



NEWSLETTER

Our Lady of the Rosary School, Kellyville

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings!

In these "Mary MacKillop times" I thought I would offer some reflections on her legacy in our diocese.

If you went to a catholic school in western Sydney there is a good chance that it was founded by The Sisters of St. Joseph or was staffed by them at some point.

Some interesting Josephite / Mary MacKillop facts include:

- The Sisters of St. Joseph founded St. Nicholas of Myra School in Penrith and Our Lady of the Rosary School St. Mary's in 1880.
- Since that time the sisters opened and operated 18 schools in the Diocese of Parramatta.
- If you add the years together that the sisters were operating these schools the total is over 600. I wonder what it would be if you added the years of service of the individual sisters?
- Mary MacKillop's desire was to serve Christ through service to the poor.
- Mary MacKillop's personal motto was "Never see a need without doing something about it."

Never see a need without doing something about it is a challenging goal. I know that I walk past many opportunities to do something. There always seem to be so many needs, however, history shows us that Mary MacKillop responded in very dramatic ways.

The legacy of her work in our diocese is staggering let alone the combined effect of her work across Australia, New Zealand, East Timor and other places around the world.

Have you had a chance to check out the Not for Sale website? Here is the link in case you want to have a look.

<http://www.notforsalecampaign.org/>

This campaign (like so many others) is a chance to respond like Mary MacKillop; **Never see a need without doing something about it.**

Our stage 3 sleepover in a week or so is another attempt to follow Mary MacKillop's lead. I know that there is a lot of preparation taking place for this and we wish them well.



Best wishes for the week ahead.

John Spradbrow

Principal

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Mon9-Fri 13 Aug Book Fair
- Fri 13 August ZONE Athletics
- Tues 14 Sept Kindergarten Social Morning for 2011 Enrolments
- Fri 17 Sept Grandparents Day



RELIGIOUS REFLECTION

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION – August 15th 2010

Based on the Gospel – Luke 1: 39-56

The Feast of the Assumption falls on a Sunday so we are celebrating Mary's Assumption, i.e. her 'taking up' or home-coming to God at the end of her earthly life.

The Church has never made a declaration on whether Mary died or was simply assumed into heaven. When Pope Pius XII defined Mary's

Assumption as an infallible teaching, he deliberately avoided this question by calling it "a dogma revealed by God that the Immaculate Mother of God, Mary ever Virgin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven."

The Assumption is not found in the Gospels. The early Church developed this understanding as it reflected on Mary's life and story in the Gospels, and came to recognize her greatness. In 1950, when the doctrine was declared, the world had experienced terrible wars and massive destruction of human life so Pope Pius XII wanted to restore dignity to the human body. In the Creed, we profess our belief in Christ's Resurrection, and we also say we believe in the resurrection of the body, i.e. our own. This

doctrine declares that Mary is already "body and soul" with Christ, as we too hope one day to be. Our resurrected bodies, like hers, are worthy to be with God.

This Sunday's Gospel shows how Mary's life was a journey of faith. Concerns for Elizabeth sends Mary into the hill country to be with her. Elizabeth intuitively realizes Mary's important role in God's redemptive plan and cries out with joy.

Nikki Callan (REC)



ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Chess - Apologies

Last week I mentioned that several students participated in a chess competition at Penrith, however I failed to mention Jessica Martinuzzo as one of the competitors on the day. As the only female competitor her efforts along with the others was excellent.



Debating

On Friday OLOR debated the topic "That Farms are More Important than Rainforests" against Winston Heights Public School. The students that participated in this debate were Mitchell Shorrock, Georgia Couter, Eamon Dunphy, Olivia Borg, Leeara Griffith, Nicholas Aspinall, Arabella Magno, Isabella Gebrael and Emma Algeri. Although our affirmative team were not successful, the negative team won the round at School. These students put a lot of effort into preparing their debates, both out of school hours and at lunch time. I am so proud of their efforts and dedication. We have two more debates this term. The next debate is on the 20th August and we are debating the topic **THAT WE SHOULD ALWAYS TELL THE TRUTH** against St Paul the Apostle.

School Fee Reminder

Thank you to all the families that have paid their fees for Term 3 2010. A reminder that Term 3 school fees are due by 20 August 2010. It would be appreciated if you could please forward payment by this date.

On Line Science Challenge



This Friday 13th August, Year 5/6 On-Line Science Challenge Students will be completing the next experiment. This weeks experiment is about RISING SEA LEVELS. It is a good idea to read about what you will be doing on Friday so that you have some background knowledge about the topic. You can do this by visiting www.giantclassroom.com.au and log in to check out the experiment and then go to www.enrichmentworld.wikispaces.com before the day and check out the websites that are there about the topic. It is important that students wait with their parents at the gate until either Mrs DelVecchio or Mrs Couter come to collect them. If there are any year 3/4 students that missed out last Friday - you can go to this session. Make sure that you complete the questions about the experiment you have completed as soon as you can.

