

☞ Truth, Beauty and Goodness ☞
Saint Mary MacKillop College Albury
Newsletter

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Week 4, Term 3, 2020
Friday 14th August



Dates for your Diary:

Term 3 2020

Mon 17th – Fri 21st Aug –
Science ICAS

Mon 17th – Friday 21st
Aug – Yr 12 Trial Exams

Mon 24th – Fri 28th Aug –
Digital Tech and English
ICAS

Mon 31st Aug – Thurs 3rd
Sept – Spelling and
Maths ICAS

Fri 11th to Thurs 17th Sept
– Yr 11 Exams

Thurs 24th Sept – Yr 12
Breakfast

Thurs 24th Sept – Yr 12
Retreat

Fri 25th Sept – Yr 12 and
Staff Morning Tea

Fri 25th Sept – Yr 12
Assembly

Fri 25th Sept – Last Day
of T3

Term 4 2020

Mon 12th Oct – Students
Begin T4

Dear parents,

The first ever Zoom meeting for SMMC parents was held yesterday evening. Across the district, the dulcet tones of Mr Carcarello could be heard at dining tables and kitchen benches informing students and parents of the options for elective subjects. Elective subjects are more than a NESA requirement; they represent something of the distinctive SMMC brand.

As I sat in my office, Mr Carcarello's presentation of subject offerings reminded me of why SMMC exists: to provide a pathway by which each student can grow and flourish. Sure, families enrol their children to seek relief from secular mayhem. But once enrolled, students receive the formation and quality schooling that opens a myriad of possibilities.

It is gratifying to see new subjects on offer, such as textiles and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). SMMC is blessed to have a multi-talented teaching staff that, like the scribe in Mathew's Gospel, bring out of their storehouse things both new and old.

I'd like to wish Year 12 students and their families all the best for trial exams, which are scheduled for next week.

Warm Regards,
Ian Smith
Principal

Mother and Daughter Camp

Due to COVID-19 restrictions we have unfortunately had to cancel the Mother and Daughter camp scheduled for the end of term three.

Lost Property Reminder

A reminder for all parents and students to check lost property for any missing items. All uniforms should have a name clearly marked on the inside. Lost property items will be cleared out at the end of term.

2021 Enrolments

A reminder that we are taking 2021 enrolments and making bookings to meet with the principal in September. If you wish to enrol your child for next year, please register your interest with the office by telephone or email.

Year 12 Trial Exams

Please keep the year 12 students in your prayers at this time as they sit their HSC trial exams in the coming week.

Concert Auditions

Mrs Horsfall and Miss Maclean will hold concert auditions during Wednesday lunch times for the next two weeks in the school hall. All students are welcome to try out. They may like to perform a drama skit, sing a song, play the piano or another musical instrument, etc. Children are welcome to enter in groups if they wish.

ICAS

ICAS testing will take place over the coming weeks for students who are registered. We wish them all the best.

Confirmation

Confirmations, presided by Fr Peter Murphy, will take place in the Holy Spirit Parish in November. For more information please contact Fr Murphy directly on 0429 132 105.

Albury Adoration Chapel

The Albury Adoration Chapel is urgently looking for more coordinators to assist with organising the adoration roster. Please contact Anne on 0478 416 635 if you are interested. Please consider giving some of your time for this important work that brings so much grace to our community.

Curriculum Corner - Mrs Tania Maclean

This term we have been learning lots of interesting facts about St. Mary Mackillop in religion and celebrated her feast day with a collaborative class artwork.

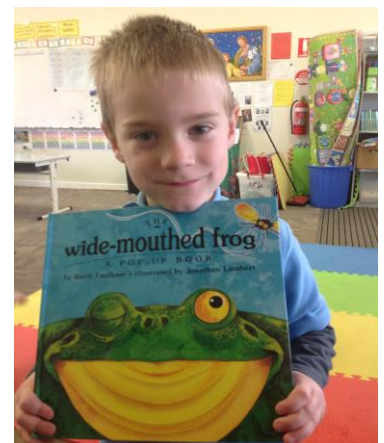
The kinders really enjoyed painting and learning about the interesting life of St. Mary Mackillop. Here are some facts the kinder's learned about Australia's first Saint, in their own words.

"St. Mary Mackillop was a teacher, she taught little children." Genevieve Stewart

"St. Mary Mackillop was born in Victoria." Esther McFarland

"She died in Sydney and she helped people." Celeste Shaw

"She was in St Joseph Sisters." Mary Maloney



Other topics we have been doing include subtraction in Maths, and the Weather in Science.

We have been practicing presenting our own weather reports and the children have been describing the weather each day.

They have also been demonstrating some great speaking skills in the news by presenting some of their favourite things. These have included books and flowers.

Term 3 has certainly been a productive term in Kinder.





LIVING OUT THE FAITH IN FAMILY LIFE

Training children in the service of others.

“Train up a child in the way he should go and he will not stray from it.” As a parent it is easy to lose sight of the goals of parenting. Where we are headed and how are we to get there. Our children need to be brought up not just to look after themselves but to care for others. They need to be able to serve others in the way God is calling them- in their vocation. Vocation comes from the Latin word “voca”, meaning to call. Who is calling us to our vocation? God is calling us to serve him through serving others, usually through marriage, the priesthood or the single life. Children first learn to serve others by serving those in their own family.

In family life children need to be trained to serve others, it doesn't usually happen automatically. I read a story once about a woman who insisted her young teenage daughters clean the house before some visitors arrived while she completed some other urgent business. The girls turned to her and said, “No, that's your job”. The wise mother then replied to her daughters, “This is where you are wrong, it is my job to teach you how to do it, so get on with it!” It is easy for our children to get used to the generosity of their parents and somehow feel entitled to it.

Put in the time now to train your children in serving others and you will help them develop virtues to draw on for the rest of their lives. Having rosters and lists of jobs with appropriate rewards helps. A four-year-old is capable of making a simple bed (pulling up the doona) and helping clear the table (e.g. Clearing away the salt and pepper). A six-year-old is able to wash up after a small meal such as breakfast (try Saturday morning). They can also collect dirty clothes baskets from around the house and empty them in the laundry. A seven or eight-year-old is capable of making their own lunch, feeding the pets and keeping their room tidy (at least most of the time). A ten-year-old is capable of changing their sheets and vacuuming their room once a week as well as cleaning a bathroom. By about the age of 12 children should be able to do almost all household jobs as well as helping out to care for younger siblings by bathing or helping them dress. These are just a few ideas to get you started.

Pray to Our Lord for the help and direction in training your children in the way He wants them to go.



Saint Mary MacKillop Feast Day Student Art Works

