Mary MacKillop

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Ideas for getting started

Brainstorm or mind map
- Introduce the topic of the canonisation of Mary MacKillop and the role of newspapers in covering the event.
- Ask the students to brainstorm or mind map why they think it is important for newspapers to cover major events such as this.
- Students might use the Mind Map or Fishbone proforma or an application such as Kidspiration or Inspiration.

Newspaper scan
- Distribute a copy of the newspaper to each student.
- Ask each student to find and cut out something about the canonisation of Mary MacKillop.

Introduce the Famous 5 Ws
- Discuss with students the use of the 5 Ws.
- Ask them all to look at a copy of the newspaper to find an article about Mary MacKillop’s canonisation.
- Ask them to use highlighter pens of different colours to locate and mark in the report the Who? What? When? Why? Where? sentences. Discuss any differences as to which W certain sentences represent.
- Ask students to count how many sentences are devoted to each W (if true to form this should result in the famous Inverted Pyramid distribution).
- Have each student select another unrelated report and repeat the exercise, subsequently sharing their findings with the class.

Being a cadet journalist
- Discuss with students the term “cadet journalist” or “cub reporter”.
- Ask them to list what sort of skills, values and abilities a cadet journalist would need.
- Ask them to write a short report about the life of Mary MacKillop, or the pilgrimage to Rome to witness the canonisation - making sure they use the 5Ws structure (they might like to use the 5Ws Worksheet).
- When their work has been published ask them to share it on a class newspaper notice board.
KWLS
The life of Mary MacKillop

K
what I know

W
what I want to know

S
the sources I used

L
what I have learned
Big Ideas about Mary MacKillop

activity 2

social responsibility
Did you know?

Mary Helen MacKillop was born in ......................... in 1842.

Mary took a job as a ......................... in ......................... in South Australia.

It was here she met Father ......................... ......................... ......................... .

In 1866 the ......................... School House was opened in Penola.

In 1867 the Order of the Sisters of Saint ......................... of the Sacred Heart was formed.

They were known as the ......................... and affectionately called the ......................... because of their brown habit.

In 1995 Pope ......................... beatified Mary and she became the ......................... Mary MacKillop.

Mary is buried in the Mary MacKillop ......................... ......................... in Sydney.

The ......................... of Mary MacKillop will take place in ......................... on October 17, 2010.

Mary MacKillop will become Australia’s first Roman Catholic ......................... .

Rome  
Melbourne  
Stable  
John Paul II  
Governess  
Saint  
Josephs  
Memorial Chapel  
Penola  
Julian Tenison Woods  
Josephites  
Canonisation  
Blessed  
Brown Joeys
The Mary MacKillop story

task

- Read accounts of the life of Mary MacKillop. The official Mary MacKillop website has information under four headings:
  - Beginnings
  - Growth
  - Challenges
  - Influences
- After reading the information provided by sources such as the Mary MacKillop website, newspaper articles, television write about these stages in Mary’s life using your own words.
- Detail information on the sources you used.

sources

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_MacKillop
www.marymackillop.org.au
Significant sites associated with Mary MacKillop

Locate photos and information around these significant sites. Use these sheets to collate your findings.

- Mary MacKillop Chapel
- Mary MacKillop Tomb
- Mary MacKillop Place
- Mary MacKillop Statue, Adelaide
Significant sites associated with Mary MacKillop

- Penola Schoolhouse
- Clermont Convent, Rockhampton
- Mary MacKillop Bridge
- Mary MacKillop House
Significant sites associated with Mary MacKillop

Mary MacKillop Centre, South Australia
Mary MacKillop Centre, East Melbourne

Locate these sites on the map of Australia.

Produce a pamphlet for pilgrims.
Images of Mary MacKillop

1. There are many images of Mary MacKillop on the internet as well as those published in the newspapers.

2. Working as a pair or small group, collect four or five images - taking care to record the source.

3. Nominate ways that the images could be classified e.g. colour, sepia, black and white, captioned, close-up, clip art, drawing etc.

4. As the teacher nominates a classification, move to one side or the other holding your images as the different options are read out. For example, coloured to one side, black and white the other; captioned one side — non-captioned to the other, and so on.

5. Select one of the images and write a short paragraph describing the image.
Mary MacKillop photostory

You have been looking at images of Mary MacKillop and current images of the Canonisation of Saint Mary of the Cross (MacKillop).

Work with a partner or a small group to prepare a photostory about the life and canonisation of Mary MacKillop.

Use the storyboard below to plan your story.

Collect a series of photos that tell her story. Place them on a large story board or notice board.

