



# ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

*'Strength in Gentleness'*

**EDITION 23**

**DATE 6/8/07**

Dear Parents,

This week the Church celebrates the feast of Australia's first saint and co-founder of the Sisters of Saint Joseph - Blessed Mary MacKillop. This remarkable woman devoted herself to caring for the poor and defending the rights of all peoples. Her tireless dedication and trust in God inspires all Australians and many people throughout the world. Mary's example was followed by other women and we celebrate her life with the sisters of Saint Joseph who continue her good work today.

God of love and compassion, You gave us Mary MacKillop as an inspiration and example to all Australians. May her courage and generosity lead us to seek justice and peace for everyone.

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK:

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	*Principals' Meeting
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> August	*Gymnastics Feast of Mary MacKillop
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	* 5.00pm & 6.00pm Parent/Child Eucharist Workshops @ Cathedral

## ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS COMMUNITIES

Re-registration for this program is necessary given that we have quite a number of children who registered earlier this year and who are no longer participating in the program.

As it is important to have our records updated and correct. All parents who have children currently involved in the Active After Schools Program are asked to re-register by completing the form at the end of the newsletter.

*If any of you have children who are not registered and who would like to join the program, then likewise complete the form and return to school by Wednesday.*

Active After Schools Communities is an Australian Government initiative and involves supervised games and activities for primary age students. It is held at Saint Patrick's on Mondays and Wednesdays between 4.00pm and 5.00pm. A healthy afternoon tea is provided for the children before commencing the activities.

*Speak ill of no one and speak all good of everyone.*

**FIRST EUCHARIST WORKSHOPS** A reminder to parents of children preparing for First Eucharist that the parent/child workshops are to be held this **Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 5.00pm or 6.00pm at the Cathedral.**

**BOARD MEETING** Attention to all Board members: The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday August 14<sup>th</sup> at 5.30pm** in the staff room.

## CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who received the Principal's award for Confidence:

Dustin C, Taylah D, Sarah M, Raithen H and Claire V.

Also class awards to:

Prep:	Kade H for consistently finishing his work on time. Keep it up!
Year 1:	Joy S for great improvement in spelling. Mrs Flanagan for consideration towards a freezing Mrs Mac.
Year 2:	Tegan H for great enthusiasm with reading.
Year 3:	India D for starting work promptly.
Year 5/6:	Taylor T for enthusiasm for learning and a keen sense of humour. Stephanie R for her contribution to class discussion.

**BOOK FAIR** Book week commences in just two weeks on August 20<sup>th</sup>. As part of this year's celebrations, librarian Sharon is organizing a book fair. She will have a variety of children's books available for sale in the library throughout the week. More information next newsletter.

***The annual dress up day for book week will be held on Wednesday August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9.00am.***

For those of you who are new to the school, this is a day when children (and teachers) are invited to come to school dressed as a book character.

The children assemble in their class groups and parade before the rest of the school.

The parade is in no way competitive - costumes need only be something very simple. The exercise is simply a lot of fun for the children and a way for students to become familiar with children's literature and to develop a love of reading.

*As it is gymnastics day, children will need to bring sports uniforms to change into after the parade.*

Parents most welcome to come and watch.

THE SHAMROCK

**SPORTS UNIFORM DAYS** For this term sports uniforms are to be worn on Mondays for P.E. and on Wednesdays for gymnastics. All grades will be having PE on Mondays this term.

**THANKYOU** Sincere thanks to Neil Bristow for maintenance work to the school fence. Also to all Mums who assisted with the Briagolong Kinder visit. Our visitors were made most welcome and enjoyed the delicious morning tea.

**LAWN MOWING ROSTER**

July 28<sup>th</sup> – August 17<sup>th</sup>: Caffrey and Boyd families.

**SCHOOL CONCERT**

Please find attached to today's newsletter, Student's Costume Requirements for the relevant characters. Any queries please contact Anya Bartle.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO  
Alexandra T & Paige F.**

**VALUE OF THE WEEK**

This week's value is peacefulness. Children will learn that peacefulness is an inner sense of calm. It comes especially in moments of quietness. Peacefulness and calmness are ways of approaching conflict with others and themselves so that no-one is made wrong. It helps create positive interactions with others.

Best wishes

*Jeanette Duggan*

**Active After-school Community Program  
–Re- Registration Form  
(To be completed for All current  
participants and prospective participants)**

I would like my son(s) daughter(s) \_\_\_\_\_

to participate in the A.A.S.C program.

Mondays

Wednesdays

Parent/Guardian (full name) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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