



St Mary of the Cross

Ever generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop
to live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and to be constant in bringing hope and encouragement
to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.

With confidence in your generous providence
and through the intercession of Saint Mary MacKillop
we ask that our faith and hope be renewed by the Holy Spirit
so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage, trust and openness.

Ever generous God hear our prayer.

We ask this through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

From the Principal . . .

Today we celebrate the Feast of St Mary of the Cross. There is much that we can learn from the way in which Mary MacKillop approached life, faith and her relationships with others.

"For her, the Kingdom of God was something you worked for and the work was often tough. By the same token, the real world in which she lived was a place in which she experienced hope. It was this hope that enabled her to move to a small town and start a school for those whose educational opportunities were limited. Such schools, scattered far and wide, became a familiar part of the work of her Sisters of St Joseph and an icon of the church in Australia. Her life and work helped to transplant the message of Jesus to a new country and make it feel at home here. She trusted God even when there was plenty to worry about. She never gave up."

(Michael McGirr: *Finding God's Traces*)

Year 8 City Experience

From all accounts Year 8 students and staff had a terrific time on their recent Gr8 Escape into the City. Students spent the first day filming their promotional videos of Melbourne. This task is part of an English unit on advertising.

On the second day they compete in a "Melbourne Discovery Race", which is a large scale scavenger hunt around the city. Working in groups of 5 – 6, students use their initiative and wit to follow a Habits of Mind trail across the city. On the way they collect photos, treasures and information about the sites they visit. Points are awarded for each discovery.

Both students and staff arrived back exhausted but very happy. In their words, *they walked 'miles'* and had a great time. Staff were very impressed with students' kindness, impeccable manners and the way they cared for each other whilst they were out and about.

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Thank you to Mr Tobin (Year 8 Level Leader) and all the staff who organised and participated in this activity. It has been a highlight for Year 8 students.

Feast of the Assumption

Next Friday 15th August we will be celebrating the Feast of the Assumption. On this day the usual Wednesday arrangements will apply. School will begin with mass at Sacred Heart Church and homeroom will be at 9.10am. As this is a Holy Day of Obligation I'd encourage all students to attend mass either at school or with their parish community. Families are very welcome to join the College and Sacred Heart parish for this mass. Mass times for this Feast Day in other parishes are published later in the newsletter.

Staff Planning Day

Wednesday 13th August is a staff professional development day and **students will not be required at school.**

Year 7 Level Leader

Peter Danger (Year 7 Level Leader) will be taking leave until the end of term 3. In his absence Chris Strachan will take on the responsibilities of this role. We wish Peter well in his travels and Chris in his new role.

ACARA Student Data Collection

Attached to today's newsletter families will receive a privacy notice from ACARA (Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority). This is in relation to the transfer of student background data from the CECV to ACARA for the purpose of calculating the Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage which is used for reporting school performance on the *My School* website.

Families who do wish the data of their child included in the transfer need to notify the College **in writing** by **Thursday 21st August 2014.**

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Our school has been selected to participate in the 2014 Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (Data Collection). This national Data Collection is taking place in schools across Australia and will provide information about the number of students with disability in schools, where they are located and the adjustments they receive.

The information provided by this new data collection will enable all Australian governments to better target support and resources. This will assist students with disability in government and non-government schools across Australia to complete school and go on to further education or find employment.

Inclusion in the Data Collection is voluntary. If you wish your child to be excluded from this, you can choose to opt-out of the data collection by informing us in writing.

For further information about the Data Collection, please contact the Principal or visit Standing Council on School Education and Early Childhood (SCSEEC) website:

<http://www.schooldisabilitydatapl.edu.au/>.

Newsletter

The newsletter is published fortnightly and distributed on **Day 10 (Friday Week 2)**. Students will have a chance to read it before placing it in their diary to be taken home to parents that evening.

Newsletter Days for Term 3 2014:

Fri 22nd August,
Fri 5th September,
Fri 19th September

The newsletter can also be accessed on Friday morning (Day 10) on the College website at:

<http://www.crcstalbens.catholic.edu.au>

Applications for Year 7 2015

Enrolments are now being taken for Year 7 2015. Application forms and College Information packs can be obtained from the front office at any time. The application form can also be downloaded from the College website at www.crcstalbens.catholic.edu.au.

