Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**Book Week 2012:**
Book week celebrations occurred in Australian schools this week from Saturday 18 to Friday 24 August. The theme for 2012 ‘Champions Read’ has come alive through the love that many of our students have in reading. Thank you to Mrs Eisenhuth, our Teacher Librarian, for organising the book week performance (From Halfway around the World) for our students, familiarising the students with the 2012 shortlisted books and arranging the Scholastic Book Fair. As we are in book week in 2012, the year which has been identified as the National Year of reading, I would like to congratulate the many children who are participating in the 2012 Premier’s Reading Challenge. It’s also a timely reminder for other students, who would like to participate in the readers challenge, to register at www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au

**Happy Grandparents Day:**
As we prepare for the Mary MacKillop Grandparents liturgy and celebration tomorrow (10:00am) I would like to share this Universal Prayer for Grandparents which was composed by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI in 2008.

**PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS**

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.  
Look with love on grandparents the world over.  
Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society.  
Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasuries of sound religious traditions.  
Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.  
Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and roles of grandparents.  
May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love.  
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them.  
Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. Amen!

**Parents and Friends Meeting:**
At Tuesday nights Parent and Friends Meeting I had the opportunity to share the results of the Quality Catholic Schools Survey. This survey, which will be conducted annually, provided us with information about the culture of our school. We identified the key strengths of Mary MacKillop Primary School and acknowledged areas for further improvement. I also invited parents to suggest strategies that could be put in place at MMP to address these challenges via the school email address.

**Thank You:**
Sincere thanks to Mrs Keane, Mrs Neal, Ms Mazurkiewics (CCC teacher) and the five students from Caroline Chisholm College for organising a fun and exciting Dance-a-thon.

**Reminders**
I would like to draw your attention to a number of upcoming events. Next week Father Matthew and Father Joe commence their ministry at our Parish. Our Fathers Day Liturgy and stall is next Friday 31 August at 10:00am.

**Father’s Day Prayer of Remembering**

"Fathers young, fathers old remembering good times are our gold.  
Value earned through guidance given helping us go forth in livin’.  
Each father adding to our trove a treasure chest of love untold.  
Remembering fathers in our lives taking time to realise.  
Fatherly love brings wealth to living Remembering this, we go forth in giving.  
Fathers young, fathers old We remember you all As life unfolds.”  
Susan Kramer  

Happy Fathers Day to all our MMP dads

**Thought for the Week**

“Look upon your crosses as stepping stones to an eternity of happiness”  
Mary MacKillop 28.2.1890

Have a Blessed Week  
Michael Siciliano  
PRINCIPAL
Diocesan Athletics Carnival:
Best wishes to the 14 representatives from Mary MacKillop who will attend the Diocesan Athletics Carnival tomorrow. We look forward to hearing about some wonderful performances.

Voice Of Youth Cluster Final
Congratulations to Georgia (6R) and Monique (6R) who finished 1\textsuperscript{st} and 2\textsuperscript{nd} in the Cluster Final of the Voice of Youth competition recently. Along with Jacinta (6C) these girls spoke clearly and with confidence, delivering a clear message that was obviously well received by the large audience and the judges. Georgia will now progress to the Western Region Semi-Final in a few weeks time!

Grandparents Day and Fathers Day Liturgies
We look forward to seeing many Grandparents and Fathers in our upcoming liturgies tomorrow and next Friday. It is always terrific to gather as a community to celebrate the special people in our lives. Please join us for a Picnic lunch after the Grandparents day Liturgy tomorrow.

Congratulations…..
Ethan M. (5R) competed in the National Clubs Tumbling Championships in Brisbane on Friday 10 August and came away with remarkable results, in the Sub Junior competition. He secured his position in the Australian team for the 2012 Indo Pacific Championships that will be held in Sydney later in the year. Ethan was the only male in Australia in his age group that had the skills required to qualify for this competition.

Ethan competed in Level 5, and was up against 14 boys ranging from 11 years old to 17 years old. After Ethan’s first two passes he went into the final in the lead. Ethan produced a pass that included a double backsault to secure gold, his score from the three passes were higher than any other athlete during the weekend competition.

Steve Cauchi
Acting Assistant Principal

MONDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2012
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
(Pupil Free Day)

Friday Morning Assembly
On Friday mornings when the school has a Whole School Liturgy, the 8:45am school assembly will be cancelled for that week. There will be no morning school assembly on Friday 24 August (Grandparents Liturgy) and Friday 31 August (Father’s Day Liturgy) for Term 3.

Families Taking Students on Holidays During the School Year
There are new Government guidelines for schools to follow when marking the school rolls. These guidelines require parents who are taking their children on holidays, during the school year, to complete a request of ‘Exemption from School Attendance’ form. These forms are to be completed prior to your holiday. The school principal can only approve up to 50 school days leave. Longer periods require the approval of the Director of Schools and the Catholic Education Commission.

Once the form has been completed and returned and if acceptable you will be issued a certificate allowing the exemption from school. This certificate needs to be kept with you while on holidays in case you are requested to present it. Please note that if the planned holiday is longer than 20 days a copy of your flight/travel details will also be required. Exemption forms are available at the school office.
**Book Fair**

The Library will be open for purchases after the Grandparent’s Liturgy on Friday 24 August 2012 and will remain open until 4:00pm. Children will only be allowed to purchase if accompanied by a parent or grandparent on this day. The Library will also be open before and after school on Monday 27 August 2012. Children will be able to purchase by themselves when they visit the library with their class during the day.

*Maree Eisenhuth*

**Teacher Librarian**

**P & F News**

**FATHER’S DAY**

On Wednesday 29 August we will be wrapping all of the great gifts for our Father’s Day stall. Wrapping will commence at 8:50am so if you can spare an hour or two to help it would be greatly appreciated...just pop into the library...we’d love to see you there!

On Friday 31 August we will be having our Father’s Day Stall. To ensure the smooth running of the day we would love as many helpers as possible. So if you could spare some time to come in and sell the gifts to the children we would love to see you....just come along to the library in the morning after dropping off your children.

**WOOLWORTHS & COLES PROMOTIONS**

Both of these shopping promotions have now closed and we must submit our final counts of stickers and vouchers. If you have any left at home this is your last chance to send them into the office so that they can be included in the count. Please send them in by Friday of this week...

Thank You!!

**PRC - (Parents Representative Council)**

*Free “Transitions” Forum for Parents*

‘Local Schools & CEO Share Insights - Guiding Families through School Stages’

*to be held at*

Caroline Chisholm College 90-98 The Lakes Drive Glenmore Park 2745

*on*

Thursday 23 August 6:30pm for 7:00pm Start finishing approx. 9:30pm

Highly recommended for Year 5 & 6 parents but relevant for ALL student stages. Kindergarten to Year 12 and beyond into the workforce.

Please RSVP to prcparraevents@hotmail.com

**Maths Olympiad**

**Term 3 Week 4:**

**Question:** In the multiplication problem below, the letters A, B, C and D represent different digits. What is the sum of A and C?

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   A B
x C D
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  5 7
  7 6
  8 1 7
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**Answer:** 57 is the product of AB multiplied by D. 57 is divisible by 3. since 57 x 3 = 19, the product of two primes, clearly AB must be 19 and D is 3. 76 must equal 19 x C, so C = 4. Therefore, A=1 and C = 4, so **A + C = 5**

**Term 3 Week 6**

**Question:** The pages of a book are numbered from 1 to 200. What is the total number of times that the digit “1” appears on these pages?
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### Monday 3 September Staff Development Day - Pupil Free Day

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