



# St Philomena's School, Moree

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Term 2, Week 11

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

All good things come to an end! Semester One (Terms 1 & 2) concludes on Friday with a two week break to rejuvenate, recover and repair bodies and minds of both students and staff. **School returns on Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>** for a ten week third term.

Over the school holiday period we will have tradesmen on the site, making improvement to our facilities. **A further four smartboards** will be installed in classrooms across the school. New locations will be:

1. Mrs Moylan's Kindergarten classroom
2. Miss McLeod's Year 6 classroom
3. Secondary Artroom
4. Secondary Wiradjari

Upgrading of cabling to the cluster and Wiradjari building is necessary in order for smartboard access in these areas.

Our **Athletics Carnivals** were days of glorious weather and great sportsmanship. Records were broken and personal bests were achieved. Congratulations to those who broke records, Age Champions and sincere thanks to parents and staff that bring these days together so successfully.

**NAIDOC Week** is celebrated in our town and school community this week. The national theme of this year's celebration is "*Honouring Our Elders, Nurturing Our Youth*". At St. Philomena's we have a large number of activities planned to share, learn and celebrate. In particular is the staff meeting for all members of our large staff at Pius X, the painting of a large new mural by secondary students, Year 8 Myall Creek Excursion and the Aboriginal Parent and Staff Dinner. The week is full of activities, across the school. A special thanks to **Kiely Smith, Gina Munro** and **Ed Saunders**; our Aboriginal Educational Assistants, for their hard work and dedication to ensuring our NAIDOC Week is a significant celebration in our school.

**Angie Wilde**, one of our secondary teachers, leaves us this term to move to Tamworth with her family. **Lucy Wareham**, an educational assistant, has also now finished her time with us to take up her own studies. We have been fortunate to have been recipients of the skills and talents of these wonderful girls; they will be certainly missed. On behalf of the school community we thank you Angie and Lucy and wish you well. We also welcome to our staff **Lidia Matthews**, who now joins the team of educational assistants.

**Enrolment interviews take place early next term. Please return enrolment forms to the office before the end of this week.**

Happy holidays!

Karen Jagers  
Principal

## WEEKLY REFLECTIONS- 14<sup>th</sup> week in ordinary time, Year B

This week our school and parish are celebrating the life and times of Mary MacKillop. On Sunday, Sisters of St Joseph visited our parish to celebrate with the St Francis Xavier community and on Monday with the school a liturgy of **remembrance for the Centenary of the Death of Mary MacKillop – Mary of the Cross. She died in August 1909.** We remember her love for the people with whom she served.

**Sister Margaret Cusack spoke so well at the 9:30am Mass on Sunday.** The whole story was revealed, and given life, as Mary MacKillop herself spoke the life of Christ into the very heart of this nation.

As the school on Monday afternoon celebrated the life and times of Mary MacKillop in the Church, with some of the Sisters of St Joseph present, we recalled the tough times in which she lived. We remember also the trust she placed in Christ – to deliver her as a totally dedicated individual **who saw a need and did something, lovingly, about it.**

Mary MacKillop knew that time was of the essence! She knew, as is stated at her burial site in Mount Street, North Sydney, the we must **remember we are but travellers here.** Mary changed the way we were to think of God and of ourselves. She said (to Monsignor Kirby) in a letter: "**To me, the will of God is a dear book which I am never tired of reading, which has always some new charm for me. Nothing is too little to be noticed there...**"

**The whole school community prays for the intentions of the Sisters of St Joseph at this time and look forward to Mary being declared a Saint of the Universal Church in the very near future, as she is to Australians already today.**

**NAIDOC Week is being celebrated at the school this week.** On Tuesday morning we shared a liturgy and will have activities all throughout the week. Remember, parents, that we share a dinner on Thursday evening, which is always a highlight for the staff and parents. This week as well the staff visit Pius X Chapel and community, to give them a chance to understand the community in which we live.

**May the prayers of the whole community at this time reflect our need to understand and be reconciled with one another. Every good wish, Pat Clancy.**

## WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

### Mary MacKillop's 100th Anniversary

It is with a sense of deep gratitude that I write to congratulate Mrs Karen Jagers, Mr Pat Clancy, Miss Amanda McLeod and all the teachers for your great efforts to make Blessed Mary MacKillop's 100 years celebration in this Parish so special. Thanks is owing to the choir of students who sang an inspiring rendition of the Responsorial Psalm by one of the senior girls, Ashleigh Taylor, and the beautiful way in which the Junior Josephite Associates came with their families. And all the parents and children for your outstanding support. The Sisters who attended were greatly honoured and impressed, as, I'm sure, was God, and of course, Mary MacKillop! I was so proud of all the efforts from Moree.

