The accolades continue to pour in for our brilliant Wakakirri students and staff with Monday’s notification that our school’s ‘A Brighter Life’ presentation has won a Story Award. Hence, we have been invited to perform at Awards Night discover out who will receive the ‘The Best Story’ from our Wakakirri series. Further details will be forwarded as they come to hand.

Last Friday’s ‘Kindness to Others’ Yellow Day was a wonderful all round success, with $663.00 raised and awareness of the importance of interpersonal kindness, promoted across our school community and our country, through Channel 9 National News bulletins! Into the future, we look forward to acknowledging kindness to others on a regular basis.

A reminder that the P&F’s future 5 Cent Drive collection dates are set for the 13th, 20th and 27th of August and that prizes will be awarded to the highest fundraising class each week, with an overall prize of a free tuckshop day for the class that raises the most funds during the drive. A reminder also, that the P&F are asking families to, if possible, donate small items to complement gifts purchased by the P&F for the upcoming Fathers’ Day Stall. These items can be left at the office.

My thanks to those families who have promptly paid Term 3 school fees and levies or have organised to have convenient direct debiting occur.

I draw your attention to an Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) Privacy Notice in a latter section, that schools have been asked to distribute to families.

This morning’s annual Mary’s Mates acknowledgements and celebrations were a delight to attend with a number of our families, and I congratulate those students who were recognised for espousing the distinct charism of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop. Thank you to parent, Lesley Solar, for once again leading the organisation of proceedings, and to Sister of St Joseph, Sr Annie McGuire, for coming along to present the awards with our own Sr Jenny.

As a follow-up to this morning’s Mary’s Mates tradition, I look forward to tomorrow’s school community celebration of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop’s Feast Day, with Mass in St Patrick’s Church from 9.00am. All are welcome to this Mass that Father Joseph will preside at.

Next week we welcome back from periods of leave, Mrs Logan and Mr Higgins. We trust that their time away from school life was all that they had hoped for.

Another request for families, other than those with eldest children in Year 6 or 7, to please inform the school office as soon as possible, in writing, if you will not be continuing as part of our community next year. Such notification greatly assists with 2015 staffing and planning.

Please note that next Monday 11 August is the Brisbane Show Holiday for our Logan area. After a long weekend, school will resume next week on Tuesday 12 August when we will host Carmel Nash, Executive Director of the Queensland Federation of Parents and Friends, at our 6.30pm August P&F Meeting in the hall. Please join other members of our school community, the community of our sister parish primary school, Mother Teresa, Ormeau, and P&F Executive Members from Trinity College, as Carmel invites a re-think on parent/school partnerships.

Best wishes to our school choir when they perform next Thursday 14 August at the Queensland Catholic Schools Festival which is being held in St James Hall, Coorparoo. Thank you to Mrs Han for continuing her excellent preparation of our choir members.

Most loving God, we thank You for the example of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop, who in her living of the Gospel, witnessed to the human dignity of each person. She faced life’s challenges with faith and courage. On the threshold of Mary’s feast day, we pray through her intercession for our needs.

With Courage, Faith and Love
Stephen Johnson
TERM 3 SCHOOL FEES

Term 3 school fees were emailed on the 24 July.
Please contact Roslyn in the office if you have not received your invoice.

FIRE FIGHTERS VISIT THE GRADE ONES!

On Monday the Grade 1 classes received a visit from the local firefighters. The students learnt what to do in case of a fire. If your house is smoky from a fire you will need to get down low and GO, GO, GO! Or if you are trapped inside it’s important to make lots of noise so the firefighters can find you and help you. If your clothes are on fire don’t forget to STOP, DROP and ROLL! After the firefighters gave us this important safety information we went outside and saw the fire truck. Each child was able to have a turn using the big hose.

If you would like to learn more about fire safety go to https://www.fire.qld.gov.au/kids/

KOALA JOEYS

The KOALA JOEYS FAMILY PROGRAM will be run each Tuesday at 9am in our Multipurpose Room.
Each family with a child enrolled in Prep 2015 will have received an invitation to join us for this program. Spread the word, this is a FREE program and we would love to see you there.
ATTENDANCE POLICY

| Late arrivals | Any student arrival at a classroom after roll marking requires the student to go to the office to receive a late slip. Office staff will then update the attendance to ‘present’ in the system. |
| Early Departures | Students are called by office staff to go to the office to be signed out by a parent/carer. Parents/carers must not take students directly from classrooms. Office staff will then update the attendance status in the system. Notification from a parent must be given to the school when students are collected by adults other than parents before 2.55pm / school finish. |
| Notes for absences | Absence and reasons are to be reported to the school by a parent/guardian. All absences must be explained (at the latest) by day two of absence by: *Letter to teacher (1 day absence) *Email *Phone - option 1 *Written on sign in/out sheet at office |

PRIVACY NOTICE

Information required to determine the Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA) for schools. This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that ACARA has requested your child's school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child's gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, School Year level, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage, Australian Citizenship or Permanent Residency Status with Visa sub-class number and arrival date in Australia, residential address, parental occupation, parental education and main language of parents.

