Prayer

Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross Mary Mackillop
8th August

O God, source of all goodness,
who have shown us in Saint Mary a woman of faith
living by the power of the Cross,

-teach us, we pray, by her example to live the gospel
 in changing times
and to respect and defend the human dignity of all
in our land.

Through our Lord.
Amen

OLMC Calendar Important Dates

8th August- Morawa Ag open day.
14th August – Whole School Mass 9am
14th August – Tuckshop
24th August- Catholic Leave Day
24th-28th August – Book week
25th August – Book week Dress Up day

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Week 3! Welcome back to Miss Karina who has returned from her trip to Europe! She had a wonderful time and has already taught the Year Five/Six class some interesting facts about places she was fortunate to visit.

It has been very enjoyable sitting in the chair as the Acting Principal for the last three weeks and having the chance to experience duties that are very different to teaching students. While they may not be as fun or as interesting as being in the classroom, they are just as important to the smooth running of the school. Our community is blessed to have such a supportive and competent administration and teaching staff, as well as parents, who ensure the students are provided with a great learning environment.

As part of our school focus on making learning visible in the classroom, the teachers have been concentrating on ensuring the students are aware of the learning intention for a lesson, so the students are able to work towards achieving the criteria for success. The teachers have also been working on refining their feedback to students, so that the students are able to see whether they have achieved the learning intention, what they may need to do to work toward improving this, or where they need to move onto next. At our end of the day gathering, the students have been sharing their learning with the rest of the school. The teachers have seen an improvement in the students’ ability to reflect on what they have learned throughout the day, rather than what they have done.

As I have been reflecting on all the things I have been learning in my role as Acting Principal, I did feedback to the students that I didn’t need to learn that they are all wonderful children and active contributors to our school community, as I already knew this! Our staff is constantly commenting on the behaviour of the student group as a whole, which is a wonderful reflection of what the students ultimately learn at home.

Jill Hollands
Acting Principal

School News

Opening of “Creative Concrete” – Mullewa Caravan Park

Last Friday, the students from Years One to Six walked up to the Mullewa Caravan Park for the opening of “Creative Concrete” which was an opportunity for students in our school to create designs to be used to promote the Mullewa community. The students worked together to paint their designs onto concrete slabs that were laid outside the ablution block at the Mullewa Caravan Park. The designs depicted aspects of the Mullewa community that the students felt were important to portray. This project was another opportunity for our students to be involved in Art Projects.

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within our Mullewa community and the result was absolutely fantastic.

Faye Fulker, from the Mullewa District Office organised an official opening for the project last Friday, when the students and staff had the opportunity to see the effect of the slabs laid. We were all amazed at the colour and artistic designs and how wonderful the artwork looked in a different location. After the official opening we all enjoyed a sausage sizzle and the children had a chance to run around in the bush at the back of the caravan park, before tackling the long walk back to school! Thank you to Faye Fulker for organising this for us, and to Miss Mariah who co-ordinated the painting of the slabs with the children.

The Wizard of Oz

Yesterday’s excursion to Geraldton with the Pre-Primary to Year Six classes was another wonderful opportunity for our students to experience something completely different in their learning. The performance of “The Wizard of Oz” by Nagle Catholic College students was fantastic! Our students had viewed some of the movie previously, and were able to follow along with the storyline and the development of the characters and it will be interesting to see their written and illustrated responses to this now they are back at school. It was great for those who are interested in performing to see that they may have the opportunity to be involved in a production like this once they move on to secondary school. The behaviour of our students while they were at the playground, and during the performance was outstanding; it was a pleasure for the staff to take every one of them on the excursion. Thank you to those parents who travelled over with us to assist in the care of all the students.

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**Book Week – Tuesday, 25th August – Friday, 28th August**

Our school will be celebrating Book Week in Week 6 of this term. The theme for our school this year is “Under the Sea”. We will be having a dress up day on Tuesday, 25th August. The students can feel free to express themselves in any way related to books, either with a sea theme, or as their favourite character etc.

**Woolworths Booragoon**

Our school has been fortunate to have been registered as a regional partner school with Woolworths in Booragoon. On our behalf, Woolworths Booragoon will collect the stickers that we can trade for school resources. A collection bin has been set up on our behalf with our school name and crest in which customers can place their stickers during the promotional period (until 8th September, 2015). If you know of any family or friends that shop at Woolworths, Booragoon, please let them know of our involvement with this program.