Since our last newsletter.....

Over and above the day to day activities of the school since our last newsletter students, families and staff have participated in the following:

Year 9 Premier League
Track and Field Training
Year 9 Community Service
Year 7 Italian and Chinese excursion
Author in Residence program
Tree planting project
Year 8 Rotations
Interschool Basketball
Year 9 Media Sci-Fi film making
Loaves and Fishes Food Bank
Interhouse Chess competition
Interhouse Debating competition

I am sure that students and their families are very appreciative of all these opportunities and the time and energy that staff put into organising and offering these experiences.



CHRISTINA UTRI
PRINCIPAL

KEY DATES 2014

Please mark these important college dates in your diary.

TERM 3

Tuesday 12th August:
Year 10 course planning day
Year 10 Social

Wednesday 13th August:
Staff Planning Day
(students are not required at school)

Friday 15th August:
SACCSS Interschool Chess tournament.

Tuesday 26th August:
Year 10 Reflection Day
Year 7 Zoo excursions

Tuesday 9th September:
Year 10 VET Dance night

Tuesday 16th September:
Interschool Track and Field.

Wed 17th – Friday 19th Sep:
Year 9 Camp

Someone Once Said...

" Never mistake motion
for action."

- Ernest Hemingway



family Matters

Subject Selection Day

Each Year 10 student has been given an appointment to meet with Year 10 Chrysalis (Subject selection) teachers **on Tuesday 12 August**. There are no formal classes for Year 10s on this day, other than attending the interview with the subject selection material that was collected at the VCE/VCAL Open Day/Evening on 30 July.

Parents/guardians are invited to attend the interview if they are able to.

YEAR 10 SOCIAL



We are celebrating Year 10 at

LAKESIDE

RECEPTION CENTRE

65 melton Highway Taylors Lakes



7pm - 11pm



Parents/guardians please
make sure that your sons/
daughters are picked up
by the end of the evening at
11 pm sharp

CAREER CORNER

University Open Days in August.

August is a great time for visiting University Open Days here are a few so you can start to plan your weekend

AUGUST:

10th Australian Catholic University

10th RMIT

17th Melbourne University

24th Deakin University

24th La trobe University

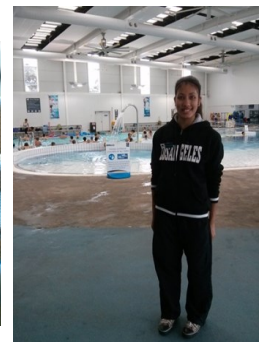
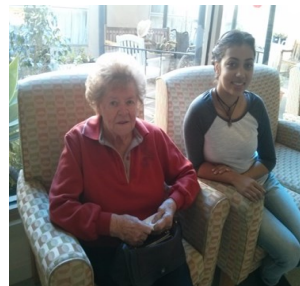
24th Victoria University

24th William Angliss

Check their webpages for more details

Work Experience

Once again our Year 10 students have demonstrated what an amazing contribution they can make not only to the community but towards our work force. One hundred and fifteen students went to a diverse range of employers from medical research to fashion houses to retail for one week to learn about the world of work. Feedback from employers and students was positive and we would like to thank all employers involved in the 2014 work experience program. We are always welcoming new employers so please feel free to contact Jacinta Dykes or Jill Gerada



Sydenham Career Expo

Achol (left) gathers information from one of the friendly staff at the recent Career Expo held at the CRC Sydenham campus.



CHINA TRIP

A reminder to students taking part in the trip to China; could you please arrange final payment as soon as possible.

祝你在中國旅行愉快



Reflecting on a Saint

This Friday the 8th of August we celebrate the remarkable life of St Mary of the Cross – an Australian woman who devoted herself to caring for the poor and defending the rights of all people. Her tireless dedication and trust in God inspire all Australians and many people throughout the world. The example of St Mary of the Cross was followed by other women and today we especially celebrate her life with the Sisters of St. Joseph who continue her good work.

*Lord,
You gave us St Mary of the Cross – woman of faith.
You gave us St Mary of the Cross – woman of courage.
You gave us St Mary of the Cross – woman of compassion.*

Wednesday Morning Mass Roster

Thank you to Ms Calafiore and 7 Snowy for leading Mass on Wednesday 30th July.

