

Feast Day

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today

Thank you for raising funds for Mary MacKillop Today this Feast Day!



A bit about Mary MacKillop's Feast Day

All Saints have a dedicated Feast Day when they are remembered with special mention and prayers. Mary MacKillop's Feast Day is on 8th August, which is the day she died.

Mary's Feast Day is a wonderful time to reflect on the qualities and actions that set her apart, and how her legacy continues to be relevant today.

Schools are a big part of Feast Day

Education was close to Mary's heart and she knew its power to lift communities out of poverty. This is why we'd love for teachers, students, and families to celebrate Mary's Feast Day with us!

During August, schools are invited to hold their own fundraising activities to help provide education to children in Timor-Leste.

Many schools have come up with creative Feast Day activities to raise funds for kids in need, often combined with a dedicated assembly or Mass to celebrate Saint Mary MacKillop.

Fundraising is as easy as:

- 1** Pick a day or week to hold your fundraiser
- 2** Pick your fundraising idea
- 3** Promote it
- 4** Do it
- 5** Donate it

Thank you for your support!

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Fundraising ideas

We have some ideas ranging from quick and easy ideas to some more elaborate activities if you're up for a (fun) challenge! You can work out what's best for your school to celebrate Mary MacKillop's Feast Day.

Check out the following pages for step-by-step guides in how to run each activity or come up with your own idea!

Some easy ideas:

- **Wear a "Touch of Teal" Day (or Mufti day/dress down day)**
- **Colouring-in Competition**
- **Book Swap Day - students bring in old books to swap and take home**

If you're up for more of a challenge:

- **Game Day - set up different game stations around the school where students can play games that are typical of Mary MacKillop's time**
- **Run a School Stall Day**

After your fundraiser is finished

Last step - donate and congratulate!

Once you have successfully completed your Feast Day activities, it's time to tell us all about it and submit your school's donation.

You can submit your school's donation by cheque, direct deposit or over the phone. Please do not send cash in the post. Cheques can be made payable to Mary MacKillop Today to PO Box 1646 North Sydney 2059. If you would prefer to directly deposit funds or use credit card over the phone, please call Fiona on (02) 8912 2708.

We would love to see photos of your Feast Day celebrations and hear stories about what your students enjoyed or learnt by participating. Send your photos (along with consent forms), stories and comments to Fiona at fiona.jones@marymackilloptoday.org.au

Don't forget to thank and congratulate your whole school community for participating! Let all your teachers, parents and students know how much you appreciate their help to make this year's Mary MacKillop Feast Day such a success.

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Wear a "Touch of Teal" Day

Level of effort to coordinate: Super easy

The Sisters of St Joseph wore teal-coloured scarves at the canonisation of Mary MacKillop in Rome. One hundred and forty Sisters wore the scarf in Saint Peter's Square at the Vatican service. This scarf made them instantly recognisable amongst the 50,000 strong crowd. Your school can recreate this powerful scene by inviting students to wear teal clothing or accessories on your Feast Day and make a donation!



TIP: If it's tricky to find things in teal, suggest students try light blue instead.



Sisters of St Joseph at Mary MacKillop's Canonisation Rome 2010

Your step-by-step guide:

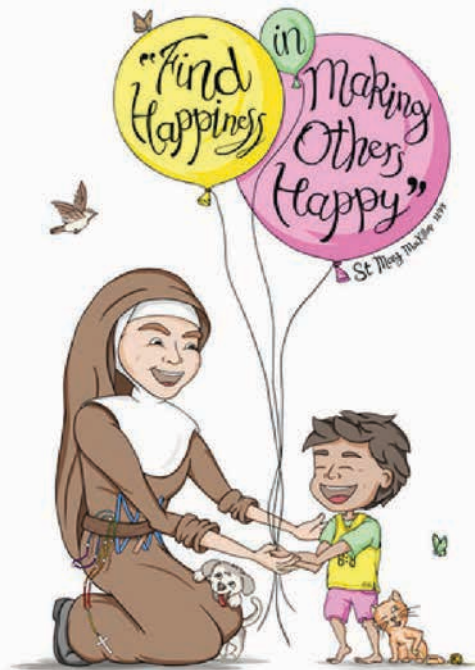
1. Select your fundraising event date. Feast Day is 8th August so you may choose to do it close to this day.
2. Let the students, teachers and parents know through all of your communication mediums - Compass, Skoolbag app, newsletters, social media etc.
3. Find a touch of teal. Encourage students to visit their local charity store to find teal/light blue items such as socks, scarves, hats or t-shirts. You can also try your local Spotlight or haberdashery store for some inexpensive ribbon or fabric!
You may also like to order Mary MacKillop Today Ribbon Pins to give away on your Feast Day for a gold coin donation. Contact Fiona if you want to order these fiona.jones@marymackilloptoday.org.au
4. Decorate a section of the school with teal and light blue decorations that would be a good place to take photos (and send to us!)
5. Nominate a volunteer teacher to collect donations from all participating students and teachers during the day.
6. Take photos and email them to fiona.jones@marymackilloptoday.org.au along with consent forms.
7. Post on social media tagging @MaryMacKillopToday and #MaryFeastDay
8. Once all money has been collected, send to Mary MacKillop Today through your chosen payment method



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Colouring-in Competition



Level of effort to coordinate: Easy

Students can reflect on Mary's life while they colour in pictures of her. Teachers can select "winning" artworks that Mary MacKillop Today can celebrate on our social media pages. Students can donate to participate.



