



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI UPDATE

Term 3

Week 4

11th August 2017

THE FEAST OF ST MARY MACKILLOP OF THE CROSS

On Tuesday 8th August, it was the Feast of St Mary MacKillop of the Cross. St Mary MacKillop was born in Fitzroy, Melbourne on 15 January 1842 and died in Sydney on 8 August 1901. The years between these dates tell a remarkable story of an amazing woman.

Mary MacKillop is especially important, as she is Australia's first saint. We often think of saints as being people who lived long ago and lived devout lives of meditation and prayer. The communion of saints, however, is full of many different people who lived lives devoted to God in many different ways. St Mary shows us that in our modern age, through our work and commitment to God, we too can aspire to a saintly life. In intercession, there may be no other saint who understands us as St Mary does and who we can turn to. St Mary MacKillop walked the streets and roads that we do today. She worked and cared for our ancestors.

Mary MacKillop was an Australian woman who devoted her life to caring for the poor and defending the rights of all people. Her tireless dedication and trust in God are an inspiration, not just to all Australians, but also to many people throughout the world. St Mary's example was followed by other women and her good work is carried on today by the Sisters of St Joseph.



PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT - TUESDAY 15TH AUGUST

Would you like to know more about Oral Language development?

All parents and carers are invited to join us for an information session on this important topic. Oral language development is the foundation of all learning and is the major focus of our school learning goal this year at St Francis.

When: Tuesday 15th August 2017, 7pm in the School Library

We look forward to working with you on this night

Miss Karen Rutkowski

Lead Literacy Teacher

PUPIL FREE DAY

Our staff will be involved in a Staff Development Day on **Monday 28th August 2017** (Monday Week 7 Term 3).

This is a Pupil Free Day. There should be no students at school on this day.

COSHC will be available on the 28th August 2017 here in the school hall. If you require this please contact Tanya on 0438 2108 543.

DATES COMING UP

- 15/8 Mass for Feast of the Assumption
- 15/8 Blacktown Zone Athletics
- 23/8 Book Parade & Grandparents Day
- 28/8 Staff Development Day



RESPECT AWARDS

KR	Gabriel Fuentes
KS	Joshua Adan
KV	Sierra Farag
1B	Armaan Mahal
1R	Savannah Petrovski
2C	Riley Vella
2F	Elisha Gupta



3A	Adriane Atienza
3B	Tiarna Smith
4B	Theresa Mani
4C	Jok Koul
5B	Aaron Taylor
5O	Tisya Nayak
6D	Kaylen Schirmer
6S	Nicholas Velasco

SOCIAL SKILL - BEING A GOOD COMMUNICATOR

Being fair is about the way we treat other people. The old saying of 'Treat other people, the way you would like to be treated,' is certainly true - especially at our school St Francis of Assisi. People who are fair, believe in justice and a fair go for all. Fair people don't judge others on their race, religion, gender, disability, appearance, the clothes they wear or how much money they have. Fair people realise that rules are made to keep everyone safe. They know that together we can accomplish great things, if everyone is given a fair go in our school community. Never look down on anyone else unless you are helping them up.

Family Discussion Questions:

What are your responsibilities in the family?

Have you ever felt discriminated against?

Is the world we live in a fair place?



VISA STATUS

Could you please ensure the school has the most up to date paperwork on your child's Visa Status i.e. if status has changed, your child is now an Australian Citizen or a passport has expired and a new one has been reissued.

ATTENDANCE & FRANCIS BEAR

The St Francis of Assisi Primary School attendance this week was 78.6 %. Don't forget the CEDP expected attendance is 90 to 95%.

Congratulations to 5B who were the home to Francis Bear this week for great attendance in Week 3. Keep a look out next week to see which class will win Francis Bear for the best attendance during Week 4.

KINDERGARTEN 2018 - PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

On Thursday 24th August at 7pm in our school library. This meeting for parents, is our initial welcome to St Francis of Assisi School. At the meeting you will meet the current kindergarten teachers who will present a series of short presentations which aim to inform you of strategies/ideas to help prepare your child for school. With only a number of months before they start, we hope you take up the suggestions so your child will quickly adapt to the more structured school routines and higher expectations they will experience in January. We look forward to seeing you there.

Privacy Notice for Parents and Carers

NAPLAN Online 2017 School Readiness Testing

This note is to inform you that some personal information about students and parents which has already been obtained this year is being used again as schools prepare for NAPLAN online.

This personal information will be used by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA), which is the NAPLAN Test Administration Authority responsible for New South Wales.

NESA is responsible for collecting information to be used during the testing that schools are about to undertake to check their readiness for NAPLAN Online. This 'readiness testing' includes the management of student registration, test administration and reporting of results to schools.

