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Prayer

Compassionate God fill our hearts with love deep enough to walk in the shoes of those who have known hardship in their lives. Like Mary MacKillop may we reach out to those who are struggling in our community. St Mary of the Cross, serving with compassion, pray for us.

Amen

Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Saturday, 8th August marks the anniversary of Mary MacKillop’s death in 1909. As a School established by Mary and the Sisters of St Joseph, we are part of the wider Josephite community who are challenged today to continue to live out her vision. Working with Fr Julian Tenison Woods and inspired by St Joseph, Mary endeavoured to help those in the greatest of need in our society - often the forgotten and unloved. Her qualities of compassion, hospitality, generosity and her passion for justice make her an inspiration for many. Celebrations and prayers this week have helped remind us of the privilege of being part of such a special Josephite family, and remind us to follow in the footsteps of Australia’s first Saint, and “never see a need without doing something about it.”

Mary MacKillop Mass and Awards

Tomorrow the whole school will celebrate Mass in the Church at 9.30am to celebrate the life and vision of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. We are thrilled to have Sr Joan Barry back with us again to celebrate this Mass and present the Mary MacKillop Awards on behalf of the Puglisi Family.

In memory of Jenny Puglisi, a dedicated and tireless worker for the students of St Joseph’s School, a male and female student from F-2/3-6/7-8/9-10-12 are awarded these prestigious awards.

These awards recognise students who exhibit qualities such as:

- dedication and application to learning:
  - they have achieved excellence by achieving their personal best
  - where they have demonstrated the ability to be creative in their learning and to use their initiative
  - where they have shown a real dedication and perseverance to ensure they learn
  - participating in their learning by contributing to class and to the learning of others

living Gospel values and acting for the good of others and the environment.

We look forward to congratulating these students in a future Newsletter.

What Our Students Say ...

Re: ‘Seussical The Musical’

“Seussical the Musical is a story that follows the life of a little imaginative boy. Together with the Cat in the Hat they create mischief and eventually ….”

Well, you’ll have to buy tickets to see how this story finishes!

Aisha Pajic
Year 9

School Photograph envelopes have been sent home today. Please keep them safe.
Term 3 is well and truly underway and the holidays are a distant memory. Life at St Joe’s continues with each new day bringing exciting learning opportunities for our students.

This week we have been involved in our annual JJAMM week activities. Tomorrow the week will conclude with Sr Joan Barry presenting the Mary Mackillop awards at the conclusion of Mass. This will be followed by the Walkathon and the Unfair Day activities. A joyful day at the end of a week of celebrating the history and heritage of St Joseph’s School.

‘Find happiness in making others happy’.
(Mary MacKillop, 1889)

‘Seussical The Musical’
Next week we are in Musical mode! ‘Seussical The Musical’, has been rehearsed and practised over many months.

Mr Rowe has assured me the performance will be fantastic. Special thanks to staff, students and parents for efforts to ensure the success of the show. If you have not purchased your ticket I would encourage you to do so.

Student Free Day - Friday, 4th September
A reminder that Friday, 4th September, will be a Student Free Day. Staff will be attending their annual Staff Retreat Day at Coffin Bay.

Enrolments
Currently we are experiencing a high number of enrolments. If you know of people intending to send their children to St Joe’s who might not have yet completed an enrolment application could I ask that you encourage them to do so.

Ready4School
Ready4School continues to attract children. These sessions are to prepare students for the school environment. There are four sessions held each term. Please see the School Website for dates.

School Photos
School photos are scheduled for next Tuesday, 18th and Wednesday, 19th August. Please see School photo information Further on in the Newsletter.

Welcome, Amalie!
Last week we welcomed Amalie Straede, our new Rotary Exchange student from Denmark. Amalie has joined the Year 10 cohort in Mr Lambert’s Pastoral Caregroup. Please make Amalie feel welcome.

