Dear MacKilop Catholic College Community,

This week I have so much for which to be grateful. Thank you to my staff who kept our College running during my absence last week, especially Mr Chris Trevillion who took on the role of Acting Principal. And, sincere gratitude to all staff, parents and friends for your prayers and condolences sent to my family and me at this sad time of my father’s passing.

Thank you to all who attended the Working Bee last Sunday. Much was achieved within a few hours in terms of tasks completed and, more importantly, thank you for the value you place on volunteering as a community benefit. It is without doubt that the community impact of your presence within the school and at functions is immeasurable; it is the glue that holds our community together. Your attendance allows you to connect to your son or daughter’s school and makes it a better place for all. Even helping out with the smallest tasks makes a real difference to the lives of others. Your involvement is a two-way street; parents getting to know the staff; and staff getting to know parents; opens up the lines of communication between home and school and school and home. Your time as a volunteer helps you make new friends from the school community, expand your network, and boost your influence on the school. Research shows that students generally do better when parents are involved in their children’s schools.

Taking this a step further, I’m delighted to have volunteers at MacKilop, not only for the services you provide, but also for the good stories I hope you tell around our wider Palmerston community. I know you are all witness to, and hear of, tender moments and scenes of compassion, humour and entertainment during well-rehearsed events, but I hope you are also sharing scenes of scholarship and hard work, rigor and high standards at MacKilop. Teaching children to learn is not some magic trick. My colleagues and I have been studying such skills for many years and there is no quick fix formula, just persistence, commitment, hard work and dedication. I want all of Palmerston know about the good things happening in our school. Thank you to parents who have made the decision to stay in close contact with teachers this year. If you don’t have email addresses they can be found under the staff directory on the website or email me on Lauretta.graham@nt.catholic.edu.au and I will forward your email on to the appropriate teacher.

I hope you will find time to spend in your school this year or alternatively, simply think of ways to make 2016 at MacKilop the best year ever. I am interested in your thoughts.

I thank you all for your efforts so far in creating this beautiful, joyful, rigorous, and scholarly school.

Blessings

Lauretta Graham
Principal

"May your journey always be filled with blessings, and may the life of Saint Mary MacKilop ignite in you the flames of faith and service"
From The Deputy Principal - Pastoral Care

Dear members of the MacKillop Catholic College community,

Rather than the usual newsletter item I take this opportunity to pass on to you contact details for your child’s Homeform Teacher and Year Level Coordinator, included on the following pages. These are the staff members who are primarily responsible for your child’s Pastoral Care at the College. Of course, all staff are responsible for Pastoral Care, as all staff are responsible for Curriculum. However, these are the staff who are the “first port of call” if your child is experiencing difficulties. Please feel free to contact them with your Pastoral Care concerns.

May God bless you and your family.

Middle School Elections

Congratulations to all 9 of the students who presented election speeches to contend for the positions of Middle Years College Captains. Voting has taken place and the successful candidates will be announced soon. You all did a fantastic job and it was a difficult decision for all of the voters.

From The Admin Team

Uniform Shop

Welcome to the 2016 school year!
The uniform shop is stocked, however, several sizes of some items have sold out and the BLK sport shorts which students are eagerly awaiting are still in transit. Keep reading the College newsletters for updates on these outstanding uniform items.

It is understood that sometimes it is hard to come in when the uniform shop is open, therefore, please feel free to call Administration to organise payment of the requested uniform items and staff will organise to assist fitting/collection by your child.

Administration Matters

Messages for students
Though all effort is made to get messages to students, please ensure that where possible arrangements made are communicated to your child/children prior to them coming to school.

The PA system is not used during class time to avoid disruption to all College students learning. Please ensure if you need to get a message to your child/children plenty of notice is given.

Student Absences
If your child/children will be absent from school please ensure you advise the school by phone or email or advise the home form teacher/s by email. This is important as it will ensure your child’s attendance is recorded correctly throughout the year.

Administration staff Kate Middleton MacKillop College Office Manager, Kim Schofield and Vanda Rands Administration Officers are happy to assist families please contact the Administration Team with any queries.

