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"God's goodness seems to speak in everything."

Saint Mary of the Cross

Week 7, Term 3

Friday 7th September 2018

Dear Members of our Community of Faith,

What welcome sunshine we are experiencing today, although please keep the drought affected areas in your prayers. We have had workers here today measuring out where the new buildings are going, which is very exciting. Fencing will be erected on Monday and footings poured for two of the classrooms and these will be delivered onsite in the week beginning 17th September. The buildings for the front of the school will be delivered at the beginning of the holidays and onsite works will begin. While buildings alone don't make a great school, we are looking forward to utilising these new learning and administration spaces.

We had a wonderful day at Saint Mary MacKillop College Wagga on Wednesday for the annual MacKillop Cup. We were able to bring the cup home with us which was a great success, but the big winner on the day was the friendships made with their students. As young Catholics growing up in today's world, we pray they can be a great support for each other in living out their faith. A huge thank you to SMMC Wagga for their excellent hospitality.

The Yr.9-12s enjoyed their day at Falls Creek on Friday the 24th of August. We were blessed with a perfect day and lots of snow, so everyone had a wonderful time. We are looking forward to next year's trip already!



Next **Friday 14th September** after Mass as part of the Cup 'o' Tea, Mrs Maureen Coyne will be giving a talk for parents titled **"Ten Top Ways to Raise Emotionally Intelligent Children"**. A terrific opportunity for parents if you can possibly be there.

A reminder for parents looking to enrol their child in **Kinder for 2019** to contact the school office and book in an interview and tour. Only a few weeks to go now!

Our **Annual Fete** is coming up again on the **27th of October**. We are starting to collect goods for the brick-a-brac stall and for the Chocolate wheel, so please feel free to bring them in - please no broken items! Thank you to those families who have already returned their Raffle booklets, it is much appreciated. Please ensure the sold raffle tickets and money is returned before collecting a new book to sell.

St Johns School will be celebrating the 150th year as a school this September and they have a couple of things happening that they would like to let you know about. **TRIVIA NIGHT – 7th September at 7.30pm** - \$10 a head with tables of 8-10. At St. Johns School Hall. 154 Adams Street. Tickets are available at the St. John's Office. Please BYO Nibbles & drinks. Bookings: ph: 60263220 or Email: admin@stjls.nsw.edu.au.

BUSH DANCE - 27th September 6-9pm at St. John's School Hall. \$10 a family with a live band. Come along and enjoy a night of fun for the family. Food will be available for purchase on the night.

Our Concert Night for this year will be on Thursday **20th September at 7pm**. Please make a note in your diaries.

A warm congratulations to the Simpson family on the recent birth of Damian Ezekiel. We hope all is going well and look forward to meeting him soon.

Our termly parent evening will be on **Tuesday 25th September at 7:30pm**. We are privileged to have recently ordained priest Fr Marco Killingsworth with us to talk about his *"Path to Priesthood"*. These evenings are a key aspect of our school and I look forward to seeing families there.

Please keep the Yr.11 students in your prayers as they prepare for exams in Week 9 and also our Yr.12s preparing for HSC Exams.

God Bless, Luke Burton (Principal)

2018 Dates for your diary...

Term 3 – Tuesday 24th July – Friday 28th September (10 Weeks)

- September 17th – September 21st – Yr.11 Exams
- Thursday 20th September 7pm – School Concert Night at SMMC
- Tuesday 25th September – Yr.7/8 Geography Excursion to Jindera Wetlands
- **Tuesday 25th September – PARENT EVENING with Fr Marco Killingsworth**
- Thursday 27th September – SRC Breakfast from 8:30am. All welcome!
- Saturday 29th September – Jindera 150th Street Parade. Departs from SMMC at 10:30am.
- Monday 1st October – P&F Bunnings BBQ

Term 4 – Monday 15th October – Thursday 6th December (8 Weeks)

- Saturday 27th October – SMMC Annual Fete
- Saturday 10th November 6pm - Yr.12 Graduation
- November 12th – 16th – Exam Week for Yr.7-10
- Thursday 22nd November 7pm – P&F AGM
- 2019 Kinder Orientation Days – Fridays 16th, 23rd, 30th November. 9:15 – 12:00.

Curriculum Corner - Miss Tania Maclean



Last Week was Book Week and our infant classes - Kinder and Year 1/2 - participated in a range of activities to celebrate.

On Tuesday, children were able to come to school dressed as their favourite book character, with fantastic results, thanks to the effort of some lovely parents!

On Thursday, we visited the Lavington Library and listened to the shortlisted children books for 2018 Book Week. They also enjoyed the Story Book Illustration Exhibition, which showed the pictures from the shortlisted stories from Book Week. The students were very well behaved and represented the school brilliantly. Well done Kinder and Year



LIVING OUT THE FAITH IN FAMILY LIFE

Loving Until It Hurts.



On 5th of September it was the feast day of Saint Teresa of Calcutta. She was born in 1910 in Albania and after hearing the call from God initially became a Loretto nun. In 1948, following a call from Jesus, she began her missionary work among the “poorest of the poor in India.” Her order was given official Church approval in 1950 and very quickly spread to the rest of the world.

What is it that this little nun, who was working in India, can teach us? Blessed Teresa teaches us the power of love. To truly love is to love without counting the cost. For us that means giving of ourselves to others without expecting to be loved, or rewarded, in return. To do this would seem impossible except that we know that God's grace is sufficient for us. It is what we need to be able to truly love others. Blessed Teresa taught her nuns, “All we do is for Jesus”. To feed the hungry is to feed Jesus, to clean the wounds and tend to the sick, is to do this for Jesus. To care for the dying is to care for Jesus. Sometimes little can be done to alleviate suffering. At these times we can be like St John and Mary at the foot of the cross, just being with them in their suffering.

How do we put that love into practise? De Marco, in his book “The Heart of Virtue,” states that “care is the one virtue that closely resembles love closest to the heart of Jesus”. That is, when we show caring concern for others, we are showing love in action. We can show care in our family life by overcoming the obstacle of inconvenience and taking time to listen and comfort the sufferings of others. There is a great spiritual poverty in our society and people are hungry for love. This we can all give. Every day Our Lord brings people to us and we are to care for them. We have to care for their sufferings as Blessed Teresa did, knowing that in caring for them we are caring for Jesus.

“We must grow in love and to do this we must go on loving and loving and giving and giving until it hurts - the way Jesus did.” Mother Teresa from *A Simple Path*.

Virtue for the month of September - Industriousness

“Happy the youth who takes charge of his life in time, makes worthwhile decisions about the loyalties, purposes and ambitions that shall control him, finds his work in the world and masters it!”

Harry Fosdick -Twelve Tests of Character