.... A note from Amalie
Hi! My name is Amalie and I am an exchange student from Denmark. I am 16 years old and right now I am staying with Jessie and Sharlyn White. Back in Denmark I live very close to Copenhagen in a little city called Virum. I am here in Port Lincoln for around 12 months and I am travelling with Rotary. In Denmark I have two younger siblings called Andreas (8 years old) and Johan (13 years old). I also have a dog called Luna. In my spare time I run and do horse riding. I have been in Port Lincoln for a week and I really like it! It is such a beautiful city. And people are so friendly and warm. The biggest different between Denmark and Australia is the people. In Denmark people are more ‘closed’ and you have to make an effort to be friends with them. But once you are friends with them people are very kind! Australians are very open and lovely people and I really like the people here. The weather is not that different right now. Port Lincoln’s winter is like a Danish summer, haha. I am looking very much forward to an amazing year here in Port Lincoln!

Walkathon Friday, 7th August
Please remember to return the Walkathon Consent Form to school to allow your student/s to participate in the Walkathon if you haven’t done so already!

Lego Club
Have you got any spare lego at home?

As another wellbeing initiative to provide lunchtime activities, Mrs Edmonds is starting a Lego club. Students from a range of year levels are looking forward to this and we are seeking donations of Lego, which is no longer required by your children. Any Lego sent in to school for this purpose will be most gratefully received and put to good use!

Seasons for Growth
There has been some interest in running this program which assists children to deal with change and learn some strategies to cope with grief and loss. If you think your child could benefit from participating in a small group with a teacher who has been specially trained in the Seasons for Growth program, please contact Karen Browne at school.
Chinese Delegation Visit
Last week we had 11 students and five teachers from Huanati Experimental School visit St Joseph’s. They were hosted by the staff and students who will be making the trip to China in November this year.

It was a great opportunity to get an insight into the Chinese culture before embarking on their trip and for the Chinese Delegation to experience family life in Australia. The group visited many classrooms and interacted with St Joseph students on many levels (despite the language barrier) - cooking, Geography, gymnastics, watching musical rehearsals and on the playground to name a few. They also had a chance to Swim with the Tuna, visit Glen Forest and attend the Mayoral Reception.

I would like to thank all of the host families, the 14 students going to China and the staff for their support in making it a successful and valuable experience for all involved.

Sally Izzo
Coordinator

Basketball Carnival
On Tuesday this week, 16 students from Years 7 and one Year 6 student, participated in an Interschool Basketball Carnival held at Tumby Bay. The girls’ team included M’Hiret Otto, Marni Clark, Emma Waters, Jorgie Lawrence, Dahna Reidy, Hannah Schlink, Taleah Milton, Victoria Henderson and Meaza Otto.

The girls won all three of their qualifying games. After a convincing win in the semi-final against Cleve, the girls then played Port Lincoln Primary School in the grand final. The girls continued their excellent team work defeating Port Lincoln Primary School 17 to 8 in the Grand Final.

The boys’ team included Wilson McShane, Cooper Perham, Harry Izzo, Scott Howard, Ethan Foster, Jarrod Stolz, Kasper Cummings and Billy Haebich.

The boys too were very competitive, winning two out of their two qualifying matches in the morning. After a loss to the Primary School and Navigator College in the Semi Finals, the boys finished 4th out of nine teams.

It was an excellent day for our students, who played with a great deal of determination and skill. Thanks to Sean Ambrose and Alex Roberts who accompanied us for the day and were the coaches of the boys’ team. Special thanks also to our group of parents who supported our teams throughout the carnival.

Tracy Baldwin
PE Coordinator F - 7

Senior Secondary Subject Selection
The subject selection process for next year’s Year 11 and 12 students is underway, with a SACE Information Night being held last night and subject information for students to be delivered by teachers in coming weeks. Additionally, parents will receive information in writing and can access the Curriculum Handbook on the school website. We encourage you to discuss subject choices and possible future career directions with your child and with the Subject Counsellors. Please note the dates for all information sessions and contact the school with any questions.

Post-School Choices
Next Monday, 10th August, a group of tutors and students from the University of SA will visit to meet with interested Senior Secondary students to discuss careers in Allied Health and Nursing. Any students considering undertaking tertiary qualifications in nursing or physiotherapy, speech pathology, occupational therapy, etc. are encouraged to attend this talk in Lesson 3.

