

### *Important Dates...*

- ✓ **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August** – Father's Day Stall
- ✓ **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September** – Flying Scientists are back! Location: Flexible Learning Space Time: 5.30 – 7.30pm
- ✓ **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> & Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September** – Year 6 Interschool Sports Carnival.

## **Father's Day Stall**

This year's P&F Father's Day stall will be held on Friday 31st August. The stall will open after school assembly at 3.00 pm on Friday. Gifts will range from \$2 – \$5. Multiple gifts are available for purchase.

We will require parent volunteers on the day. A sign-up sheet is located on the notice board if you are able to help.

## **Positions Vacant**

We have a vacancy current for Administration Officer to relieve in the absence of Aimee Robinson who will be taking Maternity Leave commencing Term 4.

For further information or to obtain an Application pack please click the following link <https://www.cns.catholic.edu.au/administration-officer/>

Applications close, Tuesday 4th September 2018.

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## News from Ms Harrison..

The parents who attended our Parent workshop today with Wilson McCaskill left having heard a really important message about raising strong, happy and resilient children. Wilson McCaskill has held game sessions in hundreds of schools with thousands of children. His Play Is the Way program of games is used Australia wide to help develop positive social behaviour in primary school children.

In his parent session today, Wilson guided parents in how they can work with teachers in the common pursuit of raising children to be considerate of themselves and others.

Wilson spoke of practical and tested strategies that help parents and teachers:

- \*Talk straight to children
- \*Guide children towards effective self-management
- \*Encourage honest self assessment
- \*Be a guide, not a boss
- \*Raise children to be of strong character



And much much more.....

Children need to develop resilience, perseverance and other life skills if they are to remain optimistic in the face of life's daily challenges. Here is a little of the message Wilson shared with us today.

As parents we are all concerned about the wellbeing of our own children and hopefully that of other children as well. Wellbeing is often thought of as happiness but it is more than that. We need to feel worthwhile, with lives that are fulfilling and meaningful.

We need the skills to create close personal connections and a network of strong relationships that give us a sense of belonging. We need the skills of emotional intelligence and social competency if we are to really feel like "WELL-BEINGS."

Australia, despite its wealth and high standard of living, has alarming levels of childhood depression, self harm and suicide. Our so called "good life" has not protected us from this sad fact. Evidence proves that children with strong pro-social behaviour tend to lead more positive lives, have more meaningful relationships, enjoy better physical and mental health and do better at school.

In the light of such evidence, many schools are making a commitment to the sustained and thorough development of pro-social behaviour.

School though, is not the only place where children learn. Even with five hours a day, for five days a week, for four terms a year children still do most of their "learning for life" outside school. In fact, most of their character shaping comes from family influences.

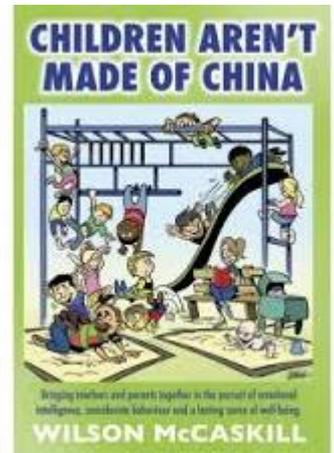
What they learn within the family allows them to apply it outside the family. Hopefully, what they have learnt allows them to conform to the demands and expectations of community standards in behaviour and to the requirements of everyday school life and learning.

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Everyone in a school community has a role to play in helping children become independent, mature, socially competent, emotionally intelligent and successful human beings.

The first step for us all is to be the best role models we can be. It is said, and we believe it to be true, that children need models more than they need critics. With that in mind, let us accept our role as the adults in their midst and offer them the commitment, care, firm guidance and help they need to acquire the skills that lead to meaningful and fulfilled lives.

We have limited numbers of Wilson's book *Children Aren't Made of China* available for purchase from the school if you would like to purchase.



God Bless and have a wonderful weekend,

*Rosie*

## Flying Scientists are back!

The Flying Scientists are back in Weipa this year to spend the day with students in class, doing a range of hands on science activities. This will be followed by a *FREE Weipa Community Event* hosted by our school.

*"What do Kakadu crocs prefer to snack on?"*

Hear about the latest on crocodiles and wetland conservation research with Dr Fernanda Adame. Meet Palaeontologist and Young Science Ambassador Dr Kaylene Butler. Fernanda's talk will be followed by a Q&A session with both researchers providing an opportunity to find out more about the science happening right here in Queensland and what a career in science, technology, engineering and mathematical (STEM) research is really like.

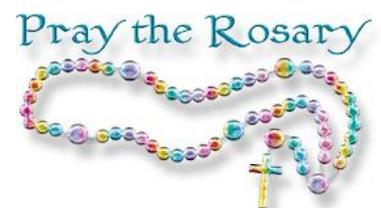
**When:** Thursday 6th September, 5:30-7:30pm in the flexible learning space

Light refreshments served -RSVP online on Eventbrite by 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018 using the link below.

