

# Saint Mary MacKillop College Albury Newsletter

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Week 2, Term 4, 2020

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October



## Dates for your Diary:

Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Oct – Voluntary  
Vaccination Program

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Nov – Cross Country

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Yr. 12  
Graduation Dinner

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> – Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Nov – Yr.  
7-10 Exam Week

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Nov – 2021 Kinder  
Orientation Day

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> – Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Oct –  
Primary Intensive Swimming

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Nov – Secondary  
Swimming

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Nov – Cardinal  
Newman Book Store Visit

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Nov – 2021 Kinder  
Orientation Day

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Dec – Deadly  
Animals Visit

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Secondary  
Swimming

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Dec – 2021 Kinder +  
New 2021 Student  
Orientation Day

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Dec – Presentation  
Night

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Dec – Last Day of  
T4

Dear Parents,

10 years ago this month I sent a Year 11 student to Rome for the canonisation of Blessed Mary MacKillop. An outstanding pupil and national-level public speaker, he is the only student I've encountered who devoutly practised the Faith, while his parents did not. No doubt assisted by the intercession of St Mary, the student in question was ordained to the priesthood in 2019. Of him, all I can say is watch this space. There is hope!

Another space to watch with hope is the example and intercession of Carlo Acutis, who was beatified in Assisi just two weeks ago. He too practised the Faith, a daily communicant and Rosary-prayer, while his parents had lapsed and then reverted on the strength of Carlo's witness.

Saints and sanctity are not as far away as we might think. Nor is it unattainable. For example, the first suggestion made to me by our new College captains Anna Bell and Josh Wright was to hold a holy hour for young people. I am proud of our new College leaders and inspired by their faith and vision.

May the upcoming feasts of All Saints and All Souls inspire us all to embrace the witness of the saints and make sanctity our mission. (Yes, mums, I'm afraid it also means another opportunity for primary students to dress up.)

Warm regards,  
Ian Smith  
Principal

## 2021 Enrolments

For those families who have submitted a 2021 enrolment application form and have received a letter of offer, please remember to return a signed copy of the letter of offer before the end of this term to secure your child's place. Thank you.

## All Saints Day

This year All Saints Day falls on a Sunday. There will be a dress up parade at school on **Monday 2nd November** for Primary students to dress up as their favourite Saint. Students are asked to come to school in their uniform and bring their saint dress-up/accessories with them.

## Cross Country Run

The SMMC Annual Cross Country Run is being held later this year due to COVID-19 restrictions and will take place on **Friday 6th November** at the Jindera Golf Course, Drumwood Road, Jindera. This year the event will only be for year 3 to 12 students and parents will need to indicate permission for their children to attend through their PAM account. Any student that is not able to run will need a note from parents and will still need permission to attend as a spectator. Students will be transported to and from the golf course by bus leaving at 11am and returning back to school by 12.30pm, in time for lunch. Students are to wear their full sports uniform, including their hat and will need to bring a bottle of water and their recess. Sunscreen will be provided by the school, but please feel free to provide your child with sunscreen from home if you prefer. We will need some parents to help out as 'Checkpoint Charlies' to assist students to stay on the track and not venture off the course. Parents are able to indicate their availability to help out through a questionnaire on the PAM permission. We hope to see you there!