**State Government Census**

The state government census happened today, Friday, 7th August, and our school funding is reliant on this data. If your child was absent on this day, we require a written explanation of their absence. We do require a valid reason for their absence eg. sickness, appointment etc as this will be provided to the Department of Education. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

**Western Australian Teacher Assistant Conference**

Last weekend Rachel Swift and Rebecca Dreghorn were fortunate enough to attend the Western Australian Teachers Assistant Conference in Perth. The conference is a two day event with the opportunity to attend several different lectures on anything from “Supporting students with working memory difficulties” to “Building Self-Esteem and Resilience”. Both ladies thoroughly enjoyed the conference and came back with a wealth of knowledge.
**Busy Bee**

On Saturday, 25th July, a number of our dads (and one mum) came to our Busy Bee and worked really hard for the day on maintenance around the school. Everybody was so willing to chip in and use their skills and expertise to repair and build what was needed. Some of the jobs that were completed included: building a fence around a tank on the oval, removing the old air cooler from the roof of the old convent, clearing the drain pipes in the Pre-Primary and paving a small area, cleaning the gutters, spraying clover on the oval and lawns, removing the shade sails from the playground to be sent away for repair, taking down hanging baskets and removing reticulation piping, and lowering the bag racks outside the K/PP classroom so they are at a height the children can reach.

Thank you very much to our dads that came to help – Brendan Weir, Phil Rumble, Colin Swift, Hugh Rowe, Scott McGregor, Thinus Ferreira, Mick Park, Simon Keeffe and Reuben Rowe. The dads were very ably led at the Busy Bee by our P&F President, Tim Critch, who along with Brendan Weir, also came to the school the week before, to do a walk around and list any maintenance that needed to be included on the list. Thank you also to Jenna McGregor, our P&F Secretary, who organised a sausage sizzle and refreshments for the dads at lunchtime. Over their lunch the parents also had the chance to have a look at some of the designs for nature playgrounds as the P&F are currently looking into the idea of building a nature playground on our school oval.

**Tuckshop**

Tuckshop is on Friday 14th August. Janelle Rowe is the leader and Rachel Wilson is the helper. If you are unable to fullfill your duties please find someone to take your place.

**All orders must be in by Tuesday morning 11th August.** Buns etc need to be ordered by Tuesday morning, so if you send in your child’s order Wednesday they will miss out.

Don’t forget to send in some treats to be sold, cupcakes, biscuits, jelly cups etc. Make sure your containers are clearly labelled so they can be returned.

**Mullewa Show**

Please find attached to the back of the newsletter the duty roster for the Mullewa Show.

**Birthdays**

A very happy birthday to the following staff and students:
- July 22nd – Ms Jill Hollands
- July 29th – James sandy
- July 29th – Caitlin Rowe
- July 31st – Mrs Renata Steele
- August 3rd – Luyanda Ehigiotar
- August 4 – Riley Curtis
- August 10th – Benjamin Strange
- August 13th – Mrs Leonora Tunbridge

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UNIFORM SHOP
OPEN

Wednesday 8.30am to 9am and 3 pm to 3.30pm
Thursday 8.30am to 9am and 3 pm to 3.30pm
Now located in the hall.
Order forms can be sent home with your child on request.
Rebecca Drehorn is your uniform co-ordinator.
END OF AN ERA
BOARDING FAREWELL
SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER

Please join us in commemorating boarding at Stella Maris College, St Patrick’s College and Nagle Catholic College, Geraldton.

Tours available of St Patrick’s College, Nagle Catholic College and Cathedral
Reunion at St Patrick’s Campus, Bayly Street
Acknowledgement and Reflection
Afternoon Tea
Official Close

10.00am to noon
2.00pm
3.15pm
3.45pm
6.00pm

Cost: $25 per person. Children under the age of 18 free. BYO alcohol. Light refreshments provided.
For registration details and payment please email boardersreunion@ncc.wa.edu.au or Contact Nagle Catholic College on 089920 0500.

If you have any memorabilia or photographs (copies only) which could be used in displays, particularly in relation to the boarding schools, or for any queries, please contact

boardersreunion@ncc.wa.edu.au.

RSVP 10 September 2015

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