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Newsletter—Week 3 of Term 3, August 7th 2025

Saint Mary MacKillop said,
“Never See a Need Without Doing Something About It!”

At St Joseph's We: Need to have a **Positive Attitude**

Need to be **Aware** and Need to Take **Action**.

Our next fortnight's Triple A Social Skill is Excellence

Our focus within the three areas are as follows

Attitude : Try your best

Awareness : Show resilience in your attempts, even when it's hard

Action : Be determined, always have a go and do your best

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Lots of wonderful achievements and events going on to keep us up and about as we work our way through Winter. Thanks to our staff for their on-going commitment and willingness to do the extra things that is “The St Joeys Way”.

Well done to our families who were involved in the Grandparents and Elders Parish Mass on Sunday 27th July. It was a great celebration lead by Fr Jophin.



Saint Mary MacKillop Feast Day Tomorrow Friday August 8

9:15am Mass & Awards MacKillop Centre

11.30am “Let Your Light Shine”

1pm Free Sausage Sizzle and Drink
Canteen window only



Wednesday, August 13 – PUPIL FREE DAY



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Congratulations to our **Lions Club Public Speakers** who will represent our school and zone proudly on Sunday 10th August. Good luck to Caylee Rawson & Emma Reade!

Finally, well done to the vast majority of families who attended our Parent / Teacher Catch Ups last week. It is an excellent way to make sure we are all on the same page going into the second half year.

Best Wishes

Dom Izzard

Dates To Remember

Fri 8 Aug	St Mary Mackillop Feast day
Sun 10 Aug	Public Speaking Final 2pm Numurkah Senior Citizens
Wed 13 Aug	Pupil Free Day (no Students)

Afternoon Assembly : Monday at 2:45

Yr 6 Leaders & Class Prayer

Aug 11 : Everly & Peyton & Jae; Mid A & AA

August 18 : Axel, Phoebe & Kael; Mid B & MB

All Welcome!

Office News

SCHOOL FEES:

If any family would like to commence having their fees directly debited fortnightly or monthly this can be done at any time!

Next Fortnightly Debits: 15th & 29th August.

Monthly Debits 18th of each month.

If you have unexpected circumstances for the fortnight or month and need to stop a Direct Debit please note they are processed two days before the due date and so you will need to contact us prior to that, to put a stop on them.

EFTPOS and CENTREPAY are now a payment option. Please enquire at the office.

If you have any queries or concerns about your payment commitments, please do not hesitate to come in and speak to Paul. If you are wanting to amend your payment options, please do so ASAP.

The Term Planner can be viewed from the school website under news & events \ newsletters

If you have any queries, please ring Gayle or Donna at the office on 5862 1804

Library - Book Week

Term 3 is Book Week term.

“BOOK AN ADVENTURE” is the theme for Book Week this year.

As part of our celebration of books this term, in library and art, we will be completing activities based on some of the best books written in 2024. We will also be conducting a book fair and book character dress up parade in week 7 of this term. So, if you haven't done so already, now is a good time to start thinking about our book character dress up day and what your child/children will wear to school that day. The involvement of our school community, on this day, never ceases to amaze me!

On Wednesday 27th August we will also have a whole school incursion titled Mime-O-Rama. This is a world class theatrical experience designed to broaden the mind and show that language is only one form of communication.

I will include further details on all our Book Week celebrations in coming newsletters.

Mary

Preps

It is hard to believe that our students are already working through Week 3 of Term 3! The students have settled back into our living and learning routines well and we are excited by the opportunities this term will provide.

100 Days at School

What a fantastic day we had celebrating 100 days of school! Our prep children came dressed as 100-year-olds, and we saw some amazing costumes complete with wrinkles, walking sticks, and plenty of grey hair! The celebrations were full of fun and creativity. The children decorated delicious cookies, made colourful crowns to mark the occasion, and most importantly, enjoyed sharing a special lunch with their family and friends. A big thank you to all the parents and caregivers for your wonderful support. The children had an amazing day filled with laughter, learning, and lots of memories!



Literacy

In Reading, the students have been working hard to build stamina as they now know how to sound out and decode new and challenging words. It is great to see our students improving their confidence as they are developing a self awareness of being able to read for meaning and enjoyment. This has been supported through our daily InitialLit sessions.

In Writing, the students have been learning how to structure and extend simple sentences by including the When, Who, What and Where. We are encouraging our students to develop their own ideas by thinking about “who” their writing is about, “what” events take place”, “when” did the events happen and “where” are the characters. It is wonderful to see the students’ writing really beginning to emerge, improve and grow at this time of the school year.

