue to pray and think of our Year 12's as they now start to prepare for their HSC Exams.

Thank you to everyone who was able to come along to the Gala Dinner last Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> August. It was a wonderful night. We thank you for all the donations made on the night, we are very grateful. The expected final figure is in excess of \$7000.

We have our Level One Dinner coming up on Tuesday night. This dinner is for being held for the high school students who have collected the total amount of school and community service awards needed to move up from level two to level one.

Our next whole school assembly is being held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September. This is a great way for parents and friends to see what their children have been doing in their classes this term. Hope to see you there!

### **SMMC Feast Day Competition**

Well done to all the students who entered our Feast Day competition and congratulations to the winners. It was great to see the effort students put into the entries, they looked amazing. Please see the attached flyer for winners and some photos of the wonderful work our students produced.

### **Book Week**

This week was Book Week and the theme for this year was "Reading is my Secret Power". Well done to everyone who had a go at the Book Week competition, it was a bit difficult this year but it was good to see students were up for the challenge. See the attachment for the competition answers. It was also great to see the effort students went to in dressing up for the parade. The students looked fantastic! We have attached photos of the parade for you to see.

### **Parent Evening Night**

This Term our Parent Evening Night will be held next **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August**. Our guest speaker is Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers who will be speaking on Faith and Family in the Modern World. To help cover the costs we ask that everyone make a small \$10 donation per family. Please let us know if you are able to make it by emailing the school office: [office@smmc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:office@smmc.nsw.edu.au)

### **Father and Son Camp**

Our Father and Son camp is coming up on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**. Notes were sent home on Monday, please get this returned by the due date so we can confirm numbers. Thank you.

### **Enrolments for 2020**

We are now starting to take kindergarten enrolments for next year. Please contact the school to organise an interview and tour.

### **Jindera Tennis Club**

The Jindera tennis club are looking for boys and girls of all ages and skill levels to join their club. For more information please call Jason on: 0424 179 051 or email: [jinderatennis@gmail.com](mailto:jinderatennis@gmail.com)

### **Uniforms**

We have had a few jumpers go missing, could you please check your child/children's uniform and check that it has their name on it. If for any reason you have one that belongs to another family, please return it. If you are missing any uniform items, please check the lost property in the hall. We strongly suggest that all uniforms have names on them to prevent them going missing.

### **SMMC Annual Fete**

Our Annual School Fete is coming up on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October**. Please see the attachments for more information. If you are able to help out in any way please email Mrs Vera Galvin on [vera.galvin@smmc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:vera.galvin@smmc.nsw.edu.au)

### **Return of School Forms**

As you can imagine, a school office is a busy place and our teaching staff are also very busy running classes throughout the day. To aid in the smooth running of the school, it helps us greatly if forms are returned by their due date. When planning an extracurricular activity outside the school grounds, it is especially important that we receive completed permission slips promptly. This is a legal requirement and also aids staff in knowing details such as medical needs and student numbers attending. Often we are working on deadlines that are requested by outside agencies that we book activities through. We do understand that there are occasions where there is good reason for forms being returned late and we do take that into consideration. In case of lost forms, we always carry spare ones in the office, so always feel free to come in and ask for another. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Also, for your convenience we will in future include our bank account details on forms if you wish to pay by direct debit. This will only be available for payments above \$10. If you make a direct debit payment, we ask that you list your family name and reason for payment as the reference so that we know what the payment is for. You will also need to email the office to notify us of any direct debit payment made.

**Students from Years 7 and 8 investigating a Newton's third law pair.**



## 2019 Dates for your diary...

### Term 3 – Tuesday 23rd July – Friday 27th September (10 Weeks)

- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August – Alison from Pauls Ski Hire, Student fitting
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August – Yr 9-12 Snow Trip
- Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August – Parent Evening Night
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – ICAS, Digital Technologies
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – MacKillop Cup
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September – ICAS – Science
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September – School Assembly
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September – ICAS - Writing
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September – ICAS – Spelling
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September – School Concert – 7.00pm
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Year 11 Exams
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September – ICAS - English
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September – ICAS - Mathematics
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Father and Son Camp
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Last Day of Term 3

### Term 4 – Monday 14th October – Thursday 5th December (8 Weeks)

- Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October – School Fete
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November – All Saints day
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Primary Intensive Swimming

## Curriculum Corner – Mrs Lauren Graovac



This term the Year 5 students have been practicing drama! The focus for them has been on creating comedy. The students have been unpacking “the ingredients of a comedic performance” and exploring the question “What makes something funny?” The students have been participating in various drama games and activities and have created short improvisation skits to practice and experiment with these elements of comedy.

The boys and girls have also been divided into two groups and each group has been given a comedic play to learn and then present at the end of the term. They each have been given scripts to learn and they have all been doing so well in creating and refining their characters to enhance the comedy within the play.



## **LIVING OUT THE FAITH IN FAMILY LIFE**

### **Determination is a virtue to live by!**

Determination is that driving force to persevere until the end, not giving up in the face of obstacles. Donald De Marco, in his book 'The Heart of Virtue', claims that this virtue is best portrayed in history by Winston Churchill. It was Churchill's determination during World War two which inspired the allies to overcome the Germans despite the huge opposition. He personified the "British Bulldog".

Where would marriage be without the virtue of determination? Perhaps the lack of this virtue is why there are so few lasting marriages in our secular culture. Determination is essential to persevere, despite the many problems and setbacks in day to day life. In marriage your vocation is to truly love your spouse. How often does this involve suffering? One of the greatest sufferings of marriage is loving your spouse and not being loved in return. How very like the Sacred Heart of Jesus, who said to Saint Margaret Mary, "This heart which has loved man so much and is loved so little in return". Our Lord is very close to you in this suffering, which can be quite often the most difficult to bear. It's difficult to persevere in marriage without the graces of the sacrament, and the virtue of determination, when the going gets tough.

Parenting is impossible without a little determination, especially if you have teenagers. Quite often having teenagers is like living in a battle zone. Some parents tell me that they don't want it to be like that or have conflict with their children. Sorry, this is part and parcel of growing up. Teenagers need to test you out, frequently at times, to see that you really mean what you say. If you do not stick to your guns on important issues like faith and morals you risk losing your child's soul.

James Stenson's book, 'The Religious Upbringing of your Children' says that with parenting... "you either pay now or you pay later." Knowing what sort of men and women you would like your children to become, you must be aware that putting in the hard yards now can avoid the suffering later, when they are washed away with the rest of the secular culture.

Determination is vital in any project undertaken in life. The most important project of your marriage vocation, on which depends yours and your children's eternal destiny, cannot survive without it.

### **VIRTUE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST – FORTITUDE**

"True Christian fortitude consists in strength of mind, through grace, exerted in two things; in ruling and suppressing the evil and unruly passions and affections of the mind; and in steadfastly and freely exerting and following good affections and dispositions, without being hindered by sinful fear or the opposition of enemies"

- Jonathan Edwards, The Religious Affections