

Saint Mary MacKillop College Albury Newsletter

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Week 6, Term 3, 2020

Friday 28th August



Dates for your Diary:

Term 3 2020

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

Friday 11th Sept – School
Concert

Mon 14th to Fri 18th 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,

If you're anything like me, there are mornings you can feel the cortisol surging through your system. Cortisol is sometimes called the "stress hormone". Without it, we would find it nearly impossible to get out of bed at all; too much of it may also keep us in bed, but for very different reasons.

During the week I attended a Zoom meeting with 235 principals of NSW independent schools. The guest speaker was Dr Kerry Chant, the Chief Health Officer of NSW. You would have seen Dr Chant discussing the state's Covid-19 response many times.

A large body of principals asked questions based on their experience of students' high levels of anxiety. Their observations, in turn, led these principals to experience their own high levels of anxiety. Dr Chant's excellent response was measured and unemotional, but genuine and keenly sympathetic.

Like the virus itself, Covid-related anxiety is contagious and spreading. It was a timely reminder to hold our children close enough to read their body language and elicit from them more than a grunt when we ask, how are you going?

Warm Regards,
Ian Smith
Principal

Yr 7 to 10 Boys Tackle Rugby – Expressions of Interest.

Our Grade 7-10 Boys would like to start up a Tackle Rugby League Competition. The boys are asking if any dads might be interested in coaching a team for next season, with training starting this year. Games run for 1 hour with breaks in-between and are played outside of school hours. If you are interested in coaching an SMMC team, please contact the school office.

Uniforms

There are now more sizes of the new school jackets available to try on in the office. Term 4 is also quickly approaching and parents may like to start thinking about placing orders for summer uniforms.

School Concert

Students have been auditioning for the school concert over the past few weeks. The school concert will be held during school hours in the hall on **Friday 11th September**. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are sorry to inform that parents will not be able to attend the concert this year. More details will be provided closer to the date.

Athletics Carnival

This year's Athletics Carnival scheduled for Friday 4th September has been indefinitely postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Extended Leave From School

A friendly reminder to parents that any student absent from school for more than 5 consecutive days requires an 'Application for Extended Leave Form' to be filled out by parents to be approved by the Principal. These forms are available from the school office. Extended leave for illness will require a doctor's certificate. Planned leave needs to be approved before it is taken. Thank you.

Holiday activity for Primary Students

Looking to keep your kids active during the next holidays? On the Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of each of the two weeks (September 28 to October 9), Albury Wodonga Table Tennis Association (AWTTA) will be conducting Spinneroos sessions from 2.00pm to 3.00pm. To find out more go to:

<https://www.spinneroos.com.au/home/>

The cost includes a T-shirt and some equipment. AWTTA is a provider for the Active Kids Voucher, so one or two \$100 vouchers can be applied to this program, club registration and further sessions.

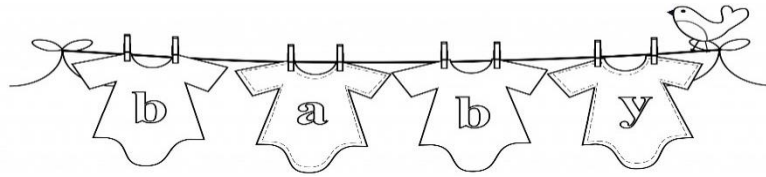
We are looking forward to helping your kids enjoy their holidays with this fun activity, when so many other exercise opportunities are not available. *Terry Caldwell (AWTTA President)*

Jindera Tennis Club

The Jindera Tennis Club is currently looking for new players (all ages) for the upcoming season. If you're interested please phone Jason on 0424 179 051 or email jjinderatennis@gmail.com

Congratulations

Congratulations to Paul and Frankie Griffin on the arrival of their baby girl Arabella Claire, to Marrisona and David Garratt on the arrival of their baby girl Zita Augusta and to Kathleen and Simon Horsfall on the arrival of their ninth grandchild, Samuel Peter. May God continue to bless your families.



First Holy Communion

Congratulations to William and Mary Moloney and Josephina Suttie on making their First Holy Communion on Saturday 15th August, the Feast of the Assumption, at St Patrick's Church. May you always know the peace of Jesus, the light of His love, and the joy of His life within you.



Curriculum Corner - Miss Victoria Kirley

This term in CAPA, Year 1 students have been focusing on drama. They enjoyed working in small groups to prepare and present puppet plays of well-known fairy tales (see photos). In Mathematics, students have been developing their knowledge of place-value to compare and order two-digit numbers (see photos). In Religion, students have learned to look up passages in the Bible. They have read a variety of miracle stories and discussed what these stories reveal about Jesus. In the atrium students have reflected on the mercy of God through the parables of The Found Coin and The Forgiving Father. They have also been learning about the Sacrament of Penance. Here are some photos of the students looking up Bible passages and using the atrium materials for reflection time.



