

# St Pius X Primary School Windale



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## NEWSLETTER

Term 3 – Week 4

8<sup>th</sup> August 2017

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Yesterday, Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August, was the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – our first Australian Saint. This prayer reflects her work in establishing the Sisters of St Joseph:



Ever generous God,  
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop  
to live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
and constant in bringing hope and encouragement  
to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.  
With confidence in your generous providence  
and joining with Saint Mary MacKillop  
we ask that you grant our request.....  
We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by  
the Holy Spirit  
so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with  
courage, trust and openness.  
Ever generous God hear our prayer.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.

### ***Congratulations***

A huge congratulations to Sr. Cecilia who recently celebrated her 60 year jubilee as a Sister of St Joseph. This is a huge achievement for such a wonderful lady who continues to show such love and commitment to Jesus.

Our newsletter this week is being sent home on Tuesday – as some members of staff (including myself) will be at a staff development day this Thursday.

### ***Welcome***

This week we welcome 2 new families to St Pius X Windale. Welcome to Alyssa Al Najar (Year 5/6) and her brother Ianal (Year 7 at St Mary's) and mother Buthania and we welcome Courtney Tyrie (Year 1) and her mother Melanie. We hope all of our new families settle in well and enjoy their time at St Pius X Windale.

### ***Mr. Stink!!***

Our Year 3/4 and 5/6 Classes enjoyed a visit to the Civic Theatre in week 1 of this term to see a

performance of the play **Mr. Stink** – which they have been studying in class. This was followed up in class with a Mr Stink Day where the children and staff dressed up. Jake has written a response to the play which is included in our newsletter.

### ***The Hoarders Next Door***

The Diocesan Aspire Team presented the play **The Hoarders Next Door** at the Civic Theatre last week. Our children were able to witness the wonderful talent on show last Friday in a very enjoyable musical. Congratulations to the Aspire Team and the children involved for putting on such a great show – one which our children thoroughly enjoyed.



### ***Lakes Region Athletics Squad***

Congratulations to the following children who competed at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival last Friday. Jai Maher – Under 11's 200m and 100m. Our School Relay Team – Toby Mitchell, Luc Holmes, Jarell Dejong and Jai Maher. Jai was placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively in the final of the Under 11's 200m and 100m. Our Relay Team came 1<sup>st</sup> in their final. They will now represent the school and Diocese at the Polding Athletics carnival on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

We wish the squad all the very best.

### ***Staff Professional Development***

Mrs. Pennington, Mrs. Simes and I will be attending a 2 day training on the National School Improvement Tool on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August. This course is conducted through the CSO with the support of ACER.



### ***NAPLAN Online***

Schools throughout Australia will sit the NAPLAN Online Version as a readiness test throughout late August and September. The readiness test is focused on the school's capability to administer the test and there will be no assessment reports on individual children. Our school will be involved in this readiness test in Week 6 of this term commencing on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August. See attached note.

### ***Book Week:***

Book Week also commences on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August and the theme this year is **Escape to Everywhere**.



## **Maths Competition:**

Our Year 5/6 will sit the Newcastle Permanents Maths Competition on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

## **2018 Enrolments**

Enrolments for 2018 have commenced. If you know of any families wishing to enroll their child in Kindergarten at St Pius X for 2018, please have them contact the Office for an Enrolment Package. Places are also available for our KFC group for children who have turned 4.

## **LSL**

Mrs. Dawber will be on leave throughout Week 5 and Week 6. Mrs. Houston will be on leave from Week 7 until the end of the term. We welcome back Mrs. Nankivell from her holiday this week.

## **Furniture**

The school has the following item available for families – free (first in gets the goods)

- Sofa lounge

Delivery can be arranged – see Mr Bowen.

## **School Uniform**

A reminder to parents who are paying off School Uniforms to continue to ensure you are making your weekly / fortnightly payments. I will be contacting people shortly to follow this up.

Take care,

*Peter Bowen*

PRINCIPAL



## **AUGUST**

- 7<sup>th</sup> Feast of Mary MacKillop
- 8<sup>th</sup> Special Needs Mass 7pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> NSIT Course –CSO
- 10<sup>th</sup> NSIT Course – CSO
- 16<sup>th</sup> Primary Principals' Meeting
- 21<sup>st</sup> St Pius X Feast Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> NAPLAN Online
- Book Week Commences
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition.

## **Happy Birthday to the following children:**

### **AUGUST**

- 8<sup>th</sup> Hayden Clarence
- 16<sup>th</sup> JD Maher

We hope you had / have a great day.





# MR STINK

*Mr Stink is a really good book, movie and play.*

*I think the book is good for all ages but if I had to give it a real recommendation it would be 5 to 25 but that's just my choice.*

*The good thing about this book is it isn't just a book it has a play and movie as well.*

## **THE PLAY**

*If I'm talking about the play I would say it's really good but it doesn't have all the things that are in the book, so*

*personally I like the book better and also the movie.*

## **THE MOVIE**

*The movie is really good with nearly all the things that happened in the book but I still like the book better in my opinion.*

## **THE BOOK**

*The book is my personal favourite it's awesome best writing, funny and just good. It is just my favourite, just to me maybe though.*

*Jake.*



# Privacy Notice for Parents and Carers

## NAPLAN Online 2017 School Readiness Testing

This note is to inform you that some personal information about students and parents which has already been obtained this year is being used again as schools prepare for NAPLAN online.

This personal information will be used by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA), which is the NAPLAN Test Administration Authority responsible for New South Wales.

NESA is responsible for collecting information to be used during the testing that schools are about to undertake to check their readiness for NAPLAN Online. This 'readiness testing' includes the management of student registration, test administration and reporting of results to schools.

The information NESA uses will include school name, year level, student name, date of birth and gender. NESA discloses this information to Education Services Australia Ltd (ESA), a national, not-for-profit company owned by Australia's state and territory education ministers. ESA is engaged by the Australian Government to operate the secure online platform used for NAPLAN Online.

NESA will not disclose to ESA any information about students who are not undertaking the readiness testing for NAPLAN Online.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), which conducts NAPLAN testing, will not access the information provided for the readiness testing.

The personal information provided by each school may be used to:

- conduct NAPLAN Online readiness testing
- provide reports relating to NAPLAN Online readiness testing
- conduct research, and compile and analyse statistics.

The information will not be disclosed other than for the purposes outlined above, unless authorised or required by law.

### More information

If you have concerns about privacy issues relating to NAPLAN Online, please contact your school.

Further details about how NESA complies with NSW privacy laws, including a right to access and request amendment to your personal information, are available [here](#).

Information about how ESA handles information for the purpose of NAPLAN Online is available [here](#).

Information about how NSW Catholic schools comply with privacy laws is available [here](#).