TIP: Find a central place in your school to showcase all the beautiful coloured in pictures. This will look fantastic and help create a spirit of celebration!

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Your step-by-step guide:

1. Select a specific date to do this or you could do it throughout the month of August.
2. Let the students, teachers and parents know through all of your communication mediums - Compass, Skoolbag app, newsletters, social media etc.
3. Print out colouring-in sheets for each student and provide them with colouring-in pencils/pens/crayons.
4. Nominate a volunteer teacher to collect donations from all participating students (and teachers) during the day.
5. Take photos and email them to fiona.jones@marymackilloptoday.org.au along with consent forms.
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Book Swap Day



Mobile Learning Centre, Timor-Leste

Level of effort to coordinate: Medium

Mary MacKillop believed in the power of education to transform lives. The Mobile Learning Centre in Timor-Leste provides children with access to reading books in their local language. Students can bring in old books from home that they no longer read, along with a suggested donation of \$10. Each class can take turns to swap books with one another, and they get to take home a book they have not read before! This activity can teach students about the importance of the Mobile Learning Centre and how it provides children with access to learning resources, such as books, that they would otherwise not receive.



TIP: During the lead up to the Book Swap day, you could ask students to decorate a section of their library with Mary MacKillop murals, drawings, and quotes. You could also set up the Book Swap activity in this section.

Your step-by-step guide:

1. Select a specific date to do this or you could do it throughout the month of August.
2. Let the students, teachers and parents know through all of your communication mediums - Compass, Skoolbag app, newsletters, social media etc.
3. Set up a section in the school - library, hall, playground etc. with a table and boxes/shelves to put all of the books.
4. Nominate a volunteer/s to set up and run the book swap area.
5. Ask students to bring a book along with a suggested donation of \$10 to the allocated book swap location and choose another book from the collection.
6. Take photos and email them to fiona.jones@marymackilloptoday.org.au along with consent forms.
7. Post on social media and tagging @MaryMacKillopToday and #MaryFeastDay
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Game Day

Level of effort to coordinate: More of a challenge (and lots of fun)



St Monica's Richmond Fundraiser 2019

The Mobile Learning Centre in Timor-Leste recognises the importance of learning through games at an early age. Mary was also known for organising Game Days for students and parents to enjoy.

Students can go around to visit different "game stations" playing various games that were typical of Mary MacKillop's era (1800s and early 1900s). Students could donate to participate in Game Day.



TIP: Games such as hopscotch, marbles, thee-legged races, egg and spoon races, potato sack races and hoop shooting competitions would be a hit!

Your step-by-step guide:

1. Select a specific date to do this or you could do it throughout the month of August.
2. Let the students, teachers and parents know through all of your communication mediums - Compass, Skoolbag app, newsletters, social media etc.
3. Make a list of all items needed for game day (e.g. chalk, basketballs, potato sacks, marbles, skipping ropes etc.)
4. Nominate volunteers to set up various game stations.
5. Nominate a volunteer teacher to collect donations from all participating students (and teachers) during the day.
6. Take photos and email them to fiona.jones@marymackilloptoday.org.au along with consent forms.
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School Stall Day

Level of effort to coordinate: More of a challenge (and worth it for the delicious treats)



Mary MacKillop used praise and encouragement to inspire a culture of order and self-discipline. She rewarded good behaviour and achievement with coloured ribbons and boiled lollies.

Mary was known for organising wonderful feasts and bush picnics for special occasions - to be enjoyed by students and families.



TIP: You might like to include some recipes from Mary MacKillop's time like toffee and damper. Or ask each year group to contribute a different treat for an international inspired Feast Day Stall!

Your step-by-step guide:

1. Select a date to do this. Feast Day is 8 August so you may choose to do it close to this day.
2. Let the students, teachers and parents know through all of your communication mediums - Compass, Skoolbag app, newsletters, social media etc.
3. Allocate students into groups to make their own stall and ask them to make something to sell as part of their stall. Encourage students to decorate their stalls with posters and decorations too.
4. Ask for volunteers or teachers to monitor each student stall and support with money handling and gathering equipment.
5. Coordinate students to set up stalls on the day - tables, chairs, shade, stall items, money box.
6. Take photos and email them to fiona.jones@marymackilloptoday.org.au along with consent forms.
7. Post on social media and tagging @MaryMacKillopToday and #MaryFeastDay
8. Nominate a teacher to collect all the money from each stall.
9. Once all money has been collected, send to Mary MacKillop Today through your chosen payment method