A Message from the Principal

Saint Mary MacKillop

Saint Mary of the Cross, Australia’s first saint, co-founded the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart in 1866. She died on the 8th August 1909. She was beatified on 19th January 1995 and canonised on 17th October 2010. One of the most used, motivating and known sayings of Mary MacKillop is:

never see a need without doing something about it

We will celebrate Mary’s feast day this Friday at 8.30am, Transition will be presenting a prayer liturgy to celebrate Mary’s life. Please feel welcome to join us.

Prayer for Mary MacKillop:

Ever generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary McKillop to live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and constant in bring hope and encouragement to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy. We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit

so that we too, like Mary McKillop, may live with courage, trust and openness.

Ever generous God hear our prayer.

We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Taken from: http://www.marymackillop.org.au

Professional Learning Teams

During the professional development day to begin the semester, our staff spoke about what it means to be a team member and team leader. We were lead through a process of decision making in teams and identified/examined how this happens effectively when we work together in groups. This term, we have broken into three Professional Learning Teams (PLT) – Upper Primary (Years 3 – Year 6 lead by Erica Schultz), Lower Primary (Tran – Year 2 lead by Catherine Lorenzo) and Classroom Assistants (lead by our Deputy Principal, Mandy Jones). These groups will meet three times a term to discuss effective strategies for student improvement. Our belief is that staff will achieve more when we work together. This term, our focus is on reading comprehension. Following is a summary from Erica Schultz on this project and
how you can support this work at home. I would also like to congratulate Catherine Lorenzo on stepping up to lead the Lower Primary group. Catherine also joins the leadership team. We have been very strategic (like the Eagle in Learning Powers) in setting up these groups.

**Movie Night**

The P&F have a fantastic family movie evening planned for Friday, 21st August. The evening starts at 5.00pm with food for sale and the movie will start at 7.00pm, so bring your chairs and blankets and have a great family night watching "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day."

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Reading Comprehension Project Term 3/4 2015

“Reading without comprehension or understanding is not reading. Many children pronounce words fluently but when asked what they have just read, are unable to respond.”

Data gained through reading tests at Holy Family School indicates that this is also true for a number of our students. Over Term 3 and 4, our teachers are focusing on strategies to improve students’ comprehension levels in their class.

The teachers will, through professional learning teams be focussing on questions such as: What makes a reader a good reader? How can we assist our students to be better readers?

Please help us in our project with assisting your child/children with their reading.

★ Ensure they read every day- not just books but signs, labels, menus- wherever you are there is always something to read.
★ Ask questions— who, what where, why about the text
★ Ask them to retell the story in their own works.
★ Look for interesting words etc. Use those words to have them become more familiar with them.

Reading is so very important to all aspects of learning and our daily lives- let’s work together to provide our students at Holy Family with the tools to succeed.
Religious Education

Sacrament of Confirmation

Preparations lessons for Confirmation have started. A reminder that all candidates need at attend the remaining sessions:

Lesson 3: Friday 7th August or Sunday 9th August, 4.00-5.15pm
Lesson 4: Friday 14th August or Sunday 16th August, 4.00-5.15pm
Lesson 5: Friday 21st August or Sunday 23rd August, 4.00-5.15pm

Retreat: Friday 28th August, 4.00-6.00pm
Reconciliation: Wednesday 2nd September, 6.40pm
Practice: Saturday 5th September, 4.00-5.00pm
Confirmation: Sunday 6th September, 9.00am

Prayer Weeks

Prayer is a major focus for Week’s 3 and 4. Each morning the school will gather at 8.30am and experience various types of prayer. The aim is to expose teachers and students to different ways of praying in hope that they are then use these in their lives and in the classrooms.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH
Calytrix Road, Karama
Phone: 8927 5454

Mass Times:
Saturday Mass 8.30am
and 6.30pm (Vigil)
Sunday Mass 9.00am, 10.30am and
5.30pm

1st Sunday of the month 10.30am African Mass in English
2nd Sunday of the month 10.30am Spanish Mass
3rd Sunday of the month 10.30am Portuguese Mass
4th Sunday of the month 10.30am Tetum Mass

Mary MacKillop Liturgy
Friday 7th August, 8.30am, undercover area at school.
Families welcome to attend.

Assumption of Mary Mass
Friday 14th August, 9.30am, Holy Family Church.
Families and parishioners welcome to attend.

iPad Parent Sessions – Term 3

Lauren O’Shea will be running weekly iPad sessions for parents covering a range of iPad tips, tricks, settings and instructions on how to use various applications. The sessions are available for all parents and any infants are welcome and can be kept occupied with toys and games. These sessions will go for approximately 20 minutes and will be held after Monday morning assemblies in the After School Care room. If you have your own iPad feel free to bring it along, otherwise, you can borrow from the school. The topics below are a guide; ideas and suggestions of what you would like to be covered are encouraged. Hope to see you there!

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**Student Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who received an award at Assembly last week.