Thank you.
# Homeform Classes & Teachers, 2016

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*May your journey always be filled with blessings, and may the life of Saint Mary MacKillop ignite in you the flames of faith and service.*
COLLEGE OPENING MASS
The Opening Mass for 2016 was held on Monday 8th February. Bishop Eugene Hurley and Father Tom English were our celebrants for this mass. Our Year 12 Students welcomed our new Year 7 students at the start of the service. The new staff members were introduced to the College and received a special blessing from the Bishop. The Year 12 class of 2016 was presented with their badges and also received a special blessing from the Bishop. Our special guests enjoyed morning tea with the College Captains, senior students and staff following the mass.

ASH WEDNESDAY
The College gathered on Wednesday 10th February for our Ash Wednesday Liturgy. This liturgy marks the start of the season of LENT in the church calendar. Lent is a time for reflection and penance, fasting and giving to others. In the six weeks leading up to Easter students will be doing some class work on Lent and Easter in their Religious Education classes. Students will also look at ways to give to others in particular through Project Compassion.

CARITAS - PROJECT COMPASSION
Running through the six weeks of Lent each year, Project Compassion is an extraordinary, ongoing demonstration of the faith, love and generosity of caring supporters, all in the name of justice and peace. It is the lifeblood of Caritas Australia; without it, we could not do the vital work we do.

In Project Compassion 2015, $11.57 million was raised to help the world’s poorest communities. Thank you to all our generous supporters who participated and showed they believe in a more just world.

Mackillop Catholic College contributed $1688 in 2015. Our aim is to raise an even greater sum this year to assist others to access education.

Project Compassion 2016
The theme for Project Compassion 2016 is "Learning more, creating change".

As Pope Francis says "Education is an act of hope", so this year Project Compassion celebrates the power of learning, and the many ways in which Caritas Australia is working with local partners around the world to provide vital learning and renewed hope to children, women and men most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

Throughout Project Compassion 2016, inspiring stories from Malawi, Laos, Papua New Guinea, Australia, Cambodia and India will show how education, training and sharing knowledge can empower individual communities to transform their futures and create lasting change.

"Together we can empower the world’s poorest people with the opportunity to learn, grow and create change." - Bishop Greg O’Kelly

Doney’s story - Malawi
Learning more, creating change
Doney is a quiet and humble woman, but thanks to an innovative program supported by Caritas Australia, she’s creating big changes - in her life and in her village.

The problem of malnutrition in my household is old song now.” - Doney

Malawi in East Africa is one of the poorest countries in the world. Most people rely on farming small plots of land to produce food to feed their families. But many, like Doney and her family, have often gone months without enough food to eat.

Yet, when Caritas Australia and the local Caritas, CADECOM (the Catholic Development Commission in Malawi), began working in Doney’s remote village, they saw beyond the community’s challenges. Together they identified the community’s strengths, and each family created their vision for a healthier, more sustainable future.

CADECOM worked with Doney’s community to harness their natural resources. Families were trained in new farming techniques, and already they’re producing more plentiful crops. “The problem of malnutrition in my household is an old song now,” says Doney. CADECOM also worked with the community to install a borehole so Doney and her family now have access to clean water, dramatically improving their health.

Doney’s passion for education was recognised as a strength of the community, so she received training as an Adult Literacy Facilitator through the CADECOM program, and is now teaching adults in her village.

These days, the people of Doney’s village have access to clean drinking water, flourishing crops and are building their knowledge to create a better future. “My life has been transformed,” smiles Doney.

The village is developing... I would like to thank the people of Australia. The support you provide to us is going to the right people, and is helping us.” - Doney

Marie Butt
APRE

“May your journey always be filled with blessings, and may the life of Saint Mary MacKillop ignite in you the flames of faith and service”
Our busy term has commenced, please make sure you stay in regular contact with your teachers! I have included an email contacts list for convenience:

**Arts Coordinator:** David Graham
**Arts Assistant:** Michelle Mills

**MUSIC:**
- **Strings/Keyboard/Voice:** Alphonsus Tan
- **Guitar/Keyboard:** Kathryn Ezzy
- **Wind:** Matthew Holt

**VISUAL ART:**
- Gisela Pineiro

**DANCE AND DRAMA:**
- Natalie Hafsteins

Our main focus for term 1 & 2 will be our Musical ‘Cruisin’. This will be the college’s first major production and we would like to encourage students, parents and families to get behind this project.

