Dear Parents,

Whatever troubles may be before you
Accept them cheerfully
Remembering who you are trying to follow
Do not be afraid.

Love one another, bear with one another,
And let charity guide you in all your life.
Mary MacKillop August 1909

Yesterday Catholics remembered and celebrated the remarkable life of Mary MacKillop ~ an Australian woman who devoted herself to caring for the poor and defending the rights of all people. Her tireless trust in God inspires all Australians and many people throughout the world. Mary’s example was followed by other women and this Friday we especially celebrate her life as Catholics.

Sisters of St Joseph and other religious orders continue her good work today.

Mary MacKillop...

... A woman with a compassionate heart.
Who has shown you the compassionate face of God?

... A woman with a heart full of trust.
What keeps my heart full of trust when I am facing difficult situations?

... A woman with a forgiving heart.
Who are the people in my life that God is inviting me to forgive at this time?

... A woman held in the hospitable heart of God.
In what ways has God shown love to me in my life?

... A woman with a heart for Mission.
In what way is God calling me to bring the good news to those who are poor?

... A woman with an open heart.
With whom is God inviting me to keep an open heart?

... A woman with a courageous heart.
How have the crosses of your life called forth courage within you?

All the very best for the week ahead.

Peace and Best Wishes.

Richard Blissenden
PRINCIPAL
BOOK CLUB
The current Book Club brochure Issue 5 2017 has been sent home with all students.

ORDERS FOR ISSUE 5 CLOSE 11/8/2017
To order and pay for Book Club by credit card visit www.scholastic.com.au. Please order and pay via the website. No orders are to be sent to the school office. Books will be delivered to the school and distributed to students. Any questions, please contact Kris Muir—Book Club Coordinator.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN
Don’t forget to bring your complete Sticker Sheets into the office and drop them into the box. If you need extra sheets, see the ladies in the office. Remember, every sticker counts towards wonderful equipment for the children’s learning.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS
TERM 3—Week 3
KA Odhran Connolly & Oscar Libbert
KT Tabitha Machimbidza & Joseph Sun
1F Kayden Barron-Logan & Saxon Campbell-Hand
1R Alyssa Menin & John Choi
2B Chloe Munoz & Sebastian Jalil
2MV Kiara Zwartzka, Misha Kim & Phillip Sclavos
3G Katerina Hart & Sienna Trovato
3S Samuel Nassima & Cooper Kennedy
4J Tara Quinn & Joseph Lim
4K Leah Kolosakas & Elena Sheslow
5E Sienna Percovich & Cooper McGlashan
5L Cooper Twyford & Mitchell Peaty
6B Kayla Anisse & Zane White
6W Carissa Gallagher & Christian Boumalhab

SCHOOL FEE’S REMINDER
Term 3 School Fees have now been issued. Payment is due by August 21. If you are having difficulty in paying your school fees, please see Susan in the office.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

August 9    Mia Northwood
            Nancyann Bogiso
August 10   Ellie Smith
            John Choi
August 11   Lachlan Donnellan
August 12   Benjamin Fairall
August 13   Samuel Myhill
August 14   Michela de la Roche
            Tadhg O’Riordan
August 16   Usenio Lee
August 20   Kayla Ghalouby
            Jackson Henstock
            Joshua Adams
            Samuel James
August 21   Sanderson Keyser

We would like to wish all of these children a very happy birthday!!

CARE AWARDS
TERM 3—Week 3
KA Ava Alim & Thomas Holman
KT Alysha Milic & Nishaan Venkteshwar
1F Isabella Ribera & Olivia-Rose Boumalhab
1R Scarlett Silvera & Joshua Adams
2B Jenny Boumalhab & Luca Biviano
2MV Isabel Kable & Maddison Cantrill
3G Sanderson Keyser & Thomas Hill
3S Maiya Hughes & Vivian Kim
4J Mathew Cotsinis & Liam Storey
4K Maddison Fairall & Nadia LaMacchia
5E Arabela Martinez & Raymond Zhang
5L Usenio Lee & Patrick Bayeh
6B Therese Davidson & Marcus Pastrovic
6W Jonah Watson & Peta Turner
MATHEMATICS NEWS...

If your child is in Year 2 and they would like the opportunity to have fun with numbers and explore mathematics from a different perspective, then they need to come and join the *Number Ninjas*.

This is a new lunchtime mathematics group open to all Year 2 students. The *Number Ninjas* will meet on Tuesdays at lunchtime with Mrs Atkinson, to play number games and investigate mathematical problems. If your child would like to be a part of this exciting opportunity, all they need to do is meet Mrs Atkinson on Tuesday at lunchtime on the infants playground. Keep an eye out on Twitter next Tuesday to see all the fun the *Number Ninjas* have.

SPORTING NEWS...

Please find below the correct list of 2017 Athletics Age Champions and Runners Up. Unfortunately there was a misprint in Week 2’s Newsletter. Sorry for any confusion this may have caused:

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FROM MR BLISSENDEN...

FETE REMINDER
Please return raffle tickets with money as soon as possible.

A NEW SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER
As recently advised via Skoolbag the school is moving to a new digital phone number (as opposed to an analogue number). Over the coming 18 months the new phone number will be phased in commencing with all outgoing calls now coming from our **new number 8844 5700**. You may now contact the school using this new number. For the next 6 months you may also contact us on the old number. After 6 months calls to the old number will be re-directed with a recorded message. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

TEACHERS ARE LEARNERS TOO
In the past fortnight our staff have been undertaking various professional learning opportunities including all staff continuing their work on Multiplicative Thinking. Miss Boidin, Mrs Egan, Mr Loudon, Mrs Kirkness and Mr Wheadon have also continued their professional learning in Project Based Learning (PBL). Mrs Gosper and Mrs Egan attended a full day for NAPLAN Online Readiness training. This week we will also have two teachers from Texas working with the Stage 3 teachers to deepen their PBL knowledge.

PEER REVIEW
Last week our school undertook a process of Peer Review with 3 other schools to review our learning and teaching programmes, policies and procedures. We received some excellent feedback on our work. Our thanks to Miss Boidin, Mrs Egan, Mr Loudon, Mrs Kirkness, Mrs Gosper and Mr Wheadon who prepared and then shared our work at Peer Review.

FREE FAMILY EVENT
A program of Spiritual Enrichment for families on the theme of the World Meeting of Families 2018
Gospel of the family: Joy to the World
Sunday 27th August 2017
1:00pm—3:15pm
Mass available 11:00am
BYO Picnic Lunch
Mt Schoenstatt Family Hall—230 Fairlight Road
Mulgwa NSW 2745
Register: 8838 3460 or lmf@parra.catholic.edu.au

2017 FAITH IN MARRIAGE SEMINAR
Men, Women, and the Mystery of Love
Dr Edward Sri
St Patrick’s Cathedral Hall Parramatta
Friday 8th September 2017
7:30pm sharp
Sponsored by Parousia Media and Life Marriage & Family Office
Diocese of Parramatta
Register: 8838 3460 or lmf@parra.catholic.edu.au