



Dear Parents and Friends of St Mary MacKillop Primary School.

### NEW BISHOP APPOINTED

As you are most probably aware, His Holiness Pope Francis recently appointed the Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen O.F.M. Conv. DD, as the fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Parramatta.

Bishop Long Van Nguyen comes to the Diocese with a rich understanding of the challenges and opportunities of multiculturalism in western Sydney. The new Bishop of Parramatta was born in 1961 in Gia-Kiem, Vietnam. In 1972, he joined the diocesan minor seminary which was later disbanded by the communist Government. In 1980 he left Vietnam to begin a new life in Australia.

After his ordination to the priesthood on 30 December 1989, Bishop Long went to Rome for further studies and was awarded a licentiate in Christology and Spirituality from the Pontifical Faculty of St Bonaventure.

He was elected Superior of Conventual Franciscans in Australia in 2005 and appointed as Assistant General of the same Order and transferred to Rome in 2008. He was appointed an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Melbourne on 20 May 2011.

Bishop Long is familiar with the western Sydney community, having been parish priest at Our Lady of the Rosary, Kellyville from 1998-2002. His appointment demonstrates the Church's support and understanding of the unique needs of our community.

We will welcome Bishop Long at his formal installation in St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, at a date that will be set in the near future.

### PENTECOST

Last weekend we celebrated Pentecost Sunday as part of the liturgical year. You might be aware of the T.V. program, "Extreme Makeover", in which people are given the opportunity to undergo cosmetic surgery to help them to "look better". This "makeover" process promises to make people happy and to feel better about themselves. Millions of people world-wide undergo cosmetic surgery, botox injections as well as decorative tattooing and body piercing to make themselves look special, more appealing, more "unique".

Many people seem to be not satisfied with themselves the way they are. They want a "change for the better" and these procedures offer change, "happiness" and above all transformation. Of course, appearance is important but it is not what life is all about.

Two thousand years ago a small group of Jewish people was very much wondering what life was all about. They were hiding in a small house, anxious, perplexed and in fear of their own lives. Their leader, who had been their inspiration, had been executed, had come back to them in a mysterious resurrected form and then, had ascended into the clouds before their very eyes. Their lives were in turmoil. Things had been going so well for the past three years and now disaster. And what were they to make of Jesus' words to them, "I am going to the Father but I will send you the Holy Spirit"?

Little did the Apostles realise they were about to have their very own "Extreme Makeover." When the Spirit did come to them, they heard the sound of a rushing wind and saw tongues of fire above each other's head; but what they felt was a total internal transformation. From their mouths came words they had never heard before and understanding that came from a source beyond their means. They were filled with joy, their fear was gone, all negativity had vanished and they were completely unconcerned about themselves. They were flabbergasted but totally inspired. They left their hiding place and relished the crowds that came to them; by the end of the day, they had baptised three thousand people. They had become other Christs in the world and would continue to do His work till, like Him, most were executed.

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## LET US PRAY

Jesus, ☐ come into our hearts this Pentecost Day,  
give us the gift of your Spirit. ☐  
Help us to be Your people in our world.  
May Your Spirit “transform” us this day  
and help us to become more like You.  
Amen.

## NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR PARENT HELPERS

All school volunteers please refer to the final page of this newsletter titled: “Building child safe communities” for information regarding an online form for all volunteers and contractors. Simply log on and complete the form, which only takes a few minutes to fill in. If you have any questions regarding this matter please phone the school office. We thank all our parent helpers for their continued support and promoting our Safe, Respectful, Learning school environment.

## ST MARY MACKILLOP UNIFORM SHOP

Sincere thanks to all the parents who donate school uniforms to our second hand uniform shop. Unused uniforms can be donated through the school office.

I would like to thank the special mothers, Mrs Randall and Mrs Inskip who look after our uniform shop, however we are in need of more helpers. If you are able to assist in this matter please contact the school office.

## SCHOOL FETE

A big thank you to all involved for a successful fete. We have an amazing school community and appreciate all that the parents and families did to ensure our fete was a success!



Thought for the Week

“The heart has its reasons which reason knows not.”

Blaise Pascal

Have a Blessed Week

Michael Siciliano

PRINCIPAL

## **The Corporal Works of Mercy**

Last KIT the Corporal Works of Mercy were introduced. This week I would like to unpack the first 2 of these works and their implications for our lives today.

The seven Corporal Works of Mercy are:

- (1) *Feed the hungry.***
- (2) *Give drink to the thirsty.***
- (3) Clothe the naked.
- (4) Shelter the homeless.
- (5) Visit those in prison.
- (6) Comfort the sick.
- (7) Bury the dead.

