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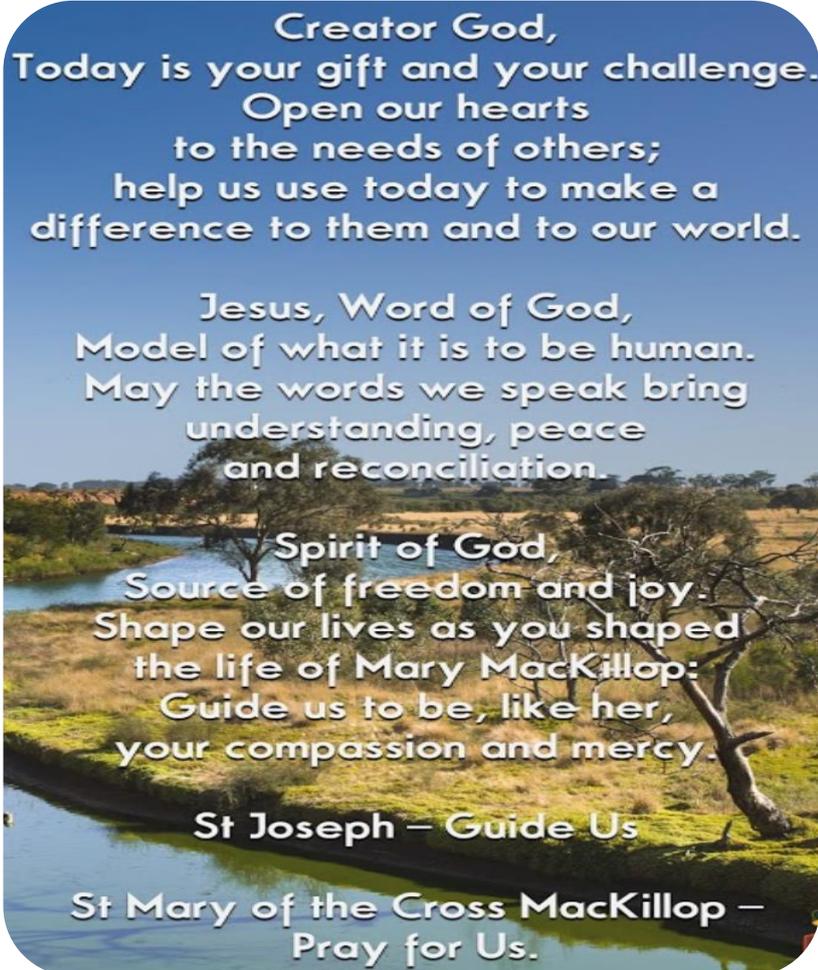
Newsletter No 24

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2021

*This coming Sunday is the feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.*

*She was the founder of the St of St Joseph's, an Australian Order of nuns. They were the first teachers at our school, from 1922 until 1983.*

*I have a small personal connection, as she taught my Grandfather in Penola, South Australia. Our family had a Confirmation Card that was given to him by St Mary MacKillop, which is now in the Sisters of St Joseph's Museum in Sydney.*



St Joseph's School is a Catholic Community in the Josephite tradition where we learn and grow in the Spirit together.



St Joseph's School acknowledges the Taungurung people, the traditional custodians of the land on which our school is situated. We commit ourselves to actively work alongside Aboriginal people for reconciliation and justice

## I am at my best when I am being Friendly, Respectful and a Positive Learner Welcome to the end of Week 3, Term 3

Welcome to the fourth week of Term 3.

### **St Mary MacKillop of the Cross-**

As you can see from our prayer this week, this Sunday, August 8th, is the Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, our first Australian Saint. We give thanks for this extraordinary woman. Mary MacKillop was an educator, a pioneer and a leader, someone who had compassion for others regardless of their situation. She also faced many difficulties in her efforts to start her Religious Order. Galvanised by her belief in the value of education as the foundation for a fulfilling life, Mary's motto was 'never see a need without doing something about it'. She and her Sisters were instrumental in starting many schools across Australia, including St Joseph's Nagambie. Mary's legacy of helping all people in need, with the aim of creating more connected, stronger communities is so important today and calls us all to follow her loving example.



