Important Dates

AUGUST

Wednesday 3rd
6pm Meeting in the library for parents of Confirmation candidates

Thursday 4th
2.15pm Whole school liturgy ‘Year of Mercy’ in the Hall with Fr Michael

Friday 5th
2.30pm Assembly led by Year 3/4P (Please note new time)

Monday 8th
2.15pm St Mary of the Cross liturgy

Thursday 11th
9.30am Sticks and Stones Production,

Sunday 14th
9am First Eucharist - Morning tea supplied by Year 2

Friday 26th
Book Week visitor, Kim Tofts

Tuesday 30th
6pm Confirmation

This year, Catholics all around the world are celebrating the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Pope Francis chose mercy as the theme to this holy year and wants us to focus on celebrating our Catholic faith.

A jubilee year usually occurs every 25 years, but this is an extraordinary year, as it is taking place earlier than normal. The pope believes our society needs to reflect upon mercy and act upon it because it brings joy, serenity and peace to self and to those we have shown mercy towards. By doing so, we become a sign of the Father’s action in our lives. Pope Francis acknowledges the challenge of forgiving others saying......

"At times how difficult it is to forgive! But to let go of anger, wrath, violence and revenge are necessary conditions for living joyfully."

To celebrate this Year of Mercy, we would like to invite you to Mass in the hall tomorrow, Thursday 4th August, at 2.15pm. Fr Michael will be officiating.

You are also welcome to spend some quiet reflection time in the hall before and after Mass as you view the Mercy artworks. These images will be on display until late Friday afternoon and visitors are most welcome.

Seventy times Seven
Matthew 18:20-22

Peter asks Jesus how many times he must forgive his brother, seven times?

"I do not say to you seven times," Jesus answers, "but seventy times seven."

This was not an order from Jesus for us to forgive 490 times before saying ‘that’s enough’. Rather, it is a command to forgive without limit. To be merciful like the Father.
Message from Mr Hunter

Leadership is something special. It is found in people who want to become the best that they can be.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As a school community it is important to recognise that we are all leaders. We can be leaders in everything that we do in our daily lives - in our work, at school, when we are teaching others or when we are learning from others.

Often in life we are faced with difficult decisions and challenges and it is our attitude that often determines the path we take and the choices that we make. Facing challenges and learning from our mistakes takes courage and support from family, friends and our school community.

Together as leaders we continue on the journey of learning and leadership throughout the year, we pray that we will have the strength to face challenges, learn from our mistakes and strive to be the best that we can be.

ST MARY OF THE CROSS FEAST DAY: The Feast Day of Australia's first saint, St Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop), falls on this coming Monday, 8th August. Our school will celebrate this special day in the Catholic story of Australia with a liturgy in the Hall commencing at 2.15pm.

The life and times of Mary MacKillop are inspirational for many Australians, especially all those who work in Catholic schools. Below is an extract from Pope Benedict XVI which sums up the extraordinary legacy left by our first saint.

“Remember who your teachers were – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. For many years countless young people throughout Australia have been blessed with teachers who were inspired by the courageous and saintly example of zeal, perseverance and prayer of Mother Mary MacKillop. She dedicated herself as a young woman to the education of the poor in the difficult and demanding terrain of rural Australia, inspiring other women to join her in the first women’s community of religious sisters of that country. She attended to the needs of each young person entrusted to her, without regard for station or wealth, providing both intellectual and spiritual formation. Despite many challenges, her prayers to Saint Joseph and her unflagging devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to whom she dedicated her new congregation, gave this holy woman the graces needed to remain faithful to God and to the Church. Through her intercession, may her followers today continue to serve God and the Church with faith and humility!” Pope Benedict XVI – extract from his homily at the Canonisation Mass, St Peter’s Square, October 17, 2010

PARISH FAMILY MASS Thanks so much to the families who were able to attend our Family Parish Mass last Sunday morning. Well done to all children who took part in the mass through readings, the processions and singing. This all combined to make a wonderful expression of celebration in our parish.

The children preparing for First Eucharist were presented to Fr. Michael and the parish community at the weekend masses. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Body of Christ for the first time on Sunday, 14th August.

