

MARY MACKILLOP PLACE MUSEUM
NEWSLETTER
FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS
TERM 1—FEBRUARY 2021

Welcome to the first Museum newsletter for 2021!

This is a new initiative of the Mary MacKillop Place Museum Team. We would love to see teachers, students and families get to know Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods through interaction with the Newsletter. Any input and feedback is welcome!! It will be available each term.

We hope you can learn more about Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop and co-founder, Father Julian Tenison Woods through a selection of interesting reading and writing activities, and some fun and creative activities as well.

Keep an eye out for competitions, new resources and events related to the Mary MacKillop Place Museum.



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***“NEVER SEE A NEED WITHOUT DOING
SOMETHING ABOUT IT”*** *Mary MacKillop, 1867*

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Veronica Rizk – *Museum Educator*



MARY MACKILLOP PLACE MUSEUM COMPETITION



Our first competition is 'NAMING THE NEWSLETTER.' We need an eye-catching, creative title for this Newsletter. You may choose to use Mary MacKillop's name, or her pet dog, Bobs, or St Joseph's name and reflect something to do with primary school children. Add a logo or colourful symbol. For example, some primary schools have created a group named 'Little Joeys'.

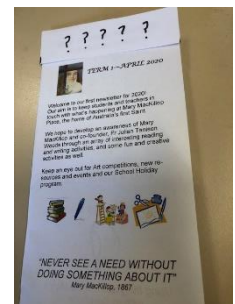
The winning entry will receive a prize from the Mary MacKillop Place Gift Shop.

CLOSES END OF TERM 1 – 1ST APRIL, 2021

Please submit your entries to: educator@mmp.org.au or

post to: Educator, Mary MacKillop Place Museum,

7-11 Mount Street, North Sydney NSW 2060



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

(ON HOLD DUE TO COVID-19)

During the school holiday period Mary MacKillop Place Museum runs a program with a different theme - full of fun activities. It is normally advertised in your School Newsletter.

Remind your parents to look out for details of the Mary MacKillop Museum Holiday program. It is held during one week of the School Holidays. However, due to the pandemic the program has been put on hold to ensure safety and well-being of all participants.

LET US HOPE AND PRAY THAT WE CAN RESUME THIS PROGRAM IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE!!

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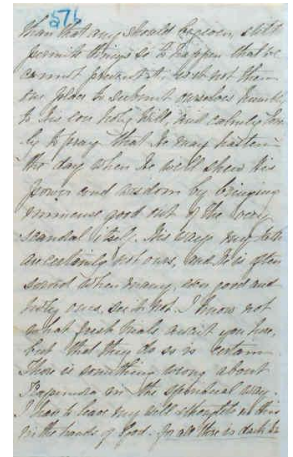


MUSEUM OBJECT STUDY

Studying objects from a museum can tell us stories about real people and about their past. It is like a history lesson that powerfully engages students.

You would normally use your senses of touch and sight, however, in this activity you will use sight only for observation and inquiry.

LOOK, DISCOVER AND LEARN.....



DID YOU KNOW???

- *Mary MacKillop was a prolific writer*
- *What does the word **prolific** mean?*

Why is there an image of a typewriter?

Who do you think may have used it?

In what centuries do you think you would find this object?



ACTIVITY:- You don't have to have access to museum objects to explore. You might have an unusual object at home, an old souvenir from a holiday place or a rare toy or game that no one else has seen before. Bring it to school with your parent's permission and ask your teacher if you can show it to the class and discuss its importance.

- *Mary MacKillop travelled a lot.*

Do you know what this object is? → → → → → → → → → →

What is it used for??



ACTIVITY:
 Research other objects that may have been used during the 1800's-1900's.
 For example →



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Mary MacKillop loved to write letters. Sometimes she was very tired from all her hard work in helping people. She needs help now! Below you will find two writing activities.

Your task is to correct this letter which is similar to one written by Mary MacKillop during the 1860's.

Read Mary's letter, fill in the missing words and correct the punctuation and spelling.

My dear freinds,

My name is mary_____. I have been called a great _____ becose of some of the things I did for my country. In this letter I would like to tell you about my fammily as I _____ them very much. my father and _____ came from a contry called _____. My father's name was _____ and my mother's name was _____ there were _____ children in my family, _____ boys and _____ girls. I was the _____ in the family

My little brother, Alexander dide as a baby, but I still _____ him My mother often asked me to _____ after the yunger children to help her. we would _____ games and _____ books toogethe



For the missing words and corrections please email your finished work to: educator@mmp.org.au (or show it to your teacher or a parent).

Writing activity

Mary MacKillop's letter writing was sometimes funny, and at other times, very serious. There was no such thing as computers and emails, and posting mail was expensive and unreliable. Paper was also quite expensive. Mary adopted a style of writing that involved writing on one side of the paper, rotating it and writing over it again. This was called, 'CROSS-HATCH'. It was a good way to save paper.



TASK: Pretend you are Mary MacKillop and you are writing a letter to your family to tell them all about the new schools that are opening out in the bush in South Australia. Describe the environment, weather, poor teaching conditions and who is attending the school.

SEND YOUR LETTERS (by the end of Term 1) TO: educator@mmp.org.au (**FOR A PRIZE**)

WHO CARES FOR THE ENVIRONMENT?

We do !!!!



As stewards caring for the environment, we need to think about our role in protecting and caring for God's Creation.

Fr Julian Tenison Woods, who was co-founder of the Sisters of Saint Joseph with Mary MacKillop, was very interested in science and creation. He wrote this:

"Every rock, every leaf, every insect has something beautiful, nay, wonderful to tell". (1871)



Draw a leaf & write a prayer or a poem on it about caring for the environment. Use it for a display in your classroom.

At Mary MacKillop Place we are trying to do our bit for a better environment. We have removed almost all use of plastics in the workplace and aim to be totally single-use plastics free.

Choose to help by doing one of the following:-

ALWAYS RECYCLE



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SAY NO TO PLASTIC BAGS
SAY NO TO PLASTIC STRAWS
SAY NO TO TAKE AWAY PLASTIC CONTAINERS

TRY THESE IDEAS:-

- Use a bamboo toothbrush
- Use Beeswax wraps instead of cling wrap
- Buy a food grade stainless steel water bottle.

COLOURING PAGES & PUZZLES

To make your MARY MACKILLOP CHATTERBOX, click on the link below or copy and paste into your browser:

<https://cathfamily.org/st-mary-mack-chatter-box/>

For all COLOURING IN activities, click on the link below or copy and paste into your browser:

https://marymackillopplace.sharepoint.com/:p:/r/sites/MMP/_layouts/15/Doc.aspx?sourcedoc=%7B15d5e258-b8bd-44cb-aed4-cd489ecb2cb5%7D&action=edit&wdPreviousSession=aa0cf32a-0e62-4b47-8c71-5beba335155b



To create your own MARY MACKILLOP & JULIAN TENISON WOODS 2021 CALENDAR, click on the link below or copy & paste into your browser, to download and complete:

<https://marymackillopplace.sharepoint.com/sites/MMP/Shared%20Documents/Museum/Educator/Newsletter%202019-2020/Educator%20Newsletter%20Yearly%20Calendar%202021.pdf>

RECOMMENDED BOOKS TO READ

Available from Mary MacKillop Gift Shop, Mount St, North Sydney or online at www.marymackillopplace.org.au

- Horse Tales of Mary MacKillop by Diane Phillips rsj
- Bobs The Dog by Diane Phillips rsj
- Saint Mary MacKillop Beneath A Cross of Stars by Andrew Chin
- Saint Mary MacKillop by Judith M Steer rsj