*Do all the good they can and never see a need without doing something about it.  
This is their mission...*

*The religious must do any good that they can, and make their charity all-embracing.*

### **Rules for the Institute of St Joseph, 1867, par. 13**

Our St Mary MacKillop feast day with St Mary's Rushworth will not be able to go ahead.

We will have our own celebration here at St Joseph's on Monday.

### **ICON (Integrated Catholic Online Network)**

As I mentioned in an earlier newsletter, we are moving to a new administration system. We are one of 6 schools in this third roll out. Eventually all Catholic Schools across Victoria will be using this system. It will be a huge learning curve for Janelle, as she adjusts to this new system. I ask that you be understanding if you come to the office and she is not able to help you immediately. Long term it will be a benefit for us, but over the next 12 to 18 months there will be some teething issues as we learn the new ways.

### **New Principal**

Yesterday afternoon and evening our staff and Advisory Council had a consultation session with Janet Glassen, Goulburn Valley Principal Consultant. They were able to give Janet their ideas on the qualities they would like in the next principal. This will be presented to the candidates and they will be asked to respond.

### **Enrolments**

We are taking enrolments now for 2022. If you have a child who is eligible, or you know of anyone who has a child ready for school, please encourage them to contact the school to have a conversation with me or one of the teachers.

### **Try School**

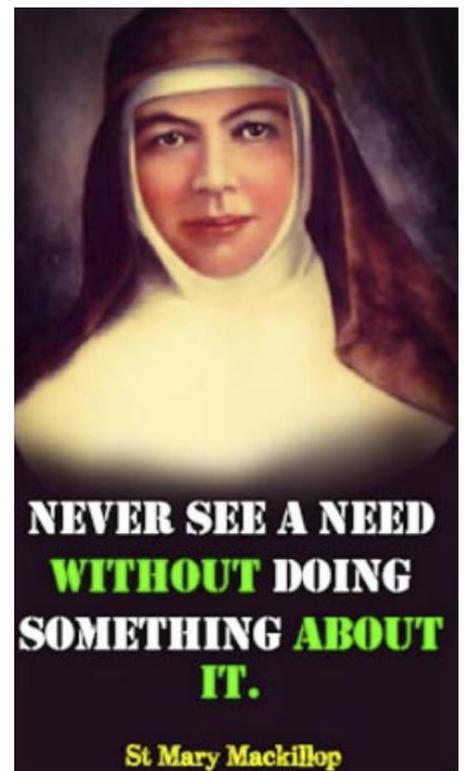
We will commence our Try School program when the two-week restrictions are over.

### **St Joseph's Centenary Celebrations**

Next year in March, it will be 100 years since the Sisters of St Joseph started teaching here on this site. I am asking for expressions of interest to form a committee to organise the celebrations for this special event. Please contact the school on 03 57942 608 if you are interested in being on the steering committee.

### **We are praying for:**

- For Chris Hooper, who had an operation and is recovering well and will have more tests in August.



- For Liz Tang, who is currently unwell
- Fr Tony and our Parish community, especially those who are unwell or receiving treatment.
- State and Commonwealth Leaders who are guiding us through the pandemic.



### **Pupil Free Days this Year**

1. November 1st Report Writing Day
2. November 22nd (Planning Day)

### **PHOTOS for Newsletter**

Send them to [smckinnon@sjnagambie.catholic.edu.au](mailto:smckinnon@sjnagambie.catholic.edu.au)

**All Student Absence Please TXT to 0417 489 577**

## **St. Joseph's Calendar**

### **August**

9<sup>th</sup> St Mary MacKillop Feast day celebrations.

10<sup>th</sup> Proposed TA meetings.

