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Newsletter

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Yesterday was the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross.

St Mary MacKillop came to South Canterbury to set up schools in Temuka, Fairlie, Pleasant Point and Waimate. She had a great influence on the South Canterbury Catholic community. She continues to inspire people today, calling on us to have an “Attitude of Gratitude”, “Do our Bit”, “Listen for God’s Call” and “Make Room in our Hearts for All”.



St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Never see a need without doing something about it.

@livingmaronite

*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.*



We warmly welcome the following student who has joined our school community -

Daniel Heffernan Room 5

Class Award Winners

Room	Week 1	Week 2
1	Jack Rosewall	Leilah Adams
2	Devansh Hari	Edward Laing
3	Albie Doran	Lucia Howey
4	Luka van den Bergh	Pippa Hartnett
5	Jamie Harvey	Harry Rodden
6	Sam Ballantyne	Ruby Laming
7	Harry Boyce	Tiffany Biszczak
8	Emma Jamieson	Carter West
9	Isla Divan	James Fennessy
Terrific Behaviour	Fergus Divan	Jett Lamont
Mercy Shield	Harrison Laing	Isabella Rodden

The term continues to be jam packed. Over the last few weeks we have had swimming and on Monday, four of our classes played a round of golf at Highfield golf course. This was the culmination of several weeks of golf coaching. On Tuesday we had four teams representing the school at the Aoraki Maths tournament. Yesterday some of our Year 7 & 8 students joined Sacred Heart and played in a First XV rugby tournament, and today we have 14 students travelling to Oamaru to play in a chess tournament.

Next **Sunday, 19 August**, at St Thomas' Church, at 10.30am, we have the Parish/School Mass for this term. The band and choir are busy practising now and students with Mass parts will be preparing over the next week. Students with roles in the Mass need to be at the church by 10.10am please.

All students, dressed in school uniform, are expected to join us for the Parish/School Mass and need to be ready to go into the church by 10.20am. We appreciate your support with this.

Holidays in Term Time

This term we have noticed a significant increase in families taking holidays in term time. At times our attendance rates have been below 90%. In New Zealand, the Ministry of Education's Lisa Rodgers, Deputy Secretary of Early Learning and Student Achievement said absences from school should be avoided where at all possible. *"While holidays may provide valuable learning experiences, they can cause gaps in students' understandings that are not easily detected. They also impact on students socially and emotionally with students finding it hard fitting back into groups on return"*.

There's going to be a cost, even if the holidays are cheaper in term times.

This might be an amazing educational experience for students but there will be a cost in terms of the learning in other areas. Research has shown attendance was strongly linked to achievement. This can be significant in a child's first two years at school.

Wednesday 15 August - School Closed for Instruction

If you have not already done so, please complete the [Strike Awareness Form](#) as soon as possible.

Sacrament of Confirmation

The Confirmation programme begins on **Sunday 9 September**. All students from Year 8 and above are eligible to be confirmed. Enrolment forms are available from the parish and school offices, and church foyer/porches. The forms need to be returned before **Wednesday 5 September**. The Sacrament will be celebrated on Saturday evening, 13 October.



Adventure Based Learning - Year 6 to 8

On **Tuesday 14 August**, all Year 6 to 8 students will be participating in Adventure Based Learning activities at Mountainview High School. Students are to wear our school sports uniform for the day. They will need a water bottle, and jacket in case it is cold. Students will walk to Mountainview just after 9.00am and will return to school by lunch time. Any questions, please see Amanda O'Brien.

Wearable Arts Results

The inaugural Wearable Arts Competition was a great success. All exhibits were creative and well designed with clever use of recycled and reused materials. The quality of the modelling and the commentaries were of a high standard. Music choices were also thoughtful and appropriate.

Thanks go to guest judge, Lisa Cody from Roncalli College, and Mrs Brosnahan-Pye.

The House Groups and senior student leaders did a wonderful job designing and creating their exhibits. A huge amount of work went into them.

Results were -

- 1st place - The Runaway Bride designed by Catherine 1
- 2nd place - Queen of Hearts designed by Catherine 3
- 3rd place - Human Disco Ball designed by Mercy 1



The House Competition results are:
Catherine & Fennell (first equal);
MacKillop a close second;
Mercy was in third place only 2 points behind.

Some of our exhibits will be in the Artarama Exhibition. We hope to upload more photos and commentaries on the school website.

Junior Disco - this Friday 10 August



Ice Skating Trip

If you have not already done so, please complete the [Skating Trip Information Form](#) ASAP in readiness for the skating trip next Friday, 17 August.

Aoraki Maths Team

Congratulations to the following students who represented the school very well at the recent maths problem solving competition.

Year 7

Team 1 *Molly Gallagher, Brya Honniwell,
Hannah Macdonald & Carter West*

Team 2 *Zac Davis, Isla Divan, Thomas Lysaght
& Eliza Noone*

Year 8

Team 1 *Arabela Clifford, Nico Lee, Olivia
Piddington & Louisa Stuart*

Team 2 *Sam Fauth, Emma Jamieson, Prachi
Singh & Stevie Voyce*



FLAVA

The Kapa Haka group are performing at FLAVA on Friday 17 August. After the welcome at 8.30am the schools will begin to perform at 9.00am. As we are 2nd in the non-competitive section, we will be performing at approximately 9.15am. All are welcome to attend but you must be seated before the performance begins. We wish them all the best.

