Dear Families,

Tomorrow, 8th August, we celebrate the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Our school was founded by the Sisters of St Joseph 101 year ago. Mary MacKillop was the founder of this inspirational group of women who continue her work both in our country and in neighbouring countries today.

The Sisters staffed our school until the early 1970s. Mary MacKillop is an example of faith put into action and words as she followed her dream to ensure country children in small rural communities were able to receive a good education in their Catholic faith and academic skills for their future. She always went out of her way to minister to the poor, the lonely, the sick and those who were outcasts.

It comes as no surprise to those who admire Mary that her first response was always to ‘roll up her sleeves’ and do something about the situation. When one of her Sisters was badly burnt at Port Augusta, she immediately caught the coach to Quorn, a town twenty miles from her destination, and was prepared to ride a horse for the remainder of the journey.

As a school community we try to carry on the charism of Saint Mary MacKillop through providing an education based on Catholic teaching, welcoming all who come to us, assisting those in need, providing programs for those with particular needs, and sharing in prayer, celebrations and the Sacraments.

In remembering our first Australian Saint: Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop on her Feast Day it might be fitting to share some of her wonderful wise sayings with the family. Some great discussions may follow:

“Remember we are but travellers here.” (1866)

“We must teach more by example than by word.” (1867)

“Do all you can with the means at your disposal and calmly leave the rest to God.” (1891)

“Courage, courage, trust in God who helps you in all things.”

“God gives me strength for what is necessary.”

“Never see a need without doing something about it.”

We truly celebrate and are thankful to St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph.

Jeanette
Jesus said, “I am the Bread of Life!” Jesus’ promise of the bread of life reminds us that the nourishment of the Sacrament of Eucharist can feed the hunger and needs of our human hearts.

The Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation
The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Jarrett this Saturday, 8th August at the All Saints’ Catholic Church Woodburn and Sunday, 9th August at St Joseph’s Catholic Church Coraki. Each family of our candidates has been encouraged to participate in four small family group meetings during the preparation time prior to celebration of the Sacrament.

All our school families are warmly welcome to attend this special celebration. There will be Supper in the School Library after Mass and the Confirmation Cake will be shared with all those present.

Twenty of our students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Saturday. The are:

- Madalyne Aleckson
- Harry Aleckson
- Cooper Davis
- Ryley Davis
- Kaedy Doohan
- Mia Felsch
- Eli Harrington
- Charlie Hong
- Elle Johnston
- Fletcher Johnston
- Heidi McClure
- Jozie Murada
- Tasman Newman
- Matilda Newman
- Ozi Newman
- Alexander Pursey
- Riley Transton-Lewis
- Jack Sullivan
- Eleanor Walsh
- Adrian Westerman

Upon reception of the Sacrament they will be encouraged to be open to the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Please pray for these children and their families that the preparation and celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation may truly be a time of blessing for them all.

Reflection Day
On Thursday our students had a Retreat/Reflection time where they listened and responded to the story of Jesus sending his Spirit at Pentecost, and they focussed on the meaning of the seven Gifts of the Spirit which are:

- **Knowledge** – the gift that helps us know ourselves and the world around us. It helps us to know where our faith is leading us and what our Church is about.

- **Wisdom** - is the Gift of the Holy Spirit that helps us see and understand God’s plan in our lives.

- **Understanding** – is letting the word of God have room in our lives, helping us to deal with our problems.

- **Wonder and Awe** – is the gift of the Holy Spirit that keeps us awestruck by the power and beauty of God in our lives. Wonder and Awe explodes like a starburst when we are open to the Spirit.

- **Reverence**: - is the Gift of the Holy Spirit that helps us see God in everything around us. We can also display reverence in Holy Places.

- **Courage** – is the Gift of the Holy Spirit that helps us walk out into the World and feel prepared to stick up for what we believe.

- **Right Judgment**: is the Gift of the Holy Spirit that encourages us to talk things over so that we can make choices that let us to feel comfortable with ourselves afterwards.

**MAKING JESUS REAL - GOD MOMENTS**
Matilda Newman: For playing fairly at basketball—nominated by Lilly Sauer

Faith Stewart: For using initiative and organising sports equipment—nominated by Mrs Boyd

**ALTAR SERVERS**
All Saints’ Church Woodburn at 5pm—Saturday 1st August
Lateisha Biffin, Sarah Biffin, Jordan Biffin
Saturday 8th August – CONFIRMATION
Sarah Biffin, Alec Robinson, Jason Bell, Lani Reese
TERM 3 WEEK 5

Monday, 10th August
Tuckshop

Tuesday, 11th August
Sports uniform
UNSW Mathematics Competition

Wednesday, 12th August
Tuckshop
Library

Thursday, 13th August
Sports uniform
Hervey Bay Catholic College Singing/Bands Performance

Friday, 14th August
School Mass—10.15 am—Year 2
Little Athletics talk to students

TERM 3 WEEK 6

Monday, 17th August
Pupil Free Day
Australian Curriculum

Tuesday, 18th August
Sports uniform

Wednesday, 19th August
Tuckshop
Library

Thursday, 20th August
Sports uniform
Stage 1 English meeting Mr Sandral and Mrs Boyd

Friday, 21st August
Early Stage 1/Stage 1 Assembly-2.30 pm
APs’ meeting—Mr Cocciola

STUDE NTS OF THE WEEK
TERM 3—Week 3

Class    Student
Year 1    Darcy Hodges
Year 2    Eli Lancaster
Year 3    Tatum Hodges
Year 4    Noah Dougherty
Year 6    Amity McMahon

CONGRATULATIONS!

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Monday, 10th August
Megan Woolley
Kylee Newman

Wednesday, 12th August
Naomi Robinson
Renee Stone (AM or PM)
+ HELP NEEDED (AM or PM)

Thank you ladies!

SCHOOL PRAYER

Dear Jesus,
I offer you today, all that I think and do and say. I offer you this as my special prayer to you, Lord, help us today “To Grow in Truth and Love”.

ST JOSEPH’S WOODBURN SCHOOL SONG

Chorus: Sing a song of St Joseph’s School
‘To grow in truth and love’ our Golden Rule
By the river where our school bell rings,
We’ll thank our God with every song we sing.

With friends and family we’re truly blest.
Our teachers challenge us to do our best.
We’re brothers and sisters in community
Helping each other grow as we -

The Sisters of Joseph had so much to share
And Mary MacKillop helps us through her prayer.
We’re proud of and thankful for our history
Learning and having fun as we -

The gifts of nature from our God above,
The river flowing is a sign of love.
The birds and animals, the grass and trees
Help us to praise our God as we -

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