Dear Parents and Friends of St Mary MacKillop Primary School,

World Teachers Day 25 October 2013

A Prayer for teachers
Giver of All Wisdom and Greatest of all Teachers,
Look upon our teachers with love.
Grant them the resolve to nurture our eager minds.
And to never give up on us who fall behind
Bless their hearts.
For they rejoice when we succeed.
Endow them with gentle patience
For the path of learning is never easy.
Kindle a spirit of passion in them
It is the flame that ignites the love of learning in us.
Help them see the potential in each student
Their belief in us means much more than the grade we make.
Instill in them a commitment to keep on learning
It shows us to not fear new knowledge and experiences.
Inspire them to touch the future
They influence how big a dream we dream for ourselves.
Bless our teachers who have come before
For their work endures to this day.
Let the light of Your example shine upon all teachers.
To build up with their words,
To love with their mind, and
To share with their heart.
Amen.

World Teacher’s Day Competition:
Parents and children are asked to join the Diocese of Parramatta in celebrating World Teachers’ Day on the 25 October, by entering the Facebook competition to recognise the great work of their teachers. Children are asked to explain why their teacher is so great in 25 words or less or submit a 30 second video for the chance to win a $100 iTunes voucher for themselves and for their teacher plus a $500 voucher for classroom resources. As the children at St Mary MacKillop are younger than 13 years of age, parents can ‘Like’ the Facebook Page and post their child's entry. Alternatively children can email their entry to promotions@parra.catholic.edu.au. Emailed video submissions need to be less than 5mb in size. Entries close 24 October 2013.

Australia’s Got Talent:
One of our very talented Year 6 students, Ethan McGuinness, along with TEAM KSTP will be appearing on Channel 9’s Australia’s Got Talent this Sunday 20 October. The current series of programs are the finals, and in order to get through to the next stage, “The Grand Final” viewers are requested to vote for their favourite performance. I would like to invite you all to support Ethan and TEAM KSTP by watching the program on Channel 9 on Sunday at 6.30pm.

Thank You:
Sincere thanks to Veronica Neal and all the parents who participated in the recent Southlands Shopping Competition. As a result of your support, next Wednesday the centre manager of Southlands will present our school with the third prize of $3000.

Thought for the Week
“Remember that we must always expect, from time to time, to receive ‘Crosses’ and know that we also give them.”
Mary MacKillop 184 1882

Have a Blessed Week

Michael Siciliano
Principal
Sacramental Program – Reconciliation:
Preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will commence with a parent only session on Tuesday 22 October 2013 at 7:00pm. If you wish to enrol in this program it is compulsory that at least one parent/carer attend. This meeting will be held in the St Nicholas Church. The program is for all children in Year 3 or above who have been baptised and would like to enrol in the Sacramental Program. All enquiries to Anne Tucker (Sacramental Coordinator) at St Nicholas Parish House 47212509

Socktober: ‘Sock it to Poverty- Crazy Sock Day’
October is World Mission Month and the theme this year is “I Will Build my Church.” This theme invites all students in Catholic Schools across Australia to reach out to help children who are vulnerable and in desperate need in Mongolia and throughout the world. Catholic Mission aims to help students learn more about the issues of justice and how we can all be involved with global mission, and participate in this wonderful work of sharing the loving grace of God throughout the world.

Every year, as part of the diocesan Religious Education program, every grade in the school completes a 2 -3 week mission unit at the start of Term 4. In addition to what is occurring in the classroom we would like to put our learning into action by holding a “CRAZY SOCK DAY” on Wednesday 23 October. All students are asked to wear crazy socks to school and donate a gold coin to help others in need. We look forward to a bright and colourful day, whilst we help to “sock it to poverty”!

The Canonisation of St Mary MacKillop:
Thursday 17 October marks 3 years since the canonisation of our patron saint, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop at St Peter’s Basilica, Rome. This very significant day officially recognised the work and dedication of Mary MacKillop, and gave Australia their very own saint.

‘The Church does not make a saint – it recognises a saint. Canonisation is the act by which the Holy Father declares in a definitive and solemn way that a Catholic Christian is actually in the glory of heaven, intercedes for us before the Lord and is to be publicly venerated by the whole Church.

Canonisation is a double statement – about the life of the person and also about the faith of the people who are alive at this moment.’ http://www.marymackillop.org.au

On Thursday 17 October I invite you to reflect upon the following Mary MacKillop Prayer:

Ever generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop to live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and 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 St Mary Mackillop we ask that you grant our request
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.
Ever generous God hear our prayer. We ask this through Jesus Christ
Amen

Mrs Leesa Gillard
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

School Fees

A reminder to parents that 2013 School Fees need to be finalised by the 25 October unless payment instalment arrangements have been previously made. Payment can be cash, cheque, eftpos, BPays, AusBillPost and credit card facilities via the phone or through the office. Payments can be made to the office from 8:30am - 3:30pm Monday to Thursday and 8:40-3:30pm on Fridays.
**P & F News**

**HAPPY WORLD TEACHER’S DAY to all our precious, priceless and inspirational teachers of St Mary MacKillop Primary School.** You are definitely loved, appreciated, treasured and are a true blessing to all your students on Friday 18 October 2013 as well as every other day.

