PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

Feast of Mary Mackillop: Monday 8th of August

The Feast Day of Mary Mackillop enables school communities to reflect on the enormous legacy Mary left for Catholic Education. Mary MacKillop decided to devote herself to the life of the poor. In Penola, South Australia, with the help of Father Julian Woods, she opened Australia's first free Catholic school. Mary, was a great teacher, and was duly loved by her students. Mary's followers grew, and by the time she died, in 1909, there were St. Joseph's Schools all over Australia. Mary's good deeds and hard work for Australia's poor are proof of her devotion to God.

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 Saint 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. Mary MacKillop

First Eucharist:

Please remember in your prayers our First Communion candidates this weekend from Mrs Boundy’s and Mrs Anderson’s classes as they receive the Eucharist for the first time. Congratulations and well done children, teachers and parents in your preparation.

Vinnies School Sleepout:

All is in readiness for our Friday night sleepout in the Gym. There is still time to register so if you are still interested please sign up. Remember that we are attempting to raise $1000 for Vinnies. You can donate online or drop money off at the office or bring money on the night.

School Assembly:

Last week the Year 1/2 students presented a very uplifting assembly for the whole school. There were many positive messages regarding our new school values, Vinnies Sleepout and the Bounce Back program. The students showed posters they created about the values of Respect, Integrity, Collaboration, and Innovation. The posters can be found facing out from the staffroom windows. The Year 6 Leaders provided information about the Vinnies School Sleepout as well as a powerful video showing the tremendous work Vinnies does for people who are less fortunate than ourselves.

The Year 3/4 students told us about the Bounce Back philosophy. The staff have recently spent time looking at ways of using the language of Bounce Back in the classrooms and around the school. A music video promoting Bounce Back had everyone in the Multi Purpose Room dancing.

Art Work in School Foyer:

Mrs Ferguson and the Year 1/2 students have been busy creating art work by Eric Carle. They have studied and shared stories by Eric, looked closely at his technique for making pictures, painted paper and explored different texture. They recognised that he does not use drawing in his art works. He uses painted paper cut into shapes to make his pictures. The students had a go at making their own illustrations and recorded their ideas. If you are in the office foyer, have a look at their art work. They are look amazing.

Before School Care:

As you are aware the school currently operates an After School Care run by Camp Australia. At the recent Parent’s Association meeting, an enquiry was made as to the possibility of the school looking into Before Care. Last night at the Parish Education Board meeting, it was agreed that we would ask families for an expression of interest. If you have a need for using Before School care, could you contact the office.

Have a great week everyone.

Peter Whyte
Acting Principal

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MUSIC NEWS:

SCRIPTS DOWN ... by Katie Tranter

Last week in Production we started off with a warm up where we mimed lots of different things with unexpected freezes. We did our very first ‘scripts down’ reading (where we said our lines without scripts). It was really nerve racking for all of us, but I think but we only had to memorise four lines maximum, and as soon as we said our first line we gained a lot of confidence. With a little reminder now and again, we were all good.

PRODUCTION REHEARSALS ... by Olivia Higgins.

In Producon last week we had our first scripts down read through. We had to memorise our lines and read them and use gestures to make the story come more alive. Without the script, the story becomes more realistic and you understand it more. At the start of our production rehearsal we had to act in different ways and have different attitudes to help us for when we actually perform on stage. We worked on singing ‘Rock on Little Rock’ and we have made a huge difference because we have been practising at home. We have also worked really hard in our extra rehearsals for the past couple of weeks ... learning lines, dances, gestures and to have more expression in our voices. We are growing as a team and we are all really looking forward to performing for everyone.

LITERACY NEWS:

What an exciting time at St. Thomas More School as we get ready to celebrate Children’s Book Week. We enjoy dressing up and reading our favourite books on Book Day. This year during Book Week (21st to 27th August) we invite our parents to get involved by coming and reading to your child/ren before school. What a great way to start the day! A time to slow down and enjoy stories.

To celebrate Children’s Book Week, Farrell’s bookshop is holding a story writing competition and I have encouraged every child to get involved. Details and an entry form were sent home last week. Your support and encouragement for our budding authors is appreciated.