Thanks to all the teachers and students who gave their time to build up such a wonderful art display. I have lovely photos of this for the memory of the Order. May God bless you all!

Sr Margaret T. Cusack rsj on behalf of the Sisters of St Joseph

### PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Students wishing to be involved with the Premier's Reading Challenge need to see me, in the library, for a Reading Record Sheet. Mrs Loyce Bruce

**FOUND: In Gwydir Street last week – single Toyota car key – no key ring. Please contact the school office.**

## SECONDARY NEWS

### Year 7 Immunisations

All Year 7 students will receive their first dose of Hepatitis B vaccinations **this Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> July**, after lunch in the Art room. All consent forms were handed out last Thursday and need to be handed in to front office or Pastoral teachers by Wednesday morning. Please contact the office without delay if your child has not received a consent form.

Sean Baldwin.

### Secondary Reports

The Secondary reports will be distributed to students this Thursday. The envelope containing your son's / daughter's report will be addressed to the parent / caregiver and should not be opened by the student.

Within the envelope will also be an information and booking sheet for our Term 3 three-way interviews between Parent / Student / Teacher to be conducted during Week 2 of Term 3 on the Monday and Tuesday night (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> August). Please familiarise yourself with this information. Teachers will be accepting interview times as of Week 1, Term 3. Interview times will be allocated on a 'first in first served' basis via a booking schedule between the teacher and the student.

### Secondary Semester One Awards Ceremony

The Secondary Semester One Awards Ceremony will be conducted on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July in the school hall, commencing at 9.00am. All parents and friends are invited to attend. You will have been notified by mail, if your son or daughter is receiving an award.

**Alana Goldman**

### Parkes Radio Telescope Open Day

If you happen to be in the Parkes area during the middle weekend of the holiday period (Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July), there is an open day at the CSIRO Parkes Radio Telescope Visitors' Centre from 9.00am till 4.00pm each day. The entrance to this event is FREE. The open days are to celebrate the International Year of Astronomy and the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing. The public will be given the rare opportunity to tour the Parkes Radio Telescope. The open day will showcase the achievements of the Observatory as a world-leading astronomical telescope as well as its roles in supporting some of the most significant space missions in history. To enjoy a telescope tour you will need to be wearing enclosed footwear. Children attending must be able to walk by themselves to take this tour. In addition to the telescope tour, there will be:

- helicopter joy flights available between 10.00am till 4.00pm for a cost of \$55.
- a mini planetarium set-up by CSIRO Education, called a Starlab. Attendance is via a gold coin donation to enjoy a 20 minute show exploring the stars and galaxies.
- astronomy talks by experts on astronomy, engineering and the Apollo 11 moon landing.
- the opportunity to explore the latest addition to the Observatory – the Parkes test bed antenna – a 12 metre dish being used to aid the development of the Australia Square Kilometre Array Pathfinder (ASKAP) project. This is a world leading next-generation radio telescope, based in Western Australia and operated by CSIRO.
- a screening of the movie "The Dish" on the evening of Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July from 5.30pm. This is famous Australian movie which depicts a fictionalised version of the events that occurred at the Parkes radio telescope in the days leading up to the Apollo 11 moon landing on the 21<sup>st</sup> July 1969.

For more information, go to [http://www.parkes.atnf.csiro.au:80/news\\_events/opendays/2009/](http://www.parkes.atnf.csiro.au:80/news_events/opendays/2009/)

**Alana Goldman**

### Myall Creek Excursion

A reminder to all Year 8 students and parents that the Year 8 excursion to Myall Creek will be taking place this Wednesday. All students are expected to attend as this is a mandatory element of the Stage 4 History syllabus. If you are unable to attend you must inform the school in writing **prior** to the excursion.

**Mr J. Conomos / Mrs S. Reynolds.**

# PRIMARY NEWS

## **1R/2R Guided Reading**

A very big thank you to all the parents who have assisted with Guided Reading in 1R2R this term. Guided Reading is finished for the term and will recommence Tuesday of week 2, Term 3 from 10:30-11:00. 1R2R look forward to sharing their reading skills with you next term.

Dayna Raulston-1R2R Teacher

## **Save the Date!**

St Philomena's K-6 school will be holding a concert called the "The Phillies' Factor".

WHEN: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September (Week 7, Term 3)

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> - Full Dress Rehearsal

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> - Evening Performances

Book the date in your diaries as it will be a great concert filled with singing, dancing and class performances. Further information coming soon.

