



Please add these events and dates to your Term Calendar

DATES

Wednesday 10 - Friday 12 August

Principals' Meeting to Lismore Diocese *Mr Dimech and Mrs Guest away*

Friday 12 August

Excursion Raffles @ Royal evening

Mrs Bell's last day of work before her Long Service Leave

Sunday 14 August

School Satisfaction Survey Closes

Monday 15 August

Assumption Mass 10 am

Thursday 18 - Friday 19 August

Leaders of Learning Meeting @ CSO Armidale *Mr Dimech and Mrs Guest away*

Friday 19 August

Kinder 2017 Transition 9am -12 pm

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

PUPIL FREE DAY CANCELLED

The Staff Development / Pupil Free Day scheduled for Term 3 Monday August 29th has been cancelled. The first day of Term 4 (Monday October 10th) will be set aside for Staff Development and this will be a Pupil Free Day.

There are a number of events happening at St Joseph's this week.

We began our week by attending Mass with the Associates of the Sisters of St Joseph and parishioners in the celebration of Mary MacKillop's feast day. Mary was born in Melbourne, but was best known for establishing a number of schools and welfare institutions throughout Australasia, with an emphasis on education for the rural poor. Mother Mary was canonised a Saint by Pope Benedict XVI in 2010 and I was fortunate to attend the canonisation with teachers and parishioners from Sydney. Mary's motto was "Never see a need without doing something about it".

Also on Tuesday our P&F are holding their meeting with the main item on the agenda the Term 4 excursion to Sydney. A reminder that next payment is due next week (19th August) - \$100 / person.



Friday the 12th of August is Mrs Bell's last day of work before taking her much deserved Long Service Leave. Lisa Moore will be replacing Sue from Monday the 15th of August until Friday the 9th of September. We wish Sue all the best as she ventures for warmer climes.

A reminder that Mrs Guest and I will be away from Wednesday August 10th to Friday August 12th visiting schools in Port Macquarie (Lismore Diocese). Mrs Riley and Mr Wisemantel will take the class on these days. Merran has been nominated as "teacher in charge" in my absence and can be contacted on the school's mobile 0448 696 162.

SCHOOL SATISFACTION SURVEY

A reminder for all parents to complete the Parents Satisfaction Survey as it closes on August 14th. There are no right or wrong answers and we ask that you respond honestly to each statement.

School Uniform

A number of children have been wearing jewellery and incorrect clothing. Our **winter uniform for girls** is a long-sleeve blue shirt, blue and grey striped school tie, grey V-neck cotton jumper, grey skirt or grey or navy trousers, white socks or grey stockings, black school shoes, navy spray jacket with white and grey trim. Our **winter uniform for boys** is a long-sleeve blue shirt, blue and grey striped school tie, grey V-neck cotton jumper, grey trousers, grey socks, black school shoes and a navy spray jacket with white and grey trim. Correct school uniform upholds tradition and promotes pride in our school.

Athletics Carnival

A note was sent home last week detailing the travel arrangements to Barraba. Mrs Riley will be recording nominations on the day for Diocesan Athletics in Tamworth on August 19th. Parents have been asked to meet Mrs Riley and Mr Wisemantel at Barraba Central School (carnival venue). Students will be able to order lunch from the canteen (see flyer). Students will be allowed to visit the canteen. Parents will be able to take groups of students to the toilet during the day and Mrs Riley will mark a class list at the end of day for dismissal.

NOTES GOING HOME THIS WEEK

A number of notes are going home this week with the newsletter. These are:

- * Barraba Athletics Carnival school mobile contact / Canteen
- * Our Book Week / Character Dress Up Day
- * Sample Book Fair brochure
- * Friday Night Raffle: one flyer for your fridge and a sheet of four to cut up and out to friends

May you walk in the way of Mary MacKillop this week.

Mr Joe Dimech

Principal

May our loved patron and father, St Joseph, watch over us and obtain for us the spirit he wishes to see in his children.



"God couldn't be everywhere and so he made Grandparents"



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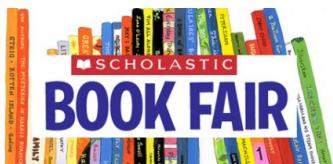
MAGAZINES

We are in need of used magazines for cutting out. We are looking for ones that have pictures of people, animals and nature scenes. Please send to them to school with your child or drop them off at the office.



BOOK WEEK 2016

We will be holding a Book Fair during Book Week. A sample Book Fair flyer will be sent home with this newsletter. The books are indicative of the one that will be in the fair and exact titles cannot be guaranteed. A separate flyer will also accompany this newsletter for our Book Character Dress Up Day. This will take place on Wednesday August 24th from 9.30 am. As with tradition we have invited Warialda Pre-School to story telling, our book character parade and morning tea on this day.



INVERELL EISTEDDFOD

St Joseph's students will be taking part in the Inverell Eisteddfod on Tuesday 23rd August. We will be performing at 1.30 pm and will carpool using the teachers cars for transport.

SYDNEY EXCURSION RAFFLE @ THE ROYAL

St Joseph's P&F will be running three Friday night raffles at the Royal Hotel to raise funds for the 2016 School Excursions.