## Voluntary Vaccination Program

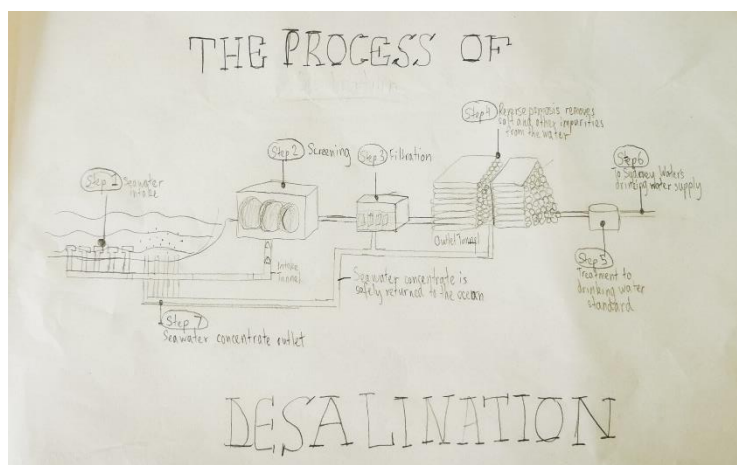
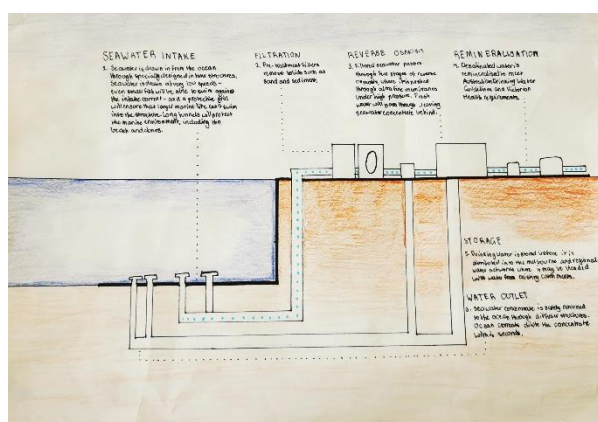
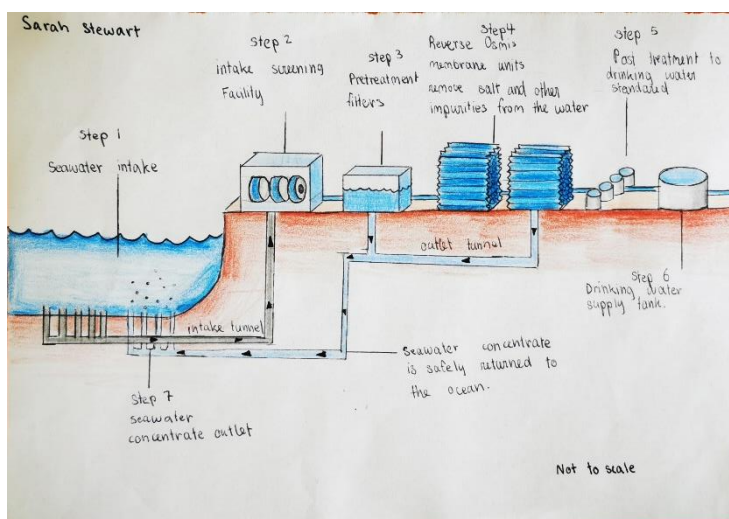
Nurses from the NSW government School Vaccination Program will be visiting the school again on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October** to give boosters to those year 10 students who received an initial vaccination earlier this year. This program is voluntary, requiring parental permission. If your year 7 or 10 child did not receive an initial vaccination earlier this year and you would now like them to, please email the school by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to request a Consent Form.

## Book Week

Congratulations to the winners for this year's book week competitions: Alice Wright (yr. 1) and Sophia Griffin (yr. 2) for the colouring competition, Elora Blood (Yr. 3), Malachi Price (Yr. 4), Mathew Gillespie (Yr. 5), Clare O'Brien (Yr.6) and Patrick Chandrasegaran (High School) for the 'Create your own creature' competition. Well done to the Jindera Garratt family and the Tocher family who won this year's family guessing competition. Our primary students all looked amazing in their Book Week outfits. A photo page is attached.

## Curriculum Corner - Mr Ian Smith

Year 8 Geography students have been researching and writing water management plans for NSW. Among the measures they have considered is desalination, which currently supplies 15% of Sydney's water needs. On the whole, students weren't terribly in favour of desalination. Nonetheless, they drew some brilliant visual representations.



### Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Byrnes family on the safe arrival of Ezekiel Byrnes. May God continue to Bless and look over your family.



### First Holy Communion

Congratulations to Alice Wright on receiving her First Holy Communion recently at St. Marys Church.





## *Living Out the Faith In Family Life*

### **The Rosary and the Imagination**

The rosary is a powerful tool in developing the imagination of young minds. Children respond to the various images of the life of Mary and Jesus and bring them into reality in their own lives.

In our modern age we are constantly confronted with images on a variety of screens, so much so that our imaginations can go to sleep. Children are in danger of never really developing theirs. The future of our society depends upon people who are able to imagine a better world and work towards it. How many great leaders have had a vision and inspired others to work towards this?

