From the Principal

Today we celebrated the Feast Day of St Mary MacKillop. Mary MacKillop (1842 – 1909) had a burning desire as a young woman for a strictly penitential form of religious life. Under the direction of Father Julian Tenison-Woods, Mary joined ‘The Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart’. These nuns committed themselves to living in poverty and dedicating themselves to educating rural poor children. She began her first school in a disused stable in Penola in 1866.

From there, the Sisters spread in groups to small outback settlements and large cities around Australia, New Zealand, and now in Peru, Brazil and refugee camps of Uganda and Thailand. Mary and these early Sisters, together with other Religious Orders and Lay Teachers of the time, had a profound influence on the forming of Catholic Education as we have come to know and experience it today – that of reaching out to all students with respect, dignity and inclusivity.

A prayer for Mary MacKillop’s Feast Day

Just as Mary trusted deeply in God’s presence even in the darkest times, may we too deepen our relationship through reflection, prayer and contemplation.

Just as Mary’s whole life resonated with her vision for the poor, may we too reveal God’s hospitable heart wherever we are.

Just as Mary stood against injustice and inequality in the care and education of poor people and provided hope-giving alternatives, may we too continue to minister joyfully among the poorest and those at the edges of church and society.

The following quotes of Mary MacKillop still challenge and motivate us today:

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

“Let us help one another, and bear with one another and ever strive to become what we should be, and what with God’s help we can become.” (1878)

“Have courage no matter what your crosses are.” (1890)

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

“Seek first the poorest and most neglected parts of God’s vineyard.” (1900)

Carol Seagar
Principal
Please visit our website to view photos of your children and their work for the year.  
web.stm.tas.edu.au

ROCK & ROLL NIGHT
FRIDAY
7 AUGUST, 6 - 8PM
ST AILBES, MARGARET ST
$10 PER FAMILY
RAFFLES ON THE NIGHT

SCHOOL PHOTOS
MONDAY 24 AUGUST
Children are to wear full winter uniform

Reminder: Teachers' time before school is valuable interactive time with students before the day begins. If you wish to discuss issues could you please take the courtesy of making an appointment with them at a more suitable time.

ICT Info – Kik is dangerous!

It has come to our attention that students at our school are using an app called Kik. Kik Messenger is a free texting app available for iPhones, iPads, iPods, Androids, Windows phones, and Blackberry phones. Kik is just one of many free texting apps available in the App store. However, unlike many of the other texting Apps, Kik is rated at 17+ (the highest possible age rating) and this is for one very good reason; Kik has little to no security measures in place. Virtually anyone else with a Kik account (Kik has 100 million users) can contact anyone else, making it very dangerous. It does not take too much imagination to consider what types of things could happen within this App.

Greg from the eSafety Commissioner’s office who led our Cyber Smart presentations at the end of last term said that Kik was currently one of their biggest concerns due to the number of paedophiles that send messages to young people using this App. He said that there was almost 100% chance that a person using Kik will be contacted by a random person every 4 weeks. There are a number of other issues associated with this App including ability to link to Instagram, which can allow for inappropriate picture sharing from random people. This being said, we strongly recommend that you consider removing this App from any device that your child has access to.

The website link below will take you to the eSafety’s Chatterbox page. This page for parents on the eSafety website has 9 videos that cover a range of cybersafety content in an easy to understand and practical manner. Just take note that the full videos for each topic have the word ‘- conversation’ next to them rather than ‘- trailer’.

https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/parent-resources/chatterbox

JUNIOR JOEYS COIN COLLECTION

Junior Joeys will be in the Piazza each morning this week to collect coins for our Josephite Sister School in Peru. Last year we helped the school to improve their playground and hope to raise lots of money again this year. Please have a coin hunt at home and bring your donation to the Piazza before school any day this week. We will collect the coins in house coloured buckets. Which house will raise the most?
Autism information sessions for parents, friends and family

Autism Tasmania is excited to be offering a series of information sessions for parents, friends and family members of children with autism. These sessions provide an opportunity to learn about and discuss a variety of autism specific issues in a friendly and supportive environment.

Registration for these information sessions is free of charge.

Register Now!

Please contact Autism Tasmania to indicate which sessions you would like to attend.

Phone: 6344 1212 or Email: robynt@autismtas.org.au

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Venue: Northern Children’s Network, 59D Amy Road, Newstead. (Room is booked until 1pm to allow parents time for chatting and connecting following the session).
Product Information

Product description
20mg/ml oral liquid bottle, pack size 200mL
each 5mL contains: Ibuprofen 100mg

Identifying features
Batch Numbers: IA45163, IA50030
Expiry Dates: 05/2017, 06/2017
ARTG Number AUST R 516311

What are the defects?
There is a risk of the bottle grooves breaking off when opening the bottle.

What are the hazards?
If the defect occurs, this poses a potential choking hazard for young children.

Dates available for sale
- 1st March 2015 - 26th June 2015

Where the product was sold
- Nationally

Traders who sold this product
Chemmart Pharmacy, Terry White Chemists, Pharmacy Choice

RECALL: Ibuprofen Children's Suspension; Kids Paracetamol

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