



Please add these events and dates to your Term Calendar

TERM 3 DATES

Tues 30 July

School Advisory Council meeting 5:30 pm

Thus 1 Aug

Kinder 2020 Transition Morning 9 - 11 am

Fri 2 Aug

First Friday Rosary - noon

Sat 3 Aug

First Recon / Eucharist lesson @ 4 pm followed by Mass @ 5 pm

Thurs 8 Aug

Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop—Liturgy at 2.30 pm

Fri 9 Aug

Athletics Carnival @ Barraba

Sat 10 Aug

First Recon / Eucharist lesson @ 4 pm followed by Mass @ 5 pm

Wed 14 Aug

Roald Dahl play @ the Roxy, Bingara

Thurs 15 Aug

Feast of the Assumption Mass at 12 noon

First Reconciliation Sacrament @ 5.30pm

"Do small things with great love."

Bl. Teresa of Calcutta

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

The girls and boys are to be congratulated on their start to the term. We heard all about Lexi's and Izzy's birthdays and what the children got up to during the winter holidays. Mrs Higham sent some more photos of Maggie Rose and the children can't wait to meet her! The staff and children wrote get well cards for Mr Bell who was pleased to receive them. To cap off our week we welcomed back Mr Wisemantel. Mark was impressed with the deep learning that takes place in our literacy block. Miss Jennifer has planned a literature unit on Roald Dahl's "The Twits" in preparation for the theatre performance in Bingara on the 14th of August. All in all, a great week of learning.



Survey My School 2019

CSO has informed me that the 2019 Survey My School online survey will be enabled in the coming weeks. This school improvement survey will be emailed and we ask that all parents complete the survey as this provides valuable feedback. Thanking you in anticipation.

Creative Arts Grant

I received the wonderful news that we have received a grant for Creative and Practical Arts. We received \$286.00 which will go towards covering the cost of last term's dance program. Thank you to Vicki Hartley (CSO research officer) for assisting us with the application.

School Advisory Council Meeting (SAC)

We will be holding a School Advisory Council meeting on Tuesday 30th July. Agenda items include enrolments, building maintenance and a planned Working Bee for the end of Term 3.



2020 Kindergarten Transition Program and Enrolments

Our first Kindergarten Transition morning will be on Thursday August 1st from 9 to 11 am. We are accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2020 and all other grades. Enrolment packs can be picked up from the school office or can be emailed upon request. You can also download these from our website.

Marriage and Family Week

Last week St Joseph's students celebrated Marriage and Family week. In religion, they learned about the theological and cardinal virtues and proudly wore wristbands displaying the virtues of faith, hope and charity.

Prayer For Our Family

Blessed are you, loving Father,
Ruler of the universe:

You have given us Your Son as Your Leader,
And have made us temples of Your Holy Spirit.

Fill our family with Your light and peace.

Have mercy on all who suffer,

And bring us to everlasting joy with You.

Father, we bless Your Name for ever and ever.

Amen.



Have a great week,
Joe Dimech
Principal



God is good and has brought light and help when all was very dark.

Mary MacKillop 1899



SCHOOL NEWS

Athletics Carnival

Last week we sent home a note regarding our Athletics Carnival with St Joseph's Barraba. This will take place next week on Friday August 9th. We are conducting the high jumps at school this Thursday and we'll run the 800 m for juniors and seniors next week.

Please return your Athletic Carnival permission and canteen note by Friday 2nd August as we need to email our lunch order items to St Joseph's Barraba. Lunch orders in labelled bags can be handed in on the day. Barraba P&F emailed their canteen prices ...

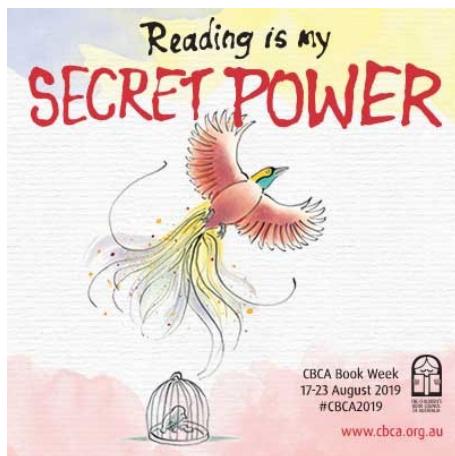


FOOD

- Pie - \$3
- G/F Pie - \$6
- Sausage Roll - \$3
- sauce - .30c

DRINKS

- Popper (Tropical or apple) - \$1.50
- Choc milk - \$3.00
- Bottled water - \$1.50



Book Week Dress Up Day

We will hold our Book Week dress up day on Thursday 22nd August. The Children's Book Council Book Week Theme for 2019 is **READING IS MY SECRET POWER**. This theme is open ended. What will you come as? a character from Harry Potter? Someone from a Roald Dahl book? A creature from under the sea? Maybe someone from outer space or a Super Hero?