Dayna Raulston - General Coordinator

## **Athletics Training**

There will be no athletics training until next term.

## **St Philomena's Primary Athletics Carnival**

Wow! Two exciting days of spectacular athletic performances!

Over the days we witnessed tremendous displays of sportsmanship and determination from all students. I am extremely proud of the effort displayed.

Thank you to all parents and staff for their assistance in organising the day. Days like this would not exist without the ladies in the front office, our groundsman, our very dedicated staff and our fantastic, tireless parent body – thank you very much.

Very big congratulations to all House Captains for helping and encouraging team spirit and participation on the day.

The results were as follows:

**Minor Boy Champion:** Lachlan McGrady

**Minor Boy Runner Up:** Hezekiah Burling

**Minor Girl Champion:** Emily O'Neill

**Minor Girl Runner Up:** Kate O'Donoghue

**Junior Boy Champion:** William O'Neill

**Junior Boy Runner Up:** Darcy Carroll

**Junior Girl Champion:** Celine Depczynski

**Junior Girl Runner Up:** Georgie Gray

**11yrs Boy Champion:** Beau Haddad

**11yrs Boy Runner Up :** Josh Walker

**11yrs Girl Champion:** Ashleigh Walker

**11yrs Girl Runner Up:** Bonnie Morris

**Opens Boy Champion:** Charlie Wells

**Opens Boy Runner Up:** Lachlan Smith

**Opens Girl Champion:** Regan O'Connor

**Opens Girl Runner Up:** Sarah Dowton

**House Champion:** McAuley



A special congratulations to Darcy Carroll who broke the Junior 100m record. Darcy did very well to hold off strong competition from Will O'Neill and Will Haddad. Well done to all three boys.

Toni Munro

## CANTEEN ROSTER

8th July	9th July	10th July
Jennifer Bingham Helen Spain Kathryn Corderoy Lou Grellman	Mary Weal Shaun Bussell Toni Kirkman Maree Smith	Sandi Osmond Gillian Wallace Jane Angus Jane Davis

*If you are unable to come on your rostered day please phone the canteen on 67511349*

### Canteen Roster for Week 1 of Term 3

27th July	28th July	29th July	30th July	31st July
Sandy Dillon Nerida Finlayson Zeljana Cikota Helen O'Neill	Katrina Squires Terri-Anne Turner HELPERS NEEDED	Rhonda McPherson HELPERS NEEDED	Jane Angus HELPERS NEEDED	HELPERS NEEDED

If anyone can help on the days where helpers are needed please phone the canteen.

I would also like to say a huge thank you for all the wonderful helpers that have helped out over the last few weeks with catering, athletics carnivals and those extra days when helpers are needed.

THANK YOU HEAPS!

Kristy Gray

## UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

**TUESDAY**

**2.00pm—4.00pm**

**THURSDAY**

**8.30am—10.30am**

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July: *Semester 1 Primary Awards 2.15pm *Yr 8 Myall Creek Excursion *Year 7 Hep B immunisations *Interschool games	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July: *K-10 Reports Home *Aboriginal Parent/Staff dinner *Yr 1 & 3 NAIDOC Week Excursions	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July: *NAIDOC Games *Yr 7 – 10 Sememster Awards – 9am *End of Term 2	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> July: *K-6 Life Ed Van	Tuesday: *K-6 Life Ed van *Yr 4 ½ day retreat *Cook's Tour – Year 8
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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Junior Hockey Changes

Please note that there will be **NO Junior Hockey** this Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> July or during the school holidays. Play will resume on Saturday August 1<sup>st</sup>. Please keep practising. Senior Hockey will still be played this weekend. York Cup training will continue on Tuesday at 3.30-4.30pm.

### Junior Touch Football Sign-on dates:

**Thursday** @ McDonalds - 5pm-7pm    **Saturday:** @ Junior Soccer 10-12 noon    **Saturday:** @ McDonalds 12 – 4pm.  
Enquiries: Andrew Ryan 0427846572

### Moree Waste Management Facility

The Yarraman Landfill closed on 5<sup>th</sup> July. All waste material is to be disposed of at the new Waste Management Facility on the Newell Highway, south of Moree Saleyards. 7.15am – 4.15pm 7 days a week. Enquiries : 67522045 or 67573400

## P&F NEWS

Next term there will be a **Quiz night held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August at 7.00pm**

Keep that evening free and come in and join in the fun. Start organizing a team over the holidays. There will be teams of 8. Further information will be in the school Newsletter Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July first week back at school.

For further information please contact Jeni Bruno on 0428 521 809

Please see the section on **Spring Fair**. we are off to a flying start.