Perhaps your first reaction upon reading this traditional list might be, "This list is a bit out of date. After all, when do we ever have the opportunity in the modern world to 'give drink to the thirsty' or to 'clothe the naked'? And who in their right mind would fail to bury their loved ones these days!"

Don't be too hasty, however, in dismissing the usefulness of this old list of the corporal works of mercy. It may be more helpful than you think in challenging us to discern new ways that our merciful Saviour is calling us to follow Him.



### **Feed the Hungry**

On the surface at least, feeding the hungry seems fairly straightforward. We can help the hungry in simple ways: for example,

- making donations to the local food charity
- if we have the time, by helping at a local soup kitchen for the homeless
- we can take the time to educate ourselves about the problem of hunger in the world
- the next time you make a recipe that can be easily frozen, make a double batch and donate one to your local parish or soup kitchen
- Try not to purchase more food than you are able to eat. If you notice that you end up throwing groceries away each week, purchasing less groceries would eliminate waste and allow you to donate the savings to those in need.

### **Give Drink to the Thirsty**

Many people do not have access to clean water and suffer from the lack of this basic necessity. We should support the efforts of those working towards greater accessibility of this essential resource by:

- supporting clean water policies to ensure that there will be clean water for future generations to drink.
- preserving clean, fresh water: for example, by using environmentally friendly laundry detergents
- Make an effort not to waste water. Remembering to turn off the water tap when you are brushing your teeth or washing dishes can help, especially in regions suffering from drought donate to help build wells for water for those in need

At this point, you may be thinking, "It all sounds inspiring in principle, but what can I possibly do? I am already so weighed down with my own issues and responsibilities. I cannot possibly take on any more burdens. I cannot possibly do all these things you suggest!"

Of course you can't, and no one is asking you to do so. Not *all* these things. Perhaps just two or three, as you have the opportunity. <http://www.thedivinemercy.org> <http://www.usccb.org/>

### **Sacramental Program – First Holy Communion**

Preparation has begun for the children enrolled in the First Communion Sacramental Program. Please remember as you are preparing your child to receive Eucharist, for the first time, it is important that you and your child attend Mass. Through participating in the Mass the children will see where the Liturgy of the Eucharist fits within the structure of the Mass and they will observe first hand the reverence of this special Sacrament.

I invite all in our community to pray for the children who are preparing to receive this second Sacrament of Initiation.

## Religious Education News—Continued

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### **Masses and Liturgies – Reverence and Safety Reminder**

St Mary MacKillop is a unique Catholic school, in the fact that we do not have a parish church on site for celebrating masses and liturgies. Up until recently we did not even have a hall and many of our liturgical celebrations had to be held outside and were dependent on weather conditions.

Our beautiful hall is a wonderful space that is used for so many educational activities, however, whenever we use our hall for a religious celebration this space becomes sacred, much like a church and out of respect and reverence we do not eat or drink during a liturgy or mass.

In addition, hot drinks cannot be consumed during religious celebrations due to our duty of care and Work, Health & Safety regulations about hot drinks around students. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

### **Grandparent's Liturgy and Book Fair: Friday 27th May**

Please join us for our Grandparent's Day Liturgy on Friday 27th May at 9:15am in the hall. This Liturgy will be prepared and led by Year 4.

During our liturgy we will pray for all grandparents and ask God to keep them in his loving care.

There will also be a grandparent's morning tea, Book Fair and the opportunity to visit classrooms.

Timetable of events as follows:

9:15am – Grandparent's Liturgy in the hall

10am – Grandparent's Morning Tea & Book Fair  
(Please note that no students are allowed at the Grandparent's morning tea for WHS reasons)

10:30am – Open classrooms & Book Fair

11am – Student eating time with their class

11:15am – Play Break

11:45am – Normal classes resume

Mrs Gillard  
Religious Education Coordinator



## News from the Library

### **BOOK FAIR / GRANDPARENTS LITURGY**

As mentioned previously, our Book Fair will be open following the Grandparent's Liturgy on Friday 27th May. We will also open the Book Fair after school from 3pm-4pm and on Monday, 30th May before and after school. This will be the final day for purchases.

You may also pre-purchase books using the order form on the Book Fair flyer.

Maree Eisenhuth  
Teacher Librarian



Well the figures are in for our School Fete..... **We have raised an amazing \$17000.** What a fantastic effort from our school community. Once again thank you to Erin and the team for all their hard work behind the scenes and the parents of this great school for all your donations, baking effort & time on the day. I'm sure our beautiful school could do great things with this.

