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

What a wonderful way to Be Fierce for Fair, just like Mary!

150 years ago, Saint Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph travelled to some of Australia's most remote communities to set up schools so overlooked children could reach their full potential and flourish.

Mary MacKillop Today is carrying on the work of Mary and the Sisters of St Joseph. Through the generosity of our faithful supporters, we work with communities to create change by teaching practical skills to women, men and children in Australia and in neighbouring countries.

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

Mary believed in the power of education to lift communities out of poverty.

When she saw injustice, she was fierce to act, so children wouldn't miss out on fair access to education.

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. Your school's fundraising will support our Mobile Learning Centre in Timor-Leste that provides children in remote areas with much-needed access to creative and fun learning activities and story books in their local language.

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.

> ## "Never see a need without doing something about it"
> ### Saint Mary MacKillop, 1867

Mary and her Sisters went wherever the need was greatest. They gave up everything to live amongst the people they served and teach with love. Although they were up against enormous challenges, they continued to walk with people every step of the way.

> ## "Let no obstacle deter us from proceeding with courage"
> ### Saint Mary MacKillop, 1893

This August, let's walk in Mary's footsteps. Like Mary, let's be fierce in the face of adversity. Let's be fair and act when we see injustice. Let's give love to those we encounter each day.
Together, let's be Fierce for Fair!

> ## "So great is the strength we possess in our unity"
> ### Saint Mary MacKillop, 1874

Why should your school hold fundraising activities this August?

- It's fun for everyone! Students, families and teachers can enjoy a variety of exciting and easy fundraising activities together throughout the month of August. And remember, we are here to help you come up with fundraising ideas that work for you.

- You'll help keep Mary's life-changing legacy alive. Today, many people are still unable to break the cycle of poverty because they can't access education. The vital funds your school raises will support our Mobile Learning Centre bus and outreach vehicles to reach remote areas with fun learning resources, such as books, musical instruments, and arts and craft activities.

- Your school will support young children like Maia in Timor-Leste to access quality education

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!

"I really love going to school because I can learn new things. My favourite lesson is reading. I love the books from Mary MacKillop Today because the stories are fantastic!" - Maia

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!

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:

- Design your own Be Fierce for Fair t-shirt (NEW IDEA!)
- 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 Fair 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, 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.

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 Be Fierce for Fair by recreating this powerful scene! Invite students and teachers to wear teal clothing or accessories in proud honour of Mary on her Feast Day and make a donation.

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

Tip: If it's tricky to find things in teal, suggest students try light blue instead. It's a close enough match!

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. Students donate to participate. 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 with the hastags #BeFierceForFair and #MaryFeastDay

8.Once all money has been collected, send to Mary MacKillop Today through your chosen payment method. Thank you!

Colouring-in Competition

Level of effort to coordinate: Easy

Students can reflect on Mary's life while they colour in pictures of her. During colouring time, encourage students to think and talk about ways that Mary was Fierce for Fair. What did she care most about? What challenges did she face? Was she brave when people were against 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!**

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. Students could donate to participate. 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

Level of effort to coordinate: Medium

Mary MacKillop believed in the power of education to transform lives. That's why she wanted everyone to have the ability to go to school. It is only fair that every child has their chance to learn. But sadly, in many of the remote parts of Timor-Leste, it's very difficult for children to receive an education because they do not have important resources like books.

Holding a Book Swap Day is a wonderful way to Be Fair for Fair by giving children in Timor-Leste access to fun books in their local language through the Mobile Learning Centre.

Mobile Learning Centre, Timor-Leste

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 your 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 with the hashtags #BeFierceForFair and #MaryFeastDay

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Game Day

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

The Mobile Learning Centre in Timor-Leste recognises the importance of learning through fun activities at an early age. Mary was 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.

Games are not only a load of fun for everyone, sometimes they can be tricky to win! When students feel like giving up on a game because it's too hard, remind them to be fierce in the face of a challenge, just like Mary.

St Monica's Richmond Fundraiser 2019

> **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. Students could donate to participate in Game Day. 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 with the hashtags #BeFierceForFair and #MaryFeastDay

8. Once all money has been collected, please send to Mary MacKillop Today through your chosen payment method. Thank you!

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> **Saint Mary MacKillop, 1893**

School Fair 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. Just as Mary was Fierce for Fair in the learning environment, she also wanted everyone to feel welcome to join in a community get-together!

Tip: You might want to include some recipes from Mary MacKillop's time like boiled toffee and damper. Or ask each year group to contribute a different treat for your Feast Day Fair!

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 School Fair Day 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 with the hashtags #BeFierceForFair and #MaryFeastDay

8. Nominate a teacher to collect all the money from each School Fair Day stall.

9. Once all money has been collected, please send to Mary MacKillop Today through your chosen payment method. Thank you!

Design your own Be Fierce for Fair t-shirt

New!

Level of effort to coordinate:
More of a challenge (but you'll have a beautiful t-shirt at the end)

Just like Saint Mary MacKillop and her Sisters wore their habits to show they belonged to a shared belief, let's design a t-shirt to represent what we stand for and to show people that we're all united.

Remember, your t-shirt is more than just a piece of clothing. It will tell people what you care about, your values and beliefs, and it will represent how we can Be Fierce for Fair together!

Tip: There are so many ways you could express yourself through your Be Fierce for Fair t-shirt. You could add a catchy phrase or picture and choose whatever colours take your fancy.

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. Encourage students to find an old white t-shirt in their wardrobe or buy one from their favourite second-hand shop.

4. Decorate the shirts! Get students to grab some textas, iron-on designs, buttons, ribbons, or even paper that they can stitch onto the t-shirt. They can get as creative as they like and personalise their t-shirt to represent their chosen cause. Students could do this at home or at school.

5. Students can make a donation and encourage their friends and family to contribute to their efforts.

6. Take photos of the newly decorated t-shirts and email them to fiona.jones@marymackilloptoday.org.au along with consent forms.

7. Share photos of the shirts on social media and inspire the world with these works of art. Tag @MaryMacKillopToday with the hashtags #BeFierceForFair and #MaryFeastDay

8. Once all money has been collected, please send to Mary MacKillop Today through your chosen payment method. Thank you!