Br Paul Gilchrist from Aquinas College will be visiting on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th August to interview students who have applied to enter Aquinas in 2016. He will also speak with parents and others interested in more information about this residential college for University students. Please contact Karen Browne at school if you would like to make a time to meet with
**St Mary of the Angels**

**Parish Mass Times**

- Saturday 6.00pm
- Sunday 9.00am

**Father Steve Ardill**

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**Parish Roster Term 3, Week 4, 2015**

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Sun fruits are not available at the Canteen at the moment.

Soup: Pumpkin $2.50 per cup  Soup Roll: 80c

*Please use and follow the Term 3 menu and pricelist*

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**Coming Events**

**School Photographs**

**Tuesday, 18th August**
& **Wednesday, 19th August**

On the above dates, Academy Photographers will be taking our 2015 School Photographs in the Church Hall. School Photograph envelopes will be distributed today to students. Each student has their own envelope which must be returned on photo day regardless if photos are being purchased or not. For school purposes, every student will have an individual photograph taken. It is not compulsory to order school photos. Payment can be made online, or enclosed with the envelope. A reminder that credit card payments incur a surcharge ($1.50), which must be added to the price of your order. All cheques must be made out to Academy Photography.

**Family Photo Envelopes**

If you would like your children to have a ‘Family Photo’, envelopes are available from the Front Office. Please have your name recorded at the Front Office when you collect the ‘family envelope’, so we can gauge how many there will be.

Only the full winter academic uniform is to be worn in school photographs - this includes the teal knitted jumper. The PE uniform is not to be worn. To ensure everyone looks their best, please remember to shine shoes the night before if possible, and ensure your children are not wearing non school approved jewellery or hair accessories. Students will be asked to remove these items.

**Book Week Parade - Friday, 28th August**

Theme: ‘Books Light Up Our World’

Book Week is celebrated each year. This annual event highlights the importance of reading, and draws on the joy of stories and creativity of Australian books.

The Book Week parade will be held in the school gym at 10.30am on **Friday, 28th August**.

Students may wish to dress up in the Book Week theme, ‘Books Light Up Our World’, or as a character from a book.

During the week we will be having various activities during lunchtime in the Library for students to be involved in.

Don’t forget the Scholastic Book Fair which will also be running during this week. Please come to our Book Fair in the Library and browse through the display of many interesting books, which you will be able to purchase during that week.

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**Japanese Word of the Week**

お金 おかね  

Okane = money

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‘BankSA Little Saver Offer’

Children aged 12 and under who open a new **Incentive Saver Account** before 30th August, will receive a Royal Adelaide Show child’s ticket by email.

‘Student Freedom Offer’

Students who open a new Complete Freedom Student Account and activate their ATM card before 30th August, will receive a Royal Adelaide Show concession ticket via email, plus $20 in their new account when they get to the show.

‘Earn and Learn’ stickers

Please remember to collect your Woolworths ‘Earn and Learn stickers’, and send them into School or place your stickers in the St Joe’s box in the carpark entrance at Woolworths.

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**Bendigo Bank’s ‘Strengthening Eyre Peninsula Youth Leadership Program’**

Congratulations, Eylish!

Recently, Dianna Smith from Port Lincoln’s Bendigo Bank Community Enterprise Board, congratulated St Joseph’s School Year 11 student, Eylish Hill, on winning a $2,000 scholarship in the ‘Strengthening Eyre Peninsula Youth Leadership Program’. The Port Lincoln Community Bank is committed to investing in local youth and this program gives young people confidence in their strengths, and ensures that they have skills, knowledge and attitude to create a viable, vibrant future for themselves and the communities in which they live. It encourages students to get involved, make a difference, communicate effectively and meet like-hearted peers in and amongst their community.

Year 11 Coordinator at St Joseph’s School, Lain Montgomerie, said, “When I was approached and told about the program I thought it sounded like a fantastic opportunity for our Year 11 students to apply. It is wonderful that Eylish will now be one of the students who will take part in this program and gain many valuable skills.”

After receiving the surprise news from Diana in front of Year 11 and 12 students, Eylish said “I am so shocked but thankful that I have been chosen for this amazing opportunity. I can’t wait to be a part of it”.

