



MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH MILPERRA NEWSLETTER

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

Mary MacKillop Speaks

*"I do not let myself speculate about
anything." (1898)*

Coming Events

**Monday 19 October - Friday 23
October**

- Year 11 Work Placement

**Tuesday 20 October - Monday
16 November**

- HSC Exams

**Tuesday 20 October - Monday
26 October**

- Yr 10 Exams

Friday 23 October

- CGSSSA Cricket

**Monday 26 October - Friday 30
October**

- Yr 9 Exams

Wednesday 28 October -

Thursday 29 October

- School Leaders Retreat

Friday 30 October

- CGSSSA Aquathon
- Special Ministers Training

Monday 2 November

- Yr 7 Exams
- Yr 10 Drama Night

Tuesday 3 November

- Yr 8 Exams

Wednesday 4 November

- Yr 7 Exams
- Yr 9 Prayer Day

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Tuesdays

10.00am to 4.00pm

Wednesdays

8.30am to 2.30pm

PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

Integritas: The Destination of Growth

Part of what it means to be, is to be beautiful. Beauty is not superadded to things; it is one of the springs of their reality. It is not that which effects a luscious response in perceivers; it is the interior geometry of things, making them perceptible as forms. (Francesca Aran Murphy)
For Aquinas beauty also included the notions of integrity, integritas. He understands that each thing is alive and on a journey to become fully itself. Integrity is achieved when there is a complete realization of whatever a thing is supposed to be. Integrity is the adequacy of a thing to itself. There is here a sense of achieved proportion between a thing and what it is called to be. Creation is always in the heave of growth and becoming and when a thing journeys towards its own perfection or fullness of life, it is also secretly journeying towards the divine likeness. The integrity of beauty is that inner straining towards goodness and completion. There is a wonderful urgency within things to realize the dream of their individual fulfillment; nothing is neutral, everything is on its way. (p57)

Welcome

A very warm welcome back to Term 4. I hope you all enjoyed the break and had time to recreate self ready for the last few weeks of the year. I welcome all those teachers who will be relieving this term: Ms Panikian will be relieved by Ms Katherine Dunn, Mr Saleme will be relieved by Mr Chris Crimmins. During the next weeks staff for 2010 will be finalised.

Year 12

A big thank you to all teachers, parents and students for the week of celebrations held prior to the holidays. It was so rewarding to see and meet so many parents and carers of the Year 12, especially as they completed their time at MSJ. To Ms Barham and the House Coordinators a very special thank you for all the planning to ensure the week went well, to Ms Yule and the team preparing Eucharist and liturgies, very well done. I am always awed by the way the liturgy is so specific to the Year 12 group of that year. To any whom I may have offended in any way please know it was not intentional and I am sorry for any hurt. Each year brings different learnings for myself as leader and 2009 is no exception.

We now pray for the girls as they begin their HSC and the candle in the chapel will burn for your intentions.

Acting Principal

My very special thanks again to Ms Barham who had to take on the role of Acting Principal many times in Term 3. During Term 4 Mr Alistair Symons will take up that role.

Sympathy

We offer our prayers and support to Mrs Nicola Newton whose paternal grandfather died while she was in England for the baptism of her new niece.

*Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord
and may perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen.*

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Building

You would have seen by now that the new staff area is coming to completion, as always the last things take time. I would ask all to be a little understanding when things have to be rearranged so that the last works may be completed before the year's end. It is looking wonderful and will make a BIG difference to the teaching and administration staff. I wish you a very profitable week!

*Sr Barbara Bochat
Principal*

DIRECTOR /STUDENTS REPORT

Congratulations to the School Leadership Team for 2010.

School Captain - Josephine Chilko

School Vice Captain - Ellen Harper

School Sports Captain - Kate Stojanovski

Fitzroy

House Captain - Megan McElhone

House Sports Captain - Samantha Blachon

Landers

House Captain - Dalena Le

House Sports Captain - Natalie Spoljar

MacKillop

House Captain - Hannah Costello

House Sports Captain - Kate Hooper

McCormack

House Captain - Leisa Saidey

House Sports Captain - Natalie Kapovic

Penola

House Captain - Judy Bui

House Sports Captain - Katrina Oliveiro

Tenison

House Captain - Lisa Parkinson

House Sports Captain - Lisa Ward

House Vice Captains

Fitzroy - Jade Mulvihill, Stephanie Simon.

Landers - Jannon McCabe, Laura Serwa.

MacKillop - Carmel Busuttill, Caitlin Claridge.

McCormack - Kerry Murphy, Larissa Zaccagnini.