Please take the time to attend our afternoon with special guest speaker Sofie Laguna. She is a passionate, inspiring author and we are very privileged to have her come to our school. Sofie will be speaking to parents and our adult community on Wednesday 24th August. An opportunity not to be missed! I highly recommend her award winning novel “The Eye of the Sheep”, a disturbing but beautifully written story. Sofie will return in September to work with our children.

With thanks for your continued support.

Cathy McKenzie

PARENT MATHS EVENING: ALL WELCOME

Thursday 25th August, 7:00 p.m.

Next Thursday a Parent Maths Evening will be held. The intention of the evening is to support parents to enable their children with mathematical learning and to engage with current practice in Mathematics teaching and learning.

We look forward to seeing you there. Thank you.

Jill Chaplin and Mandy Shankie

BOOK WEEK: AUSTRALIA - STORY COUNTRY

Just a reminder that next

Monday 15th August is BOOK DAY

All the children are really excited about this event, and there has been much discussion about their book character costumes. We will certainly have some interesting characters at our parade!

During the following week, which will be Book Week, the children are looking forward to having their mum, dad, grandparent, or special person come and read a book to them in their classroom. Each day during this week, the classroom will be open from 8:45am for you to come and read a picture story book to your child.
PARENT’S ASSOCIATION:
The PA meets on the first Tuesday of every month. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 6th September 2016. Everyone is welcome. Meetings begin at 7.30pm in the staffroom. Contact leonieroyall@yahoo.com.au for more information.

2016 AFL FUNDRAISER: this Saturday
Hawthorn vs North Melbourne
The AFL have donated a limited number of general admission tickets to the Hawthorn vs North Melbourne match at the MCG, Saturday 13th August 2016, 2:10pm.
We are offering these tickets at $15 each (kids tickets $5 at the ground). You are welcome to buy for family and friends. Tickets can be purchased at the office - get in quick, limited tickets available.

BAD MOMS: Movie Night Out
Next Tuesday 16th August, 7:15pm
We have arranged a private screening of the new movie 'Bad Moms' at Hoyts Frankston (with leather reclining seats) for the STM mums and staff.
Tickets are $20. Price includes entry, great company, and a few other treats. Please pay $20, in cash, at the office by this Friday 12th August (in an envelope with the correct money please).

CADBURY CHOCOLATE DRIVE: THANK YOU
The chocolate drive is a successful and quick way to raise approximately $4,500 to go towards improving our children’s learning environment. We would like to thank our wonderful STM families for getting behind this fundraiser and selling chocolates. It’s another great display of the STM community spirit. If you have not returned your money yet, it is now overdue. Please return envelope with money to the school office ASAP, thanks.
A big thank you goes to Kath McCreesh for her work in coordinating this fundraiser.

CROCKERY:
Do you have a party or event coming up? Did you know for a small donation the crockery at STM is available for any school family or parishioner to hire? Donations assist to replace damaged pieces and purchase items that could be useful. You could comfortably cater for about 90 people with all crockery and cutlery, salad bowls, platters, carafs, salt and pepper shakers, vases etc all in white. Great for communion/confirmation parties. Contact Kerrin Smith: ksmith@rdns.com.au

2016 MAJOR FUNDRAISER:
80’S MAYHEM AND MADNESS
featuring Sports and Music Trivia and Disco.
Thank you to everyone for purchasing tickets, we have had a great response so far.
Saturday 27th August 2016
6:30pm to 11:30pm in the STM Gym
Tickets $30
Payment via credit card via trybooking: https://www.trybooking.com/206440
Pay by cash at the office:
Bring the payment slip and correct money in an envelope.
Put a table together of family and friends or add your name to a general table we have allocated for each year level. Table charts are located in the office foyer. If you would like to discuss table options please contact myself or your class representative.
Dress with a touch of 80’s, BYO drinks and food.
Massoni wine tasting and margarita’s and wine for sale.