We are calling on Class Parent Representatives for 2016. This parent for each class will attend a short meeting once a term to discuss minor queries or concerns that parents in your class might have and want to address with Mr Siciliano, it's another way you could stay in touch with the school and help improve our school community involvement. Notes will be going home with your child today about this.

Just a reminder Grandparents day is coming up next Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May and we are asking anyone that might be available to help us out on the day, would be greatly appreciated. A note will be going home with your child for volunteers.

Once again Thank you to everyone involved in the Fete this year as it was a huge success!

**Michelle Darwen**  
**President**  
**On behalf of P&F Executive Team**

### **DIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL**

The Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country Carnival was held at Sydney Motor-sport Park on Tuesday 3rd May. The SMMP Cross Country team consisted of 44 students from Year 3 - 6. We had a fantastic day and all runners should be extremely proud of their efforts and positive attitude. Despite the heat and the long wait for some competitors everyone gave it their all and tried their best; what long distance running is all about! In each race there were approximately 120 students. I would like to congratulate the following students who finished in the top 10 for their race:



Well Done to Jarred H (2nd place), Olivia R (3rd place) Amy J (7th place) Joshua M (4th place) Mitchell H (8th place) Cody D (7th place) and to Harry H and Bailey M who finished in 10th place and will be reserves.

An ENORMOUS achievement and these runners have now qualified for the Parramatta Diocesan Cross Country Team and will race again in June.

Thank you to all the parents who came down to support our students and to Mrs Bellman and Mrs D'Costa who helped with the bibs and name tags. Thank you again to Miss Jones who assisted with the early morning training sessions!

### **Parramatta Representative Sport Trials**

Last term we congratulated Samantha G and Mitchell H who were selected for the Parramatta Rep teams in Netball and Touch Football. This term we commend James R who has qualified for the Parramatta Rep team in Rugby League. James will travel to Forbes later on this term to compete. Well Done James!

### **2016 Gala Days**

Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day - Thursday 2nd June T2 Wk6

Stage 2 Boys and Girls Soccer Gala Day - Thursday 30th June T2 Wk10

Netball Gala Day @ Jamison Park - 23rd August T3 Wk6

Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day - 23rd September T3 Wk10

Maryanne McNally  
**Sport Coordinator**

## Dates for Your Diary Term 2 - 2016

<i>DAY</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>EVENT</i>
Friday	20 May	9.15am 2.20pm	Year 6 Mass Whole School Assembly
Saturday	21 May		Kindergarten 2017 Enrolments Close
Sunday	22 May	2pm-4pm	Captivate Orchestra Rehearsal
Tuesday	24 May	10:00am	Captivate Choir @ St Patricks Blacktown
Friday	27 May	9:15am 2.20pm	Grandparents Liturgy & Book Fair Whole School Assembly
Tuesday	31st May	7:00pm	ICAS Science Competition P & F Meeting
Friday	3 June	9:15am 2:20pm	Year 5 Mass Whole School Assembly & 1J & 1R
Monday	6 June		Primary Athletics Carnival @ Blair Oval
Tuesday	7 June		Year 4 History Excursion @ Hyde Park Barracks
Friday	10 June		STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY <b>No School for Students</b>
Monday	13 June		Queen's Birthday Public Holiday <b>No School</b>
Tuesday	14 June		ICAS Writing Competition
Friday	17 June	9:15am 2:20pm	Kindergarten Liturgy NSWCPS & CCC Cross Country @ Eastern Creek Whole School Assembly & 2A Item Reports Sent Home
Monday	20 June	3:30pm- 6:00pm	Parent / Teacher Interviews
Wednesday	22 June	3:30pm- 6:00pm	Parent / Teacher Interviews
Friday	24 June	9:15am 2:20pm	Whole School Mass for St John the Baptist Whole School Assembly & SPM Item
Thursday	30 June	9:30am	Animals of the Dreaming Performance Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day @ Jamison Park
Friday	1 July	9:15am 2:20pm	Year 4 Mass Whole School Assembly Term 2 Concludes



**THANK YOU!**

**To everyone who volunteered their time  
before, during and after our 2016 Fete.**

From our sorters, wrappers, counters, deliverers, Artists,  
green thumbs, knitters and bakers;  
to our Parent, Family, Teacher and Student volunteers.  
You all played a part in making this year's fete,  
**a great success!**

It was truly a memorable day out for our community.

We would also like to express our gratitude to:

- the families who donated prizes for the day;
- Past students and volunteers from  
Caroline Chisholm and St Dominic's College's; and
- 'Young at Heart' from St Nicholas of Myra Parish,  
for providing us with some beautiful items for our craft stall.

