Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Reflections of Term Two, 2012

Here we are at the end of a superb Term Two, 2012 at Mary MacKillop Primary School. Many educational achievements have been realised and we have much to acknowledge and celebrate. A few of the blessings and successes we have shared this term are:

• Mary MacKillop School Fete.
• Catholic Schools Week with Mass and Open Classrooms.
• ANZAC Day Liturgy, Mothers Day Liturgy and Grade Liturgies.
• Greg Alexander Shield, Stage 2 and 3 soccer.
• Restorative Justice Workshop for parents.
• P&F Biggest Morning Tea.
• Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN.
• Year 2 incursion of CSIRO, Year 5 excursion to Mary MacKillop House, Year 6 Canberra excursion, Year 2 Penrith Lakes excursion and Year 3 excursion to Glenbrook National Park.
• Visiting teachers and students from St Therese, Wilcannia.
• Year Six Peer Support Training and K-6 sessions.
• Captivate Choir and Strings Showcase.
• Semester One Reports and Parent Teacher meetings.
• Weekly Whole School Assembly and Class Assemblies. And so much more!!

Refugee Week 2012

Last Friday 22 June, during Refugee Week, Miss Deborah Parker led the Mary MacKillop staff prayer with the following reflection:

Welcoming the Stranger

For the people and land from which refugees have fled, may there be peace and reconciliation between people and nations.

That strangers, refugees, and those who seek asylum may find a welcome among us.

We pray for all who make our laws and administer justice: May the God of justice be their guide.

We pray for those who minister to the vulnerable and broken people especially the homeless and displaced: that they may show God’s welcoming love.

We often feel powerless in the face of crushing poverty, injustice and violence in our world; we ask for the courage to reach out to victims of injustice and poverty.

Lord, you bestow on us the gift of your spirit in our lives to sustain our wavering hope.

Accept the prayers we make from the fullness of our hearts, and grant the requests we make with confidence in you.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

I also invite you to view the following link to a youtube clip, which was filmed as part of the International Refugee Conference hosted by UNSW. In the film clip four refugees of very different backgrounds - from Burma, Iraq, Sudan and Liberia - tell of what brought them to Australia and the lives they now lead.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6BOGV3ung0Y&feature=related

Best Wishes to Mrs Wheaton

During Term Three, Mrs Wheaton will be taking Long Service Leave and I am pleased to inform the school community that Miss Joanne Carbone will be teaching Year 4W during this time. We wish Mrs Wheaton a well deserved break during Term Three.

Congratulations

We congratulate Miss Rachel Eisenhuth & Mr Michael Paine as they begin their new life together and celebrate their marriage tomorrow Friday 29 June. God bless them and their families on this special day.

Thankyou

Sincere thanks to the staff, children, parents and friends for your continued prayers and best wishes for my daughter Daniella and family.

Thought for the Week

“Bear with the faults of others as you hope God will bare with you”

St Mary MacKillop 2.9.1906

May you and your families have a peaceful and joyous holiday

Mr Michael Siciliano
Principal
Congratulations to all the members of our String Ensemble who represented the school with great energy and outstanding musicianship on Tuesday night. Check the twitter feed on our website for video from the rehearsal. The students will be performing at our regular assembly tomorrow Friday 29 June.

Thank you to all the students for their hard work, to their families for their incredible support and to Mr Andrew Russek and Mrs Anna Bray for their tireless commitment to the strings program at Mary MacKillop Primary

Mr Scott Carroll

Voice of Youth

Our Year 6 children are currently in the process of presenting their speeches to their peers as the first stage of the Voice Of Youth Competition held throughout the Parramatta Diocese commences. Early next term, selected students will present their speech to all the children in Stage 3 as they strive to be selected for the cluster final in August. Thank you to Year 6 for all your hard work in your speech preparation.

School Uniform

We encourage the children to take pride in their school uniform, and we maintain a high standard in this area. Lowes store is the provider of school uniforms for Mary MacKillop Primary. If your child is not wearing the correct uniform a reminder communication will be sent to parents.