Write a story or article to go with them. Don’t forget a headline and captions for your photographs.
Mary MacKillop: Values and ideals

Use this proforma to document your perspective on Mary’s values and ideals.
Major steps in the Canonisation

Complete the table below, providing details of these major steps.

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<th>The First Miracle</th>
<th>1 Beatification</th>
<th>2 The Second Miracle</th>
<th>3 Canonisation in Rome</th>
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Complete the table with details of each step.
What would it be like to be at the Canonisation

Write your own description of the event:
On-the-spot at the Canonisation

Imagine that you are an “on-the-spot” journalist at the canonisation of Mary MacKillop.

Work with a partner or a small group to prepare an “on-the-spot” report covering the canonisation.

Plan a role play report of the canonisation to be aired on radio or television.

Use the storyboard below to plan your role play.
Reporting on School Celebrations

Who?

What?

When?

Where?

Why?

Details


Use this proforma to help you organise your information.
## Mary MacKillop
### Quiz and Timeline

Construct a timeline using the information.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>answer</th>
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<td>Where and in what year was Mary Mackillop born?</td>
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<td>Where was Mary governess to the Cameron Children?</td>
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<td>In what year did Mary begin teaching in Portland?</td>
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<td>What school did Mary start in 1866?</td>
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<td>What year did Mary take her final vows?</td>
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<td>What significant event took place in 1871?</td>
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<td>When was the Institute of St Joseph accepted?</td>
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<td>What health problem did Mary have in 1902?</td>
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<td>Where and when did Mary die?</td>
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<td>Where was Mary originally buried?</td>
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<td>Where and when was her Memorial Chapel built?</td>
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<td>When did the Canonisation process begin?</td>
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<td>When did the Canonisation process resume?</td>
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<td>When and by whom was Mary beatified?</td>
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<td>When and where is Canonisation to take place?</td>
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The official Mary MacKillop website is an excellent source of information
Mapping exercise

Locate the MacKillop, St Joseph’s and Sacred Heart schools and colleges in Australia. Which one is nearest to you?
Work with a partner to present a summary of reports about Mary MacKillop in the newspaper.

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Give your editorial a catchy headline

Every day, the editors of newspapers comment on some aspect of the daily news. Write an Editorial column from the perspective of Mary MacKillop as a “remarkable pioneering woman, radical thinker and educational reformer”.

Mary MacKillop

My editorial

It's crucial for us to understand that in order to achieve educational equality, we must address the systemic barriers that prevent marginalized communities from accessing quality education. Despite significant progress, disparities in educational outcomes remain, with many students from lower-income backgrounds facing obstacles such as inadequate resources, insufficient funding, and inadequate teacher training.

The solution to this challenge lies in a comprehensive approach that includes funding initiatives, teacher development programs, and community engagement efforts. By working together, we can create a more equitable educational system that empowers all students to reach their full potential.

As educators, it is our responsibility to ensure that every child has the opportunity to learn. Let us come together to make education accessible to all, and build a brighter future for our students.
Planning chart
Celebrating the life of Mary MacKillop
Step by step

one

two

three

four

five

six
Focus: The life of Mary MacKillop
The Life of Mary MacKillop

Focus:
The Famous 5Ws

Who?  
Who ____________________________

What?  
What ____________________________

When?  
When ____________________________

Where?  
Where ____________________________

Why?  
Why ____________________________

Details

Use this proforma to help you organise your information.
Glossary of terms

Task:
Compile a glossary of terms. Here are some to start with.

<table>
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<th>term</th>
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<tr>
<td>Canonisation</td>
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<td>Excommunication</td>
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Useful websites

Official Mary MacKillop Website:
www.marymackillop.org.au

Catholic Australia:

Mary MacKillop Place:
www.marymackillopplace.org.au/about/index.asp

Wikipedia:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_MacKillop

Google Images of Mary MacKillop:

Sisters of Saint Joseph:
www.sosj.org.au/

Josephite Mission and History Centre (Hobart):
www.tassiejosephites.org.au

Mary MacKillop Penola Centre:
www.mackilloppenola.org.au/

ABC PM 'Mary MacKillop miracle woman speaks out':
http://www.abc.net.au/pm/content/2010/s2789958.htm

Google Search for MacKillop colleges:

Google Search for St Joseph’s schools:
www.google.com.au/search?q=St+Joseph+Schools

The Battlers’ Saint - Mary MacKillop in The Rocks:

Mary MacKillop online Catholic education activities:
http://stage.cecnswnsw.catholic.edu.au/tlf/MaryMackillop/index.html

A Saint for all Australians (Catholic Education activities):