Here is the roster for the remainder of term 3...

13th August	Sacred Heart
20th August	CRC 7 Yarra/Wimmera - TMD
27th August	Sacred Heart
3rd September	CRC 10 Little - MGN
10th September	Sacred Heart
17th September	CRC Year 8 Level Mass – TMD and 8 RE Teachers

The Power to change a life is within us all...



St Vinnie's Corner

Mass with Sacred Heart Primary

On Wednesday 6th August, the St Vinnies Crew together with Sacred Heart Primary planned and led a special Mass to celebrate the feast of St Mary of The Cross (Australia's first Saint). It was a wonderful liturgy that helped us all to reflect on the life and work of Mary Mackillop.

The prayers of intercession from the day speak clearly about our prayers and hope:

Thank you God for sending us St Mary of the Cross, who taught us how to love others. **Lord Hear Us.**

Thank you God for the people whom St Mary of the Cross helped and loved; the poor, the sick and the lonely.

Lord Hear Us.

Thank you God for the Sisters of St. Joseph who do the work of St Mary of the Cross. **Lord Hear Us.**

Thank you God for our country Australia, which is safe and free. **Lord Hear Us. Lord Hear Us.**

A special thanks to Krys Bolkunowicz from Sacred Heart Primary for writing these prayers.

Questions for thought

How can we, like Mary Mackillop, help build the Kingdom of God here and now? What else, besides faith, courage and compassion do we need to help us with this?

Feast of The Assumption

Friday 15th August

MASS TIMES

Sacred Heart

7:30am

8:30am

7:30pm

Emmaus

10:00am

6:30pm

Holy Eucharist

9:00am

6:00pm

7:00pm (Vietnamese)

Resurrection

9:15am (School Mass)

7:15pm

St Mary MacKillop

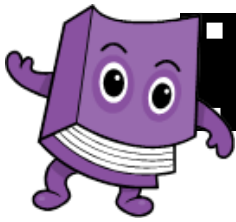
9:30am

12:00pm

7:30pm

St Pauls

7:30pm



!MEDIA FLASH! !MEDIA FLASH!

**LIBRARY
LATEST**

Check out our new library web page. See what new books have arrived and the top 10 most popular books. Come to the library



Would you like to learn an instrument at school?

Metro Music School are providing guitar lessons at our college. There are still vacancies for guitar, keyboard, singing and drum lessons.

Classes will run for 30 minutes

each week during school hours on a rotational timetable.

If you are interested please see Miss Farrugia for an information and enrolment form as soon as possible.



National Tree Planting Day was held at school on Thursday 31st July. Fourteen students from Year 8 assisted in planting twenty five native trees in our school garden. The Planet Ark's School Tree Day aims to provide an opportunity to learn about sustainability and biodiversity in our local setting. Bunnings Sunshine helped by sending employers Kaye and Kate to talk about the native trees and the animals and insects these plants attract to a garden. Bunnings also supplied the trees to plant on the day. Thanks to Mayor, Okilo, Junior, Sammy, Stefan, Matthew and Juville (pictured) for getting their hands dirty for the environment.

We are looking for parents to help in creating a wonderful garden for the students. If you're able to offer assistance, please contact Mr Tobin via the office on: 9399 2544.



**BRIMBANK YOUTH
EMPLOYMENT FORUM**

VENUE: VisyCares Hub Sunshine, 80B Harvester Rd Sunshine

DATE: Thursday 21 August 2014

TIME: 3.30 - 5.30pm

FREE ADMISSION

Please bring your resume and a list of questions you would like to ask. For more information and to book a spot call Loren at Youth Services on: 9249 4213 or email: lorenp@brimbank.vic.gov.au



PRIVACY NOTICE

Information required to determine the *Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA)* for schools

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that ACARA has requested your child's school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child's gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, residential address, parental occupation and parental education.

This information is disclosed to ACARA under the *ACARA Act 2008* for one or both of the following purposes:

- formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and
- assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters.

ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. If you do not want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven (7) days of receiving this notice.

Further information about ACARA can be obtained from the ACARA website at www.acara.edu.au.