Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who came and joined in our celebration of Grandparents Day last week. It was wonderful to see so many people come and celebrate the gift of grandparents. We especially thank our Year 1 students and teachers who prepared and led us in our liturgy.

Our school also celebrated Book Week with our “Champions Read” Book parade. Grandparents, parents, students and staff had the opportunity to share and tell stories relating to their favourite book to highlight the importance of reading. A special thanks to Mrs Roberts who shared with our community why reading is so important in her life.

Here are some of the photos of our students spending quality time together with their parents and grandparents.

Regards,
Marina Hardy
Principal

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**Second hand Uniform Shop**

The second hand uniform shop will be open tomorrow Wednesday 8th August at 2.30pm.

**Staffing**

Welcome Miss Dannielle Morgan who has joined our school community last week. Miss Morgan has replaced Mrs Sam Clark and will be teaching PE every Wednesday and Thursday.

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**John XXIII Mass Times**

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Parish News

The Consecration of our parish to The Immaculate Heart of Mary will take place at the 10.30am Sunday Mass on Sunday 19th August. Thanks to everyone for your feedback. On the first Saturday of each month following we will have at the 9.00am mass the consecration prayer and rosary finishing on January 1st the Solemnity, Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

Anyone wishing you be involved in the GTK Youth Group being formed in the parish for 10yr olds to 15yr olds then please contact me. Thus far I have had a positive response. A meeting will be called for all interested helpers on Tuesday 28th August at 7.30pm in the Parish Church Kitchen.

On a personal note, many of you would be aware that my sister, Anne who has been living with me for the last year. She has been very sick of late but her health is improving. In the next few months she will be moving away from us to live with my older brother Joe.

Anne has asked me to include the following thankyou from her. “It is with much happiness and relief that I say a Big “THANK YOU” to all those that have prayed for me over the past few months. I have today (Thursday) received a very pleasing and positive report from my Specialist. Your prayers have certainly been answered and I know that I couldn’t have done it without you! God bless you and keep you all safe and well.

Love from Anne Hume.

School RE News

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Feast Day

Tomorrow is the feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. As currently Australia’s only saint, the day is of special significance to Catholic Australians. She is someone who has been recognized as a saint, who walked the roads that we have, who understood the culture of our country and who lived under the same Southern Cross as we do. This Friday, staff will travel to Mary MacKillop Place to learn about Mary and spend time in prayer.

Her legacy lives on across our diocese, as we aspire to the same compassion, generosity and dedication of faith that she did. We hope that we can make a difference in the lives of others as she did.

Mary MacKillop Prayer

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 through the intercession of 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.

Extending Mathematical Understanding (EMU) – Parent/Grandparent Workshop

We will be facilitating a parent/grandparent workshop to give you the opportunity to learn a variety of games and activities to support your children and grandchildren with their mathematical understanding. We are fortunate to have Melissa King, Teacher Educator from Parramatta Diocese, Catholic Education, who will be joining us for the day.

We will be running two workshops to allow as many parents as possible the opportunity to attend.

To assist with providing sufficient resources for our workshop it is important that you return the acceptance slip by Monday 13th August 2012.