FEAST OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS
MACKILLOP: FRIDAY, AUGUST 8.

‘Find happiness in making others happy’

We will be celebrating this Feast Day with a school mass here at St Francis tomorrow at 9.30am.
Everyone is welcome!

MARY MACKILLOP HERITAGE CENTRE:
To celebrate the feast of St Mary Mackillop the Heritage Centre, 362 Albert Street East Melbourne has an open day on Saturday 9th August between 10.00am & 4.00pm. A guided Mary MacKillop Walking Tour of Fitzroy & East Melbourne will be available at 11.00am.

ST CLARE’S FEAST DAY - AUGUST 11
We are celebrating a liturgy on Monday at 9.15am. This is an opportunity to formally welcome Mr Andrew Leighton as well as celebrate the Feast Day of our new school community.
Parents, especially those living in Truganina are invited to the liturgy followed by morning tea with Andrew and Jan. We can discuss progress of the school to date as well as any issues related to the possibility of transferring to St Clare’s in 2015.

We pray for Matthew Cutajar who this week moved to the palliative care stage of his illness. As a community we join together in prayer for Matt, Joanne & family.

BOOK WEEK 2014
Art Exhibition
launched on Tuesday 19th August
Gold coin donation
2.30-6.00pm

WELCOME to our ACU pre-service teachers who commenced their placement with us today. Nine young people in their first year of teacher education will add value to student learning over the coming nine weeks. Car park will be crowded on Wednesdays!

CONGRATULATIONS to CAMERON (Prep).
Cameron’s passion is BMX riding. Recently he won best junior rider for the winter series. In the coming weeks Cameron will be involved in the Victorian Schools Cycle Championships, representing St Francis. The first ride in a four ride series is next week, at Park Orchards. Good luck with your competitions Cameron.
FIRST EUCHARIST: A letter will be sent home tomorrow with further details about the preparation for this sacrament.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEYS
Thank you to parents who have completed the surveys which were sent home last week. We encourage all families to complete a survey as soon as possible. Versions in other languages are available—please contact the school office for a copy.

YR 6 STUDENT LEADERS: As Yr 6 leaders Ella and I went to St Andrew’s school for a meeting with our local member, Mrs Joanne Ryan. We introduced ourselves to 4 other people from the other schools, telling them our names and what we do at our school. After that we went into groups and explained our school values. Ours are listening, welcoming, respectful and encouraging. We learnt that different Student leaders and Captains have a variety of jobs. Jason

PREPS 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL: Our Prep students were so excited at school yesterday as they celebrated their 100th day of school. A huge thank you to those parents who were able to come in and support this activity day. It was amazing to see adults engaging with children across the Prep spaces. Such value was added to the learning!! We look forward to a review by the Preps next week.

SIS CONFERENCE: St Francis is involved in a cluster of 4 schools who collaborate to build leadership capacity to enable high quality learning and teaching for all students. As part of our work together, leadership teams from this cluster are working with Ms Helen Goode on Monday (afternoon) and Tuesday next week. Our focus is on developing our practice of coaching as a vehicle for building teacher capacity.

SCHOOL YEAR BOOK: This year we are planning to produce a year book to celebrate and record the quality learning and community building that is part of 2015. We are calling for any parents who may be able to help us with photography, layout, and production of this book. Please contact the school office if you are able to assist—phone or email.

QUALIFIED FAMILY DAY CARE IN TARNEIT: For all day and after school care/school holidays, including pick up and drop off contact:
Philomena Okorom: 0470226201

DATES TO REMEMBER
8th Aug: Feast day of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop - Community Mass at SFA.
11th Aug: St Clare’s Feast day - Liturgy & morning tea with Andrew Leighton
13th Aug: Preps in Pyjamas
15th Aug: Feast of the Assumption
18th Aug: Book Week begins
19th Aug: Book Week Art Exhibition
25th Aug: Literacy & Numeracy Week
29th Aug: Spring into Spring - Walk to school.
30th Aug: First Eucharist celebration
4th Sept: Fathers’ Day stall
5th Sept: Fathers’ Day Breakfast
9th Sept: Reconciliation Immersion Day Yr 3
10th Sept: Science Expo Yr 4-6
12th Sept: Premier’s Reading Challenge ends

THEY’RE CALLING ON YOU!
We need your help!
If you have any mobile phones that are no longer being used, please bring them in. There is a box in the foyer, as well as one in each of the spaces. By bringing in your phones, you are helping to save the gorillas and their habitats. Staff members from The Melbourne Zoo will personally come out and pick up the phones if we collect enough of them! You may have seen in the local paper that there are two brothers who have already collected 50 phones and their goal is 1000 phones. We’re hoping to collect at least one phone from every family. We think it can be done. We already have 23 phones. Will you help us?

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Vonn & Isabel