This information is disclosed to ACARA under the ACARA Act 2008 for one or both of the following purposes:

- Formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and
- Assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters.

ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. **If you do not want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven (7) days (14 August 2014) of receiving this notice.** Further information about ACARA can be obtained from the ACARA website at www.acara.edu.au.

HOMEWORK HELP

Homework Help will be extended for the remainder of this term.

Mon: after school to 3.40 Miss Willmot in library for Years 5C, 6 & 7 students
Mon: after school to 3.45 Mrs Phillips 5F students only
Tues: after school to 3.20 Mrs Hatzis 6C & 6F students only
Tues: before school 8-8.40am in Library with Mrs Carroll and Mrs Hall - all year levels
Wed: before school 8-8.40am in Library with Mrs Vargas Malby - all year levels, starting Aug 13

We thank these teachers who are giving their time in this way to support our students.

2014 PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

It’s great to see so many younger students who have already completed the required target for the reading challenge. When we enter the data against a child’s name, it is possible to enter up to 99 books so we would encourage these students to take another form available from the front office.

For other students, there are six weeks left to complete this reading challenge. Those students in Years 4 and above have a minimum of fifteen books to complete in order to receive a certificate. Happy reading!!

A MUSICAL NOTE - RENUKA HARAN

The school choir will be competing in the Qld Catholic Schools’ and Colleges’ Festival on Thursday 14 August in the evening. Students are expected to be at school outside the office at 5 pm, in their formal uniform. We expect to return at 8.15pm for collection by parents at the school.

St Joseph’s Beenleigh

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FATHERS’ DAY STALL 2014

Fathers’ Day is rapidly approaching with only 4 weeks to go until Dad’s special day. Preparations have already begun for this year’s stall. We will again be asking, where possible, for families to donate small items to complement gifts purchased through P&F funds. This year each class has been allocated an item to donate in an effort to make choosing gifts easier for families. This system was used for Mothers’ Day donations and feedback was positive. Anyone who has empty sauce jars or baby food jars, we would love to alleviate you of these. These jars will be filled with a variety of goodies as a special treat for Dads (or maybe to even share!!!). Donations can be taken to class or to the office.

5c DRIVE

The first week of the 5c drive has been counted and congratulations to 7C and Mr McBride. They are this week’s winners with $109.95. A huge thank you to all who have joined in. So far, in just one week, we have raised $781.30. Containers will now be sent back home and our next collection day is Wednesday 13 August. Come on everybody, let’s get behind this fun way to fundraise and give year 7 a run for their money.

MARY’S MATES

Congratulations to these children for being selected as a mate of St Mary MacKillop.

Jayleigh Barnes-Wilson PC
Laylah Butler PF
Milly McCallum 1C
Lucy Barnes 1F
Lucinda Phelan 2C
Kira Finlay 2F
Jess Miller 3C
Annabel Downs 3F
Lucy McCallum 4C
Tia Finlay 4F
Dylan Cardiff 5C
Tyrone Torralba 5F
Hannah Evans 6C
Bethany Rorke 6F
Maddison Scowcroft 7C

COMMUNITY NEWS

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE BRISBANE is holding its next weekend from Friday evening 24th to Sunday afternoon 26th October 2014 at QCCC Brookfield. The weekend offers widowed, separated and divorced people who have moved through the initial shock phase of grief the opportunity to work through their pain and move into the future with renewed hope. It is a live-in weekend with meals and accommodation provided.

ENQUIRIES: Kathy 0438 300659, Clare 0410601031, Terry 0411 142 557.

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE APPLICATION

When: Applications to the Qld Govt can still be made up to the 31 December. How: Private vehicle
Where: Primary School students must live more than 3.2 km from the nearest non-state school.
For full details see the school office for the application form.
For more information on Destiny Rescue
Call 1300 738 761
Email kids@destinyrescue.org
Social Follow us on Facebook Follow us on Twitter

RESCUE the sexually exploited and enslaved
RESTORE the abused
PROTECT the vulnerable
EMPOWER the poor
BE A VOICE for the voiceless

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.” Anne Frank

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