



Trinitarian

Term 3 Week 4

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On Tuesday, our Year 5 and 6 students presented a beautiful liturgy reflecting on the life of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. A special thank you to Julie Doolan, Rebecca Cooper and Jill Parker for their preparation and planning for this. The children all participated in the liturgy with reverence and gave very thoughtful responses to the questions they were asked during the reflection. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop truly was an inspiration to us all. One of the many times that Mary displayed this was when she was teaching children... There was a poor little bare-footed and ragged boy standing in a classroom. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop went straight to him, and, putting her arms around him, she hugged him, saying:



Ah, Sister, these are the children I love!



No doubt about it, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop always had a special gift for seeking out and caring for those for whom the world didn't have much time. She had suffered so much in her own life that she could relate at once to the suffering of another, especially the poor and helpless. To these, she reached out with great love and affection.

Kindness was Mary's trademark – and there is no more convincing proof of holiness.

- Is there a 'little bare-footed and ragged one' in my life? ... Someone who needs my special love?
- How can I show kindness today? ... Tomorrow? ... Always?

Today we were entertained with the Year K-2 students presenting to us their performance of Sleeping Beauty! What stars the students were and it was a true showcase of their amazing reading and ability to act and perform in front of an audience. This would not have happened without our incredibly talented teachers who planned and choreographed the performance and organised the costumes! Bunyip certainly enjoyed attending the performance as did our parents and grandparents. Well done K-2.

Next Monday and Tuesday we will be visited by Leonie Anstey, Maths Consultant. Leonie will be visiting classes checking out the fantastic learning which is occurring during the Numeracy sessions each day and working 1:1 with teachers to assist them with teaching strategies. A special thank you to our parents who came to our recent 'Open sessions. The children at Trinity are working hard to achieve their goals and they love to see parents in the classrooms assisting or visiting. If you would like to assist in the classrooms during Literacy or Numeracy, please contact your child's class teacher.

Recently Helene Boller and I attended several evening workshops organised by the Harden Regional Development Corporation with a focus on developing a Strategic Plan. Whilst we already had our Strategic



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Plan done and we are actioning it at Trinity, we attended to develop networks within the community and share the wonderful things that we are doing at our school.

To culminate the workshops, we attended a dinner at Barnes Store, where each business or group presented their Strategic Plan for the next 3 years. I presented the Trinity Strategic Plan for Trinity and the audience we asked to provide feedback. Below is the feedback the audience provided...

'Inclusive atmosphere really makes it a pleasure to be part of and involved in school activities and community'.

'Keep up the good work on being on the forefront of learning'.

'It's good to see that you are following your plan through'.

'Bring Your Own Device' means education is contemporary and fun for kids'.

'Engaging the community means more community members find out what you're doing-extension to playgroup is great'.

'Inquiry based learning gives kids more autonomy to take responsibility for their learning'.

'Having a sister school provides great support'.

'Really shows you care and want to be well known as a leader in the community'.

'Wellbeing room-fantastic'.

'Student engagement in flexible learning spaces-fantastic'.

This was certainly a wonderful opportunity to showcase the fantastic school we have here at Trinity and the wonderful initiatives we have implemented to facilitate improved student outcomes for all our students.

It is wonderful to see the parents and children who are coming along to our free Playgroup at Trinity which commenced early last Term. Our next Playgroup is this Friday at 9:30 am. If you have children aged between 0 and 5 years of age or you know someone who does, spread the word and come along and join in the fun! A special thank you to Tamara Starling and Wendy Medway who are our inspirational organisers and are going to great lengths to promote this out in the community.

On Tuesday there will be a special Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption at St Mary's Church at 2:15pm. The Assumption is God's crowning of His work as Mary ends her earthly life and enters eternity. The feast turns our eyes in that direction, where we will follow when our earthly life is over. We hope you can join us for this special Mass.

God Bless

Marylou Gorham





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Dear Parents and Carers

At last Sunday's Mass Fr Joshy told the story of a child explaining to his teacher what a saint was. The child described a saint as someone who light shines from. On Tuesday we celebrated the important feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – person who certainly reflects the light of faith.

Some years ago I was sailing on Lake Jindabyne with my then young son and his father. The weather took an unexpected turn for the worse and we were unable to sail back to shore. The only option was to sail with the wind across the lake. Like Peter in Sunday's Gospel who found himself sinking in a storm, my faith was sorely tried and I made all sorts of deals with God to get us all back safely. I cannot doubt God's hand in this because the supposedly unsinkable sail boat made it to shore on this occasion. Not so on its next outing when it sank to the bottom of the Bega River – happily a much warmer, shallower and narrower piece of water!

'Some people think that, if you have enough faith, life will be all plain sailing. But at some time or other we all face difficult and trying circumstances and situations in our lives. Faith does not shield us from the harsh knocks of life. At those times it is as if the Lord is asking us to walk on water. But in the same instance he stretches out his hand and holds us up.'

To live by faith means to trust God and to rely on God's power. God won't carry us but will hold us up if we let go. We are called to take the risk; only then can God help us.

