St Mary of the Cross

By now we have had nearly two weeks of Olympic drama and we have seen varying responses to success and misfortune. We know both happen in our lives and we are all on learning curves in relation to both. This week we celebrate the Feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and certainly this woman can be a model to us regarding success and failure. One of the things I love best about this saint is the way she related to her family. It was dysfunctional yet she lived, loved and flourished within that family. She knew love from both her parents but she also knew the pain and confusion of parents who separated. She loved her father dearly and recognised the good he had given her even though, in his impracticality, he failed to provide for the family and she, at the age of 14, had to go to work to support them. She learnt early to be realistic and loving – she had a hard head and a soft heart.

If we look at situations too narrowly – “I must win the gold medal to be a success”; “my family should always get along,” we will be overwhelmed by failure. We need to widen our understanding so that we can learn from all that happens. An Olympian learns so much from his or her training. We learn how to truly love in the midst of family tensions. Indeed, we learn how to be a success as a person by how we handle failure.

Loving Jesus, your life here on earth looked like a failure – tortured to death, deserted by friends and followers - but God made it the way of salvation. Inspire our hearts when we feel overwhelmed by our weakness and failure and let us trust that you will work all for good. We ask this in your name, confident that you will hear us.

Sr Kym Harris osb

Dear Parents,

This week to celebrate the Feast of Mary MacKillop and Catholic Education Week the whole school is travelling to St James’ College in Cygnet to join them for the Feast Day Mass. After Mass we are then spending the day with our friends participating in a range of activities. All students can wear their sports uniform and must have a cut lunch and a drink. Thank you to Mr Lovell for organing all the bus arrange-ments for the day.

We were saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Mr Gary Doyle. A number of staff attended Gary’s funeral service this afternoon on behalf of our community. Gary and his family have been great supporters of our school community for many years. Please continue to keep the Doyle family in your thoughts and prayers.

Dates for your Diary

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Traffic Arrangements
We have alternative traffic arrangements for the next four weeks while we complete the project in our turning circle. Unfortunately as part of the project we had to remove quite a few large trees, which were deemed dangerous in a recent audit. The top car park is going to be quite busy the next four weeks, so I would encourage all people using the area to do so with extreme caution. I will be out directing traffic each morning and afternoon. There will be an area marked out for the buses to enter and depart. I am confident we can use this space effectively!

I have also been working with our architects to complete the concept drawings for a number of other minor projects, including replacing the undercover area, extending the deck area in Kinder, minor works in the 3/4 area, a small bus shelter in the new turning circle and disabled access to our Kinder - 2 buildings. Quite an exciting time! Thank you to the Catholic Education Office for their guidance and support (and funds!!).

School Improvement
Thank you to the parents that have completed the School Improvement survey, which is on the school website (under the links section). I would encourage all parents to complete this survey, which only takes around 15 minutes. The data will be used to construct our next School Improvement Plan. If you don’t have the internet at home and you would like to participate, please let me know and we can get something organised. Mrs Dance is sending home a reminder to go in the diaries about the survey. The families that answer the question on the survey note will go in a draw to win a $50 itunes card.

Principal Consultation
A letter went home to all families about the upcoming Community Consultation this Monday 13th August at 6.00pm. This is an important part of the selection process for the new principal appointment in 2013. The session will be held in the Josephite Learning Centre and will be about one hour in duration. The staff have a similar gathering earlier in the afternoon.

Lego Robotice – Sumo Challenge
Our Lego Robotics group is holding a ‘Sumo Challenge’ on Monday the 13th August at 2.00pm in the school hall. Anne and John Riley have worked with the students to build and program their Sumo wrestlers. Please come along and see what an amazing job our Lego Robotics group have been doing! Thank you to Anne and John and to Miss Longey who has supported the program.

Cross Country
Due to the weather conditions the last few days and the condition of our track, we decided yesterday to postpone the carnival until next Tuesday 14th August. The carnival will commence at 11.00am. After the carnival we will select our Cross Country Team to participate in the Southern Catholic Carnival on Monday 27th August.

Welcome
This week we welcomed Mrs Jasmin Bond to SHCS. Jasmin is working in the Grade 3 team for the next three weeks as part of her University teaching experience. Sacred Heart is very proud that we support the development of training teachers.

Assembly
There is no assembly this Wednesday due to our participation in the activities for the Feast of Mary MacKillop at St James’ College.

Twitter
Twitter is an effective way of communicating with parents and staff. If you are interested my twitter ‘handle’ is StuKelly71. I am trying to tweet during the school day all the positive things that are happening. Mr Stuart Grey and I are holding an information session about Twitter for parents after school next Thursday 16th August. We will hold the session in the Josephite Learning Centre, so the children can be supervised. Please come along if you would like to know more about Twitter and set up an account. The session will go for around 30 minutes.

Have a great week
Stuart Kelly
Principal
The Grade Three and Four students visited the CSIRO to investigate magnets as part of their science unit on ‘Forces’.

Here are some of the things the students learnt from their visit:
• There is a north and south side of a magnet.
• When you face two magnets together they either repel or attract.
• When the south side of the magnet is placed near another south side the magnets repel. This also happens when you face two north sides of the magnet together.
• When you face a south and north side of the magnet together they attract.
• A compass needs a magnet.
• Some rocks are magnetic.
• Some metals are magnetic and some are not.
• When you rub two fridge magnets together, the change in the forces makes it feel bumpy.
• When you hold a magnet on the end of string, the north side of the magnet faces north.

**Kermandie Junior Football Club**

End of year trophy Night
Friday 10th August - 6.00pm - clubrooms
Gold coin donation - BBQ - DJ Ezzy
If children have Jumpers please return on the night!

**WANTED**

Kinder is searching for acoustic guitars for our Kinder Band. If you have any to donate we would be very appreciative and will even provide you with a signed band photo.

The Kinder chefs are looking for donations of old pots, cutlery, ladles, colanders, metal plates, metal cups etc for our outdoor kitchen.

Thank you from the Kinders.
Dear Colleagues in Catholic Education

You will be pleased to hear that the consultation process and writing of our new document *One in Heart and Mind, Strategic Directions, Towards 2016* is now complete.

So many members of staff, parents and senior students, priests, religious and Governing Council and Board members across the Catholic education community in Tasmania were involved in helping to set these life giving directions. We thank you wholeheartedly for your valuable contribution.

We are committed sharing the resultant document with you all. Therefore you are invited to attend one of the following open meetings to celebrate the journey we’ve made together and to receive a copy of the published document.

- **Burnie at Stella Maris Catholic School** on Monday 13 August from 7 - 8 pm
- **Launceston at St Finn Barr’s Catholic School** on Wednesday 15 August from 7 - 8 pm
- **Hobart at the Tasmanian Catholic Education Office** on Thursday 16 August from 7 - 8 pm

Members of the Writers Group will attend and join with you in celebrating the production of the document and the accompanying DVD. We will show the DVD and many will be able to see a brief glimpse of themselves. We will also hear the blessing of Archbishop Adrian Doyle for the work done and yet to come. People will have time to read and respond initially to the document, and then we will have a simple celebratory supper.

We extend a special invitation to all - priests, religious, principals, teachers, students, parents and the wider Catholic community whether you were able to be part of the consultation meetings in July or not. All are welcome!

Warm wishes

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Dr Trish Hindmarsh  
Director