Important Dates

AUGUST
Thursday 11th
9.30am Sticks and Stones Production

Friday 12th
2.30pm NO ASSEMBLY

Sunday 14th
9am First Eucharist - followed by Morning tea in the hall supplied by Year 2

Tuesday 16th
ICAAS Maths

Friday 26th
Book Week visitor, Kim Tofts

Tuesday 30th
6pm Confirmation

SEPTEMBER
Friday 2nd
From 7am Father’s Day Breakfast & Liturgy

TERM 3 ENDS Fri 23/09/2016
TERM 4 STARTS Mon 10/10/2016

NEWS FROM YEAR 1/2CI

We have had many beautiful liturgical celebrations this term. On Monday it was the feast day of Mary MacKillop, our first Australian Saint. Our students discovered her many qualities and reflected on her willingness to help, especially the underprivileged. Her saying “Never see a need without doing something about it”, saw her act with purpose and determination. Even though she faced many challenges, Mary was a courageous woman who trusted God. She looked after the poor, educated children and was generous to all who needed support. Mary began an order of sisters who would help continue to share God’s love and service with others. She is known now as Mary of the Cross.

MERCY ON THE MOVE: Last week the Mercy Artworks arrived at St Brigid’s and Year 1/2CI had the opportunity to view the art and to understand their connection to the bible stories. Some student responses were: “I liked looking closely at the art and saying a prayer” (Stella). “It made me happy seeing art stories from the bible” (Emerson). “I observed the kindness being shown in the artwork” (Ruhara). “I loved the Door of Mercy that all the students made - it was beautifully decorated (Matilda).
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,

We’re ready - last weekend the Olympic Games began. For the athletes, the Games are for the culmination of years of hard-work, sweat and sacrifice – the ability to try, to fail, to look to improve, to seek feedback, to try again, and to succeed – even if that success is measured by gaining a ‘PB’ and not the ultimate ‘GOLD’ that all athletes will be chasing.

This is more than a bit like what we want our children to do at school in everything they do. With our school theme of “Achieve – Believe – Succeed”, our aim is to extend each and every child to reach their full potential, to always be chasing their new ‘PB’. Just like the Olympics this will involve hard-work, sweat and times of sacrifice. We ask them to try, to believe, to look to self-improve, to seek feedback, to fail and to try again – so that, with our support (‘our’ meaning home and school), they will eventually achieve and reach a personal ‘GOLD’. Just like an athlete in training, no-one can do it for you, no matter how much you want them to, as they’ll never succeed themselves whilst it’s being done for them. The hard work must come from with-in.

So what’s our (parents and teachers) role as coaches – to support, to challenge, to nurture, to give honest feedback – all to assist each learner to on the road to success.

FIRST EUCHARIST: This Sunday, the following students in Year 3 will receive the sacrament of First Communion - Kara Garred, Sienna Ingram, Lachlan Kennelly, Paige Love, Eva McErlean, Rhianna Merenda, Liana Moore, Jed Mulcahy, Jai O’Reilly, Elsie Pratt, Karli Pratt, Seth Ribton-Turner, Jacob Rixon, Ava Smith, Ryan Studders, Kobe Vail and Nate Walters.

Congratulations to these children and their proud families. An invitation is extended to all members of our school community to come along and support these children and their families in this special time in their spiritual journey.

As Catholics, the Eucharist is the culmination of our relationship with Christ. His presence under the earthly forms of bread and wine serves to nourish us spiritually. As we eat and drink in the Eucharistic banquet we believe that Christ becomes part of us, and we come alive in Christ - together we become the Body of Christ. St Augustine taught that if we truly love the Eucharist we will embody what we eat. We will become united with Christ: blessed, broken, poured out and shared in love. We pray for each of these children and their families. May this Eucharist strengthen them and nourish them in love with Christ.

THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY: On Monday, 15 August, the Church celebrates the Feast Day of the Assumption of Our Lady when according to our faith, the Holy Mother, “having completed her course of her earthly life was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory”.

The Assumption signals the end of Mary’s earthly life and marks her return to heaven to be reunited with Jesus. While the bodies of both Jesus and Mary are now in heaven, there is a difference between the Assumption and the Resurrection. Where Jesus arose from the tomb and ascended into heaven by his own power, Mary’s body was taken up to heaven by the power of her Son.