Penola - Danielle Leonard, Danielle Liemich.

Tenison - Laura Crismale, Tien Tran.

Student Representative Council

Year 8

Tayla Campedelli

Bianca Cipri

Jessica Massih

Claudia Zaccagnini

Stephanie Dib

Lisa Dao

Year 9

Josephine Canceri

Danielle Francis

Isabella Spagnolo

Ivy Ha

Lara Vaccaro

Madison Newby

Year 10

Natalie Simpson

Mikaela Demetriou

Lauren Massoud

Lauren Buttigieg

Perri Taylor

Lauren Meola

The team take up their responsibility this term and will be officially inducted at the School Presentation Day, Monday 7th December.

MARY MACKILLOP HER STORY

(Edited by Sr Kathleen Price)



In October 1891 Mother Mary travelled to South Australia as some of the Sisters were in need of her clear thinking and good listening skills. Back in Sydney she was working and living at the Providence House and saw the "dens of horror" some girls were working in. Mother Mary tried to encourage the girls to take refuge in the Providence House, which was in Cumberland Street, Sydney.

By January 1892 Mother Mary was suffering from a serious attack of bronchitis which slowly developed into a general breakdown of her health.

Archbishop Carr came to the Providence and administered the Last Sacraments to Mother Mary because it was feared she was about to die. She was filled with a sense of loneliness in that she would not see the Sisters before she died. When the crisis was over Mother Mary was advised to go to Sandringham to convalesce, the Archbishop sent a carriage to take her there.

It was quite sometime before Mother Mary returned to Sydney and when she did it was to live quietly. When the Mother General (we call Congregational Leader now) was away Mother Mary would help with visits to the various convents who were requiring assistance or a visit from Mother Mary. It is said when Mother Mary visited one country school the Sisters and the children were uneasy about going outside because of the number of snakes about. Mother Mary walked around the boundary of the property holding her crucifix and praying. They had no worries about snakes after that.

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 9 Prayer Day	4-11-09	22-10-09
Yr 8 CAPA Day	11-11-09	23-10-09
Yr 8 Visual Arts Excursion	11-11-09	30-10-09
Yr 7 Prayer Day	20-11-09	5-11-09
Choir Christmas Singing	1-12-09	6-11-09
Yr 11 Textiles	2-12-09	25-11-09

Ms Barham
DIRECTOR/STUDENTS

DIRECTOR/MISSION REPORT

Prayer Days in Term 4

A reminder to students to return the signed permission notes for the Year 9 Prayer Day (4th November) and Year 7 Prayer Day (20th November).

These important days of focus and reflection contribute to the holistic development of our students and are important days in our school calendar. Many thanks for your response to this matter.

Eucharistic Ministers Training Course

Staff and senior students will be participating in the Eucharistic Ministers Training Course at the Liturgy Office in Lidcombe on Friday 30th October.

Students in Year 11 and 12 who meet the requirements and have their paperwork in order will be attending this course with many other students from Sydney Catholic Schools.

Students who are interested and have not seen Ms Yule are asked to finalise their details by this Thursday 22nd October.

Recent Canonisation for our Church

Pope Benedict XVI has canonised five new saints including Jozef Damian de Veuster (perhaps better known as Fr Damian from Molokai) and Jeanne Jugan of France, founder of the order on the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Also canonised were Polish Archbishop Zygmunt Szczyński Felinski and two Spanish monks Francisco Coll y Guitart and Rafael Arnaiz Baron.

As we continue to pray for the universal sainthood of Mary MacKillop it is interesting to note that since becoming pontiff in April 2005, Pope Benedict XVI has canonised 28 new saints.

Please continue to pray for Mary's cause and trust that our prayers may soon be answered.

Ms Terrie Yule
DIRECTOR/MISSION

CAREERS NEWS

www.careercentral.edu.au

Post Title // Taronga Zoo Work Experience 2009

Post Link: <http://www.careercentral.edu.au/Postings3.asp?ID=106159>

Synopsis // Taronga Zoo offers a Work Experience Program for NSW school students who are keen to pursue a career in zookeeping, animal care or zoo horticulture. Applications close 26 February 2010.

Post Title // HSC Advice Line – 13 11 12

Post Link: <http://www.careercentral.edu.au/Postings3.asp?ID=106157>

Synopsis // The HSC Advice Line is a telephone service that provides course assistance and support from experienced teachers in 20 of the most popular HSC courses. The Advice Line will be open from Saturday 17 October to Thursday 5 November 2009.

Post Title // Fashion & Beauty Extravaganza!