Our **major raffle night will be on August 26th** from 5pm. Come to the Royal Hotel with family and friends for the raffles and a Smorgasbord Dinner. We will raffle meat trays, dinners for two, pizza, 6 packs and much more.

Proceeds from the Friday night raffles on August 12th and September 9th will also go towards our Sydney and local area excursions.

SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY
26th August

MAJOR
RAFFLE NIGHT
& SMORGASBORD

To help raise funds for 2016 School Excursions

Come to the Royal Hotel with Family and Friends for Raffles and a Smorgasbord Dinner from 5pm. Help support St Joseph's raise funds for their School Excursions in 2016.

Dinner: \$20/adult \$13/child (12 & under)
Raffle Tickets \$2 each
RSVP 24th August 2016
Phone St Joseph's School – 6729 1328
Or text your name & the number of people to:
Alisa: 0428 431 616 Mary-Jane: 0428 336 185



St Joseph's Canteen & Cooking Roster Term 3

Friday	12 th August	ATHLETICS CARNIVAL	
Monday	15 th August	Danni Smith 0422594323	Danni Smith
Friday	19 th August	No Canteen	DIO Carnival
Monday	22 nd August	Sharon Cuell & Sam Quarello 0427291617	Sam Quarello



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RE News Week 3 Term 4

Mary MacKillop's Feast Day

Thank you to all those who attended the Mass for Mary MacKillop's Feast day yesterday. The children read beautifully and it was a lovely mass combined for the Catholic Women's League.

*Ever generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop
to live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and constant in bringing hope and encouragement
to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.
With confidence in your generous providence
and joining with Saint Mary MacKillop,
we ask that you grant our requests.
We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit
so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with
courage, trust and openness.
Ever generous God, hear our prayers.
We ask this through Christ Jesus,
Amen.*



A bit about Mary MacKillop...

Mary MacKillop was born on 15 January 1842 in Melbourne. Her parents were born in Scotland and came to live in Australia. She had three sisters and four brothers. Mary cared about the people who had no one to look after them such as boys and girls who just roamed the streets, children in the country who had no school to go to, people who were old and sick and people who had nowhere to live. Mary wanted more than anything to help these people. Mary went to work as a teacher in a little country town in South Australia called Penola. There she met Father Julian Tenison Woods who also wanted to do something for the poor children who could not afford to pay the money needed to go to school. Together, in 1866, they began the first St Joseph's School in an old stable. Two of Mary's younger sisters also taught in the school and other young women came to help them.

On 19 March 1866 (St Joseph's Day) Mary started to wear a simple black dress and began the Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph. Now as a Sister, she dedicated her life to doing God's work. As more and more young women joined Mary as Sisters, they were able to start more schools. All children were welcome at the Josephite schools, which provided free Catholic education. Mary MacKillop was kind to all people, even if they did not agree with her. She died on 8 August 1909 in Alma Cottage, North Sydney. Mary helped many people during her lifetime and after she died, the Sisters of St Joseph kept on doing the good work she had started. Mary MacKillop kept her faith in God and bravely challenged those who did not support her vision for a more caring world. Mary is an important Australian who spent her life helping people, especially children. She is Australia's first Saint.

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Grandparent's Day Liturgy

Today we held a Grandparent's Day Liturgy at 9:30am. Thank you to all those involved. We will publish more about this day next week.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Next Monday, the 15th of August is a Holy day of Obligation to celebrate the feast of the Assumption of Mary. On this day, Mary rose into heaven, body and soul. We will be having a school **Mass at 10am** at the church. The celebration of this feast day will also relate to the unit we have been teaching in class about our Mother Mary.

Kind regards,
Mary-Jane Guest

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Mass WARIALDA at **5 pm** on Saturdays





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CONGRATUALTIONS
to Scarlette for receiving
the Student Of The Week
Award this week.



Our first Kinder 2017 Transition Day



Mary MacKillop Mass

SERIALIZED TEXT

The Runaway Vacuum By Amica Guell

"Hate to break it to you Princess, but the doors locked. How are we meant to get in?" said Erin in a cheeky voice. "Who said we have to go through the door." I said smiling. "Oh no, She's got that look on her face again." said Gally.

"No, we are not doing one of your crazy idea's that you think are good but end up getting us in trouble!" said Bella. I jumped on one of the windowsills that was low to the ground and found it was open. "Come on in guys!" I said slipping inside. The others slowly came in.

We wandered around as if one tiny noise would scare us. I saw a big door with a handle as big as my face. I grabbed it and pulled it open. 'Tess!' said Bella freaking out again. The room was huge and there were no windows and all that was really in there were cobwebs. I sat my bag down on the dusty floor and pulled my sleeping bag out and laid it down.

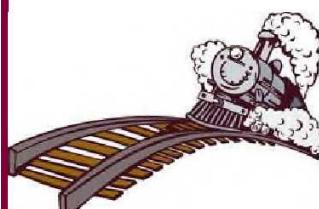
"I really think this is a bad idea!" said Bella. "Yeah, but once Tess gets an idea in her head she keeps at it until the very end. You should know that of all people Bella." said Gally. "Plus you know she's stubborn as anything." she added. **To be continued**



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