Peter knew that whatever Jesus commanded was possible. It was really a way of testing faith. They had all just seen him cure people, teach them, feed five thousand people with a little bread and fish. Peter has no doubt that what Jesus commands will happen. But the command needs a response, and we learn that the success of the response depends on his faith. Peter has no choice but to leave the boat and risk his life to learn perhaps the most valuable lesson: the realisation of both his own weakness and the power of Jesus. If Peter had stayed in the boat, his faith would have been worthless and never tested.

Peter is the model of a very human journey of faith. He seeks, he steps, he fails, he is saved, he praises – and it all repeats again. If we say we are Christians and never make a step like Peter, trusting our faith and trusting Christ, then how do we know we really do believe? Every time Peter tried to show his faith, he failed: he betrayed Jesus verbally, he ran away ... and in this week's story he took his eyes off Jesus and began to sink. But every time he fell and his faith failed, he rose up again and became close to Christ. He had the good sense at least to call out for help. In the moments of his weakness he knew enough to reach out to Christ. The failures of Peter only made him love Christ more – only made him reply on Christ more.

The sea is often used as a metaphor for life. Perhaps the Gospel is saying that no matter how dark life might be, and no matter how high the waves are or how rough the sea, Jesus is still able to reach us and is still able to lift us out of life's trauma, if only we trust him totally and keep our eyes fixed on him. God does not necessarily work by way of miracles in our lives. God probably doesn't want us walking on water. The Lord simply assures us that God will be with us always. And when our faith is weak or when it fails completely, we can still be like Peter and call out: "Lord! Save me!" enews@GPBS.com.au

Next Tuesday 15 August is the feast of the Assumption of Mary. **There will be Mass at St Mary's church commencing at 2.15.**



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The next Family Mass is Sunday 27 August (Week 6) please save the date.

Mary

Mary, mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord –you believed nothing was impossible with God;

You carried God's Word to others, not just as an idea,

But as a living reality.

Help me to share my faith and be a witness God's word.

Peace and blessings on your week

Helene



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The Healthy Harden Committee

(a s355 committee of Hilltops Council)

PRESENTS THE

HEALTHY HARDEN EXPO

Everyone is welcome to come along and find out about all types of services and activities in Harden.

ALL AGES CATERED FOR from Zero to 99 years and beyond

Current stall holders: sporting clubs, health, support services, exercise groups, bank, pharmacy and more

Come one come all and have a look and ask questions, get information, try things out, see exhibitions.

WHEN: 17th August 2017

12pm – 7pm

WHERE: Hard Rock Gym Studio

Any questions ring Ros on 0406379561



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TEMPORARY CLOSURE

Pedestrian footbridge over railway line.

Dear Resident,

Essential maintenance and upgrade work will be completed on the railway line in your area. We're aiming to get this done quickly and safely but unfortunately there will be some disruption as we will be forced to temporarily close the Harden Pedestrian footbridge and it is noisy work.

The work will contribute to our major program to upgrade the line between Melbourne and Sydney.

If you have any environmental queries during the planned works in your area please contact ARTC's Enviroline on 1300 550 402 or email enviroline@artc.com.au.

For information on changes to passenger services during this period, please contact NSW TrainLink directly.

For environmental issues, please contact:
Enviroline on 1300 550 402 or Enviroline@artc.com.au

WHEN

6am - 6pm, Saturday 19
to Monday 21 August

WHERE

Harden Pedestrian
Footbridge, Cnr of Vernon
Street and Neill Street,
Harden

ARTC
artc.com.au



Hilltops Council Election Meet the Candidates

HRDC invites the Hilltops community to an evening to meet candidates standing for the 2017 Hilltops Election.

Thursday 24th August 2017
Harden Country Club, East St
6:30pm

Candidates will share with the public their vision for our communities and the Hilltops region

All Welcome

Candidates are invited to register to speak with HRDC on 0263 865 536 or hardenregionaldevcorp@gmail.com



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Dates for the Calendar

Date	Event	Location/Requirements	Start Time
Tuesday 15 th August	Feast of the Assumption Mass		2.15pm - 3.10pm
Wednesday 16 th August	WR Public Speaking	Young	
Friday 18 th August	Trinity Playgroup	Trinity	9.30am
Monday 21 st August	Backyard League	Trinity	
Monday 21 st - Friday 25 th August	Book Week	Library	
Wednesday 23 rd August	Aspirations	Hennessy Catholic College	
Monday 28 th August	Backyard League	Trinity	
Monday 28 th August – Friday 1 st September	Literacy & Numeracy Week		
Friday 1 st September	Arch. Public Speaking	Trinity	
Friday 1 st September	Father's Day Breakfast	Trinity	
Friday 1 st September	Year 6 Fundraiser Disco	Harden Country Club	
Friday 1 st September	Playgroup	Trinity	
Monday 4 th September	Backyard League	Trinity	
Wednesday 6 th September	School Counsellor	Trinity	
Friday 8 th September	K-6 Gym Day	Boorowa	