Due to the school holidays our next P&F meeting will be on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August, at 7.00pm in the Staff room. All welcome

A special thanks to all those that helped by donating time or food to the last couple of weeks of functions held at the school. It is very much appreciated.

P&F Committee

## **\*ST PHILOMENA'S SPRING FAIR**

Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 commencing at 10.30am

The countdown is on!!

We are very lucky this year to already have some volunteers.

Our annual Spring Fair has always been a very successful event for the school thanks to the generosity and support of the staff, students, their families and the wider local community.

The Spring Fair is a great social and community event for the school and in the past has raised a fair amount of money. This money is used to directly benefit the children of St Philomena's.

There will be a Spring Fair update with each newsletter until the week of the fair. This year we are again encouraging each year (K-10) to take ownership of a stall and to invite as many parents from each year to support that stall with help and/or donations. We are also hoping that there will be opportunities for the students to get involved in the running of more stalls. As with last year we hope there will be fantastic involvement of the prefect body in activities at the Spring Fair!!!

Would each year group and teachers please contact us and let us know if there are any specific ideas and stalls they want to run this year.

Please find attached a list of previous stalls and activities. Please feel free to suggest other ideas new and old and keep those blue slips rolling in! Please let us know ASAP if you would like to be a year group co-ordinator. Don't forget any new items for stalls would be greatly appreciated.

Just a reminder of things that can be done in the weeks leading up to the Fair -

- *Trash and Treasure* – any items of treasure lying around your house??
- *Plant Stall* – start potting up cuttings.
- *Book Stall* – donate any unwanted books or magazines. Cooking magazines are great sellers.

Also if there is anyone that would like to assist us in coordinating the Spring Fair.....you would be very welcome!

### **Spring Fair Co-ordinators**

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**Bernie Seery**  
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If you are interested in co-ordinating a stall or helping on one, please tick the box below and return to the office. Any questions please contact one of the co-ordinators.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CONTACT DETAILS: \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/>	I would be willing to <b>co-ordinate</b> a stall Which stall? _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	I would be willing to <b>help</b> on a stall Which stall? _____

# ST PHILOMENA'S P & F - "SPRING FAIR"

**Sunday 20th September 2009 – 10.30 am**

<u>STALL</u>	<u>CO-ORDINATOR</u>	<u>YEAR GROUP</u>	<u>PHONE NO</u>	<u>HELPERS</u>
Set up tents	Andrew Pitman	All Years	0427 668 377	Stuart Mathews
Treasurer	Michael Murray			Maree Lovett,
MC	??Prefect Body??			No helpers required
Ham Wheel				
Cakes				
Craft				
Plants/Prod.	Coral Spens-Black	Year 8	6752 9162	
Books				
Trash/Treas.				
Piety Stall	Molly Heffernan	TBC		No Helpers needed
Bottles		Year 4		Year 4 students
Balloons				
Fairy Den	Irene Briggs			Lidia Mathews
Buccaneer Bay				
Face Painting	Sue Holmes	Year 3	6751 1616	
Tattoo Den	Kristy Gray		67511349	
Crazy hair				
Tombola	Amanda Fisher Deanne Arthur		6752 3436 6752 3906	
2 Jumping Castles				
Bric a Brac				
Pet Show				
<b>FOOD STALLS</b>				
Drinks/chips				
Mick Fries	Jeni Bruno	Year 7	6752 4757	John Bruno
Fresh Fruit & Juice	Helen Livingstone Penny Jones,		67549570	
BBQ/Kebab Cooking	Basil Downes	Year 4	6752 2244	
BBQ/Kebab Retail				
Hard Rock Café				
FairyFloss/Popcorn	APEX	TBC		No helper required
<b>RIDES</b>				
Pony Rides				
Harley Rides	Gary and Leah Morris	Year 6	6752 1630	
Train Rides				
	Stuart Mathews	Year 6	6752 5508	Tammy Shearer, Keily Smith,
<b>Vintage Cars</b>				
<b>ACTIVITIES AND GAMES</b>				
Putt Putt Golf				
Ball Passing competition				
Sack races				
Skittles and Hooplah				
<b>DISPLAYS</b>				
P&F Raffle	Jenny Carrigan		6752 9185	
Moree Scouts		TBC		Scout group
Moree Pipe Band		TBC	N/A	No helpers required
Fire Brigade	Scott Beers	TBC	N/A	No helpers required
		TBC		No helpers required
<b>Ambulance</b>				
<b>Rubbish Removal</b>	Cleanaway	TBC		No helpers required