



**The 'Cooking' group, enjoying Options.**

### Options are Underway

An old favourite is back, with our 'Options' program taking place on Thursday afternoons this term. The idea of Options is to broaden the horizons of our students and provide them with an opportunity to learn some skills that might not usually be part of a school curriculum. Students also appreciate the opportunity to have some choice as to which Option they participate in. This year, Options include cooking, origami, weaving, stop-motion animation and dance. It will all culminate in our 'Options Showcase' on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, where you will be treated to an overview of all that the students have learnt.

It is clear that our students are thoroughly enjoying Options so far:

Sienna DeCampo: "I'm in Dancing. I'm loving that we get to do 'Just Dance', where you learn different moves from the internet."

Sarah Beck: "I'm in the Dance option. 'Waka Waka' had definitely been my favourite song so far."

Marcus Pratt: "I'm in Cooking. It's awesome, we get to bake food! The best thing we have made so far is French toast, but I've already forgotten how to make it."

Shelby Bendotti: "I'm in the weaving group. First, we made our looms, now we've just started weaving our wool in between it. It's been really fun so far; I'm glad I chose weaving."

Emi Della Franca: "I'm in Origami. That's all about folding. I'm enjoying it so far. I've been making some caterpillars. It's good being in a group with some big kids, because sometimes they help me."



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Jesse Lin : "I'm in Dancing. I like it. The best song so far has been 'Blue'."

Edge Van Hazendonk: "My group is doing stop-motion animation. We're making a movie - I'm working with Lachy. I can't give you any clues about our movie - it's top secret. I am having fun and improving my skills."

Jayden Sawyer: "I'm in Origami. I made a paper crane, that was pretty fun. I'm now finishing off my turtle."

### Confirmation Parent Workshop Today

For those families with a child in Year 6 receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation later this term, please note that this afternoon we have our Parent Workshop, here in the library at 3.15pm. At least one parent needs to attend with the child please.

### Confirmation Catering

While not all of our students receive Confirmation each year, please remember that it is a celebration for our whole community and we rely on all of our families contributing to the catering for the celebration that follows the Mass. A note will come home in the coming days, asking each family to provide a dish that can be shared after Confirmation. Thank you in advance for your support.

### Year 3/4 Assembly

This Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> August, 9 am in the 3/4 classroom, we hope you can join us for what promises to be a very entertaining Year 3/4 Class Assembly. I know they have been working very hard on putting this together. All welcome.

### **Mary MacKillop Feast Day Celebrations and Liturgy**

Next Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> August, is a very special day for us all, as we celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Mary MacKillop. As you may know, Mary MacKillop founded the Sisters of Saint Joseph, who went on to establish our great school in 1953. We continue to be inspired by her famous motto, "Never see a need without doing something about it."

To celebrate this special day, we will begin with a liturgy, led by our K/PP Class. The Liturgy will be held at 9:00am in the K/PP Classroom. We hope you can join us for this liturgy - all welcome.

Following our Liturgy, students will honour Mary MacKillop by participating in some community service activities. You may recall that we had planned some community service activities to take part in during Lent, but had to cancel due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We look forward to bringing these activities back next week. Students will also be provided with a special lunch on this day. More information in relation to the Feast day celebrations and activities will be communicated to parents in the coming days.

### **School Board/P&F Meeting**

Next Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> August, is our next P&F Meeting (5.30pm) and School Board Meeting (7.00pm). All parents are welcome to attend the P&F Meeting- hope to see you there.

### **Winter Sport Carnival**

Please make sure you have the date of our upcoming Winter Sport Carnival in your calendar- it will be Friday of Week 6, 28<sup>th</sup> August. At this Carnival, each student from Year 3-6 competes against other local schools at either hockey, soccer or netball. Hockey takes place at PDHS, with the other two sports happening at the Pemberton Sports Centre. There is a significant amount of set-up that needs to occur on the Thursday afternoon before the Carnival, as well as early on the morning of the Carnival. If any parents are available to assist with set up/pack up, or the running of the carnival on the day, please let us know - your assistance is greatly appreciated.

### **Condolence Message**

As a school community, we offer our condolences to the Della Franca and Omodei families, following the recent passing of Elsie Della Franca.

We also think of the Pratt family, following the loss of Margaret Green.

Our thoughts and prayers are with your families during this difficult time.

### **Stomach Bug**

We seem to have a bug making its way around the community at the moment. Symptoms include stomach pain and/or vomiting and/or headache. This seems to take about 3 days to pass through the body. If your child is unwell, we ask that you keep them home to help avoid the spread to other students. Thank you for your help.

God Bless,

Brett Wilkie

### **K/PP Class News**

We have had a wonderful start to Term 3 in the Kindy/Pre-Primary class. For the start of the term we have been learning about the features of information texts in reading and writing. We are using these information books to help us with your current inquiry "What is a machine?" along with lots of hands on investigating and wonder questions. The children have also been busy using their engineering skills designing and making their own robot friends.

We are looking forward to presenting our Mary MacKillop Liturgy with the whole school next Wednesday morning. We have been busy learning about the life of Mary MacKillop and the motto she led her life by. We'd love to have you all join us at 9.00am on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> in the classroom for our Liturgy.

### **Year 5/6 Class News**

The Year 5/6 class have had a wonderful and productive start to Term 3! In writing, the students are learning about Informative Texts and are already hard at work researching their chosen topics for their oral presentations. There are so many interesting topics in the classroom and I can't wait to hear the speeches they come up with!

Confirmation is our major religious focus this term with five Year 6 students participating in the sacrament at the end of Week 5. We wish our Confirmation candidates all the best with this major step in their faith journeys!

The Year 6 students have recently participated in their high school transition day at Kearnan College. From all reports, the students had an enjoyable day of cooking, creating and learning and are feeling more prepared than ever to finish off their final year as leaders in the St Joseph's school community.

Thank you, Year 5/6, for such a wonderful welcome and brilliant start to the term!

Miss Emily Barton

We ask you to pray for our Confirmation Candidates

## Confirmation Prayer

God, our Father, we ask you to Bless our candidates, Isabella, Liana, Cassie, William and Dane, who are now preparing to receive the Spirit of Your love in the sacrament of Confirmation. May the gifts within each one be touched by Your Holy Spirit and become blessings for our parish Family. Bless, too, our parents, our sponsors, our teachers and all those who have been the reflection of Your Son's love for us. This we ask through Christ, our Lord.

Amen



## Pre-Primary - Our Robots!



### Canteen Duty:

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August**

Barbara Della Franca & Marion Fuge

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August**

Helen Ng & Esther Thomas

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