



7 AUGUST 2020 ST AUGUSTINE'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have had a great start to the term, and whilst things are different, some changes may become the new normal. Social distancing, limiting numbers of adults on the school grounds and in classrooms are still to be exercised. It has been good getting back into routines and seeing the children demonstrating the independence they developed as a result of restrictions forced upon us.

Staff are very optimistic about the opportunities coming up and are busily preparing for incursions and excursions for the weeks ahead. Congratulations to our year four class who received their First Holy Communion, the first community gathering we have had since Covid-19 restrictions. Finally, we look forward to seeing many of you at our Cross-Country next Friday 14th of August.

Quote from Mary MacKillop

Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them bravely, remembering Whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you all your life. God will reward you as only He can.

Saint Mary MacKillop

WHAT'S THE COST?

A reflection on Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Jesus' message about humility is as relevant today as it was in the first century. It is part of human nature to want to fit in and want to belong. Sometimes we are tempted to seek this acceptance at any cost. When our sense of belonging is achieved through harming, humiliation, or exploitation of others, then the price is too high. When our desire for the latest fashion comes at the expense of others being able to simply live, then the price is too high. When we lift ourselves up by putting others down, then the price is too high.

THE FEAST OF SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

"Never see a deed without doing something about it."

This week, we honour Saint Mary McKillop who met the great challenges of her time with vision, passion, and creativity. She was known for her love of the poor and marginalised and live by the motto to never see a need without doing something about it. Mary is a model for us here in Australia, may we reflect on her life and follow her example through our active discipleship.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION was a lovely occasion celebrated by our Year 4 students and their families on Sunday 26 July. Thank you to Father Robert and staff for their commitment to the students and the Sacrament.

Thank you so much to the School Choir and their families for supporting the school and enabling their child to be part of this special day.



ST AUGUSTINE'S CROSS COUNTRY FRIDAY 14 AUGUST WOW!! So great to see our students so keen to get to school early and run a few laps. Despite the cold weather we have had record numbers this year. We look forward to our school Cross Country carnival at Lee Reserve on the afternoon of Friday 14 August.

P & F MEETING next Wednesday 12 August @ 8:00am - All welcome! School age students of parents attending the meeting can have their children supervised by staff from 8:00am.

YEAR 6 LEADERS

Our Year 6 students are always on the lookout for new ways to be leaders in our school. One such initiative is the Sport Student of the Week. Attached to today's newsletter is their first interview of one of our sport loving students - enjoy! Stay tuned.

STA Sport Article

Written by Elle, Isabelle and Kate

In Year 6

In sport,
classes from
3-6 have
been working

hard to get ready for the
cross country in week 4.

The classes from PP - 6
have also been getting
ready

for the Faction Carnival in
week 7

Tory has been excelling in long
distance running. Her attitude
towards improving her skills is
always evident

- Mr. Papineau

Sport Star 🏆

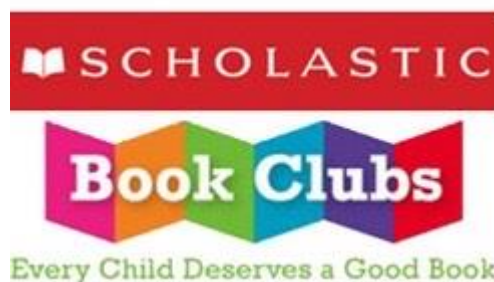


Tory D'Alessio

PIC-COLLAGE

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

THANK YOU! for supporting Book Club - We have earned \$224.52 to buy new books for the library.



BOOK WEEK 2020



the Children's Book Council has moved Book week to 19-23 October (Term 4 Week 2). All the usual activities will still be on - Dress Up Parade, Book week competitions, Blokes and Books and a new type of Book Fair.

SCHOOL TERM DATE 2020

Term 3: Last day Thursday 24 September



Term 4: Tuesday 13 October to Friday 11 December

Please refer to the school app; school website and google calendar for all future events.

CHESS CLUB has reopened on Thursday mornings in the Year 4 classroom from 8am. It is a great opportunity for children to exercise their mind in strategy and game play. Students and teacher(s) are there to assist first timers. Check mate!

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ITALIAN Language Championships 2020



7 Emerald awards



2 Gold awards



2 Silver Awards



15 Bronze Awards



22 Credit awards