**Jade Defies The Odds**

Sixteen year old Jade Calverley from Port Lincoln competed in the multi class competition at the State Short Course Swimming Championships from 16th – 19th July in Adelaide, setting herself a personal goal to achieve qualifying times to be eligible to compete at the National Open Short Course Championships being held at the Sydney Olympic Park in November.

Unfortunately, a niggling wrist injury flared up at the State Short Course Championship whereby Jade had to make the difficult decision to withdraw from three longer distance events. This decision certainly paid off for her though as her overall results reflect excellent times and a medal haul of 7 gold and 1 silver – and most importantly reaching her own goal of qualifying times in three events for National Short Course in 50 Free, 50 Breast and 100 Breaststroke.

A highlight of this meet was when Jade stepped up to the blocks to swim in her first ever 100m Individual Medley event, coming from well behind after her backstroke/butterfly leg to make up amazing time to touch the wall within a millisecond of the first swimmer – a truly motivating swim for the crowd to watch and a testament of Jade’s ability to strive for her goals.

Following on from this competition, Jade received notification from Swimming SA that she now currently holds 10 long course (50 metre) State Records and 10 short course (25 metre) State Records as an S6 competitor.

Jade was born with achondroplasia (short stature) which puts her in the S6 classification for multi class swimming. Whilst this condition can have an effect on many aspects of Jade’s life, it is clear that swimming had not only had a positive influence on her health and wellbeing but has developed into an important part of her life and is something she loves. Jade is also a very busy girl in her local community - she enjoys volunteering with other children with disabilities and mentoring other younger swimmers, and is currently studying Year 11 with a focus on children’s development and education.

In the last few years Jade has had the opportunity to be a part of the Paralympic Youth Development Squad for Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020 which is run by Swimming Australia at the Australian Institute of Sport and has represented her Club and State at a number of State/National competitions. Her tenacity, positive attitude and infectious smile are well recognized at swimming events and within her local community.

Jade is only able to compete at events such as these with the valuable support of a Variety Scholarship and through the South Australian Sports Institute.

Jade is looking forward to the National competition in November as well as beginning Year 12 in 2016, along with other swimming opportunities such as participating in Paralympic trials, the State Open Championships and the Georgina Hope National Age and Australian Age Championships.

Congratulations, Jade.
School Dental Service
Keep your kids smiling. Dental care is FREE for most school children and all preschool children at the School Dental Service. All children aged 0-17 are welcome. To locate your local School Dental Clinic visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au or call us now on 8222 8222.

Come to the Port Lincoln Show!
Sunday 23rd August. Enter the Children’s Sections: Fruit and vegetables, Photography, cut flowers, art, handicrafts, produce, children’s hobbies, flower arrangements, scarecrows. Enter on Saturday, 22nd August between 9am-12pm at the Show Shed. See you there!!! Visit the website to find out more information.

WCYCS Friday Night Sports
WCYCS are holding Friday night sports at the PLHS Gym. Individuals and teams are welcome. The age group is 13 - 17 years of age. Please call WCYCS Youth Programs team on 8683 5040 or Facebook Youth Programs to book before 4pm on Fridays for more details. (All activities are free of charge). Hope to see you there.

Free Drop In Centre
Free Drop In Centre on Thursdays 3.30pm - 5.15pm for 10 - 16 year olds at Youthoria or Blue Shed (behind Youthoria). Video games on the big screen, 8 ball, basketball, air hockey, table tennis and a wide range of games and activities. Supervision by qualified Youth Workers. Contact 8683 5040 or Facebook Youth Programs for more information.

Community News

Boy’s Hockey Update
Our South Australian Hockey Teams are currently competing in Western Australia. The boys are holding their own. Monday they only had one game and lost 2-1 to a tough NSW team. A few first timer nerves to iron out. On Tuesday, they defeated Tassie 5-0, then lost to a very sharp WA team 1-0. This was a real nail biter, as both teams well and truly gave it their all and some contentious umpire decisions made for some animated parents on the sidelines! All in good sportsmanship though.

It’s been an awesome experience for all of us so far - you would think this group of boys have known each other for years. They are a great bunch of kids (and parents) and seem to be really great mates and want to all be together all the time - just fantastic.

