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"In working for God we must have little trials" Saint Mary MacKillop

Week 8, Term 2

Friday 22nd June 2018

Dear Members of our Community of Faith,

We are nearing the end of another busy, productive term of learning. Often life can feel like you're on a treadmill, having to just keep going and 'get the next thing done'. I was reminded of the importance of 'wasting' time with your children when my 8 month old daughter needed some attention last night and am thankful for the reminder of what is really important. I am sure you are all looking forward to being able to 'waste' some time with your children in the upcoming holidays.

A very warm welcome to Tom and Cheradee Gillespie and family who joined the SMMC Community recently. Chris has joined us in Yr.10, Miriam in Yr.8, Jonathon in Yr.5, Matthew in Yr.3 and Annie in Yr.1. It is great to see you all settling in well.

A big congratulations to the following families on welcoming another family member recently: Andrew and Bernadette Flores on the birth of their daughter Adelaide Rita; Ross and Bridget Hayward on the birth of their son Lucas and to Michael and Manuela Suttie on the birth of their son Sebastian. We hope all is going well on the home front and we look forward to meeting these wonderful human beings sometime soon.

Cross Country News



Well done to Gabriel Dawson, Jack Irwin, Miriam Suttie and Matthew Woods who represented the school at the CIS Cross Country on Thursday 14th in Sydney. They all ran exceptionally well. Congratulations to Matt for running home in 13th place and thank you to these students for representing our school.

BISSA Athletics

Congratulations to all the students who attend the BISSA Athletics Carnival at Alexandra Park yesterday. It was great to

see such a large group participating in a number of categories and representing our school.



Parent Evening

Thank you to everyone who showed their support by coming along on Tuesday night, I'm sure a lot was gained from it. Thank you to Mr Mark Mannering for his time, and a thank you to all who helped out behind the scenes. If you would like a copy of the slides and a recording of Mark's talk, please email mark@classtraining.com.au.

Reports and P/T Interviews

Teachers are currently working hard on finalising reports for Semester One. These reports will be mailed out to families early in the holiday break. There will be opportunities for parents to formally touch base with teachers at Parent/Teacher Interviews next term. I remind parents that the teachers are here to work with you and your children and you are welcome to arrange a time to meet with teachers at any time throughout the year. Please see dates for scheduled interview times.

Lost Property

The lost property box is overflowing! If anyone has lost anything please check the box. If parents could please make sure that students uniforms have their name on it that will be appreciated, it will also make locating the owner a lot easier.

Debutante Ball

Saturday 30th June from 7pm-12am, Holy Spirit Church Hall. Tickets are \$69 or \$59 concession. Full tables of 10 or 12 are available at \$64 a ticket. Black tie event for 16+ Years

Have a wonderful weekend.

God Bless, Luke Burton (Principal)

2018 Dates for your diary...

Term 2 – Tuesday 1st May – Friday 29th June (9 Weeks)

- Friday 29th June – HSC Science Study Day at CSU - 9:00am – 1:30pm

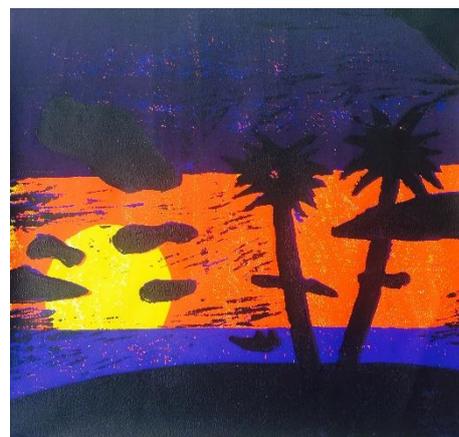
Term 3 – Tuesday 24th July – Friday 28th September (10 Weeks)