Numeracy

In Numeracy, our students have been exploring the exciting world of addition and subtraction. They've been using picture stories to help them understand and solve number problems, and engaging in lots of hands-on activities to build their skills. From using counters and blocks to drawing their own math stories, the children have been working hard and having fun while developing a strong understanding of these important concepts.

Religion

In Religion, the students have been learning about ‘Our Church.’ They have developed their understanding of belonging as it relates to family, school, community and parish. We have identified the Church as a community of people who come together to celebrate faith and discussed that when we celebrate as a Church community, we feel like family.

Inquiry

In Inquiry, the children have been learning about living and nonliving things. The children have been exploring the difference and discussing the difference between needs and wants.

With a busy term ahead please ensure you check SeeSaw regularly for any upcoming events and/or general information.

Thank you for your continued support,
The Prep Team.

Juniors

Term 3 is already flying by. The children have all returned very settled and eager to continue living and learning together. We have some exciting things happening this term and we look forward to enjoying them together.

We have some changes around our Junior West Team. Clara Lukies is on placement for her teaching degree weeks 2-6, so Ally Kiesskalt has moved into Junior West. Also to replace Jane who left us at the end of Term 2, we welcome Jordyn Commadeur to the Junior West Team.

In Junior East we have Shay and Shannon continuing as LSO's.

Seesaw

If you are not connected to your child's Seesaw account, please contact your child's teacher. This is where we will be sending a weekly schedule and updates on our learning.

InitialLit

We have jumped straight back into our Year 1 and Year 2 InitialLit lessons.

Year 1 students have been doing a review of our 'bossy e' words and learning about the suffix 'ed' meaning past tense. We continue daily reviews of our previously taught sounds and tricky words. This week Year 1 students will be getting a keyring of tricky words, that we will add to as we learn new ones. We encourage students to practice reading and spelling these words.

Year 2 students have been learning about the silent letter spellings such as 'b' in thumb, 'k' in knee and 'w' in wrap. The current comprehension strategy is inferring with students using clues in the text and what they already know to infer the meaning of words in a text.



Last week some of the Juniors had the opportunity to do free writing outside in the sunshine. It was a great inspiration, and students loved sharing their stories when we got back inside. Lucky they were made up as we had quite a few dragons come and breathe fire on the oval.



Numeracy

In the first 2 weeks of this term, we explored 2D and 3D shapes. Students loved getting their hands on shapes and some of the fun activities involving creating and building with different shapes. We now move onto a focus of multiplication and division for 4 weeks. The learning intentions for multiplication and division are around helping students understand and represent equal grouping and sharing situations using physical and visual materials.



Religion

Our first Religion topic for this term is 'Jesus' Story'. Students will learn about Jesus from the four Gospels. They will begin to understand that he is important in our lives today as the one who shows us the way. As an introduction to the unit, we have been exploring the idea of stories and understanding their importance. Students have been recalling some stories from their own lives.

Inquiry

We believe Inquiry is the most popular topic this term with our focus around Science. As it is such a broad topic, we will begin our term looking at Chemical Science and then finish the second half of the term exploring biological science. We are very excited that as part of the biological science aspect we will be going to the Kyabram Fauna Park to work with zookeepers and see some real-life animals.

To start our fun unit of science, we learned about the different types of scientists and students got to design their own scientist stating what type they would like to be. Amongst us we have biologists, zoologists, paleontologists, marine biologists, computer scientists and astronomers.

Check out some of our cool mad scientists next time you are in the classrooms.





Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

Thank you to all the families who attended the PTS conferences last Tuesday. It was great to speak to you all about the achievements of your children. For anyone who couldn't make a time that night, please feel free to contact your child's classroom teacher if you wish to make another time.

Specialists

Students have specialist classes on **Wednesdays**. The children need to continue to wear their **sports uniform** every Wednesday and Friday. They also need to bring their Library bag each Wednesday.

Weeks 2-6 (Wednesday)

Junior East: LOTE/ART

Junior West: PE/LIBRARY

Weeks 2-6 (Thursday)

Junior West: MUSIC

Weeks 2-6 (Friday)

Junior East: PE



Please send us a message on SeeSaw if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child. If it is a timely notice, please contact the front office as teachers do not always check Seesaw throughout the day. Makayla, Sara, James, Andrew, Jo, Shay, Shannon, Ally, Jordyn

Middles

As we push through the winter grind and look ahead to the promise of spring, it's been wonderful to see students continuing to uphold our strong routines and high expectations, both in their learning and how they treat one another. The positive energy across the middle years has been fantastic.