A rest day from hockey was had on Wednesday, and an excursion to Fremantle Gaol is also on the agenda. We played ACT, QLD and a very strong VIC team today and also on Friday. We have seen some incredible young talent already. A couple of stand out young boys that I'm sure we'll be hearing about in a few years time wearing green and gold, seriously.

Leah Wiseman
Parent

Staff vs Student Volleyball Match
On Tuesday of JJAMM Week the students challenged the staff to a game of Volleyball. A group of extremely skilled and athletic staff took to the court against a group of students from mixed year levels, in front of a large group of student spectators.

Unfortunately for the students they were soundly defeated in both matches, but terrific efforts from both teams! Last term the staff beat the students in a softball match so if the students are game enough for another challenge, I'm sure they'll be hoping it’s third time lucky and they get a win!!
A belated welcome back to Term 3 to all our students, staff and families and a welcome to any new members to our school family. My last report was pre the March AGM when I was hoping to stir some interest in recruiting new Board members, so I thought I would get a brief report out now.

At the AGM in March, Ms Therese Pedler handed in her resignation as she had decided to complete her Board time. We then welcomed our new members, who were all nominated pre the AGM & due to several vacancies all became 2015/2016 Board members – Mrs Sharmayne Munro, Mrs Sharon Kemp and Mr Mic Thomson. Welcome to you all and thanks for coming on board. We still had a vacancy and continued to be on the look out for other interested candidates.

The next meeting was in May, but was moved forward to accommodate the opportunity for the Board members to contribute to the Catholic Education Office consultation for our new Principal. Unfortunately Mrs Sharmayne Munro and myself, with another new Board member Mrs Ellisa Bayly were the only Board members available to meet with Mr Bruno Vieceli, Sr Josie Huppatz, rsj, along with Fr Steve Ardill, our Deputy Principals and Business Manager. The meeting was primarily a consultation with us, but we also approved the School Sailing trip to Brisbane and for Mrs Sally Izzo to start her planning for the China Bridge project, so plans and arrangements could progress.

At the June meeting we were present in greater numbers, so let me introduce you to your 2015/2016 School Board members –

Fr Steve Ardill, Parish Priest & Board President
Mrs Bernadette Lacey, Principal
Mrs Karen Browne, Deputy Principal and Minute taker
Mr Paul Lands, Acting Deputy Principal
Mr Luke Yancic, Business Manager
Sr Catherine Clark, rsj, Josephite Sister
Mrs Jess Treasure, Staff Representative
Mrs Gabby Rusden, Chairperson and St Mary of the Angels Parish Council Representative
Mrs Monica Woods, Vice Chairperson
Mr Peter Hurrell
Mrs Sharmayne Munro
Mrs Sharon Kemp
Mr Mic Thomson
Mrs Ellisa Bayly

Thank you to all the parents who have taken up the mantle to join the board and welcome.

At the June meeting we also spent time looking at and discussing the Continuous Improvement Framework for Catholic Schools, through small groups, just as the staff and some students had done in previous days.

Recently, in my role as Chairperson, I was able to be present for the Official Opening and Blessing of the Sr Joan Barry rsj Outdoor Learning Space; be a member of the Principals Selection Panel and I participated in the Vinnie’s Community Sleepout and was delighted that my son Jack joined me too.

Thank you for your interest and support to our School community and all the best for the rest of the term, where so much is happening. Be proud and share in something involving your child’s school and their education in the coming weeks.

Best wishes to all taking part in ‘Seussical the Musical’.

Monica Woods
Chairperson

Alliance Dietician Visit … a Parent’s Perspective

On Tuesday, 28th July, parents had the opportunity to listen to Rochelle Zgudka, a Nutritionist from Alliance, speak about their vision for our School Canteen. Rochelle gave an informative overview of the important nutrition guidelines for all Australians and how this impacts our school canteen. It was clear from this short meeting that we all had the same interest namely, the best nutritional options being available for our children at school and encouraging healthy choices where possible. I think we all acknowledge this is often difficult in a world where choices are varied and numerous but that education about what we fuel our bodies with is critical. Keep an eye out for changes to the canteen menu - they may be small initially and will happen gradually. I would encourage parents who are able, to volunteer in the canteen if you can and become informed about what we all (kids and adults) actually require nutritionally on a daily basis - you may be surprised!