The information NESA uses will include school name, year level, student name, date of birth and gender. NESA discloses this information to Education Services Australia Ltd (ESA), a national, not-for-profit company owned by Australia's state and territory education ministers. ESA is engaged by the Australian Government to operate the secure online platform used for NAPLAN Online.

NESA will not disclose to ESA any information about students who are not undertaking the readiness testing for NAPLAN Online.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), which conducts NAPLAN testing, will not access the information provided for the readiness testing.

The personal information provided by each school may be used to:

- conduct NAPLAN Online readiness testing
- provide reports relating to NAPLAN Online readiness testing
- conduct research, and compile and analyse statistics.

The information will not be disclosed other than for the purposes outlined above, unless authorised or required by law.

More information

If you have concerns about privacy issues relating to NAPLAN Online, please contact your school.

Further details about how NESA complies with NSW privacy laws, including a right to access and request amendment to your personal information, are available [here](#).

Information about how ESA handles information for the purpose of NAPLAN Online is available [here](#).

Information about how NSW Catholic schools comply with privacy laws is available [here](#).



Letter to the people of the Diocese of Parramatta

Dear brothers and sisters of the Church in Parramatta,

It has been a little over one year since I was installed as the fourth Bishop of Parramatta. In that time, I have met many of you, visited a majority of our parishes, toured our schools and seen the work you do with those in need in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

I am grateful for the work you do and the way I was welcomed into this Diocese by you, my brothers and sisters who are the Church in Parramatta. One thing that has been clear during my time visiting all corners of this Diocese is that we are growing. Be it growth in seminarian numbers, the establishment of new schools or the sheer number of new people who now call Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains home.

In fact, since 2006, our population has grown from 1,100,000 to a record 1,500,000 people now calling this area home. In the Parramatta region alone, it is estimated an additional 70,000 new homes will be built in the next 20 years. This growth is evident across the Diocese. Building cranes dot the skyline. Paddocks have been turned into new housing estates. New motorways and train lines are under construction.

The 2016 Census also clearly highlighted Catholicism as the leading religion of Western Sydney and across many Local Government Areas (LGAs). Catholicism is the largest Christian group in Australia at 22.6% of the total population. Though, in our Diocese, this rises to over 30% in some LGAs. In the next 20 years, the population in this region is expected to grow further by a staggering 600,000 people. This means in Blacktown, Penrith and Parramatta LGAs alone, hundreds of thousands of new people will call this area home.

As your bishop, I am committed to following the lead of Pope Francis in making the Church in Parramatta the Church of the poor and the Church for the poor. Meeting the needs of our growing family and planning for future generations are two of my main priorities.

As the local, state and federal governments are already investing heavily in this region by building motorways, light rail, train lines and new airports, we too, as the Church in Parramatta need to invest in physical infrastructure to meet the need. Our mission, modelled on the servant leadership of Christ, will be better served if we have the physical infrastructure in place to meet that need. For us to be like Christ, the Good Shepherd, and to spread the message of Our Lord, we must also look at how the message of Christ can reach all, especially those on the margins and fringes of our society.

In the years ahead there will be several new building and expansion projects undertaken by our Diocese. This will include Westmead, Marsden Park, Box Hill, school science park at Luddenham, new churches like Kenthurst, and other major projects that will be announced in due course.

It is clear, that we are 'not living in an era of change, but change of an era'. In much the same way the Universal Catholic Church has changed since Second Vatican Council, we too, as the Diocese of Parramatta, will now be entering a change of era. Like any phase of growth, there will be challenges. Funding will be an issue, so too will the availability of land and the burden growth places on already stretched resources.

Another challenge will be the uncertainty this change of era brings. All change, brings a level of anxiety and a sense of loss. I understand how leaving behind the familiar and the comfortable and embarking on a new path can create worries and feelings of helplessness and unease.

We have nothing to fear.

As our faith teaches us, we must know when to let go of the old ways and old habits and embark on the new. The renewal of the Church in this era, is not only a spiritual renewal, but also a physical renewal that must be embarked upon if we are to meet the need and spread the word of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

As such, I ask that we all work together to ensure we can continue to be the face of Christ in order to meet that need that we are now facing. I ask you work to with me as your servant leader, to overcome the challenges we will face so that we are able to be the face of Christ to the people of the Diocese of Parramatta.

The population will boom and this region will grow. May the Holy Spirit forever guide us so that we are able to meet these new challenges and embrace this new era with faith, hope and love in the promise of Christ to be with us.

On this feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Patroness of the Diocese of Parramatta, we pray that her patronage remains over us and that she will continue to intercede on our behalf as we embark on this new era in the life of our Diocese.

