Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

Next Monday, 8 August, is the feast day of Blessed Mary MacKillop, Australia’s first Saint. St Mary MacKillop was canonised on 17 October, 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI in Rome. As Australia’s first Saint, and her way of living the Gospel, Mary Mackillop invites us to reflect on our own response to the Gospel call — what is your response to those most in need in our community?

As part of our school vision, we endeavour day to encourage our students to live out their Christian beliefs which encompass the general good societal values of every Australian citizen. To support this we try to focus more clearly and regularly on the Mercy values of compassion, excellence, hospitality, justice and respect.

I have noted that there are quite a few students who are regularly not wearing the correct uniform:

- hair styles should be appropriate college styles and length
- appropriate jewellery consists of a watch, a chain with a cross or religious symbol and one small sleeper or stud in each ear
- correct shoes for sport uniform and school uniform days

Wearing the correct school uniform helps to instil pride in our School and sends a powerful message of respect for the values of our school community. I appreciate your full support in all of these matters. There is also a very large pile of unclaimed school jackets sitting in our Lost Property box in the office. Children have been asked to tie their jackets around their waists (when not wearing it), to avoid leaving jackets on the playground. Please check that you have the correct jacket and hat and make sure your child’s name is clearly marked on all uniform items.

Next Wednesday, 10 August at 2.10pm is our Year Two class assembly, Merit Awards and MJR Award. We would love to see you there!

Our Public Speaking Regional Finals, is next Thursday. Children in Years 4-6 will be competing against children from St Mary’s, Boyup Brook, St Joseph’s, Pemberton and Kearnan College. We will be travelling to Boyup Brook and parents from our school are most welcome to attend.

Andrew Kelly
Principal

Please pray for the members of our community who are sick and in need of our prayerful support at this time.
Week | Date | Time | Event
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4 | 10 Aug | 2.10pm | Y 2 Assembly and MJR Awards
11 Aug | Public Speaking—Boyup Brook
5 | 15 Aug | 2.00pm | P & F Meeting—Library
16 Aug | 7.00pm | School Board Meeting
19 | | | School based—Minkey Hockey Carnival
6 | 22—26 Aug | | Book Week
25 Aug | | | Book Week Character Parade

**KidsMatter News**

Many thanks to all parents who completed the KidsMatter survey. We really appreciate the effort you made to give us your insights into how you feel St B’s supports your child in their social and emotional learning and wellbeing. Our school’s results were very positive. We continue to input and analyse the children’s surveys, and will let you know the results of these as soon as they are available.

**DANCE CLASSES IN BRIDGETOWN**

Katherine Fraser Dance will begin classes in Bridgetown on Wednesday 17th August.

Dance styles offered will be:

- Pre-School Dance (2-4 years)
- Classical Ballet (Royal Academy of Dance)
- Jazz
- Contemporary

Conditioning and flexibility

Students will be taught in a fun and nurturing environment to an elite standard.

Mrs Fraser is a registered teacher of the Royal Academy of Dance, London, with 27 years experience. She is a graduate of the Victorian College of the Arts (Bachelor of Arts, Teaching) and the University of Surrey (Master of Teaching, Dance).

Former students have been accepted into the Australian Ballet School, Melbourne, and Pre-Professional Schools in Paris, New York, Vancouver, Munich and Geneva.

For further details contact Katherine on 0458 616 286 or email katherinefraserdance@gmail.com

**Congratualtions Pre Primary!**

On Monday, 1 August, the Pre-Primary class celebrated 100 days of attending school, with a shared recess. The students were very excited in the lead up (or should we say count down) to our 100 days’ party. Despite the overcast day, we had a fantastic turnout from parents and the event was enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to all the parents who sent in such delicious food and a special thank you to Mrs Elam, made sure that all the parents were supplied with a hot cup of tea or coffee on such a cold day.

**Photo Gallery**

George Fetter and Sienna Christie, happily planting trees at the front of St Brigid’s.

The Pre Primary and Year 3 class, participating in the Tree Planting programme.

A very special thank you to Mrs Youngson for organising National Tree Planting Day. Also, thank you to Mrs Mills and Mrs Ashbil for helping out on the day. A job well done ladies!

Mrs Ashbil and Jonicka showing the Pre Primary children how to plant some shrubs.

Felicity and Isobelle planting together for National Tree Planting Day.

Year One and Year Six planting together as a buddy activity.