23<sup>rd</sup> Book Week.

25<sup>th</sup> Book week Parade

30<sup>th</sup> Science show- Chemistry Capers.

### **September.**

1<sup>st</sup> Advisory Council

2<sup>nd</sup> St Joseph's Athletics Day.

8<sup>th</sup> District Athletics in Shepparton

14<sup>th</sup> Montessori Adolescent Program at Templestowe College Theatre performance

15<sup>th</sup> Family Bush Dance.

18<sup>th</sup> End of Term

25<sup>th</sup> AFL Grand Final

### **October**

3<sup>rd</sup> Daylight savings starts.

4<sup>th</sup> Start term 4

5<sup>th</sup> Division Athletics in Epping.

13<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> 2/3/4 camp at Nillahcootie

20<sup>th</sup> Advisory Council

### **November**

1<sup>st</sup> Pupil Free Day.

2<sup>nd</sup> Public Holiday (Melbourne Cup)

3<sup>rd</sup> Spirit day. (For Confirmation Students)

11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day

### **ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE**

Grade F1	100%
Grade 2/3/4	93.33%
Grade 5/6	96.88



**We are having another wood raffle this term. Each family has received tickets to sell & they are available from the school office.**

**Please return all sold tickets by Friday 27th August, the raffle will be drawn at Assembly on Monday 30th August. We appreciate your assistance with this fundraiser.**



## Catholic Identity Report – by Liz Tang, REL.

*Coming up on Sunday, August the 8<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the Feast Day of Mary MacKillop.*

### Mary MacKillop's Story

Mary MacKillop was born on 15 January 1842 in Melbourne, Victoria. Her parents were born in Scotland and came to live in Australia. She had three sisters and four brothers.

Mary cared about the people who had no one to look after them such as boys and girls who just roamed the streets, children in the country who had no school to go to, people who were old and sick and people who had nowhere to live. Mary wanted more than anything to help these people did.



Mary went to work as a teacher in a little country town in South Australia called Penola. There she met Father Julian Tenison Woods who also wanted to do something for the poor children who could not afford to pay the money needed to go to school. Together, in 1866, they began the first St Joseph's School in an old stable. Two of Mary's younger sisters also taught in the school and other young women came to help them.

On 19 March 1866 (St Joseph's Day) Mary started to wear a simple black dress and began the Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph. Now as a Sister, she dedicated her life to doing God's work. As more and more young women joined Mary as Sisters, they were able to start more schools. All children were welcome at the Josephite schools, which provided free Catholic education.

In Adelaide, they opened a place for women who had nowhere to live, an orphanage for children who had no parents to look after them and a house where poor people could come and stay. The Sisters visited people who were in gaol and those who were poor and sick.

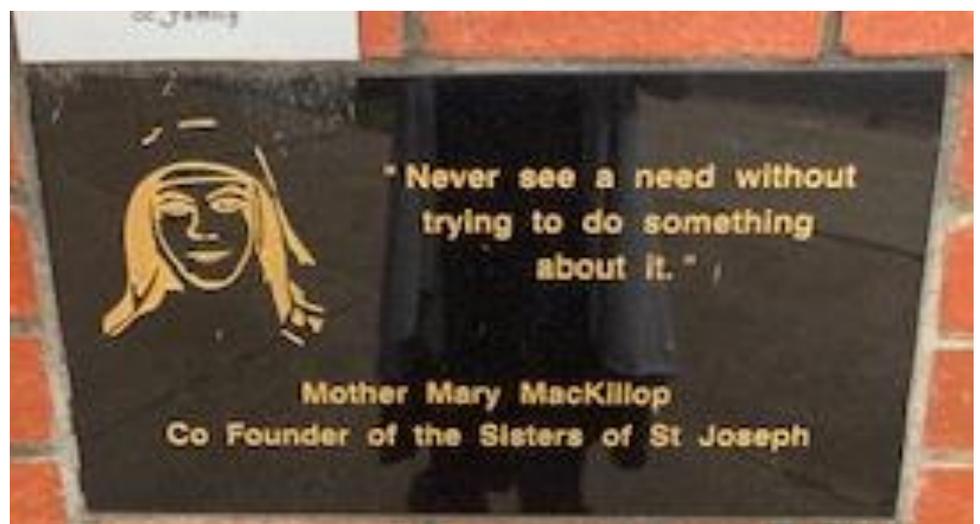
Mary MacKillop was kind to all people, even if they did not agree with her. She died on 8 August 1909 in Alma Cottage, North Sydney. Mary helped many people during her lifetime and after she died, the Sisters of St Joseph kept on doing the good work she had started.