Hats: Bottle green hats for boys and girls. Children are to wear the school hat in the playground at all times. NO HAT, NO PLAY.

Caps: Years 5 & 6 children may wear bottle green caps with school emblem. Available from Lowes.

JEWELLERY: No jewellery is to be worn.
(One set of gold or silver studs/sleepers may be worn in pierced ears).

HAIR:
If hair is below shoulder length, it must be tied back with a bottle green ribbon or scrunchie. Hair is not to be coloured for either boys or girls. Hair cuts are to be suitable for school for both boys and girls.

Internet Safety Awareness Presentation

Yesterday your child would have brought home an information letter regarding an Internet Safety workshop that will be take place at Mary MacKillop on Monday 6 August 2012. The content of the presentation will include:

- Ways in which children use the internet and emerging technologies
- Potential risks for children online including cyber bullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content
- Tips to help children stay safe online

This presentation is provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) as part of a national program of cyber smart initiatives. This information will be presented to the Mary MacKillop community in three sessions:

- 2:00pm – Children from Years 3-6
- 3.15pm – All Mary MacKillop staff
- 7.00pm – Parents (All welcome)

As we anticipate that this night will be well attended we encourage you to register by completing the slip on the information letter that was brought home yesterday. Enrolments will be accepted on the night, however, for organisational purposes we encourage you to pre-register.
Sport News

Congratulations:
We are very proud of three of our students who have achieved amazing milestones in the sporting arena. Max (5M) recently came 2nd in the NSW Primary Catholic Schools Cross Country carnival and will now compete in the NSW PSSA carnival on Friday 20 July. Ethan (5R) recently won his division in the Australian Gymnastics Championships held at Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre. Ethan has now qualified for the Indo Pacific Trampoline Championships in October. Rory (5R) represented the Parramatta Diocese in Rugby Union at Forbes on Monday. Rory’s team played 4 games having won two and lost two. Congratulations Rory, Ethan and Max.

STAGE 3 BOYS SOCCER - Parramatta Diocesan Gala Day
The boys played good football throughout the day. They won two games, lost two and had three close draws. They came third overall in their pool. Sportsmanship both on and off the field was fantastic. Well Done boys!

Thank you to Mr Townsend who was team manager on the day.

STAGE 2 BOYS SOCCER - Parramatta Diocesan 8-a-side Gala Day
The boys played as a team, they strung together a number of strong and accurate passes and scored 16 goals to achieve overall first place within their pool. They had one draw and five wins. A great day, well done!

Many thanks to Mr Perri who was the Stage 2 boy’s coach! Thank you to all the parents and grand parents who supported us at the soccer gala days J

Mrs Michelina Bizzanelli

Term 3 Sport Uniform:
Please note that in Term 3 children are required to wear their sport uniform on the following days:
Kindergarten: Thursday, Year 1: Friday, Year 2: Friday, Year 3: Friday, Year 4: Friday, Year 5: Tuesday and Year 6: Thursday.

Maths Olympiad

Previous Question (Week 6)
In a group of dogs and their owners, there are exactly 20 heads and 64 legs. How many dogs are in the group?
Answer:
Method 1: Suppose all 20 creatures are owners. There would then be a total of 40 legs. The extra 24 legs must be accounted for by the dogs. Since each dog has 2 more legs than its owner, there are 24 ÷ 2 = 12 dogs in the group.
Method 2: (Use algebra)
Let D = the number of dogs. Then 20 - D = the number of owners and 4D + 2(20-D) = the number of legs. 4D + 2(20 - D) = 64. Solving, D = 12. There are exactly 12 dogs in the group.

Question (Week 10)
A pile of coins sits on a table. Sara takes half of the coins plus 4 more. Then Nick takes 2. then Joe takes 2 more than half of what is left. Finally Selena takes 5. Four coins remain on the table.

How may coins were on the table at the start?
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**Staff Development Day - Pupil Free Day**