Tomorrow, we are excited to celebrate the **Feast Day of Saint Mary MacKillop**, with our Middle students playing a key role in the morning Mass and many participating in the **"Let Your Light Shine"** performances in the afternoon. It's shaping up to be a special day of faith, celebration and student leadership.

In **Literacy**, we are currently exploring the novel *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. This captivating story follows a mysterious metal giant who appears in the countryside, causing confusion and fear before ultimately becoming a hero. Alongside this, students are writing **information reports** about iron, linking literacy with our science and inquiry learning. This unit will wrap up at the end of Week 5, after which we will begin reading the timeless classic *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White. Students will learn the key features of a narrative and focus on planning, composing, and publishing high-quality stories of their own.

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Our **Inquiry focus** this term is geography, from local to global. Students are developing their understanding of Australia's place in the world, as well as the diverse countries and cultures we are connected to. In **Religious Education**, we are exploring **Jesus' parables** and the powerful life lessons they offer. Students have been sharing thoughtful reflections and are beginning to see how these stories can shape their own lives and values.



We're also continuing to focus on the **little things that make our school great**, including taking pride in wearing the correct school uniform. A reminder:

- **Middle North** students wear their sports uniform on **Wednesdays only**
- **Middle South** students wear theirs on **Fridays only**

We're looking forward to **hosting Assembly this coming Monday**. Middle North will be leading, and every student has a part to play, we'd love to see families there supporting them.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or simply want to connect about your child's progress or schedule, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher. Don't forget to check your Seesaw notifications every **Friday** for our weekly updates.

Warm regards,

The Middles Team

Seniors

Extra Curricular

The Senior School has had a busy and productive start to Term 3. The school's initiative to have groups of students help out at St Vincents De Paul and be involved in Meals on Wheels continues this term. We also have some students competing in a Mathematics Competition this week as well as the Mary MacKillop Feast on Friday. Rehearsals to fine tune our actors and singers for the School Production are well underway and the enthusiasm of the students involved is heartening. Preparation and training for the Lightning Premiership, to be held in Yarrawonga, will begin this week.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

All Senior School Teachers spoke positively about last week's Parent/Teachers Interviews. We continue to be grateful for the support we receive from parents and carers.

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Mathematics

In Mathematics, we have just completed a Unit on Fractions. It is pleasing to report all students improved from the Pre Unit Test to the Post Unit Test. Angles are the focus for our next Unit and Lessons involving Angles and using Protractors begins this week.

Literacy

In Literacy we are studying the book "Tom Appelby Boy Convict." The book follows the life of an 8 year old Orphan living during the Industrial Revolution in England in the mid-1700s and his life, initially in London, to being transported to Australia as a convict.

Inquiry

In Inquiry we are currently studying a topic we have called "Paddock to Plate." This topic is mainly about foods grown in our region and how they eventually end up on ours, and others, plates.

General

All teachers and LSOs, in the Senior School are impressed with the way the students have quickly got back into routine and have applied themselves to every activity conducted.

Senior School Staff.

Adam, Jordy, Caitlin, Jody, Trev, Sam, Karlene and James.



Year 6 students have the opportunity to Volunteer with Meals on Wheels and at Vinnies



Vinnies Winter Sleep Out



On Friday 23 August 2024 the Year 6 students will be taking up the challenge to sleep rough to raise money for St Vincent De Paul. The challenge is to sleep in the cold, with only a sleeping bag and cardboard box for a night.

To support, please donate online using the QR Code and click "Give Now". Any small amount helps. Thanks for your support in advance.

Year 6 Students



PLEASE USE QR CODE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE

Student of the Week

Sen S **Stryder Voigt**

For his fantastic start to Term 3. You are an outstanding IT guru in our classroom, and I love how you are happy to accept responsibility. Great work Stryder!

Lily Frederickson

For her brilliant have-a-go attitude and perseverance during our Fractions Unit. Way to go Lily, you should be so proud!

Sen S/P **Myah Shelton**

For always bringing her best self to class - both academically and socially. You are a fantastic example of someone who always tries their best and sees the good in everyone. Thanks for being such an awesome member of our class!

Matilda Ireland

For settling back into the school routines so well after her big trip away. It's great to have you back! Well done,

Sen T/H **Nathanael Hubbard**

For your enthusiastic and conscientious attitude towards your work. Your insight during our novel study about Tom Appleby has been much appreciated.

Carter Booth

You are flying Carter! So proud of the positive changes you have made in the classroom this term. Keep it up.