GOLF PROGRAMME

Aorangi Golf representatives, Malcolm Wood and Janelle Amalfitano ran a very successful Golf Coaching Program throughout the school.

Rooms 6, 7, 8 and 9 went to Highfield Golf Course last Monday to play a House Ambrose Competition.

This was a wonderful day with all students learning some golf etiquette and enjoying playing on a real golf course. We definitely have some Tiger Woods and Lydia Ko's amongst us!

Thanks go to all those parents who helped out with supervising groups on the day.

The Ambrose Tournament was won by Mercy with 112, Fennell 116, MacKillop 120 and Catherine 132.

Watch this space for Family Golf Sunday Tournaments, and later in the year, Golf Team Events.

SOUTH CANTERBURY FIRST XV RUGBY COMPETITION

Six Year 7 & 8 students, *Jordan Cormack, Isla Divan, Joshua Fitzgerald, Archie Jones, Thomas Lysaght & Madison Sugrue*, played in a combined team with Sacred Heart and MacKenzie College. The team played very well considering some players had never played rugby. They finished 4th in the tournament, winning 2 games and losing 2 games.

Thanks to the players from Sacred Heart and MacKenzie College.

A big vote of thanks to Mr Peter Divan for coaching on the day. Peter was most impressed with the skill and speed of the players.

We now look forward to Marist Cup on Tuesday 28 August.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB - Issue 5

Scholastic Book Club Issue 5 has been distributed to classes.

Please have all orders in by **Monday 27 August 2018**.

Contact Ali Talbot if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued support of this as every purchase gains points for the school.

These points can be used to purchase library and literacy resources.

Thanks

Ali Talbot

BOOK CLUB COORDINATOR



School Accounts and Change of Bank Account

Statements for Term 3 have been emailed, advising parents and caregivers of the balance of their account.

Our preferred method of payment is by Internet Banking **AND OUR BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS HAVE CHANGED**. Details of the new school ASB bank account will be on your statement and are as follows



123159 - 0129360 00

Please give your child's name as a reference.

Payment by cheque or cash can also be made to the school office. You may also prefer to pay by instalment e.g. weekly, fortnightly, monthly or on a term by term basis.

Thank you to those parents who have already paid in full and to those who have set up on-going automatic payments.

The old account at Westpac will be closed soon, any payments made after the closing date will bounce back to the payer. If you have not already done so, please stop your payments with Westpac and start up a new payment to the new ASB account.

Sav in a Bun

PLEASE NOTE

There will be no Sav in a Bun on the day of the skating trip - Friday 17 August or the ski trip - Friday 31 August.

Ezylunch - Term 3 Menu

The school received a Term 2 payment recently from the organisers of Ezylunch. The more students that use the facility, the more the school receives. All reports back from people using this lunch system are positive. Interested? Check out the following links -

Click [here](#) for the link to the Term 3 ezylunch menu from Highfield New World, available on **Tuesdays**. Order any time before 9.00 am on the day or schedule in advance.

You can order lunch by [clicking here](#)



Casserole Club - Help urgently required

St Joseph's Casserole Club is a roster for anyone wanting to volunteer with cooking a meal/baking for families within our school community.

More volunteers are urgently required and are usually called upon approximately twice a year to make a simple dish for another family.

If you would like to add your name to the roster, please complete the [Casserole Club Volunteer Form](#) or call Sarah Flynn on 027 3281888.



Also, please contact Sarah if you know of a family whom we could help e.g. a new baby, severe illness, bereavement etc.

News Bytes of Faith

On Wednesday 8 August we celebrate St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Many of our Catholic primary schools were founded by the Josephite Sisters, as was MacKillop College, now known as Marian College, since its merger with the Mercy Sisters' school, St Mary's. The Sisters of St Joseph taught at many of our current schools in the Christchurch diocese including St Joseph's Fairlie, Our Lady of the Assumption Hoon Hay, St Joseph's Pleasant Point, St Joseph's Rangiora, St Joseph's Temuka and St Patrick's Waimate. Find out more about [Mary MacKillop here](#).

Feast of the Assumption

Did you know that the Catholic Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand chose Mary as the Patron of Aotearoa New Zealand and we celebrate that on the Feast of the Assumption, 15 August. It is a [Holy Day of Obligation](#).

Important Dates - Term 3 2018

10 August	Junior Disco
17 August	Flava Festival - Kapa Haka Group performing
17 August	R1 - 4 Ice Skating Trip <i>(there will be an alternative date for Kapa Haka students involved)</i>
22 August	CantaMaths
28 August	Marist Cup
31 August	R5 - 8 Ski Trip
6 September	Year 5 - 6 Lions Speech Competition
9 September	Family Ski Day
14 September	Gymnastics Festival
11- 13 September	Sanfords Science Fair
12 - 18 September	St Joseph's Got Talent - Heats
20 September	Year 7 - 8 Lions Speech Competition
26 September	St Joseph's Got Talent - Final
28 September	Leadership Assembly

