



Lia Ellis – the latest Joseph the Bear Recipient

### **Congratulations Lia!**

We are so proud of Lia, our latest recipient of an MJR Award and Joseph the Bear. Lia has such a positive attitude and a wonderful sense of energy- she has a smile on her face at all times. Well done Lia and thank you for showing us such a wonderful example.

### **Lessons from Mary MacKillop**

Yesterday, we were very proud to celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Mary MacKillop, with our Year 6 Class leading us very impressively in Mass. Most of us know the story of Mary MacKillop quite well by now. It is worth taking some time to reflect on how the example of this inspirational Australian might help us in our own lives.

Mary was faithful- devoting her life to her calling from God.

Mary was generous- always putting the needs of others before her own.

Mary was compassionate- she was a constant advocate for the poor and marginalised.

Mary was brave- she stayed true to her mission regardless of consequences.

Mary was resilient- none of her achievements came easily. She needed to persist in the face of a number of hardships to ensure success.

Famously, Mary MacKillop once said: "Never see a need without doing something about it." While perhaps we aren't all destined to achieve the holiness of Mary MacKillop, we can each be inspired by her example to strive every day to serve others, becoming closer to God as we do so.

### **Enrolments for 2019**

Believe it or not, we are now well and truly into the second half of the school year! Before too long, our attention will turn to planning for next year. If you know of any families who are considering enrolling their children in Saint Joe's for 2019, whether they be Kindy or older students, please encourage them to make contact with the school. Also, if any of our current students will not be attending St Joe's in 2019 for any reason, please make sure that you communicate this to the office as soon as possible.

### **School Disco/Social Night for Parents**

The excitement is building for our School Disco for students and Social Night for parents, which is on night! Your child should have already brought home a note with all details. I hope to see you there!

### **Year 4/5 Bridgetown Camp**

The anticipation is building for our upcoming Bridgetown Camp for Year 4/5 students, which will take place on 16 and 17 of August.



"Strength through Christ"

*Respect  
Compassion  
Safety  
Responsibility*

*10 August 2018*

The Camp represents a tremendous opportunity for these students to continue to develop their resilience, leadership skills and ability to collaborate and problem-solve. All activities are designed with these goals in mind. It is hoped that this Camp will also better equip the students for their future Year 6 Camp. Please make sure that you have returned all of the required permission slips.

### **Homework Club**

Each Wednesday morning, we will run a Homework Club here at the school from 8.00am. This was an initiative suggested by the staff, as a way of supporting students and their families in completing homework. Each week, a different staff member will supervise the children as they complete their weekly homework. I understand and appreciate that this will be problematic for students who catch the bus, but believe it is a worthwhile initiative if it can help even a small number of families in our community.

### **WHAT'S COMING UP?**

<b>Wed 8</b>	Homework Club at 8am
<b>Fri 10</b>	Student disco & parent social evening
<b>Wed 15</b>	Homework Club at 8am Feast of the Assumption, Mass at 10am

Students wishing to participate should come to the front desk upon arrival at school and I can direct them to the appropriate room.

### Sports Uniform-Tuesdays

Please note that due to our Options program beginning, for the remainder of Term 3, students should wear their sports uniform on Tuesdays, in addition to Thursdays and Fridays.

Take care,  
Brett Wilkie

### Year 2/3

The first four weeks in the Year 2/3 classroom have absolutely flown by! With the full-on week of swimming over we are relaxing back into our normal routine nicely and responsibly.

This term in our classroom we are reading the story of The Enchanted Wood by Enid Blyton. Some of the Year three students have heard this book before but all are excited and captivated by the book's storyline. So far, we have completed activities focusing on prediction and visualisation for The Enchanted Wood with many more delightful and engaging activities to come. A wall in our class has been cleared and will be devoted solely to our Enchanted Wood activities so that everyone can see the wonderful work the students have been doing.

Later this term some of our Year three students will be taking part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is such an exciting time for these students and to prepare for this we are looking into how we can use the strength of the spirit to assist us in choosing to do the right thing and also how the Sacrament of Penance was given to us by Jesus so that we can draw closer to God and be forgiven for our sins.

God bless,  
Mrs Mueller

## Classroom News...

### Year 4/5

What an amazing start to the term the year 4/5 class have had, I cannot believe we are at the end of week four already!

This term in Literacy the students have been reading the text How to Train Your Dragon. This is an exciting and extremely detailed text which the students have enjoyed reading tremendously. During this novel study the students have been required to complete work to help pull apart the many elements that make up the text to comprehend it. This week the students have been focussing on understanding new vocabulary by using the context to decode it, along with writing summaries, inferring and sequencing; all very important comprehension skills to acquire. We are almost at the end of the book which the students (and I) are very sad about!

Our writing unit which consisted of Information Reports and Speeches has finally come to an end with the year 4/5/6 students presenting their final speeches to one another last week. Mr Wilkie, Miss Licari and I thoroughly enjoyed watching these. Congratulations to all students for taking the time to write interesting and informative speeches. The following students will be representing St Joseph's at the TREE Talks in Bridgetown in week 6:

Year 4: William Beck & Amelie Windberg  
Year 5: Sienna Vesela & Gaia Kelly  
Year 6: Mia Bendotti, Toby Ebsary & Charli Windberg

Next week sees the Year 4/5 students leading Mass for the Assumption of Mary on Wednesday at 10am in the Church. The Year 4/5 students will also be attending their overnight camp to Bridgetown next week, which we are all very excited about. We look forward to sharing our Camp experiences when we return.

Enjoy the rest of your week.  
Miss Moynihan

### M J R Awards:

#### Year 6

#### Toby Ebsary

For consistently greeting others with respect and manners. You actually greet, treat and speak with peers and teachers in a positive and friendly manner. Terrific effort Toby, keep it up!

#### Year 4/5

#### William Beck

For continuing to have a positive attitude towards all aspects of your learning. It is fantastic to see you problem solve tricky situations with a smile on your face. Keep it up.

#### Year 2/3

#### Alexis Love

For always having a positive attitude and being able to demonstrate this in all situations and activities.

#### K/P/1

#### Xavier De Campo

For trying his best to solve tricky tasks without giving up! Well done!



#### Altar Server

12 August

James

**Office hours**

The school office will be open on Friday this week and Thursday next week.

**FOR SALE!**

166L fridge (only fridge, no freezer area). In good working order. Price \$150ono. See Rose or Brett to view.

**Fotoworks School Photos – Sibling Portraits**

Our school photos are scheduled for Wednesday 22 August.

Families have an opportunity to have siblings/family portraits taken. If you wish to have one done, please see Rose in the school office for an order form.

Also please note..... even if you do not wish to order any class or your child's photos you still need to return the order form.

Thank you!

**LOST! LOST!**

a brand new Macpac rusty red rain jacket. If found, please return to the school office or the Windberg family. Thank you!

**P & F News.....****Canteen Roster:**

**Tuesday 14 August**

Sarah De Campo &  
Amanda/Tony Windberg

**Tuesday 21 August**

Lisa Ebsary & Lara Vesela

**Note:** - please ensure that the canteen oven is cleaned properly each week. Recently it was left in an unclean state and it was very difficult to clean. If it is done each week it makes everything easier for one and all!

**Around town...**

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