<https://flying-scientist-2018-weipa.eventbrite.com.au>

## The Rosary

Each Wednesday night at 7pm the Rosary is held in St Joseph's Parish church. If you are interested in saying the Rosary with a small group of people or even just wanting to find out what and how to say the Rosary, please feel free to drop in on a Wednesday evening from 7pm.



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With the last two weeks being so busy there has not been time to focus on two very special Feast Days that occur in our Liturgical calendar. This week I would like focus on the meaning of both of these days and what it means for us as a Catholic school.

### St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Feast Day

An Ordinary Australian who did extraordinary things for God...



The feast day of St Mary MacKillop is celebrated each year on the 8th August. Mary was an ordinary Australian like each of us but did extraordinary things for God.

The Cross was always a special sign to Mary. Her life was not easy. Like Jesus she suffered but always trusted in God. Mary believed God would provide everything she needed to do her work in helping the poor. Mary MacKillop helped homeless people, hungry people and taught children about God's love. She was kind and loving to every person she met as if she was meeting Jesus himself. Mary MacKillop used to say, "Never see a need without trying to do something about it."

Mary saw a great need to tell children about God's love for them and so began teaching in a small stable in Penola, South Australia. Soon she gathered other women around her who also wanted to teach children about God and Jesus – together they became the Sisters of St Joseph.

Mary was canonised as our First Australian Saint in October 2010. She is a great example to all of us.

### The Feast of the Assumption of Mary

Blessed Is She Who Believed

Catholics refer to Mary, Jesus' mother, as our spiritual mother, as she is the mother of the Church. Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August was the Feast of the Assumption of Mary where we celebrate the belief that the Blessed Virgin Mary, was taken directly to heaven, body and soul, after her life on earth had ended. This belief was made an official teaching of the Catholic Church in 1950 by Pope Pius XII.



The Feast of the Assumption is a celebration of Mary's faithful relationship with her God and her assumption into heaven. When we pray to Mary, we say "Mary, full of Grace" and Mary truly is a woman of Grace. She made room for God in her life and shows us how to live a life of Trust and Faith in God; to become more deeply the person God has called us to be.

This week I pose the question to you: We can each admire Mary for many different aspects in our lives, and admire her for many different reasons throughout different stages in our lives.

Who is Mary for you at this very stage in your life?

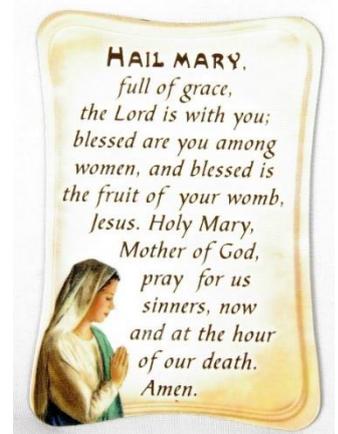
Who is Mary for you?

- A woman, meek and mild? Blindly accepting all that happened? A voiceless passive silent observer?
- Or a woman of knowledgeable faith, who understood the prophecies? Who read the signs of the prophecy? Through whom the prophecy was fulfilled?

Who is Mary for you?

Thank you and blessings for a wonderful weekend,

Amanda



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**Prep..** With our writing we are continuing to focus on starting a sentence with a capital letter, finger spaces between our words and a full stop at the end of a sentence. We are also developing our letter formations. Students are also beginning to explore the difference between facts and opinions. The beanie strategies for the next two weeks are; Chunky Monkey and Trying Lion.

In Maths students will be learning about ordinal numbers as well as place numbers in sequence along a number line, justifying position and explaining their reasoning. We will also revise patterns and looking at the days of the week and months of the year.

In Technology students are learning simple programming skills using the Ozobots. The students are going to retell a story using the Ozobots.

The Play is the way games we are playing this week are Gift ball, Snake and rhythm games.

**Year 1..** Wow, Week 6 already, where has the time gone? For the past two weeks we have had our school photos taken, attended our Stage 2 opening and celebrated Book Week. In English, the year ones have been working on how to write a story and now they have started to create their own. They are all very keen to create their own adventure story. Our spelling program Spelling Mastery is working really well and all the children are participating and are excited to be doing it. We were very lucky this week to get a visit from the OT (Lydia) and she played some fine motor games with all of the students. In Maths, we have continued to learn about 2D and 3D shapes and the value of money. In Health, we have been looking at the similarities and differences of people and things. In Religion, we have been talking about how god is loving and how we can show love.

Just a reminder: Homework is due every Monday but can sight words come back each day and Library day is every Thursday.

**Year 2..** At Assembly today we presented what we have learnt about Jesus so far in our Religion unit. What a great job everyone did! The costumes for Book Week were once again fabulous and we did a writing activity in class about our own treasure.

