



MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH MILPERRA NEWSLETTER

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*Celebrating the Centenary Year of
Blessed Mary MacKillop
1909 - 2009*

Mary MacKillop Speaks

*“Look upon your crosses as stepping
stones to an eternal life of
happiness.” (28.02.1890)*

Coming Events

Tuesday 12 May - Thursday 14
May

- NAPLAN

Thursday 14 May

- Yr 12 RE Excursion

Friday 15 May

- Yr 10 English Excursion

Tuesday 19 May

- SIMS Excursion

Wednesday 20 May

- Yr 9 RE Excursion

Thursday 21 May

- Winter Appeal Commences

Thursday 21 May - Friday 29
May

- Yr 11 Exams

Friday 22 May

- Yr 12 Entertainment
Excursion Period 1-2

Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May

- Yr 10 Exams

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Tuesdays
10.00am to 4.00pm

Wednesdays
8.30am to 2.30pm

PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

Beauty, Ever Ancient, Ever New

Beauty was a reversion to the pre-divine lingering in man as a memory of something that existed before his presence... prior to the Gods. (Hermann Bosch p29).

AJASS Conference Penola

I have just returned from three of the most wonderful days spent with principals from Josephite schools in Australia and New Zealand and steeped in the spirit and on the very soil of our foundress Mary MacKillop at Penola. To spend these days in reflection, discussion and prayer in the very place that Mary began our work helped me to see that Mary was right when she said to Sr Annette, don't worry about the Institute, I am not. It is God's work and he will take care of it. We were challenged by Sr Catherine Clark and Sister Josephine Hubbards as we journey those first steps and focused on our call today. We were also privileged to have Fr Paul Gardiner sj celebrate the Eucharist for us and talk to the Canonisation of Mary MacKillop.

Mother's Day

I hope all Mums enjoyed their day last Sunday but especially our Year 7 and 12 last Thursday morning at the special liturgy at St Luke's. Please know I prayed for you all before the beautiful new bronze image of Mary MacKillop and the children in front of the Adelaide Cathedral.

Congratulations

I congratulate all the houses in their participation at the Athletics carnival last Friday. I am sure you had a great day. Congratulations Fitzroy on your win! Well done!

Have a good week!

*Sr Barbara Bochat
Principal*

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DIRECTOR/STUDENTS REPORT

Silver Awards

Congratulations to the following Year 11 students who received a Silver Award in recognition of their commitment to school and community service, academic achievement and independent learning: **Desiree Karzon, Judy Bui and Dalena Lee.**

Bronze Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a Bronze Award for Academic Merit and School Service at last Thursday's School Assembly.

Year 8

Ana-Marie Bumbar, Alexa Callaghan, Jasmine Coorey, Josephine Daoud, Maria De Angelis, Natalie Fabal, Annalise Khouri, Dominica Lovisa, Eliza Moore, Hayley New, Sydnii Schwarze, Gillen Serrano, Chloe Smith, Lara Vaccaro and Eva Vuong.

Year 9

Linda Boutros, Michelle Hosni, Jessika Lembryk, Stephanie McIntosh, Bridget McNamara, Rebecca Reyes and Ashley Sabbouh.

Year 10

Bianca Baldwin, Amelia Court, Nathalie Khoury, Alison Mattingley, Jannon McCabe, Kerryn Murphy, Rachel Murphy, Mary Phan, Rebecca Sammut, Hayley Towell, Vivian Tran and Helen Vuong.

Year 11

Rebecca Collins, Janet Dimassi, Lucy Dinh, Mikaela Farrar, Cassie-Ann Gleeson and Rebecca Togher.

Year 12

Amy Andrews, Catherine Baillie, Isabel Mansour, Maria Nguyen, Rosa Nguyen and Renee Ratten.