**We look forward to working alongside you all again  
to make the next fete even better!**

**An online survey will be available soon on our  
St Mary MacKillop Primary Fete, Penrith Facebook page  
We invite you to take a look and leave your feedback. 😊**



TO OUR WONDERFUL SPONSORS...  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

## OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE PENRITH

DRIFTWOOD BEACHHOUSE KIAMA  
TANTI FINANCIAL SERVICES  
BAR REGGIO  
ZEN SHEN NATURAL THERAPIES  
THE IRISH BUTCHER  
THE MECURE HOTEL, PENRITH

BELL PARTNERS FINANCE  
SOLARTINT  
NOVA WATER  
RACHEL NEKIC PHOTOGRAPHY  
THE RESERVOIR, BATHURST  
MCDONALDS

Spotlight	ARU – Wallabies	Jetpak Adventures	Coleman Australia
Harvest Pilgrimages	Panthers	GSW Giants	Guitar Factory, Penrith
Nepean Belle	Lollipops, Penrith	MARS Foods	Arnott's
Target	Penrith Party Hire	Taronga Zoo	Officeworks
Jenolan Caves Trust	Masters, St Marys	Penrith Ice Palace	JSPAC
Sargents Pies	NSW Cricket	Luna Park	Petbarn
Scenic World, Katoomba	Greens Food Limited	FFA – Soccer Australia	Supercheap Auto
Lowes	Penrith White Water	Foxtel	Drummond Golf, Penrith
The Professionals, Penrith	Flip Out, Penrith	AMF Bowling	Al Aseel Restaurant
Midges Hair	Camera House, Penrith	Playtime @ Panthers	Netball NSW
Jazmyn Leila Photography	Bauer Media – Take 5	Ripples, St Marys	Captain Cook Cruises
Krispy Kreme	Café Lattitude	Orchard Hills Fire Brigade	Bunnings Warehouse
Chemtools	Cables Wake Park	Nadia's Cafe	Nicki's Cake Design
Pioneer Tavern	Flower Power	Mr Iceman	Jack Newton Junior Golf
Nepean Aquatic	Penrith Mower Centre	Anytime Fitness	Soul Pattison Chemist
Fire Protection Specialist Co	Truffles Hair, Penrith	Sydney Olympic Aquatic Centre	Australian National Maritime Museum
Perfume Forever	Thurstons Signs		

Congratulations to all our winners from the  
Raffle, Chocolate Wheel, competitions and prize draws.  
Thank you for supporting our school ☺



McCarthy Catholic College  
75 Mackellar Street, Emu Plains  
**Trade Training Centre**

**INFORMATION EVENING FOR YEAR 11, 2017:**

**Date:** Wednesday 8 June 2016

**Time:** 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Start your trade and complete your HSC –  
with **no** external examinations

**Trades offered:**

Automotive	Bricklaying
Electrical	Hairdressing
Childcare	Hospitality
Carpentry	Metal Fabrication
Plumbing	

Enrolment Enquiries:

Mrs Katrina Gill – 02 4728 8129



**KIDZ KLUB**  
**Before & After School Care**  
6.30am-9am \$16.00  
3pm-6.30pm \$21.00  
**Vacation Care**  
6.30am-6.30pm  
Price varies depending on the activity  
CHILDCARE SUBSIDIES AND REBATES APPLY  
Unit 23 & 24  
46-48 Abel St, Jamisontown 2750  
PH: 4732 4405 MB: 0439738032  
\*Prices valid as at December 2015

## BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES – NEW FORMS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS AND CONTRACTORS

'Building Child Safe Communities' is a new initiative developed by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta that enhances our commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care. It is now a requirement that all volunteers and contractors complete an online undertaking form that confirms expectations in relation to behaviour whilst volunteering or contracting at schools, Catholic Out of Schools Hours Care and Catholic Early Learning Centres. This undertaking form also seeks to determine the suitability of volunteers and contractors by requiring them to declare that they do not have a criminal history involving children.

- **Volunteers** – please click on '[Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Volunteers](#)' or access the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>, then click on 'Child Protection Training Forms' (halfway down page on the right hand side).



Then click on '[Volunteer Form](#)' (halfway down page).

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are volunteering.

- **Contractors** – please click on '[Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Contractors](#)' or access the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>, then click on 'Child Protection Training Forms' (halfway down page on the right hand side).



Then click on '[Contractor Form](#)' (bottom of page).

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are contracting.

A new form is required:

- For each location that you are a volunteer or contractor
- If any of the details you have provided on the form change

We thank all volunteers and contractors for their continued support of Catholic Education.