God bless and have a wonderful week,

Tony

Tony Hunter
Principal
Community

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL: We welcome Monique Humphries and Karen Yeung to our school for the next 8 weeks. Monique and Karen are in the final weeks of their 4 year degree to graduate as Occupational Therapists at Sydney University. They will be working in our school each Monday and Tuesday until the end of Term 3. We are so fortunate to have these two young people working with the students and staff of our school. Many thanks to the staff at the University Centre for Rural Health in Lismore for making this initiative possible.

PRINCIPAL CONSULTATION PROCESS: An invitation is extended to all parents in our school community from Mr Paul Wilson from the Catholic Schools Office to attend a parent consultation process as a part of the principal selection process. This will take place on Monday August 8th at 9am in the library. This consultation process will go for approximately 25 – 35 minutes. Interviews for the principal position will take place the following day on Tuesday August 9. We hope to see as many parents as possible take up this opportunity.

MISS BUGDEN ON LEAVE: Our Year 5 classroom teacher, Miss Kelli Ann Bugden will be taking leave from her role from Friday 12th August to Tuesday 13th September inclusive. Miss Bugden will return to St Brigid’s on Wednesday 14th September.

In Miss Bugden’s absence we welcome Mrs Erin Anderson to take on the role of 5B class teacher. Miss Bugden and Mrs Anderson will ensure that the learning, routine and organisation will be maintained for the students during this 4 week period.

We wish Miss Bugden all the very best during her time of leave and look forward to hearing of her experiences on her return.

Curriculum

STICKS AND STONES: This visiting production will address the way we get along and relate to one another with a focus on bullying. It is part of the PDHPE syllabus. Forms have been sent home today and the cost is $5 per child.

BOOK WEEK—Theme “Australia: Story, Country” 22nd—26th August: Kim Tofts, author & illustrator will be working with our students on Friday, 26th August, with 3 sessions, 9am-10am, 10am-11am & 12noon-1pm. Kim will demonstrate silk screen printing. Parents are welcome.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to - Josiah B

Catholic Identity

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION NIGHT: Parents of Catholic Year 2 students are invited to attend this meeting at 6pm on Wednesday, 3rd August. If you are interested in joining our Catholic family, please come along to this meeting or contact Jan Condon, who is very happy to discuss this matter.

MERCY ART WORKS: To celebrate the Year of Mercy, artworks titled 'Mercy on the Move' are on display in the hall. They will be here for the remainder of the week. Parents and the Parish community are welcome to visit the hall to view, contemplate and pray as you are presented with a series of artworks (paintings/photographs) on the theme of mercy. Booklets addressing the artworks with associated scripture passages are available to use during your reflection. Students will visit the hall during the week to reflect and respond to the art. We hope you can join us for this experience.

FIRST EUCHARIST: The Yr3 students will participate in a Reflection Day with CYSMA students from St Mary’s Catholic College Casino on Wednesday 10th August 12noon—2.30pm.

WORLD YOUTH DAY: It is wonderful to read about the experiences of Miss Hughes and Mr Tickle whilst on the World Youth Day Pilgrimage on our school Facebook site. They were part of the 1.5 million audience that attended the WYD Mass celebrated by Pope Francis. You can also share some of the experiences of Laura and Brendan at WYD via videos and photos updated daily on the Proclaim Lismore Students Facebook page. (just search Proclaim Lismore Students from Facebook) or visit http://www.xt3.com/

THANK YOU: Next week we welcome Miss Hughes and Mr Tickle back to school following their pilgrimage experiences. On behalf of the school community, I extend a sincere thanks to Mrs Dowling (Year 1/2H) and Mrs Anderson (Year 6T) who have ensured that the learning of the students has continued in the absence of their regular classroom teachers. We are so fortunate to have people of this quality able to step in and continue the learning journey so seamlessly.

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Open MONDAYS
2:30pm—3:15pm (after Canteen)

All enquiries about uniforms to:
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**SCHOOL CANTEEN**

Monday 8th August: Suzie Smith and Annette Smith

Please sign in at the office before going to Canteen. If for any reason you cannot attend on your rostered day, please swap with someone.

THANK YOU

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Circus classes are held at the Kyogle Showground on-

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- Start Together Babies Group
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