Transport Prefects

Could I thank and congratulate the following Year 11 students for taking up the leadership role of Transport Prefect for 2009:

Larissa Abboud, Alexandria Ayoub, Diya Badigar, Gabriella Briganti, Laura Douglass, Rhonda El-Ali, Rita Fares, Stefanie Frizza, Kathryn Glover, Gabrielle Harrington, Desiree Karzon, Erin Kenneally, Adrienne Mathews, Amelia Mezentsef, Michelle Morrison, Elizabeth Murphy, Anna Nguyen, Natalie Obeid, Gabrielle Prokopowicz, Samantha Reaiche, Sonia Samaan, Kirsty Traves, Deanna Wilson.

Head Lice

The school has been informed that there have been a number of students who have come to school with head lice. One parent expressed her sheer frustration as she had treated her daughter towards the end of last term only to have her contract head lice again within two weeks of her return to school.

Could I emphasise that students are NOT to be sent to school if they have head lice and the head should be treated thoroughly before the student returns to school. A particularly useful website to gain information about treating head lice is:

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice/downloads/headlice pam.pdf>.

Forthcoming Excursions

Could you please ensure that permission envelopes are signed and returned to Student Services by the due date. Failure to return notes by the due date may mean that students will not be permitted to attend the excursion.

DETAILS OF EXCURSION	DATE OF EXCURSION	PAYMENT & PERMISSION DUE BY
Yr 12 Economics Lecture Day	9-6-09	2-6-09
Yr 7 Medieval Day	12-6-09	28-5-09
Yr 12 Society & Culture Lecture Day	19-6-09	5-6-09
Yr 12 Business Studies Lecture Day	23-6-09	9-6-09

Ms Barham
DIRECTOR/STUDENTS

DIRECTOR/MISSION REPORT

Update of the Canonisation of Mary MacKillop

As reported in the Canberra Goulburn Archdiocese news on 8th May, Mary MacKillop's canonisation may be sometime in the next 18 months, with Mary's second miracle expected to be approved by the Vatican within weeks.

Sr Judith Sippel rsj, Project Manager of the Canonisation Committee firmly believes that "the canonisation will be in Rome in the next 18 months and a major celebration will be held in Rome."

Of course Sydney will also be home to a major celebration and as the 100th anniversary of Mary MacKillop's passing approaches in August, the timing is perfect.

We as a Josephite community continue to pray for the canonisation of Mary MacKillop and trust that this will be forthcoming.

Further information may be available from www.cathnews.com.

Mother/Daughter Mass

A lovely celebration of grandmothers, mothers and daughters was shared at St Luke's Revesby last Thursday morning. Mass was followed by morning tea and while many, many people work behind the scenes I would like to acknowledge the many students who volunteer their gifts to the ministry of Eucharistic celebrations (altar servers, musicians, choir, readers and proclaimers, offertory). **Daniela Sbrizzi** who offered a beautiful spoken reflection and Lauren Moore who presented a visual reflection at the morning tea. Added to this were the countless students who together with their Hospitality teachers, prepared the morning tea.

How very happy and proud each were to share this time with the special "woman" in each other's life.

Br Kelvin Canavan fms Farewell Mass



St Mary's Cathedral was the venue for the 2000 or so well wishers and special guests who came to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for the distinguished service of Br Kelvin, Executive Director of Schools for the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Cardinal George Pell was the Principal Celebrant and was joined by 20 or so priests. Our school was represented by myself,

Mrs Beaver, Sr Anne-Marie Gallagher and senior leaders, **Stephanie Crescini, My Nguyen** and **Melissa Younes**. An acknowledgement must also go to **Chantelle Nabaki** of Year 10 who once again was there as part of the CaSPA Choir - and how beautifully they sang.

Br Kelvin officially concluded his term in the Catholic Education Office on 9th April 2009 which has only paved the way for Br Kelvin to lend his expertise to other Catholic Educational facilities.

Year 11 Outreach

Since returning from the holidays I have received many communications from individuals and agencies that worked with our students in Year 11 as part of the Outreach Programme. All of the letters and phone calls have been of the same nature - congratulating our students on their effort and contribution to others.

Comments such as:

"Year 11 students were great representatives of your College and especially their families. We were very impressed with the girls and their desire to be of assistance...."

