

Feast Day

8th August 2020

MARY MACKILLOP

today

Who is Mary MacKillop?

- Mary MacKillop is Australia's first and only Saint.
- She was born in Victoria in 1842 and had 8 brothers and sisters.
- Mary became a Saint because she devoted her life to God and serving other people.



Who is Mary MacKillop?

- Mary and Father Julian Tenison Woods started the Sisters of St Joseph in 1866.
- They opened schools all over Australia so children across the country could receive an education.
- Mary faced many challenges throughout her life but always looked after others, especially those from vulnerable communities.



What is a Feast Day?

- All Saints have a Feast Day to remember and pray for them.
- Mary MacKillop's Feast Day is on 8 August, which was the day she died.
- This year is the 10-year anniversary since Mary officially became a Saint.



Feast Day 2018 Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney

What does it mean to be a Saint?

- Saints were once people just like us.
- People who become Saints have devoted their life to God and serving others.
- Canonisation is when the Pope declares the person a Saint at a very special ceremony in Rome.



Mary MacKillop Chapel, North Sydney

Who is Mary MacKillop Today?

Mary MacKillop Today is a not-for-profit organisation that continues the work of Mary MacKillop and The Sisters of St Joseph by delivering programs in Australia and overseas that focus on education, health, financial support and livelihoods.



Find out more: www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/what-we-do/our-projects/

Mary MacKillop Today: Australia

Mary MacKillop Today works on projects in Australia such as:

- Providing financial support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students attending university.
- Supporting young Aboriginal Australians through a program called Equine-Assisted Learning where students interact with horses.
- Giving financial support to those in need.

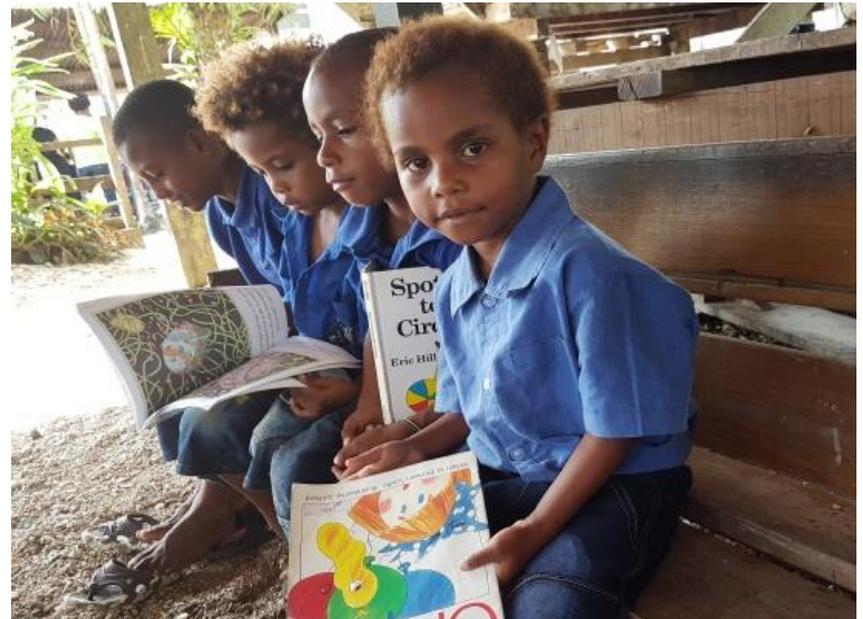


Equine Assisted Learning Program, WA

Mary MacKillop Today: Overseas

Mary MacKillop Today have projects in Timor-Leste, Peru, Papua New Guinea and Fiji such as:

- Providing education to children and adults.
- Helping people with disabilities to access services.
- Teaching people about health and nutrition.
- Training adults in new skills so they can earn an income.



Inclusive Communities Program, Papua New Guinea

What is the Mobile Kindy in Fiji?

- Mary MacKillop Today have partnered with a local Fijian organisation, Child Benefit, to run The Mobile Kindy in Suva, the capital of Fiji.
- Trained volunteers take fun educational kits out to small villages in Fiji and set up classrooms.
- The volunteers run learning activities for small children and their parents.
- Parents also learn about health and how to care for their children.



Child Benefit's Mobile Kindy, Fiji

Why does Fiji need The Mobile Kindy?

- Many people in Fiji live far away from big cities that have schools and healthcare facilities.
- This makes it very hard for children to go to school because it is too expensive or too far away.
- 30% of Fiji's population live in poverty
- Watch the Video of the Mobile Kindy in a settlement in Fiji called Nauluvatu.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s4Rts6Hk4wQ>



Child Benefit's Mobile Kindy, Fiji

Thank You

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