Mary MacKillop kept her faith in God and bravely challenged those who did not support her vision for a more caring world. Mary is an important Australian who spent her life helping people, especially children. She is Australia's first Saint.

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Our school is a Josephite school and our hall is named after Mary MacKillop.

Our **Catholic Identity Focus** for the coming week is: to focus on our need to know who Mary MacKillop was.



## Classroom News - Term 3, Week 4

### TA Meetings

Our TA meetings for this term were to take place on the 27th of July. At this point, we are hoping to reschedule for August 17th. We will send home more information as soon as we can.

Have a great week everyone!

Liz, Megan, Maddy, Gen, Sam D, Sam G, Chris & Tim.

Every student should be reading every day at home, whether it is reading aloud to an adult or sibling or reading to themselves. Reading with children, especially struggling readers, on a regular basis does take time but the benefits speak for themselves. Here are eight of the most important.

#### **1. Improves Reading Skills**

First, exposure to books improves children's reading skills. Practice makes perfect!

#### **2. Boosts Vocabulary and Literacy Skills**

Reading increases vocabulary, comprehension and communication skills in addition to sentence structure, grammar, punctuation and expression will improve.

#### **3. Improves Writing Skills**

Exposure to new words, grammar and punctuation will improve children's writing

#### **4. Builds Confidence and Independence**

Reading every day builds independence, leading to greater confidence.

#### **5. Broadens Minds and Develops Empathy**

Diverse literature opens children's minds to the lives of other people. Subsequently, helping children make sense of the world around them.

#### **6. Academic Success**

Regular reading promotes academic achievement across the curriculum. Non-fiction books provide opportunities for children to increase their knowledge and interests.

#### **7. Develops Imagination**

While reading children create new worlds. This develops their creativity and empathy as they immerse themselves in the lives of the characters.

## 8. Reading is Fun!

When reading with a child, they can tell if the adult is enjoying themselves. Reinforce the message that reading is an enjoyable alternative to video games and TV by being a good reading role-model.



# Curriculum Report

## CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

### 4. Where's Wally?

You can use a Where's Wally? book to practice lots of expressive language skills.



Choose a page and try some of the following ideas:

Because scenes can be quite overwhelming, make a window so that you can place a piece of paper with a square cut out in the middle and block out the rest of the images on the page.

**IS/ARE:** pictures for is/are sentences such as “The man is skiing” and “The girls are skating” are plentiful on every page. If you find a man skiing, challenge your child to find groups of people doing the same thing to get a great range of ‘is’ and ‘are’ sentences.

**PLURALS:** go on a plural hunt. Challenge your child by taking turns and counting upwards I can see; 1 cat, 2 dogs, 3 mummies, 4 pyramids, 5 ladders etc. until you can't find something with that number.

**VERBS:** go on a verb hunt. Let's find 20 different actions people are doing. It's simple, but it gives a lot of insight into a child's vocabulary and opportunities for learning new vocabulary.

**VERB TENSES:** Verb tenses change meaning of sentences so it's important to get them right. First choose a page and think if the picture scene shows something that happened in the past/a long time ago, could be happening now, or in the future. Once you have decided the right ‘time’ practice their past, present or future tenses.

