Sr. Mary MacKillop
August 8th is the feast of Sr Mary MacKillop. Mary MacKillop helped found the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. She established schools for the poor and helped set up orphanages and homes for the destitute. “Mary MacKillop embodied all that is best in your nation and in its people: genuine openness to others, hospitality to strangers, generosity to the needy, justice to those unfairly treated, perseverance in the face of adversity, kindness and support to the suffering. Think of Mother Mary MacKillop and learn from her to be a gift of love and compassion for one another, for all Australians, and for the world.” Pope John Paul II: Sydney, January 19, 1995.

Assembly
This week, Friday's Assembly will commence at 1:15 pm. Following the assembly the children will be performing a concert. This concert is a finale to the Michael Blake workshops they will have attended during the day.

Thank You
The teachers and students would like to thank the Parents and Friends Association for purchasing items for their classrooms. We appreciate the hard work done by members of the Parents and Friends Association and also the interest they take in the school.

Kindy
The school is now taking enrolments for 3 year old and 4 year old Kindy. Please see the office staff for enrolment forms and appointment times.

National Tree Day
Last Friday the children and staff celebrated National Tree Day by planting seeds and trees. The children also participated in environmentally friendly activities such as:

- recycling milk containers to make pencil holders and insect homes.
- decorating and using drink cans as pot plants
- using egg cartons to plant seeds

The Year 1 students also watched a Caritas video about lifestyles in different communities around the world. As a result these children now want to collect stationery and pencils to send to a school in East Timor so the East Timorese children can also have the opportunities that the children in Australia have. If you would like to support this initiative please see the Year 1 teachers.

Medical Students
This week we welcomed two Notre Dame medical students to our school. Miss Claire and Miss Spoorti have been helping in the canteen and classrooms. We hope they enjoy their time at Holy Rosary.

Tomorrow, Friday 7th August (CENSUS DAY)
Please ensure your child is at school tomorrow, Friday 7th August. The government funding we receive is determined by the number of students at school and unexplained absences can lead to the school receiving less funds. If students are absent please notify the school in writing with a valid reason.

EDI
An EDI Newsletter is available at the office if you would like a copy to read. Holy Rosary is featured in this newsletter.

Mathletics
Earlier in the year the school purchased a licence for Mathletics. Children are able to access this program at home. Please see your teacher if you require a password and log on for your child.
Welcome
Father Ernest, from Kenya, is assisting Father John until the end of August. Following his time in Derby Father Ernest will be the priest at Balgo.

Absent
Next Wednesday Mr Rob and I will be in Broome at the Catholic Education Office attending a workshop about Aboriginal Families as First Educators. Miss Alis will be in charge during our absence.

Something to think about
People who deliberate fully before they take a step will spend their lives on one leg.
Anthony de Mello

Enjoy the coming weekend.

Bernadette Mills
Assistant Principal

Dates to Remember
Tuesday 11th August
Parent/Child Eucharist Workshop 2 – 4:00 pm in the Church
Saturday 15th August
The Assumption of Mary Feast Day
Friday 28th August
Holy Rosary School Bush Dance

P&F News
Come along to the night markets tonight at CWA cottage and buy some yummy cupcakes, slices or milkshakes from our P&F stall! Thank you again to everyone who has been baking for our stall.

Please mark Friday 28th August on your calendar: it’s our school bush dance! We had such a fun night last year that we’re going to have another bush dance this year. We urgently need your help to make it happen! Please talk to Miss Caroline or contact the office if you can help by setting up on the day, baking cupcakes, slices and biscuits to sell, or volunteering your time on the night.

Keep an eye out for the Father’s Day Stall that we will be running just before Father’s Day - we’ve got lots of fun, useful gifts to buy for your Dad and Granddads!

Merit Awards
The following children will receive Merit Awards at Friday’s assembly at 1.15 pm. Parents are welcome to attend our assemblies.

Year 4                     Juwaan Skinner, Layla Hayley
Year 6                     Robert Williams-Wilson, Kezia’a Gesa

VacSwim Holiday Swimming Programs
Enrolments for October programs opened on 3 August and close on 30 August 2015. It is important for every child to learn to swim and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim’s school holiday swimming programs are conducted by qualified instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water. This year there has been a small price increase from $10 to $12.50 per enrolment (family enrolment for three or more children living at the same address is now $34.50). For further information and online enrolment please visit www.education.wa.edu.au/swimming

Newsletter Incentive
Please ask your child to return the Newsletter Incentive acknowledgement slip as it gives them an opportunity to win a prize.

I have received and read my child __________________________ newsletter.

Parent / Caregiver signature: ______________________________________