Yours sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv
Bishop of Parramatta

*Given at Parramatta on 8 August A.D. 2017,
Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Patroness of the Diocese of Parramatta.*

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MTB Canteen Meal Day

Thursday 17th August

Chicken Burger
+ Water
+ Ice Stick
Cost \$6.00

Hot Dog
+ Water
+ Ice Stick
Cost \$6.00

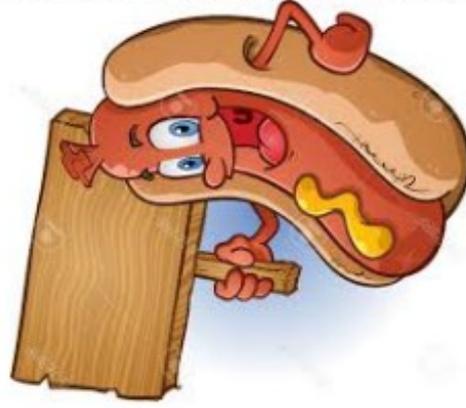
OR

Childs Name: _____

Class: _____

Must be returned no later than
Wednesday 16th August

Student must come back to canteen to
pick up their Ice Sticks and Water.



P & F Father's Day stall FRIDAY 1st of September

This year families can prepay for Father's Day gifts. If you wish to prepay, please complete the form below and return it to the school with your payment by August 25th.

Please let us know how many gifts your child would like to purchase, so we can have enough on the day.
PLEASE FILL IN FLYER FOR EACH CHILD

 <https://www.facebook.com/stfrancisglendenning>

Please return this form by **FRIDAY 25th AUGUST**

Don't forget if you wish to prepay to include your money!

Cut here -----

Childs Full Name _____ Class _____

	\$7	\$5	\$3	\$ AMOUNT ENCLOSED
HOW MANY DAD GIFTS?				
HOW MANY GRANDAD/PA GIFTS?				

To make this year's stall a success we need your help with setting up, running stalls, selling gifts and packing away. If you are able to help please fill in your details below and return to the office by **FRIDAY, 25th AUGUST**

NAME _____

CONTACT NO _____

To be a volunteer you will need to complete the Child Protection Online Briefing link.

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/home>

Thank you for helping make this year's event another success.



St Francis Shopping Tour Fundraiser

Saturday 21st October, 2017
\$55-\$60 Per Person

Have a great day out with friends and get your Christmas shopping done all whilst raising money for our school. Sounds fantastic doesn't it! Price includes a two course meal for lunch and at least 10 warehouse stops ensuring everyone's needs are catered for whilst saving up to a massive 70% on rrp!

We will depart from the St Francis of Assisi drop off bay at **7am** sharp and will return to the same location at approximately **6:30pm**.

Seats are limited so to avoid disappointment don't delay in completing the form below and paying your \$25 deposit to guarantee your seat. Balance is due by **21st September**

NAME
CONTACT NO
(PLEASE CIRCLE) CASH OR CARD \$25 deposit per person
CARD NUMBER
EXPIRY DATE
CVV
NAME ON CARD
SIGNATURE ON CARD

Stay tuned to our FB page for more information and details of the shops we will be visiting

 <https://www.facebook.com/St-Francis-of-Assisi-Glendenning-Fun-Fundraising>



TERM 3 OVERVIEW – 2017

Updated: 10/07/2017

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
1 JUL	17 th SCHOOL RESUMES	18 th	19 th	20 th Year 5 Reconciliation	21 st	22 nd 23 rd
2 JUL	24 th	25 th	26 th	27 th Year 5 Mass	28 th	29 th 30 th
3 JUL AUG	31 st	1 st	2 nd	3 rd Stage 2 Reconciliation	4 th August Census	5 th 6 th
4 AUG	7 th	8 th St Mary Mackillop	9 th	10 th Stage 2 Mass	11 th Year 4 Excursion Voice of Youth school final in hall	12 th 13 th
5 AUG	14 th	15 th Feast of Assumption Mass at 10am Blacktown Zone Athletics - Blacktown	16 th	17 th BOOK FAIR ARRIVES	18 th	19 th 20 th
6 AUG	21 st	22 nd	23 rd Book Parade & Grandparent's Day	24 th Year 6 Reconciliation Kindy 2018 Parent Info Evening 7pm	25 th Diocesan Athletics Carnival - Blacktown	26 th 27 th
7 AUG SEP	28 th Staff Development Day	29 th Year 5 & 6 Soccer Carnival	30 th	31 st Year 3 excursion	1 st Fathers' Day Breakfast 8:15am Liturgy & Stall 9:15am	2 nd 3 rd Fathers' Day
8 SEP	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th Infants Liturgy of Word	8 th Blessed Virgin Mary B'day	9 th 10 th
9 SEP	11 th	12 th	13 th Voice of Youth semi final Infants Athletics Carnival	14 th Primary Liturgy	15 th	16 th 17 th
10 SEP	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st St Francis of Assisi Day	22 nd LAST DAY OF TERM 3	23 rd 24 th