Images are important to us as human beings. They are the main substance of our thoughts. So integral are images says Saint Thomas Aquinas that we do not think without them. The imagination works together with our ability to reason. To pursue all that is good, beautiful and true - the very things we were created for.

Matthew Cuddeback, a lecturer in philosophy at Providence College in the USA, believes that the rosary is the key to win back the imagination. He suggests that television and media "scatter and hamper our imagination". He goes back to Plato who tells us that one who educates the young must first form his or her imagination - "must shield it from what is harmful, and introduce it to things of character, harmony and beauty... Simply, truth must be imagined before it is understood." The rosary provides the images of the mysteries of salvation that we take into adult life as our faith matures.

Foster the imagination of your child by providing them with beautiful art works depicting the mysteries of the rosary such as those found in children's rosary books. Otherwise read to them a short meditation before each mystery to promote their own images in their minds.

Promoting an imagination for salvation within the rosary flows onto other areas of the faith. In the Mass the child is then better able to contemplate Christ in his extreme agony on the cross and then the triumph of the resurrection. Meditative prayer of any sort relies upon us being able to create images in our mind. The more vividly we are able to do this, the closer we can draw to the heart of the deep mysteries of our faith.

Turn off the images of the world and turn on the images of salvation. Teach your children to think about the life of Mary and Jesus as life unfolds through the mysteries of the rosary. Anchor their imagination in these essential images that, with each bead, link them to the lives of the saints who have gone before them doing the same.



# Virtue of the Month

## Justice

*Justice is fairness in the way that people are treated*

*"Justice therefore demands that no one should do more ruling than being ruled, but that all should have their turn."*

- Aristotle



God gives us his love. As children of God, each of us has great value. God loves each and every one of us. Jesus told us that we are to love God, ourselves, and one another. One of the ways we do that is to value ourselves and to respect others. The gift of life we have been given brings with it a responsibility to take care of others and ourselves.

Some ways Children can practice the virtue of Justice this month is:

1. Equally sharing things with others
2. When you have something that cannot be divided, give everyone a turn without complaining.
3. Make sure that rules of games you play are fair for everyone. Sometimes fair means different: if your baby brother or sister is playing, the rules should be easier for them than for you because they are new at it.
4. Help your parents around the house
5. Offer too help your teacher with jobs around the classroom.
6. Think of a couple of ways you could give something back to God. Choose one way and practice it this month.



### Justice Prayer

Grant us, Lord God, a vision of your world as your love would have it:

A world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor;

A world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;

A world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect;

A world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.

Give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**



Resources:

[Saintalberts.org](https://www.saintalberts.org)

<https://www.nashvilledominican.org/>

<https://www.tcdsb.org/>





# Book Week

## Curious Creatures, Wild Minds



# Book Week 2020

## Wild Animal Family Guessing Competition Answers

	Golden Lion Tamarin Staff Member: Mr Carcarello		Cheetah Staff Member: Mr Coughlan
	Warthog Staff Member: Mr Dodd		Water Bear Staff Member: Mr Elias
	Zebra Staff Member: Mrs Horsfall		Fairy Penguin Staff Member: Mrs Josephs
	Giraffe Staff Member: Mrs Galvin		Blue-footed Booby Staff Member: Mrs McCrohan
	Hummingbird Staff Member: Miss Kirley		Wombat Staff Member: Mrs Mott
	Meerkat Staff member: Mrs McFarlane		Magpie Staff Member: Mrs McGrath
	Koala Staff Member: Ms Reid		Giant Panda Staff Member: Mrs Scriven
	Great White Shark Staff Member: Mr Williams		Rainbow Finch Staff Member: Mrs Bell
	Tiger Staff Member: Miss Van Der Horst		Ocelot Staff Member: Mr Griffin
	Peregrine Falcon Staff Member: Mr Couture		Cassowary Staff Member: Miss Noll
	Wild Cat Staff Member: Miss Maclean		Sugar Glider Staff Member: Mrs Smith
	Otter Staff Member: Mrs Johnson		Kangaroo Staff Member: Mr Smith
	Echidna Staff Members: Mrs Ryan		Lemur Staff Member: Mr Van Der Horst
	Meerkat Staff Member: Mr Torok		Sloth Staff Member: Mrs Wall