"The girls were a delight to have and showed a great deal of interest in our work and in East Timore. They were a tremendous help."

"The girls did a great job and all the staff and myself enjoyed having them here."

"It was a great pleasure to have your students - they certainly made a difference. Please ensure that we are added to your list for new year's program."

The telephone conversations were similarly glowing in their praise. We are immensely proud of our students and know that over the coming three months they will continue to live out the gospel values of ministry and service to others with agencies and individuals alike. Year 11 are reminded that they have until Week 3 of Term 3 to conclude their Outreach hours. Please see Ms Yule to confirm your secondary placement.

Mary MacKillop Art Competition

As part of the centenary celebrations for Mary MacKillop, the Mary MacKillop Foundation has launched an art competition celebrating the life and faith of Mary MacKillop. Specific details are provided on separate insert in the newsletter. I hope that many of our students will participate in this activity to continue the celebration of Mary MacKillop.

St Therese's Padstow Youth Night

On Friday 15th May, St Therese Padstow will be conducting a Trivia Night for their Youth Group. Since WYD the youth at St Therese have come together many times to celebrate in different ways - the upcoming trivia night is sure to be a fun event. While details have been distributed in RE classes, students attending are reminded - the gathering is from 5.30pm - 9.00pm with the cost of \$5.00 covering pizza and drink. A parent or adult carer is asked to register their son or daughter at the Church on arrival. RSVP to Cathy on 0411 369 235. The next gathering is on 19th June.

Walk with Christ - Sunday 14th June

Sydney's Annual Procession of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Sunday 14th June, where thousands of Catholics will walk with Christ in a procession through the streets of Sydney. Participants are asked to gather at St Patrick's Church Hill, Wynyard, from here Cardinal Pell will lead us to St Mary's Cathedral Forcourt. The ceremony will be concluded with Solemn Benediction. For further details, please see Ms Yule.

May - Month of Mary

A reminder that we are continuing with Tuesday Rosary in the Chapel at 1.10pm. Our numbers are slowly growing and all staff and students are warmly welcomed to join us in prayer to Our Lady.

Ms Terrie Yule
DIRECTOR/MISSION

DEBATING - ROUND 1

Congratulations to all students who participated in Round 1 of the Debating competition. Students from years 7-12 debated against teams from Aquinas College, Menai after school on Wednesday 6th May. Some students were debating for the first time and did an excellent job on their first attempt - well done girls. Year 9 and Year 12 did particularly well, winning their debates. Year 9 debated about obesity and Year 12 debated about the role of drugs in sport. Both debates were competitive and interesting - a great effort from those teams. Special thanks to all parents, staff and students from Year 12 who helped out on the night.

Ms Emms (Debating Coordinator)

STUDENT INFORMATION UPDATE

Within the next week a copy of the information we have on file for your daughter/daughters can you please check this information carefully, make any corrections necessary and have your daughter return it to her homeroom teacher by **Friday 29 May 2009**. (This form has been issued to the youngest child in the family).

PARENTING ADOLESCENTS A CREATIVE EXPERIENCE (PACE)

PACE is an Australian parenting programme for parents with adolescent children. Parents will have a chance to explore the many ways a family can productively handle the issues that arise as children reach out for autonomy and independence. With information on adolescent development and an emphasis on the benefits of good communication skills, **PACE** will help parents to understand their adolescent's experience and cope with the changes that are occurring.

Due to the success of the PACE programme that we held in 2007 and 2008 we are offering the programme again this year. The course will begin the week of June 1st and will continue for five weeks. There will be an option of extending the programme for a further two to four weeks in Term 3. There will be a minimal cost to cover resources.

Following, are some responses from previous participants:

"Interacting with parents who are all in the same or similar situations was very reassuring and gave us all a sense of worth. Your advice, ideas and empathy will surely help us along the road we have to travel".

"I have learnt to think a lot more prior to discussion. I do also try to put myself in the position of my daughter, and think about how she feels a lot more".

If you are interested in participating in this programme please complete the form below and return to school via the Fees Box in Student Services.

