

Religious Education Matters

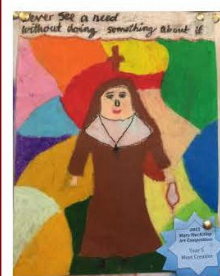
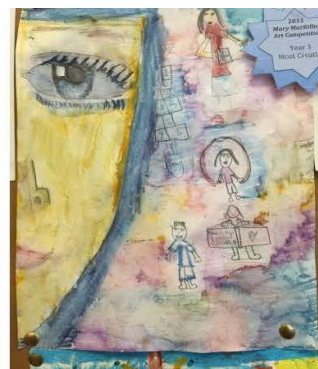
Mary MacKillop Art Show

Last Friday we celebrated the Feast of St Mary of The Cross MacKillop. Our Junior Joeys led us in a wonderful liturgy in the Hall decorated with amazing portraits of Mary in our first Mary MacKillop Art Show. The creativity and standard of entries was amazing and a great way to showcase some of our young artists.

Our winners were:



Year	Most Creative	Peer Award	Entrant Prize
K	Anweshi Ghale	Roshni Jain	Elias El Kadi
1	Morgan Chen	Amensa Angbo	Ryan Lu
2	Mary Rose Kalouche	Michelle Pham	Andrew Bechara
3	Faith Frangie	Joseph Taouk	Angelina Wehbe
4	Aweit Majak	Falamoni Sualala	Nathan Habib
5	Janis Silverwood	Alyssa Agito	Latiffany Tawk
6	Lauren Kahlia	Christian Frangie	Edwina Tu



Student Awards

We congratulate this week's Student of the Week Award recipients:

George Babi	Api Naleba
Sukkum Limbu	Amensa Angbo
Julian Georges	Dut Atak
Ellie Wehbe	Raymond Maatouk
Milad Khichah	Mosa Lemoto
Samson Penfold	Alyssa Agito
Edwina Tu	Michelle Lin



Principal's Message

Our Student Leaders Excel!

Last Friday our Year Six leaders coordinated a mini fete with the purpose of raising funds to subsidise their upcoming Canberra trip. Each student collaboratively organised stalls and activities for the children to enjoy. Our Year Six students, under the guidance of Mrs Coleman and Miss Peachy, showed true community spirit and teamwork.

As I walked around from stall to stall I witnessed the pride and excitement from our Year Six students. This excitement was definitely mirrored in the many children who participated enthusiastically in the many activities. I wish to sincerely thank our teachers who assisted the students in running each stall. This event would never have been this successful without the generosity of the Year Six parents who donated the majority of the items used for each stall. It is events like these that reinforces the love and generosity of our faith community. Congratulation Holy Family!!

Live Jesus in your heart

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Religious Literacy Assessment

Next week Year Four and Six will complete their Religious Literacy Assessment online. This assessment is undertaken by all Year Four and Six students in the Parramatta Diocese. Parents will receive a report on the achievements of their child in a few months.

Whooping Cough

As you are aware, several students have confirmed cases of Whooping Cough. It is important that if your child develops a cold/ fever that you seek medical attention. Please inform the doctor that Whooping cough is confirmed at school.

Change of Date

Due to a clash of events, the book Character Parade will now be on Wednesday the 26th of August. A note with important information was sent home this week. I look forward to seeing you at the parade. The parade will begin at 2.15pm. Come and join the fun.

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Learning Matters from the Assistant Principal

Following on from my brief notes after the Parent Snapshot of Learning last week, here is slightly more detail about some important questions and answers that were raised.

Q. My child has always been working with children of similar ability. How can you be sure they will still learn when they work in mixed ability groups?

A. In all areas of learning, it is important that teachers know what students currently know and can do, and know where they want the students to go next. This means that assessment is crucial. Good, useful assessment is the first step in knowing exactly what each individual needs to learn. We don't just assess at the end of a unit of work, but at the beginning and all the way through, too.

The next step is to know what to do with that assessment information. Teachers use assessment information to plan solid learning pathways for a whole class, and within that, they are mindful of where they want each student to go.

An essential part of differentiating learning is knowing what questions to ask each student at the right time. Within a mixed ability group, a teacher can have many children working on the same task, and be able to ensure each child is working exactly where they need to be by asking different questions that extend each child in the right way.

Q. I have a friend at another school who is using Mathletics. Why don't we?

A. Over time we have trialled a range of apps, software and online games. Some of these are quite expensive for a whole-school licence, and we believe the money can be better spent in other ways. Feel free to research and use whichever you feel meets your child's needs.

In general, the BEST ways you can support your child with homework are to:

- read to them daily
- listen to them read daily
- talk, talk, talk about anything and everything

If they use an app, talk about what they are doing. If they watch television, talk to them about it. Make screen time interactive and social, rather than individual and non-communicative. Involve them in real world maths like shopping, cooking, and working out how to move the furniture and so on.

Voice of Youth

Over the past 15 weeks the Year Six children have been working towards the Voice of Youth competition. The children have been mastering the skills needed to be confident public speakers. Mrs Coleman and I have unpacked the learning wheel with the students and embedded the learning dispositions of communication, teamwork and grit within all aspects of their learning pathways. This in turn has enabled each student to develop vital life skills, one of which is the ability to publicly communicate an idea confidently and in detail. All Year Six students had an opportunity to present their speech. From this, three students were selected to be in the cluster final, competing against students from St Margaret Mary's Merrylands, St Patrick's Guildford and St Oliver's Harris Park. I congratulate all students for their grit, persevering with the composition and delivery of their speech. Jorja, Abraham and Jacinta represented Holy Family with pride and confidence. I am so proud of our children. Well Done !!!!!



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Calendar



August

Friday 14th August	Work Samples go home—Religious Education
	Assembly — Years 1, 2 and 3 presenting
Saturday 15th August	Feast of the Assumption
Monday 17th August	Religious Literacy Assessment period begins—Years 4&6
Tuesday 18th August	Netball Gala Day



Birthday Wishes!

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday this week George Maatouk, Natalie Maatouk, Raymond Maatouk, Rebecca Maatouk, Rohan KC, Tatiana Arida, Cobi Vu, Jacinta Nakhoul, Bachir Kayrouz, Sonto Okanme, Alyssa Agito and Mikail Amelsom.

SCHOOL LEADERS PHOTOS 2015

PHOTOS FOR SCHOOL CAPTAINS, SPORTS CAPTAINS, LIBRARY MONITORS, JUNIOR JOEYS AND YEAR 6 (FUN) ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR VIEWING.

THOSE PARENTS WHO WISH TO ORDER, THE COST OF THE PHOTO IS \$16.00 EACH, 2 FOR \$30.00, 3 FOR \$42.00, 4 FOR \$52.00 OR 5 FOR \$60.00.

ORDERS WILL BE CLOSING NEXT WEEK.



Diocesan and Community News

BOOK WEEK

PHOTO COMPETITION!

Win a Fujifilm camera, a \$50 book voucher or book packs valued at \$50

Dress up as your favourite character, snap a photo and send it to us for your chance to win!

Suitable for children aged 5-15 years. Competition launches **Saturday 1 August** and closes **Friday 28 August.**

Enter at any Parramatta City Library branch or online at www.parracity.nsw.gov.au/library_competitions



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