

Saint Mary MacKillop College Albury Newsletter

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Week 6, Term 4, 2020
Friday 20th November



Dates for your Diary:

Mon 23rd – Fri 27th Oct
– Primary Intensive
Swimming

Wed 25th Nov –
Secondary Swimming

Fri 27th Nov – Cardinal
Newman Book Store
Visit

Fri 27th Nov – 2021
Kinder Orientation Day

Wed 2nd Dec –
Secondary Swimming

Fri 4th Dec – 2021
Kinder + New 2021
Student Orientation
Day

Tues 8th Dec –
Presentation Night

Tues 8th Dec – Last
Day of T4

Dear Parents,

This week marked a new milestone in this strangest of years. Staff and students enjoyed a shared meal for the first time since the feast of St Joseph when the Wagga seminarians visited.

The Year 12s did a brilliant job organising a heavily-patronised and delicious pancake breakfast fundraiser for Kateri on Wednesday. Special thanks to Mr Williams and Mrs Galvin, other staff who pitched in and others still who contributed ingredients for the event, *gratis*. Another notable fundraiser, a lolly jar guessing competition, was staged by Miss Maclean. Again, the Year 12s cheerfully manned the stations and collected the cash. Congratulations to Lucia Wall, who guessed impeccably.

Many of the Covid restrictions that ruled out these sorts of events have been collapsed into what is being called "principal-endorsed events". In view of this, it is my happy duty to announce that "The Importance of Being Earnest" can and will be staged before a near-full house in the Hall.

The heat may be rising, but it seems the air is clearing. *Deo gratias!*

Warm regards,
Ian Smith
Principal

Year 4 Narratives

The Year 4 students have been busy writing narratives. They have created their own stories and published them on SeeSaw. There is a page attached with further information that also includes QR Codes that you can scan with your phone to listen to the student's stories.

Lolly Jar Guessing Competition

This week we held a Lolly Jar Guessing Competition fundraiser for the Byrnes family. Congratulations to Lucia Wall on winning, with a guess of 704 lollies (the exact number!), not far behind we had Daniel Murphy, Guessing 703, Bronagh Slee guessing 702, and Eva Scriven guessing 706.

Primary Intensive Swimming

Intensive Swimming for Primary students starts on **Monday 23rd November** and will run all week. We ask that parents please login to their PAM account to give permission for their child/ren to attend. Please note that even if your child is not swimming, they will still need PAM permission so that they can walk to and from the pool with their class. Children who are unable to swim will need to bring a note from their parent/s to school. **Cost is \$40 per student.** Payments for swimming should be made via bank transfer before the 23rd November. Banking details have been provided on the swimming flyer that was sent home last week. Please contact the school office if you are unable to pay due to financial difficulties.

School Production

Some of our talented drama students will be performing Oscar Wilde's romantic comedy "*The Importance of Being Earnest*" on **Thursday 3rd December**. If you would like to come and see the play please email the office and let us know how many seats you would like to reserve.

School Presentation Night

This year's school Presentation Night will be held on **Tuesday 8th December (6:30pm for a 6:45pm start)** The Presentations will be held on the school sports court. Family and friends are welcome to attend. Students must wear their full summer uniform. A flyer is attached with further information.

The Makers Table

This December The Makers Table are holding a Gingerbread House Workshop. Please see the attached flyer for more information.



Cross Country

On Friday 6th November, our Grade 3-12 students participated in our annual cross-country run at the Jindera Golf Course. Congratulations to St Francis of Assisi house for taking out the win with a total of 280 points, with St John Bosco not too far behind on 253 points. A photo page for the day is attached.

Congratulations also to all the age group champions:

8 years girls - Bronagh Slee

9 years - Lucia Wall and Ignatius Cattell

10 years - Zelig Tocher and Xavier Byrnes

11 years - Bethany Dodd and Peter Sparshott

12 years - Caitlin McFarlane and Joseph Dodd

13 years - Mary Ryan and Patrick Byrnes

14 years - Georgina Voskolen and Xavier Wall

15 years - Clare Horsfall and Zachariah Mahoni

16 years - Julia Tocher and William Chandrasegaran

17 years - Lucy Ryan and Joshua Wright

Year 12 Graduation

On Saturday 14th November, we held our Year 12 Graduation Dinner at the Commercial Club Albury. Congratulations to all of our Graduates for successfully completing your schooling and HSC exams. We wish you all the best for your future. May God bless you all.



Cardinal Newman Book Store

Next **Friday 27th November**, the Cardinal Newman Bookstore will be setting up a stall in the hall for the day. Books, DVDs, CDs and other religious items will be available for purchase after the morning Mass. Please feel free to pop in and have a look.