Leah Wiseman
Parent
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
1842-1909

A plaque in the Melbourne suburb of Fitzroy reads: On this site Mary MacKillop, Foundress of the Sisters of St. Joseph, was born on 15th January 1842. And so began an amazing and grace-filled chapter in the history of our nation. Mary lived a life of holiness marked by her love for and trust in God and her charity to each person she met along the way.

Next month 32 of our young parishioners will receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Holy Spirit, which was God’s gift to the world at Pentecost, was at the very centre of Mary MacKillop’s life. It was the Spirit who inspired, guided and blessed her mission amongst the young, the poor and the vulnerable in our land.

It was the Spirit of God working in Blessed Mary MacKillop that prompted her to respond to the invitation of Fr Julian Tenison Woods to provide opportunities for poor children to receive an education. Out of that challenge grew the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. This great missionary activity began in Penola in 1866. It was the Spirit of God that made it possible for Mary MacKillop to have the wisdom to found a new order, and not only the wisdom, but above all the courage. At her Beatification, in Sydney in January 1995, Pope John Paul II spoke of that courage which inspired Mary MacKillop to spread the Good News of Christ to the young in cities and towns and in the remote Australian outback: In the vastness of the Australian continent, Blessed Mary MacKillop was not daunted by the great desert, the immense expanses of the outback, nor by the spiritual wilderness which affected so many of her fellow citizens. Rather she boldly prepared the way of the Lord in the most trying situations. With gentleness, courage and compassion, she was the herald of the good news among the isolated ‘battlers’ and the urban slum dwellers. Those gifts of wisdom and courage were poured out on our young parishioners in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The difficulties Mary MacKillop had to face were enormous and so was the opposition that she encountered even from those who would have been expected to support her. Mary took the name Mother Mary of the Cross, a recognition of the many ways in which the cross of Christ overflowed into her life. In spite of this she held on, she was steadfast and resilient in chasing her dreams and refused to be bitter or resentful or to become discouraged or give up. That too was the Holy Spirit working in her life.

That same Spirit has been working for generations in the lives of Australian women and girls who followed in the footsteps of Mary MacKillop and dedicated their lives to God as Sisters of St Joseph. It was the Spirit who prompted them to offer themselves for God’s service as religious. It was that Spirit that enabled them to see that that was the most worthwhile thing that they could do with their lives. It was that same Spirit that enabled them to persevere in God’s service. Out of that have come schools, hospitals, orphanages, refuges and homes for the aged. Working in partnership with people of faith the sisters pioneered schools like St Joseph’s here in Port Lincoln which has for years provided the young people of the Eyre Peninsula, Catholic and non-Catholic with an education founded on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are grateful for this rich legacy.

Mary MacKillop understood children. She was passionate about encouraging their development and fostering their spirit. She wrote of the misery and wretchedness of bush children and the afflicted poor. Children responded to her love and she understood what gave them joy. She listened to them and ensured they were protected from harm. She carried boiled lollies in her habit. This was remembered by the children.

The early sisters who joined with Mary pioneered immensely practical ways to relieve suffering and nurture hope. A century before the United Nations Convention on the rights of the child, Mary and her early sisters insisted that children have the right to a happy childhood, to laughter, to play, to creativity, to spirituality and to learning. They energetically supported families. They often succeeded in changing systems that oppressed people.

Today, as we anticipate the Feast of St Mary of the Cross on Saturday we thank God that He has given us our first saint – one of our own to intercede for us before His throne in heaven. We ask God to bless this country of ours – the Great Southland of the Holy Spirit. We pray for the first inhabitants of our land, our Indigenous brothers and sisters, who had a special place in the heart of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. We pray with gratitude to the Sisters of Saint Joseph and the families of our town and region who kept the vision of Mary MacKillop alive and whose hard work and generosity made Catholic education a reality for the young in this place.

A blessed Feast Day to you all. Mass will be celebrated in honour of St Mary of the Cross with the School Community at 9.30am on Friday and on Saturday (the Feast of St Mary of the Cross) at 8.30am.

Fr Stephen Ardill
Parish Priest