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Dear Members of our Community of Faith,

Prayer Request

Please keep Dante Moscol and his family in your prayers

Wonga Wetlands Excursion

The excursion has been postponed. We are applying for another date in the near future. Hopefully the weather will be kinder.

P&F News

Planning for the fete is well under way. More details to follow.

Saint Mary MacKillop Gala Dinner

Tickets are booked out. We are looking forward to a very enjoyable and successful fund raiser for our proposed multipurpose court.

Saint Mary MacKillop Celebration

Students are asked to dress up as a famous Australian. Each class is to concentrate on one city. Students can dress up as people, a place, an iconic symbol etc. A \$2 donation for each student also includes a sausage sizzle and a sample of food from across Australia.

The groups are Yr 9-10 : Melbourne/Victoria

Yr 7/8 : Sydney/NSW

Yr 5/6 : Brisbane/ Queensland

Yr 3/4: Perth/WA

Yr K-2 : Other States/Territories

Murder Mystery at the Gilded Gardenia

Presented by SMMC and the AWTCO (Albury Wodonga Theatre Company)

When: 7.30pm Friday 21st & Sat 22nd August

Where: 234 Olive St Albury. Cost : \$10

BYO Nibbles, Bar available, Tea and coffee provided

Prizes for: Best Dressed Table, Best Dancer, Best Detective.

For Bookings phone : 60459422

Earn and Learn Stickers

The Safeway/Woolworths 'Earn and Learn' program has started again. Please keep the stickers coming in.

School Concert September 11th

Auditions for the annual School Concert begin Tuesday 23rd August.

50th Meeting Queen of Confessors

Legionaries had fun celebrating the fiftieth Legion of Mary meeting of Queen of Confessors on Tuesday. The memorial of St John Vianney, patron saint of priests, was an appropriate day to also remember the anniversary of the death of Fr O'Connell - 4th August 2012.



Book Week 70th Anniversary

Theme: Books Light Up Our World

Book Week commences 22nd August. Please see the attached note for more information about our book week competitions!!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mary MacKillop Gala Dinner – Sat 8th Aug

Term 3 - Tues 14th July to Fri 18th Sept

Saint Mary MacKillop celebration day -
Monday 10th August.

ICAS Maths Test – Tuesday 11th August

Murder Mystery at the Gilded Gardenia

- 21st & 22nd August 7.30pm

God bless,

Kevin Tingle



LIVING OUT THE FAITH IN FAMILY LIFE

Doing Impossible Things For God

This Saturday is the feast of Mother Mary of the Cross; time to reflect on doing the impossible for God. How often have you thought of your responsibilities and thought to yourself, "there is no way I am going to be able to do this!" Perhaps it is raising your kids for Heaven, sticking at marriage or even just getting through the day. With God on our side, anything is possible.

Mary MacKillop is an example of a woman doing the impossible for God. Imagine an 18 year old woman opening a bush school in a bark hut in Penola going on to be Australia's first saint. Certainly Mary was known across Australia by her death in 1909 as the founder of the Sisters of Saint Joseph but was that the end of her work on earth? Mary is an example of someone who had a brief stay on earth but continues her tireless work from Heaven. Like Saint Therese, who promised to spend her heaven sending bouquets of roses and doing good on earth, so does Mary. Mary MacKillop's earthly work was done in 1909 but after her death she has become Australia's first saint and patron of many good (and often seemingly impossible) works. God has blessed the work of Mary MacKillop and still uses her influence on the country she sought so hard to convert.

Saint Hosea Maria Escriva often had many spiritual children coming to him for spiritual direction. He would counsel his children not to give up but to persevere. "When I ask something of you my daughter, don't tell me it is impossible, because I know that already, since I began the Work, our Lord has asked me to do many impossible things...and they've become a reality!" (P. Belgar, Opus Dei - Life and work of the founder). As Saint Hosea Maria sought nothing other than to do God's Will, he relied on him for everything, so must we; even though we may seem to labour in vain, we are never alone.

Life is really a tapestry in the making. We are working it also from the wrong side. The day to day problems of life are the knots and tangles in the thread. The carefully worked stitches our daily toil. The broken thread, the times we go astray, but the fresh stitches that follow this are all our new beginnings. The dark shadows in our work are the big trials we all must go through and the colours and features are the highlights of our life. These highlights are all the more beautiful as they are framed with shadow. We don't see the tapestry until the end but every so often we can look back and see that there is some beauty

there. Perhaps like Mary MacKillop, one day the tapestry of our life will be held up as an inspiration to others.

Pray through the intercession of Mary MacKillop that like her we will be able to carry the crosses that come our way and like her, "Never see a need without doing something about it!"

VIRTUE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST - Justice

"Justice is the rectitude of our love that we owe all men" (Heart of Virtue p134)

Curriculum Corner – Master Chef

Our master chef competition this week was a great success.

Congratulations to all who took part. The winners will be announced soon.



Some of the delicious desserts.



Mr Couture and Miss Godwin were happy to judge the best dishes.