UNSW MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

The UNSW Mathematics competition will be held on Tuesday 17th August for those students who have expressed interest earlier in the year.

If any student is interested in practicing for the Maths Competition using past papers, they can come and see me and I will give them a copy of them. Please do not write in the booklets and return them to me when you are finished so that they can be used in the future.



Writing Competition

Three students in Grade 6—Eamon Dunphy, Sarah Findlay and Georgia Couter entered a writing competition at the end of last term. All three entries were great, however I would like to congratulate Eamon Dunphy as he won third place in the competition.

Thank You

Joanna DelVecchio



Dear Parents

Please note that the Kindergarten Social Morning for 2011 enrolments is to be held on **TUESDAY 14 September at 9.15- 10.45am.**

SPORTS SPECTACULAR



Good luck to our 41 athletes competing at Zone Athletics at Blacktown this Friday, 13th August.

Emma Algeri	Jayden Arnold	Phillip Banno	Paolo Bonnani	Bronte Bow
Chloe Bromage	Aaron Creagh	Tommaso De Battista		Kyle Ekstrom
Tiarne Ekstrom	Samantha Field	Tayla Fraser	Nicole Gough	Dahlia Haddad
Harrison Johnston	Michaela Joseph		Olivia Kalocsai	Joshua Littlefield
Sophie Martin	Emily Mooney	Aidan Noor	Ryan Papenhuyzen	
Georgia Quick	William Quick	Andrew Rimac	Jared Roberts	Joshua Roberts
Emily Rozic	Kaitlyn Rozic	Carley Russell	Tahlia Silcock	Luke Smith
Daniel Topic	Marisa Varrica	Christopher Watters	Kaan Yenigun	
Christian Meli	Tim Hyde	Sean Du-Crest	Maddison Gilmour	Emily Apap

AUSKICK POSTPONED

AUSKICK will not be commencing until Week 5 due to the wet grounds at OLOR. However, the program will still be running for 6 weeks as advertised.



SPRING IS ALMOST HERE!



Are you ready for a spring clean? Is your trash someone else's treasure? We need all OLOR Families to start putting aside their preloved items (books, kitchen items, toys etc) for our **White Elephant** stall at this year's fair. A collection date will be published in the newsletter in the next few weeks.

Do you own your own business?

Or maybe you work for a business. If so - you may be able to help! The major raffle for the Family Fair is in desperate need of a major prize or cash sponsorship to purchase a major prize. If you are able to help please contact Margaret Campbell on 0412 606 938 or Celia Pace on 0423058803 by 13 August 2010

GENERAL NEWS

Catholic School Parents Forum: Learning for today's world

Wednesday 1 September 2010 7.00 pm for 7.30pm - 9.00pm (Tea and coffee served on arrival) Holy Spirit Primary, 7 Todd Row, St Clair Q & A panel-style format. Panel includes executive director of schools, Greg Whitby, a principal, teacher and parent from the Parramatta Diocese and educators from outside the diocese.

Topics

- What does contemporary learning and teaching look like?
- How can personalising student learning cater to the diverse needs of all students?
- How does teacher collaboration improve teacher quality?
- How does contemporary learning impact on the learning environment? (e.g. need for flexible learning spaces, acoustics, classroom management, etc)?
- Does the educational research support this approach?

RSVP and submit a question online by 25 August via www.parra.catholic.edu.au

The panel facilitator will select a range of questions in each topic area for the panel to respond to and, time-permitting, questions from the floor will also be accepted. Any unanswered questions on the website will be responded to following the panel.

PARISH INFORMATION



Vinnies Doorknock Appeal: 21-22 & 28-29 August

Volunteers are needed for 3 hours to collect donations for this year's appeal. It is a great way of having fun, exercising and meeting people in your area while collecting money for a good cause. To register please call (02) 9689 1900.

Retreat with Fr Robert Stewart OFM Cap: 11 September

The Kellyville Maximilian Kolbe Fraternity is hosting a one-day retreat from 9am-4.30pm (including Mass). Maximilian Kolbe House, 8 Greyfriars Place, Kellyville. BYO plate – shared lunch. All welcome to attend. Inquiries: Anthony Saliba 0405 155 001 / Mary Clare Meney 0437 781 464.

Theology on Tap with Bishop Anthony: 6 September

Bishop Anthony Fisher OP, Bishop of Parramatta, will be the guest speaker at the next Theology on Tap (TOT). Starts 6.30pm at PJ Gallagher's Irish Pub, 74 Church Street, Parramatta. TOT is for young adults 18-35. PJ Gallagher's Irish Pubs have generously offered to sponsor 1 TOT join a World Youth Day Madrid 2011 pilgrimage priced at \$3,590. To be in the running you must fill out a raffle ticket at a TOT event between July & November 2010. Tickets are FREE!