In 9/10 Science students have been looking at electronics and how things work. Recently the students were visited by Joseph Clark from year 2, who came into the class as a future scientist, showing the 9/10's his awesome electrical circuit conducted at home.



The London Times

Insane lady

Police hunt lady giant

On Thursday, around noon, a beautiful lady came riding on top of a hansom like a lunatic. The horse dashed around the corner and ran into a lamp post. An outraged crowd followed close behind. I mixed with the crowd, wondering what had become of the gorgeous lady driving on the top of the cab. To my surprise, she was completely unharmed and just as appealing as when she was riding on top of the hansom. A man struggled out of the cab with his top hat well over his eyes. The crowd closed in on him and so I couldn't see what happened next.

The throng of people thinned as a short, stout man came forward. He stepped toward the horse and woman, telling her to get off. All the time, he was trying to get hold of the wild horse's head. She spoke then. Her voice was clear and cold and she addressed the crowd and told us that she was the Empress Jadis. That made everyone laugh. The empress leaned forward and whispered something into the horse's ear. I then found it easy to believe what she said was true. Whatever she said seemed to madden the horse, which made it difficult for the man to get to his head.

She was so mad at us, she wrenched off the top of a lamp post and started swinging it hazardingly in every direction. There was a nasty clunk, and a policeman came crashing down to the ground. Everyone was silent. There was another thud as a second policeman came falling. This angered everyone, almost as much as we had angered her. The caddy was desperately trying to get to the horses head as the empress swung at him with the bar.

It was then, as the crowd was yelling, swearing and cursing, that I noticed a boy, dangerously near to the horse's hooves and the empress, and a girl who had just joined the boy. I called out but they paid no heed. It seemed to me as if he was trying to catch the queen's heel. He succeeded, twice... but she kicked him off. The third time he clung on, lip bleeding, and I could just hear him say to the girl, "Now!" and they disappeared: the horse, the caddy, the empress, the old man who was previously in the coach and the boy and the girl.

Everyone was now quiet. There were whispers among the crowd that the empress was a witch. I would not have believed it had I not seen what I saw. It was my belief that either the empress was a witch and the children were her minions, come to help her, or she wasn't a witch and the children, for some strange reason, had used magic to take away the witch to some distant, far-off, place.

-George Roberts

Danger!

Alarming adult female roving our streets!

As you may have heard, there is a witch wandering the streets of London. This so-called 'Empress Jadis' may destroy a small fraction, or maybe the whole, of London. People are advised to stay in their homes, as she has been seen to wipe out some unlucky policemen.

Summer sale

Do you need summer clothes? Get them at Liberty now!

50% off good quality clothing of all sorts. The best type of fabric in all of London. Get them now before we run out!

Requested:

Charming woman wandering London"

"I need her!"

shouts Mr Davies.

A dazzling young lady went charging past me and I was so taken aback by her beauty, I was worried about her. She was riding a wild horse that was taking her at a swift pace, much too dangerous to be able to drive properly. The original driver had previously been thrown off, as he was not on the back seat. The young lady was riding on the roof, perilously trying to contain the wild horse. The look in her eyes was one of fear, and so my heart went out to her.

I have not eaten or slept since I have seen such trouble on the streets of our very own London. If anyone has seen such a lady in distress, I would like immediate contact so I can come to her rescue, and become her shining knight in armour so the chances of my marriage are higher.

-Frank Earnest Davies

War!

Britain defeats Dutch settlers!

It is a great triumphant time for England. We have so completely crushed the Afrikaans, that they pleaded for mercy and signed the Peace of Vereeniging. To celebrate, the army shall return and troop along London's streets, flying the British flag.



Lock down

Laurence Bunks locks down his house in fear

"I am utterly disgraced that a thing like this has happened!", Mr. Bunks had said, and now he has locked down his apartment in fear of the minx meandering the boulevards of London. So far Mr. Bunks is the only person in London that has secured, or even locked his residence.

Eton college

Get your son enrolled now!

Eton school is an extremely distinguished and illustrious school. Our population is growing daily, and our scholars are improving so rapidly, they are hard to keep up with. We are the best academy in the country, so send your son to this esteemed school and watch him advance in their learning.



The Year 6 Extension English class have been working with Miss Noll, practicing their journalistic skills. Their recently finished publication of 'The London Times', based on the novel 'The Magician's Nephew' is pictured on the left.



LIVING OUT THE FAITH IN FAMILY LIFE

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

The solemnity of the Assumption, the day Our Blessed Mother was taken body and soul into heaven. On the 22nd August we celebrated the Queen ship of Mary. This feast instituted by Pope Pius XII 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 BI Pius IX, August 5th 1851, when said with a Hail Mary in the morning and the evening to overcome temptation.)