- Tuesday 31st July – ICAS English (Yr.8, Yr.10 and those who have signed up)
- Wednesday 1st August – Secondary Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Thursday 9th August – RAS Primary Athletics at Alexandra Park
- Monday 6th – Friday 10th August – SMMC 10 Year Anniversary Celebrations
- Saturday 11th August – Saint Mary MacKillop Gala Dinner
- Tuesday 14th August – ICAS Mathematics (Yr.8, Yr.10 and those who have signed up)
- Tuesday 14th August – Primary Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Monday 20th – Friday 24th August – Book Week “Find Your Treasure”
- Friday 24th August – Yr.9-12 Snow Trip
- Wednesday 5th September – The MacKillop Cup. Held at Saint Mary MacKillop College Wagga

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

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

Curriculum Corner – Mr Kieran Williams



In Year 9/10 Elective Visual Arts we are just finishing a unit on lino printing. Having already completed a monochromatic print in Term 1, the students were asked to produce a multi-coloured print. To do this, they used the Reduction Method, which involves printing multiple times from the same block, carving more and more from the block with each subsequent print.

The first thing the students had to do was come up with a design, and then sketch it onto a lino block. They then began carving away the sections of the block which corresponded to the white areas of the design. Once this was done, they could begin the printing process, starting with the lightest colour. The areas of the block intended to remain that colour were then carved away, and the next lightest colour could be applied for printing. This process was repeated until the darkest and final colour was applied.

I have been very impressed with the care and attention the students have shown throughout the entirety of this process. The final prints are of a high quality and are a good reflection of the efforts and talents of the students.



LIVING OUT THE FAITH IN FAMILY LIFE

In this busy day and age is Sunday just like any other day?

For us as Catholic families, Sunday is not an ordinary day. It is the day our Divine Lord rose from the dead. As the church insists on us going to Mass on Sunday by making it a precept of the church, we have a duty as parents to make Sunday a holy day every week in our home and family life.

Society has changed a lot in the last few decades. Twenty years ago all of the shops were closed on Sundays and very little was open after midday on Saturday. Fifty years ago nearly everybody went to church on Sundays, Catholics and Protestants alike. Now with Sunday trading, people can go shopping seven days a week. Before the second world war Sunday trading was common and quickly went out when there was a labour shortage during the war. It is only relatively recently that it has crept back in again. Some people such as nurses and those working in essential services may have to work on Sundays. The rest of us don't and we need to reclaim the Sabbath as a day of rest. By us teaching our children to hold firm to Sundays being a holy day we can work towards turning the tide back again.

A Jesuit priest Fr J.A. Hardon who wrote "The Catholic Family In The Modern World" lists key features Catholic families need to adopt to remain unified and strong in this modern world. One key feature is that family members should worship together. By going to Mass and the sacraments regularly as a family we teach the children about their faith and show by example how to practice it. In the same way children need to be taught to brush their teeth every day they also need to be taught to frequent Mass and confession. It may not seem so important when they are only three or four but try convincing a sixteen year old they need to go to Mass and Confession if you haven't laid the ground work!

Another point Fr Hardon sees as vital to family life is that family members should relax together. Taking Sunday out as a day to spend together helps promote family unity. Activities such as picnics, bush walking or family board games create memories of joy filled family time for children to draw upon later in life. For our family on Sundays we usually take time to have slow Sunday lunches together with the children getting involved in helping out with the cooking.

Some Catholic families have jealously guarded their Sundays as their children have grown older. They have encouraged their children to set aside Sunday to do family and not separate things. When one teenager wanted to work at McDonald's flipping hamburgers he told his employer right at the start he wasn't allowed to work on Sundays. The management respected his request and he never had any regrets.

Keep Sunday as a holy day and a family day. The firmer the Christian foundation of our family and the better society will be for it now and into the future.

Virtue for the Month of June-Patience

A virtue connected to the greater virtue of fortitude. "Patience helps us to handle the abundant setbacks, contradictions and sufferings of life. This virtue keeps us cheerful despite annoyances." Mary Ann Budnick

"We are what we repeatedly do, excellence then is not an act but a habit" -Aristotle