As the Feast of the Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation, our school will be attending mass with the parish at 12:30pm celebrated by Fr Michael. I encourage family and friends to join us.

God bless and have a wonderful week,

Tony
Tony Hunter
Principal
**Curriculum**

**ICAS MATHEMATICS:** Students will sit this next exam in Week 5, Tuesday, 16th August.

**HELP NEEDED PLEASE:** This semester, the teachers will be studying an online Mathematics module on Place Value. There are resources which need to be made so the teachers can use these in the classroom as part of their study.

If you have an hour to spare on Friday 19th August to help make these resources, it would be greatly appreciated. We will meet in the library at 9am, share a cup of tea and have a chat! Thank you for your support!

**TERM 3 SCHOOL SHOW “Sticks & Stones”:** Tomorrow, Thursday 11th August at 9.30am the whole school will see this production in the hall.

If you have not returned the permission note and $5 per child please do so tomorrow before 9am

**ZONE GALA DAY ON FRIDAY 12th August:**

**SOCCER:** This will be held at Lismore Thistles Football Club, 191 Military Road, East Lismore.

**NETBALL:** This is at the Netball Courts, Ballina Road, Lismore.

Children are to wear their school sports uniform. Accompanying teachers will be Mr Tickle, Ms Hughes and Mr Parente.

Best of luck to all of our participants.

**SPORT SHIRT SURVEY:** Today every family will receive a copy of this survey. Please send the return slip or text to the mobile number as per instructions by 17/08/2016. The results will be published in a newsletter to follow.

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**Catholic Identity**

**FIRST EUCHARIST:** We wish our students every blessing as they complete their sacraments of initiation this Sunday, 14th August, when they receive their First Eucharist. Please arrive early (8.45am) so you can process in with Fr Erick.

**YEAR 2 CATERING:** Thank you to our Year 2 families who are catering for the First Eucharist morning tea in the hall after mass. Food can be dropped off at the hall on the day or if not perishable sent in on Friday to the office.

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**Community**

**FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST and LITURGY:**
All families are invited to our special Father’s Day breakfast to be held on Friday, 2nd September commencing from 7am.

This will be an opportunity to bring dad into school and share breakfast before joining in with our special Father’s Day Liturgy. More details will be in next week’s newsletter but please jot down the date in your diary.

**FATHER’S DAY STALL:** This will be on Friday, 2/09/16.

Gifts ranging from $2 to $5 in price. Something for all Dads. If anyone can help please contact Stephanie Barsby at school.

**LOST PROPERTY:** There are quite a few school jumpers and jackets in Lost Property. Most have no names! Please ensure you write your child’s name on items of clothing, lunch boxes etc.

**BEFORE SCHOOL ASSESSMENT:** Community Health has a FREE service for children starting Kindergarten in 2017 for Vision, Language, General Development, Hearing, Fine & Gross Motor Co-ordination Skills & Speech. Your child must be 4 and a half years of age or older to attend.

Phone 6630 0488 for an appointment.
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5pm: Saturday Vigil Mass
9am: Sunday Mass

HALL HIRE
Please contact the Parish office on 66321074 regarding hiring of the hall.

SCHOOL CANTEEN
MONDAY 15th: Suzie Smith & Fiona Pratt

Please sign in at the office before going to Canteen.
If for any reason you cannot attend on your rostered day, please swap days with another person or contact Suzie.

THANK YOU

COMMUNITY NEWS

KYOGLE FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES
Start Together Babies Group
For all families from pregnancy to babies 12 months of age.
Tuesday's 12.30pm-2.30pm at 8 Geneva Street, Kyogle, phone 66321044 or email admin@kyoglefamilysupportservices.org

1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching
FREE Parent Course
A three-session program for parents and carers
at Kyogle Family Support Services Inc. 8 Geneva St, Kyogle (Grove House) on Thursday 11th, 18th & 25th August 2016 at 10.00am-12.30pm.

To register or for more information contact Kyogle Family Support Services on 6632 1044.

Fun with Food for Fussy Eaters
(0-5 year old children)
Wednesday 17th August 10am-2.30pm with registration at 9.45am at Kyogle Family Support. Tea, coffee & lunch provided. RSVP by Monday 15th August by phone 6620 6600 or email: lia.masman@northcott.com.au
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