St Vincent de Paul Biscuit Drive

Due to the Holy Spirit Parish annual Christmas luncheon for the elderly not being able to go ahead this year because of COVID-19, the Holy Spirit St Vincent de Paul Society has decided to run a Christmas Biscuit Drive instead. They will be delivering homemade Christmas biscuits to those who would usually attend the luncheon. It has been worked out that they will need around 3400 biscuits and are asking students, with family assistance, to help out by baking biscuits. If you would like to help out, a recipe page for biscuits is attached. All freshly baked biscuits need to be dropped off in a clean ice cream container after the 10am Mass on the Sunday 29th November, in the parish meeting room.

House for Sale

House for Sale in Jindera Township. Four bedrooms, two bathrooms, on 1 acre, walking distance to SMMC. Please contact Suryan Chandrasegaran for further details. Ph: 0457 230 876

"The Eagle's View - I saw God"

A Poem by Michael Garratt, Yr. 2

*Today when I went for my morning flight, the weather was
cloudy and rainy.*

*I looked down and saw green grass. It was a long way
away.*

*I looked up and saw clouds. I saw something different on
one cloud.*

*At first, I flew away because I was scared, but then I
turned around and saw a sign.*

It said, "This is God". Then I wasn't scared any more.

*He had a beard, He was wearing a long white cassock
and was holding Jesus. He was a baby.*

*When God looked at me, I felt very happy. I flew close
and knelt down.*

He was wearing a crown.

The crown was gold and had red stones and diamonds.

Curriculum Corner - Mr Stephen Coughlan

Year 3 have been working on poetry and have been writing what is known as '5 Senses Poetry'.

Here are some samples of the poetry the children have been writing.

SPRING by Anna D.

I see lightning
I smell rain
I touch water
I taste citrus fruits
I hear thunder
I love it, don't you.

WINTER by Bronagh S.

I see snow and a snowman
I smell melted water
I feel freezing
I taste hot chocolate
I hear crunching snow.



SPRING by Ben S.

I feel the breeze and fresh air
I hear the birds singing
I taste food and drink
I touch the warmth
I smell the cooking of my birthday cake.

The Garden by Annie G.

I walk into the garden
I feel the breeze in my face
I smell the lovely flowers
I see my puppies playing in the garden
I taste the raspberries from the raspberry tree
I hear the busy bees
I love the garden it's meant for you and me.



The Picnic by Poppy S.

I taste the delicious picnic food
I hear the rustling in the trees
I see the melting sunset
I smell the yummy cake
I feel the soft grass
I imagine the closing daisies.

The Waterfall by Jessica S

I see a giant waterfall
I hear the splashing on the rocks
I smell the flowers on the cliffs
My hand touches the big, big rocks
I taste the water on my tongue
I imagine I am a fairy
And I know you are there with me.



Springtime by Emily G

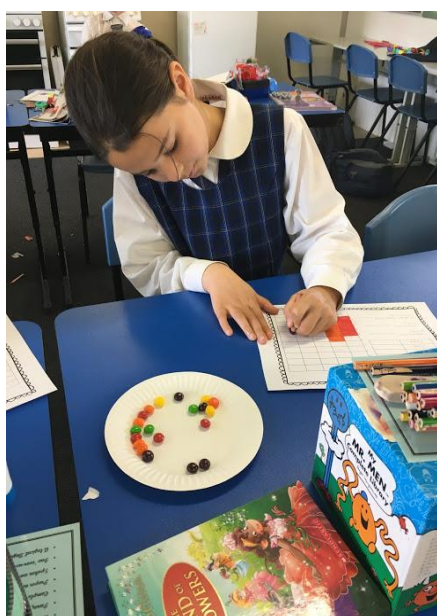
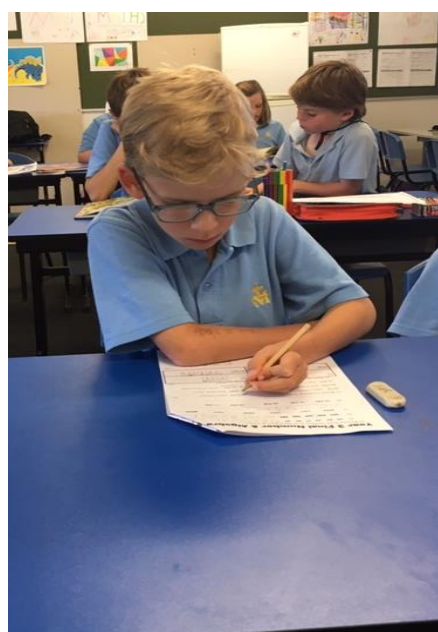
I walked out to the garden
My heart began to soften
I hear the sweet breeze
I smell all the blossoms
I taste chocolate M and Ms
I see the flowers here and there
It is spring time everywhere.



