



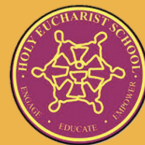
# HOLY EUCHARIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – SPECIAL EDITION (5)

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020

### FEAST OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP (8<sup>th</sup> August)

Mary MacKillop was born in Melbourne on 15<sup>th</sup> January 1842 in Melbourne and died in Sydney on 8<sup>th</sup> August 1909. She took the religious name Mary of the Cross. Responding to the isolation of colonial families she pioneered a new form of religious life to provide education for their children. She and her sisters shared the life of the poor and the homeless, offering special care to destitute women and children. Mary is remembered for her eagerness to discover God's will in all things, for her charity in the face of calumny and for her abiding trust in God's providence.

*Provident God,  
With grateful hearts we remember  
the power for goodness  
that Mary MacKillop is in our world.  
On this her feast day  
May we be touched anew with her spirit  
of prophetic charity  
and generous participation in mission.  
We ask this in the name of Christ,  
the Sacred Heart, and of the Spirit of Mission.  
Amen.*



### Principal's Message:

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

As the third week of this Term comes to an end, I would like to congratulate you for assisting your children with remote learning. It is fabulous to see so many of you every Friday dropping off and picking up homework packs. As I have stated in previous communications, this is a very challenging time for teachers, students and parents. We must work together in family partnerships to provide the best possible education to the children of Holy Eucharist School during this global pandemic.

Parent/Teacher interviews were been conducted this week and will continue next week also for some grades. From all accounts, the interviews, both via phone or Zoom, have been very successful. It has been a great opportunity for teachers and parents to discuss ways the school can support parents as co-educators to continue home learning.

Thank you to all parents and guardians for participating in Parent Support Group (PSG) discussions over the last few weeks. It was fantastic to see goals for Personalised Learning Plans (PLP) for our children with additional needs collaborated and consulted with parents in COVID-19 challenges. Our National Consistency Collection of Data (NCCD) for funding for children with additional needs will be submitted on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

The school continues to use all safe COVID-19 procedures and protocols to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and staff in our care. Onsite attendance follows a set criteria. The rules provided by the Government are put in place for a reason and as Principal, it is my duty to adhere to this. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Stay safe and God Bless,

Mr Jeffrey Parker

Principal

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## Deputy Principal's Message:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents, carers and staff for their patience and continued support over the past few weeks in regards to remote learning. Thank you to all our mums, dads and carers for meeting the challenge of becoming teachers at home; you have done an amazing job and your children have seen you as the educators you are in their lives.

We will continue to offer limited on-site learning for those students who need to access this, including for students on days when they are not able to be supervised at home and no other arrangements can be made.

Please remember to continually check for updates on Class Dojo and to visit our school website to keep up to date with important information in regards to COVID-19. Please visit [www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au](http://www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au)

### ONLINE LEARNING - ATTENDANCE

Just a reminder that it is a legal requirement in for students in Melbourne to complete the set tasks outlined in the Remote Learning packs. Remote Learning is just like a "normal" school day and attendance is compulsory. All students are to complete set tasks during school hours.

Students in Grades 3 to Grade 6 are asked to login each day at 9am on Google Classroom and will need to complete the attendance log. Students in the Grades Prep to Grade 2 are required to login on Class Dojo and to complete their attendance. **If a student does not login they will be marked absent for the day.**

If a student is unable to take part in remote learning for any particular reason, the parent/carer is required to notify the teacher via email or can telephone the school office, explaining the reason for their child's absence. **Please note that all absences will be recorded in the Semester 2 report.**

**Please remember**, if your child is attending school during remote learning, it is vital that **they do not come to school** if they have any symptoms like sore throat, temperature, tiredness, loss of taste or smell, tummy pains or shortness of breath. They will be sent home if they show any of these symptoms. All children attending school will have their temperature taken on arrival. Any child who registers a temperature of 37.5 or more, will be sent home. It is important that your emergency contact is available if, for any reason you are unable to pick up your child if we ring you. The constant message is for all of us to be responsible in the actions we take. By keeping yourself safe, you are keeping your families, your colleagues and your friends safe.

### REMOTE LEARNING PACKS

All students in Grades Prep to Grade 6 are required to complete the assigned tasks allocated by the classroom teachers. Please note that all completed work must be returned/submitted every Friday, as these samples will be used for assessment and reporting purposes.

Many parents/carers have requested for Take Home Packs to be made available for collection each week. We have made these available for our families and have accommodated for students who do not have access to digital technology. However, each week there are a number of take home packs left in the hall, which highlights the fact that many of our students are not doing their work.

As of next week, all students in Grades Prep to Grade 6 will be commencing their third week of remote learning. **All students are required to complete the assigned tasks allocated by the classroom teacher(s). Please note that all completed work must be returned/submitted every Friday, as these samples will be used for assessment and reporting purposes.**

Take Home packs are available from the school hall every Friday from 8:45 until 3:00pm. Alternatively, you may wish to download the packs from our school website. If you are downloading these, can you please notify the classroom teacher via Class Dojo.

### PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher interviews commenced this week. Thank you to all the parents/carers who made themselves available to be contacted over the phone or via Zoom. We still have Grade Prep, 1 and 2 to take part in the Parent/Teacher Interviews. Interview times for these grades are inside the student's Assessment Portfolio and will be held on the following days:

- Grade 2 - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July.
- Grade 1 – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August.
- Grade Prep – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August.

### VISITOR ACCESS

Parents/carers/visitors are **not to enter the school grounds**. The school office will be closed and will only be accessible by appointment only. The School Office will only allow 2 parents at any given time to enter. An admin officer will be at the door to provide hand sanitiser to these parents. If parents are required to be onsite, they must wear mask, minimise their time and practise physical distancing.

### COMMUNICATION

Please note, that our Teaching Staff may not be able to respond to emails or telephone calls immediately. The school accepts **that a response within 2 working days is acceptable**. Our Parent Code of Conduct Policy stipulates that responses **will not be made outside of working hours or during school holidays, with the exception of an emergency**.

### FACE COVERINGS/MASKS

Face coverings are mandatory for people aged 12 and over. These measures will slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) and help protect our school community. Students who attend primary school for onsite supervision will not be required to wear a face covering. Students who are aged 12 by Year 6 will not be required to wear face coverings. The Victorian Chief Health Officer has advised that it is not practical to require some primary school students to wear face coverings while others are not required to.

Parents, guardians and carers will be required to wear face coverings whenever they leave the house, including for school drop-off and pick-up. Students or staff who have a medical condition – including problems with their breathing, a serious skin condition on the face, a disability or a mental health condition – are not required to wear a face covering.

### FACE COVERINGS/MASKS (Continued)

The Department of Health and Human Services website has [advice about face coverings](#), including:

- Which different types can be used.
- How to make your own.
- How to safely wear one.
- How to safely remove it.

### SCHOOL LITURGY ONLINE

We will be having an online whole school Liturgy of the Word to celebrate the feast of our Australian saint, Saint Mary MacKillop (St Mary of the Cross). All students and their families are invited to attend this celebration led by Fr Vincent next Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 9:30am. The celebration on Zoom will held before remote learning and will go for approximately 15 minutes. The link to the celebration will be posted on Class Dojo.

### SUNDAY MASSES

St Patrick's Cathedral will continue to broadcast Sunday Mass (live) via online streaming and also on C31 (digital channel 44). Broadcasting Sunday Mass on television and online continues to enable the faith community to gather and pray remotely, during the COVID-19 lockdown. In particular, the television service is essential, especially for those in our community with limited internet access.

Sunday Mass at 11am will continue to be televised free-to-air. All daily Masses however, will be available online via the Archdiocesan website and YouTube channel. For more details, please visit: <http://melbournecatholic.org.au>

To access Mass from St Patrick's Cathedral via live streaming, please visit <http://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

- Monday – Friday 1.00pm.
- Saturday – 8.00am.
- Sunday – 11.00am OR Sunday – 11am free-on-air C31 (digital channel 44).

Fr Rob Galea also broadcasts Mass each Sunday morning at 10am. Please visit <https://www.frgministry.com/>

### CAROLINE CHISHOLM – YEAR 7 2022

Enrolments for Year 7 at Caroline Chisholm for 2022 are open until 9th October 2020. If you wish to secure a place at the Catholic college for Year 7 in 2020, please visit [cccc.vic.edu.au](http://cccc.vic.edu.au)



## Every day is Open Day

Visit our updated website [cccc.vic.edu.au](http://cccc.vic.edu.au)  
to learn about our College facilities and programs.



### IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Friday 31st July**
  - Grade 2 Parent/Teacher Interviews
  - Remote Learning Packs are available in the hall from 8:45am until 3pm
- **Tuesday 4th August**
  - Grade Prep Parent/Teacher Interviews
- **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August**
  - Whole School Liturgy of the Word via Zoom at 9:30am (*Feast St Mary of the Cross*)
- **Wednesday 5th August**
  - Grade 1 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August**
  - Remote Learning Packs are available in the hall from 8:45am until 3pm
  - Assessment Portfolios are due back at school
- **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August**
  - Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop**
- **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August**
  - Feast of the Assumption of Mary**
- **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September**
  - Father's Day**
- **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September**
  - Our Lady's Birthday**
- **Friday 9th October**
  - Caroline Chisholm's Year 7 Enrolments for 2022 close
- **Monday 12th October**
  - School Photos
- **Mon 19th –Fri 23rd October**
  - Children's Book Week

Please take care and stay safe,

**Mr Michael Bonnici**

Deputy Principal/Learning and Teaching Leader

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