**School Uniform Change Summer - Black shoes/White socks:**
Just a reminder that the new school uniform change for Summer and Winter officially commenced this term. A Generous transition phase up to the end of 2014 has been applied, as families and students gradually begin to purchase black school shoes and white socks for their daughters. Once again thank you for your cooperation in this process.

**Southlands Rewards Results - 2013:**
We came third!!! Well done to all our families and friends that contributed their receipts for our school to win the third prize of $3,000. Thank you to Mrs Neal for all your communication in gaining more points and Mrs Inskip for registering our school to gain this wonderful result. Congratulations St Mary MacKillop Primary School teachers and students. You truly deserve it.

**P & F School Disco - Thursday 17 October 2013:**
Let’s slip on those dancing shoes and have a night of shuffling fun. Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 session is at 6:00pm to 7:00pm, Year 3 - Year 6 Session is from 7:15pm - 8:30pm. entry of $5.00 is available for purchase from 5:45pm at the hall - side door, this includes a drink, a glow stick, as well as a special treat for celebrating St Mary MacKillop Primary School’s 30 Year Anniversary.

**Scholastic Book Club due: Tuesday, 22 October 2013:**
Don’t forget to hand in your Book club orders by Tuesday, 22 October. Please ensure that the student name and class is clearly written on the order form and envelope. Please also ensure that the correct cash, cheque or credit card amount match the tally of the items ordered. We wish to extend a humbled thank you to Mrs Keane, Mrs Graham and Mrs Effield for volunteering their valuable time to process these orders every term. Thank you students and parents for your cooperation and we are always proud of your wonderful investment in reading.

**Class Parent Representative Meeting - 12 November 2013 at 7:00pm in the Multi Purpose Centre:**
All Representatives are encouraged to attend to share any questions or queries they may have on behalf of the class parents.

**Parents and Friends General Meeting - 12 November 2013 at 7:30pm in the Multi Purpose Centre:**
Come and join us for an evening of catch up and updates from the Principal, President, PRC Team, Treasurer and Fundraising committee. All are welcome to attend.

**Bargain Buyers Fundraising event -Saturday, 23 November 2013:**
On behalf of the P & F, Mrs Bryant is organising a Bargain Buyers Fundraising bus trip to warehouses in the Sydney Metro area. This event will take place on Saturday 23 November from 7:00am and returning at 6:30pm. Tickets for a seat on the bus is $35 which includes morning and afternoon tea. Drinks will be sold on the bus. BYO lunch and be prepared to spend/save for Christmas, have fun, win prizes whilst raising funds for our wonderful school. Seats are limited, so to avoid disappointment, please contact Mrs Fiona Bryant at fionaw@smartchat.net.au or call Liz Whalen on 0416102 233 for more details or to book your seat.

**Zooper Dooper Sales for October & November 2013:**
October: Tuesday 5, Thursday 17, Monday 21,Wednesday 23, Fri day 25, Tuesday 29 and Thursday 31.
November: Monday 4, Wednesday 6, Fri day 8, Tue day 12, Thursday 14, Monday 18, Wednesday 20, Friday 22, Tuesday 26 and Thursday 28. Children are reminded to ensure that they kindly dispose of their rubbish in the bins provided around the school. Let’s keep our school environment beautiful.

**St Mary MacKillop Primary School Autumn School Fete - SAVE THE DATE:**
Now that the meetings are going to be attended fortnightly, its time to spread the word about our major event next year. So scribble it in your diaries and calendars to SAVE THE DATE for our AUTUMN SCHOOL FETE - Sunday 18 May 2014.

**St Mary MacKillop Primary School Autumn School Fete 2014 - Invitation to Parent Stall Holders:**
We warmly invite all parents from our school who wish to book a stall during our school fete to promote their business venture during this major event. Please contact Fiona Bryant at fionaw@smartchat.net.au to receive the Stall Holders booking documentation and contractual information to book a designated space for your stall, as they will be occupied fast once we begin to advertise to the community. Thank you.

Thank you and God Bless
Liz Whalen
President
On behalf of the P & F Executive Team
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**Maths Olympiad**

**Question (Term 3 Week 10):** Sam has a book open and is looking at two pages facing each other. He says, “These page number have a product of 110”. What is the sum of the two pages?

**Answer:** (Strategy: Look for products of consecutive integers.)

Page numbers are consecutive integers. Therefore the two page numbers Sam can see are consecutive numbers. Since the product is 110, check to see if 10 is a factor. Since 110/10 = 11 the two page must be 10 and 11. **The sum of 10 + 11 is 21.**

**Question:**

Team Alpha defeated Team Beta in a netball game. The sum of their scores was 73. The difference of their scores was 37. How many points did Team Alpha score? Answer next KIT.