Room 15: Tran – Shaddeisma DeSatge & Xavier Laureles
Room 14 Yr T/1 – Luke Ferguson & Jordyn Koops
Room 13 Yr 1/2 – Harriet Watkins, Ella Hill, Ashleigh Lew-Fatt & Mason De La Pair
Room 12 Yr 2/3 – Lily Ha, Tiffany Lay, Kyneton Hewitt & Robbie McConville
Room 11 Yr 3/4 – Ashleigh King, Bryce Church, Allen Mathew & Oliver Sherwell
Room 9 Yr 3/4 – April Smith & Michael Williams
Room 6 Yr 5/6 – Georgia Lowe & Anna Kruger
Room 7 Yr 5/6 – Jahman DeSatge, Corey Blanch & Jennifer Betzel
ICT Awards – Illyssa King & Jahman DeSatge

**Happy Birthday**

This week we wish the following students a Happy Birthday.

- Elijza Van Duijne de Kruijf (3rd Aug)
- Leo Dipacce (4th Aug)
- Ciara Shakes (5th Aug)
- Leigh McCormack (5th Aug)
- Tannwyn Lewis (5th Aug)
- Mia Peachey (6th Aug)

**Notes sent home**

- No notes this week

**Holy Family School App**

At Holy Family Catholic School we are always looking for the best way to communicate within our school community, and we believe this app will help. Download this app and stay up to date with all the latest news and events from us, and view the latest editions of the school newsletters. We will keep you up to date regarding urgent reminders and notifications about events we are holding within the school. Stay connected to our Holy Family Catholic School community by searching for ‘Holy Family Karama’ in the app store.
Parent/Teacher/Student interviews

Please note that interviews will take place in Week 4 from Tuesday 11th August. Attached to the back of the newsletter are the instructions to book yourself and child in. Please note what days and times that teachers are available as not all teachers have the same availability.

Book prizes available for each age group of 0-3, 4-6 and 7+

Please send all entries to Melissa Lovell, care of Children’s Development Team, PO Box 40596, Casuarina NT 0811 by Friday 28th August
Congratulations to Hannah Sedman who won our RAK’ed award for this week and received a $5.00 Scholastic book voucher.
Community Noticeboard

**Piano Lessons**

Mrs Cassandra De Silva has vacancies for this term for piano lessons. For enquiries, contact Cassandra directly on 89450119.

*Lessons are held during school hours.* Mrs De Silva also has Piano lessons after school hours in Karama at $25 per lesson. As well as weekly lessons, Cassandra is now offering students fortnightly lessons to those who find it too costly, so they can still keep fingers moving and not lose technique and skills.

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or contact Sarah on 0401 853 707

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**Snap Fitness Yarrawonga’s 3rd Birthday!**

Yarrawonga will be opening their doors to the Public for a FREE session on us!! 7am until 2pm on Saturday the 8th of August. T’S&C’S APPLY.

**When:** Saturday 8th of August from
**Where:** Snap Fitness Yarrawonga, 2/2 Middleton st, Yarrawonga NT 0830
**Time:** 7am until 2pm Staffed
**Food available from:** 10:30am
**Supplement tasting with Rachelle, Flush Fitness from 9:30am**

**1-DAY BIRTHDAY SALE!!**

- $0 Joining Fee
- $30.00 24/7 access card usually $50.00
- And receive your first week FREE!!

But wait there’s more!! We will be holding some friendly Challenges that could win you merchandise and even membership!

**Challenges!**
- Wall sits challenge - last person sitting wins a singlet or Hoodie and water bottle
  **Event Time:** 10:30am
- Bring Sally up push up challenge - women and men’s categories chance to win a Singlet or Hoodie and a week free gym membership.
  **Event Time:** 12noon

ASN have kindly donated a Hamper full of Supplements, we will be raffling off the hamper and all proceeds will go to our Child Minding room to purchase some new toys for the children.

Raffle will be drawn at 2pm on Saturday 8th of August.

Child Minding from 8:30am till 1pm with face painting for the kids and 2 staff on the floor at all times we just ask for a gold coin donation. We are also asking if anyone has any donations of Toys, Books anything that will help.

Thank You

Kind Regards
Lauren Theodore
Snap Fitness Yarrawonga, Club Manager
0422634474

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Enter School Code
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Go to www.schoolinterview.com.au and enter our school code.
Then follow 3 easy steps.

1. Register
2. Choose teachers
3. Choose times

When you click finish, you can either print your interview timetable or email it to yourself! If you don’t receive an email straight away – check your junk mail folder.
Also, if something comes up you can return to www.schoolinterview.com.au and change your interviews until bookings are closed by the school.

• If you don’t have internet access or need any assistance with bookings, please phone the school on 89276188.

• If there are no suitable times available on the schedule for a specific teacher, please contact the classroom teacher directly to arrange an alternate interview time outside the allocated schedule.
DINNER AND FREE MOVIE FAMILY NIGHT.

Come and Join us for a night of fun and friendship at Holy Family Catholic School:

When: Friday evening on the 21st August 2015.
Time: starting at 5pm with dinner and movie starting at 7pm.
Where: Assembly Area at Holy Family
Bring: pillows/beanbags/chairs
Cost: $5 per meal with drinks and snacks available for purchase.

Movie: “Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No good, Very Bad Day.”

We are also looking for volunteers to either cook or supply a meal to serve for the night or serve on the counter during dinner or movie time. Please contact Jonelle Betzel on 0417013683 or email jonellebetzel@bigpond.com if you are able to help with this wonderful evening.