Post Link: <http://www.careercentral.edu.au/Postings3.asp?ID=106152>

Synopsis // The biggest Fashion and Beauty show ever seen in Australia... and you're invited! On 9 November Toni&Guy Australia in conjunction with Fashion TV will be presenting Vortex, the 2010 Toni&Guy Global Collection Launch in Sydney. Bookings required.

Post Title // Late Uni Applications

Post Link: <http://www.careercentral.edu.au/Postings3.asp?ID=106151>

Synopsis // On time applications for university admission in 2010 have now closed. Late applications will be accepted until 4 February but for guaranteed consideration in the Main Offer Round you must submit your application to UAC by 11 December.

Post Title // TAFE Application Courses!

Post Link: <http://www.careercentral.edu.au/Postings3.asp?ID=106161>

Synopsis // Now is your chance to get into some of the most popular courses at TAFE NSW, but time is running out with applications for Semester 1 2010 closing Friday 30 October...

Ms Elizabeth Sydenham
Careers Advisor

OLIVER

Chantelle Nabaki of Year 10 is currently involved in a production of Oliver with 100% of profits from all tickets sold going to Yalari to support Indigenous students in schools across Australia.

The details of the performances are as follows:

Wednesday 28 October	7.30pm
Thursday 29 October	7.30pm
Friday 30 October	7.30pm
Saturday 31 October	1.00pm
Saturday 31 October	5.00pm

Venue: Seymour Centre
Price: Adult \$35
Concession \$30
Contact: 9351 7940

For online bookings go to www.whoisoliver.org.

THE FACTS ABOUT GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Government funding for NSW Catholic Schools

	Federal Funding% 2006-07	State Funding% 2006-07	Total Government Expenditure per student (2008)
Students in Government schools *65%	32%	91.5%	\$10,162**
Students in non- Government schools *35% (Catholic 22%)	68%	8.5%	\$7,299***
Difference (saving to governments per student)			\$2,863

+Productivity Commission (Australia), Report on Government Services 2009, Volume 1, Part B 'Education', 30 January 2009.

*ABS Census 2006

**NSW Auditor General's Report to Parliament 2008, Volume 4, page 19.

***CEC NSW Audited Accounts for 2008 as reported to the Commonwealth Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

Systemic schools are those administered by one of the eleven Catholic Education Offices in NSW. Non-systemic, or Congregational schools are those owned and operated by Religious Orders, and are funded according to different formula.

Debate continues within the community on the issue of funding for government and non-government schools. This information will help to clarify how Catholic systemic schools, administered by Catholic Education Offices within NSW, are funded.

You need to take into account both Federal and State funding, as well as contributions from parents, to get the full story about how governments fund schools.

- + In the 2006-2007 financial year, the **Federal government** allocated **68%** of its expenditure on school education in NSW to non-government schools (including Catholic schools). The remaining **32%** was allocated to government schools.* This means that Catholic schools received more **Federal** funds than government schools.
- + In the 2006-2007 financial year, the **NSW State government** allocated **8.5%** of its education budget to non-government schools. The remaining **91.5%** was allocated to government schools. *This means that government schools received more **State** funds than Catholic schools.
- + When **Federal and State funding are combined**, a student in a government school attracts considerably more government funding than a student in a Catholic school.
- + In the 2007-2008 financial year, **NSW government schools** received an average **\$10,162** per student from Federal and State governments. By contrast, **NSW Catholic systemic schools** received an average **\$7,299** per student from Federal and State governments (2008 calendar year). Schools owned and operated by Religious Orders are funded using a different formula.)
- + In other words each, NSW Catholic systemic school student received an average **\$2,863 less** in government funding than a student in a government school. This difference is partly offset by fees, building levies and other charges paid by parents, as well as support from parishes.

Dr Dan White
Executive Director of Catholic Schools

+productivity Commission Australia, Report on Government Services 2009, Volume 1, Part B 'Education', 30 January 2009

CANTEEN ROSTER

26.10.09	L. Guthrie, D. Goodridge
27.10.09	T. Jones, R. Simon
28.10.09	A. Van Nes, H. Lee
29.10.09	T. Calamia
30.10.09	C. Spoljar
2.11.09	D. Munsie, S. Belford
3.11.09	S. Pendlebury
4.11.09	-----

MOUNT ST JOSEPH CALENDAR FOR 50TH JUBILEE 1960 - 2010

February

Friday 12th - Jubilee Launch

- Unveiling of our Mosaic Story
- Hanging the Jubilee Quilt
- Launch of "Our Story - 50 Years"

Tuesday 16th - Community Forum 1

A Saint for Today - Sr Judith Sippel