BIG WRITE

The children have been working on the VCOP components (vocabulary, connectives, openers and punctuation) of the "Big Write" approach to improving children's writing. They have developed skills in uplevelling their writing through feedback and self-assessment.

Last term we gave the children a taste of a "Big Write" session. We created an environment conducive to sustained writing by lighting our learning space with fairy lights, playing classical music and using an oil diffuser.

The wait is over! Our first "Big Write" will take place in Week 3.



Talking Homework

Next week on Wednesday we will send home our first "Talking Homework" task. The children will be asked to write a narrative. The homework will ask you to talk about the topic and there will be some guiding questions. The children can talk about what are going to write in class on the Thursday or they can write down their ideas on the back of the Talking Homework note.

Children are expected to talk about their story at home and come prepared to write at school on Thursday (our Big Write session). Your discussion will help your child prepare for the session.

The "Big Write" will become a regular feature of our literacy block.



REC NEWS

We are always grateful for God's grace and pray that he sends rain to our famers and to refill our rivers and dams. We pray for rain at school and as a parish ...

PRAYER FOR RAIN



Heavenly Father, maker of all things and protector of your people
look upon us in your love and give us your help.
Open the heavens for us and give us the rain we need.
Teach us to live for you and to share your gifts with others.
Ease our burdens, Father, and give us your strength.
Hear us in our need, for we come to you through Christ our Lord.

Amen



Feast Of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Mary MacKillop's feast day is August 8th. Although the Sisters of St Joseph are no longer ministering in town, we nonetheless continue to honour the legacy of Mary MacKillop and her religious sisters.

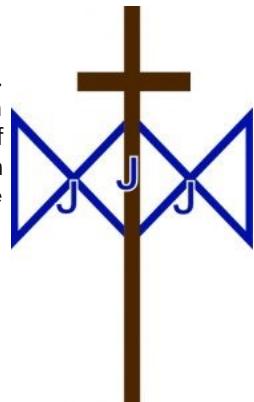
Mary was born in Melbourne, but was best known for establishing a number of schools and welfare institutions throughout Australasia (Australia and New Zealand), with an emphasis on education for the rural poor. Mother Mary was canonised a Saint in 2010 and is formally known as St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

Mary's motto was "**Never see a need without doing something about it**".

Like many schools in the bush, the Sisters established St Joseph's Warialda in 1904. At last year's Thanksgiving Mass for the Sisters, Sr Mary Ellen O'Donoghue told the congregation that three Sisters, Srs Camillus, Berchmans and a postulant, opened St Joseph's Warialda on Monday 11th July on 1904.

The Josephite Emblem

The Josephite Emblem was very special to Mary MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods. The Emblem reminds the Sisters of St Joseph of the importance of Jesus, Mary, Joseph and John the Baptist in their lives. **The Cross** is a symbol of the religious name Mary called herself - 'Mary of the Cross,' when she became a Sister of St Joseph. The **A** and **M** (drawn over the top of each other), stand for **Ave Maria**. This means Hail Mary and is a symbol for Jesus' mother, Mary. The three **J's** are for Jesus, Joseph and John the Baptist.



Mary MacKillop Liturgy

You are invited to celebrate the feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop at our Liturgy Of The Word on Thursday the 8th of August at 2.30pm. This will take place in our middle room.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The feast of the Assumption of Mary is on Thursday the 15th of August. It is a Holy day of Obligation and it is our belief that on this day Mary rose to heaven, body and soul.

St Joseph's school will be attending midday Mass. All are welcome.



May God bless,

Joe Dimech
Religious Education Co-ordinator



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Congratulations
to Gabbie
for receiving
the Student
of the Week award
acting responsibly.



Working with arrays
in Maths



Using a light box.
Thanks to Mrs Pam Power
for the generous donation.



Editing a
writing
sample in a
highlighting
lesson during
our literacy
block.



Wearing a virtues wristband -
part of Marriage and Family Week lessons.



Last week Amalia Brohier, (Schools Manager - Recreational Fishing, NSW Department of Primary Industries – Fisheries) sent me a copy of their Term 1 [Get Hooked On Fishing Newsletter](#). We hosted a visit from the DPI in Term 1 and feature in their newsletter.

St Joseph's PS Warialda

We started our Term 1, 2019 incursions off with a trip to Warialda, in Northern NSW. Senior Education Officer (SEO) Daniel Mallen attended, with 15 students participating in the session.



St Joseph's Warialda students
practicing their knot tying

We had some extremely keen anglers in the class, and everyone was excited to get involved! In our session we covered recreational rules and regulations, how to tie a simple fishing knot, and some outdoor casting instruction.



St Joseph's students trying to hit a target on a glorious Warialda day