Sen M **Ryan Feltham**

For the extra effort he has been putting into his schoolwork. Ryan is contributing to class discussions, extending his Mathematical skills and improving immensely in Literacy.

Keep up the great work, Ryan.

Jae Ponting

For the extra effort he has been putting into Mathematics in his group. Jae has been getting some great results and contributed well to his group. Well done, Jae

Mid A **Evie Teasdale**

For making excellent learning choices and always having a go and giving it her best. Well done Evie!

Oliver Mason

For displaying all of our Triple A values every day. You always try your best and treat others the way you want to be treated. Well done!

Mid AA **Acalia Ponting**

For working independently during literacy tasks and taking more risks with your learning. Well done, Acalia.

Ben Hubbard

For always trying his best and making great learning choices. You are being a responsible leader. Well done Ben!

Mid B **Jack Glass**

For being a true Mary MacKillop person. Keep up the amazing work Jack!

Jack Hicks – For his effort in the Chill Skills Program today and having a go to do his best, well done Jack!

Mid MB **Mac Dietrich**

For settling into life in our Middle area at St Joseph's so well. Keep up the great work!

Skylar Wilson: For always giving all learning tasks a go with a positive attitude and doing your best. Keep up the great work, Skylar!

Jun O **Willow Kelly**

For her positive start to Term 3. It is great to see you joining in and happy at school.

Evie Dietrich

For the way she has settled into living and learning at St Joseph's. You have a beautiful big smile! Welcome!

Jun W **Darcy Trimby**

For being a kind and respectful member of our classroom and displaying wonderful leadership qualities. Well done Darcy

Charlie Kane

For being an excellent contributor to our class discussions and sharing your wonderful general knowledge. Thank you Charlie!

Jun P **Macie Collier**

For demonstrating a terrific attitude during InitiaLit. You are always setting the standard for others Macie. Keep it up!

Lily Baker

For consistently displaying our Triple A Values. You regularly treat others with kindness and compassion. You are a star, Lily!

Jun S **Thomas Simmons**

For settling back into the school routine wonderfully, showing a positive attitude, and setting the standard for others. Keep up the amazing work Tommy!

Charlie Vidler

Congratulations, for your fantastic efforts to listen carefully during class and having a go at learning tasks. Keep up the great work!

Prep N **Jordyn Rossiter**

For having a wonderful start to the term. Well done for starting the day with such a positive attitude and always trying your best. Keep it up!



AJ

For being a kind friend to his peers and always trying his best in class. Well done AJ, keep it up!

Prep M Jaxon Hoiles

For completing high quality work during our learning times. Jaxson the way you have started the term has been spectacular. Keep up the great work!

Levi Lewis

For your incredible 100 days of school costume. You looked great Levi you really pulled off being 100 years old.

Prep KA Ryan Green

For always working hard during maths. It is wonderful to see you enjoying math sessions and sharing your knowledge with others! Well done, Ryan!

Idah Harbor

For her wonderful sentence writing during InitiaLit time. Keep it up Idah!

Triple A Social Skill Award

*The Triple A Social Skill is awarded to students in each area who display excellence in the Triple A Social Skill that we focus on each week. At St Joseph's we need to have a positive **Attitude**, need to have **Awareness** & need to take **Action**.*

The GEM award is part of our Resilience Project – Gratitude, Empathy & Mindfulness. We will alternate between the two awards.

Congratulations to the following students who received this social skill award in Week 2:

Sportmanship: Harry Hicks, Eli Richardson, Lewis Robertson and Patrick Edis

Congratulations to the following students who received this GEM award in Week 3:

Haddie Morrison, Gigi Sargent, August Alston and Blaze Schulz.



Principal's Award

Term 3

Week 2: Indi Rodda

Week 3: Sophia McPherson

***Living out the values of
Saint Mary MacKillop
through what they say and what they do***



Canteen

August

8th **Volunteer**

11th CLOSED

12th CLOSED

13th Lee Swann

14th Helen Osborne

15th Sal Sidebottom

18th CLOSED

19th CLOSED

20th **Volunteer**

21st Gayle Morgan

22nd **Volunteer**

25th CLOSED

26th CLOSED

27th **Volunteer**

28th Rachel Hitchcock

29th **Volunteer**

If you are unable to attend on your day, can you please arrange a swap with someone else or as a last resort let Crystal & Sherrin know in advance, so they are aware that they have no helper that day. If you are unable to commit to a permanent day each month but are available to help out when you see a volunteer required, please call contact the office.