**CONJUNCTIONS:** Find something in the picture and point to it, then ask your child to tell you what is happening and why, to encourage conjunctions and complex sentences. Make sure they answer with a complete sentence and use the conjunction in the middle to expand their answer.

**ADJECTIVES:** go on an adjective hunt. If children are unsure about what an adjective is you could use an acronym like SCUMPS for the different types of adjectives you're looking for (Size, Colour, Uses, Materials, Parts, Shape etc.) Provide a sentence structure for the child "I can see an ... enormous, yellow canary.". See how many objects related to different adjectives you can locate in the picture in 5 minutes.

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# Student of the Week

**Student of the Week - T3, W4**  
**Date: Monday, the 2nd of August**

**F/1**

Presented To: **Hunter**

For the amazing effort that he puts into all of his work and for the wonderful skills he is developing with his reading. Well done!

**2/3/4**

Presented To: **Oliver**

For the great effort, he puts into his work and his fantastic return to school. Well done!

**5/6**

Presented To: **Xavier**

For having a positive attitude towards his learning and showing great grade five six behaviours.



## Principal's Award

Presented To: Morgan Cole  
For Great Learning  
during Lockdown.

LEARNING



# Bulletin

8th August 2021

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

*God will take care of us all.*

for the Catholic parishes of  
St John the Evangelist  
Euroa, Violet Town, Longwood  
St Malachy's  
Nagambie, Avenel

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St John's School Euroa Principal:  
Mrs Libby Hamilton 03 5795 2937

**W**e pray for: all who have died recently, especially Theresa Fisher, for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, and for those who have died alone, unloved, or forgotten. May they rest in peace.

**W**e pray for: Dina Van Dyk, Carmel Corker, Louise Mirande, June Mulally, Billy O'Connor, Sally Minten, Marg Block, Benjamin Playford, Ollie Bodiam, Ciara Ryan, Sian Pasqual, Neville Andrews, Helen Perry, Patrick Cahill, Alice Cahill, Frank Boyer, Ted Palling, Joan Childs, Vicki Cooney, Max Perry, Sr Frances Kennedy, and for all those in our community and beyond who are ill.

*Please contact Fr Tony or your parish contact if you would like a name added to the prayer list.*

## ST JOHN'S EUROA NOTICES



**B**OOK CLUB Tuesday 10th August from 3:00pm - 4:30pm in the narthex of St John's church, Euroa

**S**t Vincent de Paul meeting 10th August 10:00am in St John's Hall.

## 2021 Schedule of Services

### EUROA ST JOHN'S

Fridays 12:30pm Mass  
Saturdays 6:00pm Vigil Mass

### NAGAMBIE ST MALACHY'S

Mondays 10:30am Rosary  
Wednesdays 12 noon Rosary

**Wednesday 11th No Mass today**

1st and 3rd Sundays 9:00am Mass  
2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays 9:00am Word and Communion

### AVENEL ST MARY'S

1st and 3rd Sundays 10:30am Rosary  
1st and 3rd Sundays 11:00am Mass  
2nd and 4th and 5th Sundays 10:30am Rosary  
2nd and 4th and 5th Sundays 11:00am Word and Communion

### LONGWOOD ST PATRICK'S

1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays 9:00am Word and Communion  
2nd and 4th Sundays 9:00am Mass

### VIOLET TOWN ST ATTRACTA'S

1st and 3rd Sundays 11:00am Word and Communion  
2nd and 4th Sundays 11:00 Mass  
5th Sundays 10:00am Mass

**BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS: Please contact Fr Tony**

## ST JOHN'S EUROA - VIGIL MASS ROSTER

7/8	14/8
WELCOMER: Helen Dunn	WELCOMER: Judy South
READER: Bridget Allen	READER: Therese Hamill
COMMENTATOR: Anne Walker	COMMENTATOR: Dan Murphy
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Carmel Simmons	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: Lorraine Davidson-Saxon
SACRISTAN: Ian South	SACRISTAN: Judy South