BLOKE’S WORKING BEE: DAD’S NEEDED
To be auctioned off at the fundraiser (or mums if you want). Two years ago we auctioned off a group of about fourteen dads for a 'Bloke's Working Bee’ at your house. The conditions were the Dad’s were to provide approximately four hours of labour (or whatever they could do) at your place in exchange for a sausage sizzle and a beer! This is a call out to try and get some more dads involved this year. Let us know if you or your partner can put their hand up to be involved. The date will be worked out with the purchaser at a later date, usually a Saturday afternoon. I know the Dad's had fun last time!
Contact Christina Day: paulchristina1@bigpond.com

STM DATES FOR THE DIARY
Sat 13th Aug - Roos Vs Hawks 2:10pm at MCG
Tue 16th Aug - Bad Moms Movie Night 7:15pm
Wed 24th Aug - raffle tickets due at the office
Thu 27th Aug - 2016 MAJOR FUNDRAISER 80'S Mayhem and Madness
Tue 6th Sep- PA meeting 7:30pm in staffroom

Leonie Zammit
President/Parents Association
leonieroyall@yahoo.com.au
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

It’s that time of the year again when we advertise to see if there is anyone who would like to be part of our next RCIA journey – a process for preparing and welcoming new members into the Catholic community.

It’s a journey of faith and life - a communal and personal journey: sharing, praying and worshiping with the Parish community and at the same time discovering a personal relationship with God especially through the Gospels and teachings of the Church. There are regular meeting times over the months leading up to Easter, with others on the journey, facilitated by the Parish RCIA Team.

Attached to today’s Newsletter is an Invitation. You may know someone you could give this invitation to, or come with, or you may even like to accept it yourself! It is an Invitation to an Inquiry Night, to ‘Come and See’ – a chance for anyone who is interested, over wine and nibbles, and without commitment, to come along and hear a little more of what the RCIA journey – the process of becoming a Catholic - looks like. It will be in the Parish Community Centre on Wednesday 24th August at 7:30pm.

MORNINGTON RACECOURSE MARKET
CAR PARK DUTY

Please advise Daniel Ferlin on 0410 184 494 with your confirmed attendance via text (incl your name) ASAP.

Please find the car parking rosters for the coming markets here. Together, this small contribution of our time is raising approximately $14,000 annually for the continual improvement of our school and the programs provided to our children. All families will be rostered on an approximate 16 month cycle.

If you are unavailable for your rostered month, please organise another family to take your place at least a week in advance of the market, and advise Daniel of the change asap.

All Markets:
• Arrive at 7:45am (all weather event); exception for Twilight market 1:45pm
• You will be told by the Market Leader when you can leave. This is typically around 12:30pm (6:30pm Twilight) but can alter depending on how busy the market is.
• Enter via the main gates of Racecourse on Racecourse Road, Mornington.
• Park in the designated area (Market Staff will be at the gate to assist you)
• Sign in with the Team Leader (for record keeping and Work Cover).

Team Leaders must collect a black folder from the school office the Friday prior to attending the market, and return it the following Monday.
• Receive your safety vest.
• Market Staff will take you to your location in the car park where you will direct cars accordingly and finish at approximately noon. (On slower days Market Staff will advise if you can leave earlier).

Daniel Ferlin
0410 184 494
daniel_ferlin@hotmail.com

** Please Confirm Attendance ASAP
^^ Re-rostered due to prior non-attendance

SUNDAY 14th Aug
Collins M & S (Leader)
Denvir
Eustace
Glover
Gwidzek-Falukner
Ryan A & F
Ryan D & J
Scheen
Woollard
Yates

SUNDAY 11th Sep
Zammit (Leader)
Boyden
Buchanan
Emond
Goonan
Hodder
Power-Reeves
Rosenfeld
Stack
Story
Sullivan
Unkles

SUNDAY 9th Oct
Ciro (Leader)
Allan
Collins R & A
Danaher
Davies
Day-Watts
Dungey
Geer
Higgins J & J
Meaney
Palamara
Poda

SUNDAY 13th Nov
Dixon (Leader)
Cevizovic
Cooling
Day P & C
Edens
Fox
Hadley
Harper-Treloar
Morris
Parrish
Reid
Snow
Taylor A & J

SATURDAY 26th Nov
1:45pm TWILIGHT
Aldag (Leader)
Cox
Farrish
Fay
Floro
Hallal
Herbert
Lambe
Mackie
Roche
Whyte