Holy God, source of all goodness, you show us in Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, a woman of faith who lived by the power of the cross. Teach us to embrace what she pioneered: New ways of living the gospel that respect and defend the human dignity of all in our land. Amen

Ms Kingsley
Ms Kingsley is still unwell, but hopes to return to school in the coming weeks. Mr Battikha will continue in the role of acting Assistant Principal in Ms Kingsley’s absence.

Grade/Parish Mass
Last Sunday we celebrated our Grade/Parish mass with Year 1. It was wonderful to see so many families attend this celebration. In the coming weeks Year 4 families will have the opportunity to attend the Parish Mass.

Quality Catholic Schools Survey
At our recent Staff Development Day, we analysed the result of our Quality Catholic Schools Survey. We were pleased with the results, particularly in the areas of quality teaching, supportive leadership, parent partnership and engaging practice. However, our area for improvement is classroom behaviour where children are able to work without disturbing others.

The staff have looked at ways of dealing with this issue, but ask for your support as we strive to improve this area.

Information Evening/Kinder Orientation
An information evening for new parents will be held on Thursday, 5th September at 7.00pm. Parents with children at OLOL are welcome to attend or to collect an information pack from the office.

The packages for parents will be prepared shortly. If any groups eg sport, would like to include information, please send it to the office by Monday, 26th August at the latest.

Parents are reminded that an orientation session will take place on Thursday, 10th October from 9.30am till 11.00am.

Merit Awards
Congratulations to these students who received merit cards at assembly this week.

KB
Lily Bigley
Emilie O’Keefe
Blake Holohan

1D
Angelina Zalloua
Brandon Navarro
Olivia Regis
Cassandra Pacheco

1L
Chloe Sulaturio
Portia Lucas
Liam Fernandez
Joshua Hasham
Lauren McQuaid

2H
Heath Swann
Alexander Farquhar
Hannah O’Malley
Mackenzie Harro

3S
Lachlan Fernandes
Oliver King
Jack Jenkins
Rohan McKinnon
Joshua Hickey

4P
Madeline O’Brien
Chelsea Quintal
Laura George
Finn Watkins

5C
Amelia Evans
Jasmine Merheb
Liam Vergano
Sarah Wehbe

6P
Zac Lee
Cameron Noud
Amelia Buck
Elana Hogbin

Absences
A class roll is a legal document in which we record a child’s absences from school. When your child returns to school after an absence, please ensure a written explanation is provided to the school as this is also a legal requirement.
**Uniform Shop**
The uniform shop will be open Tuesday, 13th August from 8.30 till 8.50am and Wednesday, 21st August from 2.45 till 3.30pm.

**Lost Property**
Please ensure that all jackets, jumpers and belongings are clearly labelled with your child’s name and class. Currently, we have many unclaimed school jackets that do not have names or names that are clearly identified.

Many thanks to all the families who have donated prizes for the Father's Day Stall raffle. There are some wonderful, fun and practical gifts that will make sure our prize winners are spoilt. It’s not too late to donate something if you’d like to, just leave your donation at the school office. Raffle tickets will go on sale next week for $1 each. Tickets can also be purchased on the day of the stall. The Father's Day stall itself will be held on Thursday, 29th August. We will have some great gifts that will be priced at $5, $6, $7 or $8 that your children can buy for those special men in their lives: dads, grandads, uncles, etc.

**Take Home a Big Brother or Big Sister**
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2014 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, the U.S.A, South America and Japan will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au), email [scce@aust@scce.com.au](mailto:scce@aust@scce.com.au) or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

**SCHOOL EVENTS**

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**Respect, Integrity and Conflict Resolution**
- Predicting consequences

**Black and White Affair . . . . With a splash of colour**
**Music, Art and Photography exhibition, Tuesday, 13th August**

**Gilroy’s Art & Photography Exhibition**
**The Black & White Affair...**

*Brother Damien Hall, Gilroy Catholic College*

*Tuesday 13th August 2013, 5-9pm*

*People’s choice award voting 5-6:30pm / Music sets commence 6pm*

*Presentation of Gilroy’s Portrait Prize, Photography Prize and People’s choice awards: 7pm*

*Bubbly and Canapes provided*

*So come and support our young artists and musicians, hope to see you there!*
# Term 3 General Meeting Agenda

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1. Acknowledgement Of Country
   - Julie Daly
2. Opening Prayer
   - Fr. Iain Radvan
3. Meeting Welcome
   - Selina Calleia
4. Business Arising from previous general meeting
   - Selina Calleia
5. President’s Report
   - Selina Calleia
6. Correspondence
   - Mona Mazlin
7. Treasurer’s Report
   - Rebecca Moxey
8. My duties and role in our faith community
   - Fr. Iain Radvan
9. A Senior High School and Trade Training Centre
   - Mrs Tammy Prestage
   - Diverse education and links to university
   - Followed by a tour of the school
10. General Business
    - Conference Update
    - Speakers for General Meeting
    - Welcome Packs for 2014
    - Day retreat
    - PRC Facebook
    - Selina Calleia
11. Thank you and farewell
    - Selina Calleia
SEMINAR
MANAGING FAMILY FINANCES

Date: Wednesday 14th August, 2013

Time: 7.30pm—9.30pm

Venue: CatholicCare
51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown

Fee: $5.00

Presenter: Sharon Yeh
CCSS Financial Counsellor

The Seminar will cover:

♦ Tracking your spending
♦ Money Plans
♦ Prioritising your finances
♦ Act to make your money work for you

You will receive brochures and handouts of different ways to save money, i.e. No Interest Loans, fridge buy backs, Centapay etc...

Jennifer Saunders from the Home Energy Savings Scheme will also do a short presentation on how to reduce energy bills.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Contact: Solo Parent Ministry

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