



Friday 12 August 2022



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our Stage 2 children lead our celebration of the Feast Day of Australia's first saint, Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Mary was a person of great faith and hope. She believed that God would look after her and provide her with the things she needed to help others.

Mary started the order of the Sisters of St. Joseph and dedicated her life to educating and supporting poor families. Today there are over 600 Sisters of Saint Joseph living in communities in Australia, New Zealand, Ireland, Peru, Timor-Leste and Brazil.

The Sisters of St. Joseph continue the work that Mary started. This includes supporting the charity, Mary Mac's Place, that our mufti day raised funds for through the gold coin donation. I thank families for their generosity.

Next Monday we will celebrate the Feast Day of the Assumption of Mary the Mother of Jesus. The children will join with the parish and celebrate mass in the church from 9am. All parents are welcome to join the celebration.

P&F General Meeting and School Fete

It was great to see around 20 parents attend our P&F General Meeting this week. Our school has always benefited from the dedicated work our parent volunteers give our school in so many ways.

With the fete just 10 weeks away I acknowledge and appreciate the efforts of those parents who are quietly working away behind the scenes to be ready for this significant community event. The fete team is still looking for a coordinator to setting up and packing away on the day. Please email the P&F Executive if you are interested and able to take on this position.

This event is a wonderful opportunity for our school to come together and build stronger connections within, but also a chance to celebrate and showcase our school to the wider community. All parents will soon have the opportunity to sign up to support stalls and other functions.

We also flagged at the meeting and in the previous newsletter, the many events that the school will be holding this term and it is pleasing to see the parent involvement and enthusiasm to support each initiative.

League Gala Day

This week we had some of our senior students take part in a League Tag and League Tackle Gala Day. All the children had a great time representing the school and I commend them on their efforts. I thank our Sports Coordinator, Miss Fryar, for organising the event and the parents who came along to support the teams. Later this term the children in Years 3-6 will be taking part in a soccer or netball gala days.

School Athletics Carnival

This week's athletics carnival was an outstanding success. After 3 years of waiting and a postponement due to wet weather the children finally made it to Foxglove Oval to participate in a fun filled day of running,

jumping and throwing. I again thank Miss Fryar for her hard work to organise the carnival along with all staff and parents who supported on the day. It was a great day out for the children and the amount of parent support with running events and managing the age groups was impressive. We will have results finalised and announced next week. Some students will be selected to represent the school next Tuesday at the North Shore Cluster Carnival. We wish them well in their events.

Kinder Enrolments 2023

Places are filling fast with one Kinder class confirmed for 2023 with the opportunity now to build for a second class. Current parents who have school aged children to start Kinder in 2023 are encouraged to contact the school office to enrol now.

If parents are aware of families that have children ready to start school next year, I encourage you to recommend our school and the offer to come and find out more information. Prospective parents can contact the school to have a private tour and pick up an enrolment pack from the school office or enquire online:

[Enrolment Enquiry Form](#)

Catholic Schools Parents Australia 2022 Parent Survey

The Catholic Schools Parents Australia 2022 Parent Survey on Student Wellbeing and Learning is available to all parents to complete. By completing this survey, you will be helping Catholic School Parents Australia (CSPA) to report to the Australian Government and Catholic education on existing and emerging concerns that parents/carers have in relation to the wellbeing and learning of their children. Please click on the link below to complete the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022CSPAParentSurvey>

God bless,

Todd Vane-Tempest

Principal

Dates for the diary-

Monday 15 August: Feast of the Assumption Mass 9.00am in church

Tuesday 16 August: North Shore Sports Carnival – Narrabeen

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