## ST MALACHY'S ROSTER

8/8 W&C	15/8
LEADER: Mel	WELCOME: Carol
WELCOME: Moz	READER: Carol
READER: Wendy K	SPECIAL MINISTER: Wendy
SPECIAL MINISTER: Julie	CLEANING: Mel & Carol
CLEANING: Kennedys	

*St John's and St Malachy's are safe parishes where children and vulnerable adults are respected and protected from harm. Children going to the toilet from the churches must be accompanied by an adult family member. Child Safety Officer in Avenel/Nagambie Grace Kenworthy 0405 125 963 and in Euroa Mary Murphy 0457 847 056*

**REFLECTION ON MARY MACKILLOP FROM  
ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE 8/8/2013**

**M**ary MacKillop has this most extraordinary trust in the providence of God. She was at the same time not one to wait around passively. She was an extraordinary doer. An extremely capable woman, but again, beyond all her capacities and energies, there blazes at the heart of Mary MacKillop this trust in the providence of God and a trust that never failed her.

She may have been on the brink again and again and again, but mysteriously and marvellously Mary MacKillop never goes over. Her trust in providence, strange as it may seem to us and extremely risky as it may have been, never failed her and her sisters.

It was that fact that grounded her gratitude. All her worries and anxieties, which should have destroyed her, and certainly destroyed her work, in fact had the opposite effect. That's why she stands forever as Mary of the Cross, the Cross of the Lord Jesus.

There are many crosses in the world but all but one of those crosses destroys the human being. The only cross that has the opposite effect, it creates the human being, is the cross of Christ. And she never forgot that. The name that she bore in religion was and will be forever St Mary of the Cross. That which should have destroyed her in fact created her, just as the crucifixion should have destroyed the Lord Jesus but did not. It only provoked the eternal thunder of the resurrection.

*Archbishop Mark Coleridge  
8 August 2013*

**RETREAT ~ SATURDAY 14TH AUGUST**

**T**he Dookie Monks are holding a half-day retreat on Saturday 14th August at St Brigid's Church, 4 Impey St, Murchison. Arrive to start at 9:30am. Mass will be at 11:00am. No bookings are necessary; just turn up. BYO sandwich for lunch. Tea, coffee and heating provided. What a wonderful opportunity for the people of Murchison and surrounds and an opportunity to hear Fr Doroteo (*the marvellous monk from Dookie*) once again.

**FROM ST MARY MACKILLOP**

**L**ong and painful experience has taught me that I cannot trust my own efforts to speak as candidly as I would desire, and that I can do in writing what I cannot otherwise. I can only account for it in this way: when writing I feel alone with God, and as he knows all things, am not kept back by any fear of what he may think, or how regard what I am doing: but it seems to be a fault in myself which I cannot overcome, not to speak as I can write. Even when I have written what I wish to say, I am often tempted to destroy it, anything rather than deliver it to the person for whom it is intended.

*St Mary MacKillop (Rome 1873)*



**EXCELLENT CELEBRATION FOR MONS HICKEY**

**T**hank you to everyone involved in making Sunday's celebratory Mass and luncheon such a delightful occasion.

Fr Joe Taylor spoke about Mons being a man of prayer with a deep commitment to God, and of his strength in getting the job done.

Mons was joined by three of his sisters who



were able to make the trip from Melbourne. Articles have been published in the Nagambie Community Voice, the Euroa Gazette and in the Sandpiper eNews ([link here](#)). [sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/1958-mons-frank-hickey-celebrates-70-years-of-priesthood](http://sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/1958-mons-frank-hickey-celebrates-70-years-of-priesthood)

**COLUMBAN CATHOLIC ART CALENDAR**

**ST MALACHY'S PARISHIONERS**

If you wish to order a 2022 Columban calendar at a cost of \$10:00 per calendar please place your order and your money with Sally: 0408141969.



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