



KEY DATES

**Celebration of the Sacrament
Reconciliation**

12 Aug

Year 8 Camp

12 - 14 Aug

Mary MacKillop Feast Day Liturgy

14 Aug

National Science Week

17-21 Aug

Year 12 Seminar Day

19 Aug

Year 5 Camp

20 - 21 Aug

Year 9 Camp

20 - 21 Aug

SAPSASA District Athletics

21 Aug

School Photos

24-25 Aug

Year 10 Trek

26 - 28 Aug

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Principal's Message

Mary 'of the Cross' MacKillop

On 8th August each year we celebrate the Feast Day of St Mary MacKillop. It is a special day for our school community. It is a significant day because it marks the day that Mary MacKillop passed away in Sydney in 1909. She lived an incredible life and was committed to helping others. Our school community is blessed to be part of St Mary MacKillop's wonderful story. On the 10th anniversary of her becoming Australia's first saint, we are happy to continue her legacy of the Josephite tradition.

Unfortunately, we had to postpone our Liturgy and activities today for Mary MacKillop's Feast Day. The weather proved to be cold and wet and was not conducive to having students out in the elements. The celebrations have been rescheduled for next Friday 14th August. Nonetheless, we continue to be grateful for the gift of St Mary 'of the Cross' MacKillop, who remains a constant source of inspiration for our college.

Ever generous God, You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop to live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and be constant in bringing hope and encouragement to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy. We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage, trust and openness. We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.



New Bishop - Bishop-Elect Karol Kulczycki SDS

We were excited to hear about the recent announcement from Pope Francis about the appointment of a new Bishop for our Diocese. Fr Karol Kulczycki SDS will become the 12th Bishop of Port Pirie. He is currently in Poland, so it is not yet known when he will arrive in Australia. Until such time we will continue to pray and give thanks for Bishop Greg O'Kelly's leadership and look forward to Fr Karol joining our faith community.

First Reconciliation

Next Wednesday night a number of students from Year 3 will receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. This will be a significant and important step in their faith journey. These Year 3 students will experience God's love and forgiveness for the first time through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. May our prayers be with them for this special sacramental moment.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

The College was abuzz on Monday and Wednesday evening this week as parents participated in Parent/Teacher Interviews. These important meetings are a great opportunity to learn about the progress of your child and to build on the important relationship that must exist between 'home' and 'school'. I thank the families who were able to meet with teachers for these important conversations about learning and wellbeing. Please know that teachers always welcome the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and achievements at school, so if you were unable to meet with your child's teacher this week you can always contact them to make another time.

Damian Smith, Principal

Student Learning & Wellbeing

Year 10 BELS First Aid Training

As part of their curriculum, the Year 10 class recently undertook BELS First Aid Training. Due to the nature of Trek, it is a requirement that all students attend and complete the training. However, all Year 10 students undertook the training to prepare them for Work Experience next year. They are now ready to administer First Aid wherever or whenever it might be needed.



Year 9 Design & Technology

The Year 9 students have been designing and producing a metal base bar/workshop stool. They had to find examples of metal stools and then sketch up their own design and build it with pine and rectangular steel. They have done a fantastic job.



Reception Gold

Reception Gold students are learning about long and short. They had a lot of fun using the playdough to make long snakes and short snakes.



R-4 Junior Josephites

R-4 Junior Josephites have started exploring the purpose of 'R U OK?' Day which is later this term. In the coming weeks the students will find some pop up displays encouraging themes of how to be nice to each other, questions to ask our friends and what we can do to help.



SSSSA Netball Carnival

On Tuesday 6 teams of Netballers travelled to Whyalla to compete in the SSSSA competition. It was a great day making 3 out of the 4 grand finals held on the day, unfortunately after close games they couldn't take the wins. A special mention to our helpers on the day Erin Heron & Michelle Heritage and student volunteers Lauren, Annika, Meg H, April and Meg G.

Pool A Open 2nd Pool B Open 2nd, 3rd and 4th
Pool A 8/9 2nd Pool B 8/9 4th



SAPSASA Girls Netball

Last Friday our Years 5, 6 and 7 girls represented Caritas College at the SAPSASA Girls Netball Carnival. The weather ensured that it was a great day with two of our divisions making both the semi final and the grand final respectively. Thank you to everyone who participated in a great competition, and to our volunteers who came and helped on the day, Venessa Blinman, Di Humphrys and Selina Ashton.



Year 12 Retreat

During Term 2 the Year 12's climbed aboard the big bus and made their way to the Pichi Richi Campsite, where they spent the day in reflection. The day provided students with a unique opportunity to refresh and regroup during a very busy time of the year, whilst also engaging them in a number of reflective activities centred on 'Our Call to Love'. During the evening, Father Khalid and Father Jim lead the group in a beautifully reflective Eucharist celebration before dinner, followed by an op-shop fashion parade and a quiz night. The students participated with eagerness and enthusiasm and were rewarded with a truly memorable and profound experience.