In Maths, Year 3 recently collected data on the different colours of Skittle lollies. 20 Skittles were distributed to each student. They had to record the colours of Skittles in their collection, create a tally collection table and graph the results. This was a fun way of collecting, organising and comparing data in a table and creating column graphs from the results. Prior to beginning this task, possible outcomes and predictions of the results were discussed. Students were then able to compare their final results with their predictions and gained a greater understanding of comparing results in chance events.

These are the results. Next time you buy a packet of Skittles check out the amount of each colour you get.

COLOURS	TOTAL	BRONAGH	ANNIE	JESSICA	RAPH	IGGY	POPPY	ANNA	BEN	EMILY	AURELIA	OSCAR	ELORA	LUCIA	BETHANY
RED	57	4	5	4	4	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	4
ORANGE	38	2	3	2	2	4	2	2	2	2	2	6	2	5	2
YELLOW	69	5	7	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	2	6
GREEN	64	5	2	5	5	3	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	5
PURPLE	53	4	3	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	1	6	5	3
TOTAL	281	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	21	20	20	20





LIVING OUT THE FAITH IN FAMILY LIFE

SETTING LIMITS

We all need to set limits. These are for our own actions and the actions of our children. The natural law in our heart teaches us that we must choose good and reject evil. Failure to do this gives rise to consequences; the consequences of our sin. "The natural law which God has written in the heart of man; in other words, it is the light of natural reason by which we discern what is good and what is evil; what is to be done and what is to be left undone; what leads to our last end and what draws us away from it; what is in accordance with the will of God, and what is contrary to it."

It is important to teach your children about these limits. As a parent, you are the authority figure in their lives. You, by your very being, teach them about the justice of God. We learn about God as a tender loving father who expects the best from us by our loving parents, especially Dad. James Stenson in his book *"Lifeline - The Religious Upbringing of your Children"* says that we usually have a good idea of what our future son in law should be like! It is with this in mind that we need to set limits for our own children of what is acceptable and unacceptable behaviour. Standards as to what is expected in their interaction with other members of the family.

As an adult, we are aware of the consequences of our behaviour. If you speed, the policeman doesn't just stop and give you a warning. You are issued with a punishment, a fine! If your children do something wrong, they also need to know there are consequences. Children should be told what is expected of them and have consequences for failing to do their fair share. A great book which has clear guidelines on how to set boundaries is *"Boundaries with Kids"* by Cloud and Townsend. These authors emphasise how important setting these boundaries early in life are. A child should be told to do a job such as clean up their room. If they don't do what they are requested to do they miss out on some privilege, such as dessert or going on an outing. They also suggest setting time limits for certain jobs to be done, with consequences for the job not being done.

Think about what sort of future spouse your child will be one day. The happiness and eternal souls of your grandchildren depend upon it. With this future goal in mind start setting limits on expected behaviour. As stated in "Boundaries", it is time to teach your kids the skills they need for healthy, fulfilling relationships in adult life.

Confirmations, Holy Communion and Baptism

Congratulations to Makayla Sanga, Catherine Suttie, Vincent Scriven, Eva Scriven and Adele Scriven on receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 1st November. Also, congratulations to Emiliana Byrnes who made her First Holy Communion and her brother Ezekiel who was baptised on Sunday 8th November.



Year 4's Narratives

This term Year 4 have been learning how to write narratives. The students have been learning about descriptive language, the structure of a narrative, increasing their vocabulary by using a thesaurus, the editing process and dialogue. The students have worked tirelessly and have been thrilled to be able to publish their stories on the platform SeeSaw. They are ecstatic to share their narratives with their family and friends for their enjoyment. We hope you enjoy!



2021 SMMC Cross Country Run





THE MAKER'S TABLE

Gingerbread House Workshop

Come join us this December for a magical Christmas workshop to create your own gingerbread house masterpiece!

Choose between traditional gingerbread, chocolate or gluten free.

\$50 per kit inclusive

Bookings essential

Please contact Janet via email for further information or to reserve your place

themakerstablealbury@gmail.com

Jindera

Friday December 4 at 6.00 pm

Saturday December 5 at 10.00 am

Saturday December 5 at 1.30 pm

Wagga Wagga

Sunday December 6 at 2.00pm

*100% of Profits go to
The Women's Life Centre
to Support their vital
work*