For any further queries you may have regarding this programme please contact Bernadette Spencer or Patricia Lockwood on 8724 6257 or 8724 6247.

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<p>PACE Parenting Programme</p> <p>I / we would be interested in participating in the PACE programme.</p> <p>Name(s): _____</p> <p>Daughter's name: _____</p> <p>Days that would suit you: _____</p> <p>Times that would suit you: _____</p> <p>If there is enough interest we could offer the programme during the day.</p> <p>N.B. We may not be able to suit everyone</p>
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YEAR 8 VAR EXCURSION


On the 1st of May the Year 8 Visual Art students went on an excursion to the Museum of Contemporary Art and Luna Park. We travelled by bus to the MCA and moved around the museum in small groups with an education officer. We viewed the Kusama Exhibition, a Japanese artist known as the Priestess of Polka-Dots. Some of her installations included a dark mirrored room over water that had fairy lights hanging from the ceiling that seemed to go on forever and a room covered in dot stickers and lit by UV lights.

After going to the MCA we travelled by bus to Luna Park, where we really started to get excited. We were split into groups again and spent half the time taking photographs for our theory assignment and ceramic tea light and the rest of the time in Coney Island. We had fun taking photographs, chicken dancing with Luna Bob, walking into walls in the mirror maze and watching teachers on rides in Coney Island.

Our excursion was so much fun. It was great to experience art in different ways and see how other artists create their works. Thank you to Ms Ferraro, Ms Foxe, Ms Gascoigne and Mr Brustolin for coming on the excursion with us and making sure we had a fantastic time.

Hayley New (Yr 8)

CANTEN ROSTER		
Thur	14.5.09	-----
Fri	15.5.09	C. Spoljar
Mon	18.5.09	C. Mantle, D. Munsie, S. Belford
Tue	19.5.09	S. Pendlebury, M. Ayoub

<p><u>Arma Lucis</u></p> <p><i>Class of 1989 Reunion</i></p>  <p>Sunday 14th June at 2.00pm.</p> <p>For further details please contact Marisa Donatiello by phone on 0403596012 or email at donatiello18@optusnet.com.au.</p>
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THE SPORT REPORT

SCC Senior Cricket



While most students were enjoying a well earned break in the holidays, our Senior Cricket team gave up their first day of holidays to represent the school in the SCC Final. Our girls were fired up and saved their best for the final game of the season. Everyone was on their game

whether it was fielding, batting or bowling.

Undefeated all season, Holy Spirit was on the back foot, as our girls applied pressure throughout. Ultimately, the game was decided by a few close calls which could have gone either way. Our girls were narrowly defeated and can consider themselves unlucky not to have been hoisting the silverware at game's end. But our girls gave a great account of themselves, and most importantly had fun. Congratulations.

Mr Henry

Senior CGSSSA Soccer



On Wednesday 29th April, our Senior team represented MSJ at the CGSSSA Soccer Tournament. This competition draws Catholic schools from around Sydney and is renowned for its stiff competition. Our senior team started well, with a 1-1 draw against OLSH Kensington. Each game from there

was an improvement on the last as our girls grew in confidence, with defence being a real feature of the next 3 games (special mentions to **Emily Carruthers**, **Katherine Potts** and **Stephanie Iacono** who were rocks of Gibraltar in defence). Unfortunately we were narrowly beaten in each game, but they were close games, often with only 1 goal separating their opponents. Great effort girls.

Mr Henry

Grade Sport

Senior Soccer – MSJ 1 - Casimir Catholic College 1

The first round of the new comp saw MSJ up against old rivals Casimir. Casimir looked in good touch with some attacking raids right from the start. However, our girls were up to the challenge and repelled their repeated attacks. A clinical finish from **Brooke Smith** gave us an early second half lead, but this was soon erased after a controversial penalty gave Casimir the equaliser. In defence, there were none better than **Danielle Liemich** who was outstanding. Great game girls! Excellent signs for the term ahead.