We have spent some time playing Typing Tournament in class and also Matific, which has some great maths games. Great to see lots of students are doing some activities at home. We looked at Fractions this week in Maths which connects to multiplication and making groups. We will build on this next week. We talked about different ways of saving water and introduced our Health Unit.

**Year 3..** Year 3 has been engaged in their Technology unit, where they are re purposing an old piece of clothing into another useful item. The class have had some great ideas, including belts, bags, flags and wrist bands.

In between School photos, dressing up as farmers and book week dress ups we have been learning about what change you get when you spend one and two dollars as well as fractions in maths. And in English we are continuing our retell unit, now looking at traditional fairy tales and different variations of the well known stories, we are getting ready to write our own retell, which will also be presented to the class verbally. We are sad to be saying goodbye to our friend Peta, who is heading off for a new adventure, Peta's kind manner and gentle nature will be missed by year 3. Best wishes to Peta and her brother Jai for their new adventure.

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**Year 4..** These past two weeks have been super busy in Year 4. We have dressed as farmers and as our favourite book characters. During the opening of our Stage 2 the students were fantastic with their reverence and participation during the whole ceremony. Once again the students of Year 4 are Super Spellers in our spelling program. In our Math lessons we are getting better at working out how to give change. The students are at the stage of being able to do mental computation as well as written. In our writing lessons we are still looking at poetry and come Monday we will be interpreting and understanding the poem 'The Jabberwocky'. Our Technology lessons have been all about symbolism. Where we see it in our lives and how it helps shape 'our' story. We are looking forward to working on Procedural Texts for the rest of the term come Tuesday next week and looking at volume in Maths.

**Year 5..** Year 5 have been busy writing their information websites to be completed soon. They are slowly moving on to writing informative biographies about Mary MacKillop for Religion and informative interview scripts for Science. Students have completed their unit on decimals and some addition and subtraction strategies. Next week we will begin to learn about simple budgets and adding collections of coins so that we can plan a week long trip around Paris for French. We are making our way through "Holes" by Louis Sachar and are making interesting connections between the characters of the past and present.

**Year 6..** This week we videoconferenced with a beef and sheep farmer from NSW, Farmer Stuart. Farmer Stuart spoke about the technology used on his farm, the impacts of the current drought, and what we can do as consumers to help Australian farmers. The students were surprised about how much of our everyday food is produced by farmers, so please continue these discussions at home. We consolidated our literacy skills by focussing on vocabulary in our writing and practising inference when reading. We completed our unit on decimals and are now looking at fractions. In Science, we continued investigating circuits and made adjustments to our circuit to increase the brightness of lightbulbs, run a motor, and sound a buzzer. This week we said goodbye to one of our students - we wish you luck in everything you do Jay!



Week 5 + 6

**Prep..** Toby Widmer + Jed Hall + Amelia Burke + Reon Barba + Alex Paxton

**Year 1..** Faith Chandler + Brocton Gay + Nate Robinson + Frankie McKie Blamey

**Year 2..** Evan Ah Shay + Elroy Spodniewski + Levi Payne + Zoe Van der Westhuizen

**Year 3..** Samantha Guy + Samuel Hancock + Levi Jenkins + Peta-Rose Deegan

**Year 4..** Daniel Scarabello + Sam McNamara + Cordy Foo + Jessica Hynes + Baia Spodniewska + Kyan Wellby + Edward's Mum - Amy

**Year 5..** Isaac Morton + Eva Payne + Wylie Clarke + Natasha Winquelin

**Year 6..** Jedda Booth + Kiarah Bayliss

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# Stage 2 Official Opening and Blessing photos



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# Father's Day Gift Stall

Gifts from \$2

When: Friday, the  
31st August 2018

Where: St Joseph's  
Parish School,  
Weipa

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## Flying Scientist visits Weipa **FREE Community Event**

*“What do Kakadu crocs prefer to snack on?”*

When: Thursday 6th September,  
5:30-7:30pm (in a while crocodile!)  
Light refreshments served afterwards

Where: St Joseph’s Parish School Weipa  
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RSVP: online, through Eventbrite  
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Hear about the latest on crocodiles and  
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Young Science Ambassador Dr Kaylene Butler.

**Bookings essential - tickets free but spaces limited**

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# OUR LADY OF THE CHAIN

*St Thomas' Catholic Church, Mareeba*

SUNDAY 9  
SEPTEMBER



MASS AT  
2:30PM

Live Entertainment by

*Fortunato Isgro*

*Claudio Portelli*

Try your luck at the  
*pescà*! Fantastic *prizes*  
to be won! *Fireworks*  
display at 8:30pm

A procession of the statue of Our Lady of The Chain will follow, led by the combined St Stephen's and St Thomas' School Band and the Italian Choir.

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