Mr Henry

Year 9 Netball

MSJ: 31 defeated Casimir Catholic College: 1

One might say it was a successful start to the SCC netball competition for 2009 this week. We dominated the opposition and did not let their roughness frustrate us in anyway. Well done to all players, especially **Courtney Nicholls** who rarely missed a shot and **Melissa Togher** who was willing to play anywhere on the court.

CGSSSA Diving/CCC Diving

Congratulations to **Monique Austin (Yr 11)** who competed in the combined CGSSSA and CCC Diving Carnival on Wednesday 6th May. She achieved outstanding results placing 1st in the CGSSSA 16's event, 2nd in the CCC event. Her achievements placed MSJ 3rd in the Senior category and 3rd overall. This is a great effort from our talented diver.

SCC Touch

Congratulations to the MSJ girls who attended the SCC Touch trials. Four of our girls were successful in making the team which will compete at the CCC carnival on Wednesday 3rd June. The following students will represent MSJ **Jade Mulvihill**, **Elise Mulvihill**, **Brittney Finch** and **Cassandra Gray**.

SCC Soccer

Many MSJ girls also attended the SCC soccer trial. The SCC team is selected from 7 local schools, with over 50 girls attending the trial for the open team. Three of ours girls were selected with another being selected as a shadow player. Congratulations to **Katherine Potts**, **Clare Woods**, **Caitlin Murphy**. **Natalie Kapovic** was selected as a shadow player.

CCC Swimming

Our swimming team performed exceptionally well at the CCC carnival.

MSJ Athletics Carnival

On Friday 8th May, MSJ held its annual Athletics Carnival. The sun was shining as the girls made their way to the field dressed in their house colours and screaming their favourite chants. There was great participation from all houses as girls selected to enter either the championship or participation competition. Congratulations to **FITZROY** house who won the carnival with 1703 points.

Yr	1st	2nd	3rd
12	Stefeni Abramovic	Rebecca Melham + Charbella Nandan	
13	Clare Woods	Tegan Henderson	Alana Dean + Emma Lovatt
14	Cassandra Gray	Elise Mulvihill	Jessica Murray
15	Brooke Smith	Jenna Donkin	Maria Nguyen
16	Kristen Fahd	Laura Serwa	Ellen Harper
17 +	Katherine Potts	Rachel Montgomery	Lauren Simpson

SCHOOL CHAMPION - Cassandra Gray 52 points

PLACE	HOUSE
1 st	Fitzroy
2 nd	MacKillop
3 rd	Tenison
4 th	McCormack
5 th	Landers
6 th	Penola

The SCC team will be selected next week. If you participated in a championship event, you will need to check the Sports Notice Board to see if you have qualified for the SCC team.

*Ms Craft
Sport Coordinator*

CAREERS NEWS

Twenty two Year 12 students completed their RSA qualification last Monday. Congratulations to all girls who achieved 100% in their tests.

Careers Central

Post Title // Marine Careers Forum

Post Link: <http://www.careercentral.edu.au/Postings3.asp?ID=105706>

Synopsis // The Marine Careers Forum on 17 June offers students in years 11-12 the opportunity to talk to professionals from diverse fields about study options & careers with a marine focus/background. Bookings essential.

Post Title // Agricultural Open Days

Post Link: <http://www.careercentral.edu.au/Postings3.asp?ID=105705>

Synopsis // Tocal Agricultural College offers courses from Certificate to Diploma level & will hold Open Days for prospective students & parents on 17 & 24 July + 9 & 16 October. Overview of courses + Campus/Farm tours.

Post Title // Scholarships – Experience Japan!

Post Link: <http://www.careercentral.edu.au/Postings3.asp?ID=105704>

Synopsis // Live and learn in Japan for two weeks, embrace diversity & learn more about Japanese culture! AFS Australia in conjunction with the Japanese Government is offering 240 scholarships to students aged 15-18 years. Applications close 31 May.

Post Title // ACU Early Entry

Post Link: <http://www.careercentral.edu.au/Postings3.asp?ID=105703>

Synopsis // The ACU National Early Achievers Program is a great way for both school leavers and non-school leavers to gain a guaranteed place in the undergraduate course of their choice, as early as December 2009. Applications open early July & close 9 October...

Post Title // NSW Public Sector Cadetships

Post Link: <http://www.careercentral.edu.au/Postings3.asp?ID=105702>

Synopsis // The NSW Government is offering 500 cadetships each year to encourage HSC school leavers to take up careers in the public sector. First Intake: Office Admin/Customer Service, Nursing Assistant, Farming Assistant & IT. Applications close 25 May.

Post Title // Surveying - A Life Without Limits!

Post Link: <http://www.careercentral.edu.au/Postings3.asp?ID=105701>

Synopsis // Surveying is the perfect profession. Mixed work, generous rewards & not enough graduates to go around! Check out the new website 'A Life Without Limits' & view the video on the life of a surveyor, or explore course & career options....

Post Title // EnergyAustralia – Indigenous Program

Post Link: <http://www.careercentral.edu.au/Postings3.asp?ID=105700>

Synopsis // If you're an Indigenous person & looking to try your hand at a trade - then the EnergyAustralia Pre-Apprenticeship Program may be for you! Applications are now being accepted with Info Sessions being held in May. Apply now...

Post Title // Entertainment Industry

Post Link: <http://www.careercentral.edu.au/Postings3.asp?ID=105699>

Synopsis // JMC Academy offers courses at Diploma, Assoc Degree & Bachelor Degree level in the Music & Entertainment industries. Open Days: Brisbane (30/5) Sydney (16/5). Registrations required.

Post Title // Customs Work Experience

Post Link: <http://www.careercentral.edu.au/Postings3.asp?ID=105695>

Synopsis // Keen to see what a job in Customs is all about? Why not get involved in a 1 day work experience program? The program is open to NSW students in Yrs 11/12 & will run at Australian Customs & Border Protection Service at Sydney Airport. Apply ONLINE now...

Post Title // Gold Coast – New Architecture Degree

Posted: 30-04-2009

Post Link: <http://www.careercentral.edu.au/Postings3.asp?ID=105698>

Synopsis // Griffith University (Gold Coast) will introduce the Bachelor of Urban & Environmental Design (Architectural Studies) from 2010. Info Evening: 27 May. Registrations essential.

Post Title // UNSW Science Information Evening

Post Link: <http://www.careercentral.edu.au/Postings3.asp?ID=105697>

Synopsis // The Faculty of Science at the University of NSW invites students in Yrs 11/12 & parents/carers to an Information Evening on 28 May to explore course options in Science & Maths, career opportunities, scholarships... Registrations required.

Post Title // W Sydney - Autumn School at Richmond College

Posted: 29-04-2009

Post Link: <http://www.careercentral.edu.au/Postings3.asp?ID=105688>

Synopsis // Come to the inaugural AUTUMN SCHOOL at Richmond College (TAFE NSW) on 9 May and enroll in the exciting new short courses on offer from Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Care and Equine Studies...

Post Title // Avondale College

Post Link: <http://www.careercentral.edu.au/Postings3.asp?ID=105693>

Synopsis // Avondale College is a private college with a Christian focus offering undergraduate degrees in Arts, Business, Science, Theology, Nursing & Education + VET courses in Business, Outdoor Rec & Aviation. Open Day 10 June.

Post Title // Youth Survey

Post Link: <http://www.careercentral.edu.au/Postings3.asp?ID=105692>

Synopsis // Each year Mission Australia conducts a survey to identify key & emerging issues of importance to young people 11-24 years. Interested students can help policy makers & organisations improve their services to youth by completing this short online survey...

Post Title // Mid Year STAT

Post Link: <http://www.careercentral.edu.au/Postings3.asp?ID=105691>

Synopsis // The Special Tertiary Admission Test (STAT) is an alternative university admissions test for those without a recent Yr 12 qualification. You can sit the STAT once every 6 months. Mid Year STAT will be held on 23 May. Registrations close 13 May.

*Ms Elizabeth Sydenham
Post Compulsory Coordinator*