Have a great term!

Best Regards,

David Graham
Head of Arts

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**CALLING ALL PARENTS**

If there are any parents wanting to get involved in staging, costumes, makeup, lighting, directing etc. please contact David Graham on 0439540865

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**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS**

Enrolment for Term 1 Lessons are now closed and lessons are underway. Any students wishing to enroll for term 2 are encouraged to do so early so as to avoid disappointment! Students please check various noticeboards in Performing Arts block for Lesson timetables. (Timetables for the current week will be posted by Monday Lunchtime).

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“May your journey always be filled with blessings, and may the life of Saint Mary MacKillop ignite in you the flames of faith and service”
New Music Uniforms

Music Polo Shirts have arrived! As part of our new music uniform our new polo shirts have arrived.

These are a requirement for all music students and are available for purchase for $30 from Performing Arts.

Ski Tour 2016!

The 2016 Ski Tour will be held on the 16th of July.

I would like to invite year 9 and 10 students. The focus for the week is to enable students to experience alpine conditions (snowboarding and skiing) and visit Canberra. Ski tours can be a highlight in the school life of students fortunate enough to attend. We look forward to the great camaraderie and achievement that is always part of a trip such as this.

The cost of this trip is approximately $2200 (dependent on flights) and is inclusive of flights, transport, accommodation, meals (except in transit and lunches), lift tickets, daily lessons, ski hire, ski clothing hire, and travel insurance.

The cost is also inclusive of The Parliament and Civics Rebate (PACER) initiative, which provides assistance for students in year 4-12 across Australia to travel to Canberra, the nation’s capital.

Under PACER, our students will have the opportunity to see their knowledge brought to life when they experience Canberra first hand. Students visit Parliament House, the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House and/or the National Electoral Education Centre and the Australian War Memorial.

Please see Miss Timmins this week if you are interested!!

Canteen News

Fantastic News!

MacKillop Catholic College is getting a new canteen kitchen and inside eating area. However, this will impact on how we order and provide service to staff and students. The following is the first step in addressing some of the logistical issues facing us over the next few months. Please be patient while a system is built to cope with the new changes. This will be from now until approximately the end of June.

Ordering lunches from the canteen until major works are completed:

The servery inside the building will no longer be used. There will be a serving window near the Food Tech Studio door, on the covered basketball side. This is to be mainly used for recess items and snack items for lunch, not for the ordering of larger lunch items.

Larger lunch items will need to be ordered in the following way:

- ouronlinecanteen.com.au is the official way to order food online. Parents already use this system.
- Other lunch orders can be ordered before school starts at either the canteen or the front office. There is a menu in the canteen. Brown paper bags will be written on with name and order. Money will be placed in the bag. These need to be done before school starts. Leanne will be available from 7:30am in the canteen.
- The orders will be collected at lunch at the Food Tech Studio door, on the basketball side, no longer at the rear of the building on the uncovered basketball area.
- There should be no other transactions outside recess and lunch for any staff or students. This area is both a classroom and an industrial workspace and needs to remain as such.

Please be very understanding of staff working in the canteen and the Food tech Studio as the building works will affect all of the staff in this area for the next few months. Any volunteer help offered would be gratefully received. Please see/ring/email Roy Anderson if interested.

Many thanks,

Roy Anderson
Head of Technology

“May your journey always be filled with blessings, and may the life of Saint Mary MacKillop ignite in you the flames of faith and service”
Some recent achievements by our students:

**Basketball**
Well done to Dylan Collins from year 10 who has been selected to coach the Palmerston 12 and Under Basketball team and will be selecting a team away to compete in Tennent Creek. He also was a referee at the Primary school Basketball Cluster day.

**AFL**
Congratulations to the students who were selected to be in the Michael Long Development Squad for the under 14s carnival on the weekend.

**Netball**
Congratulations to Alysha Healy from year 10 who has been selected to represent the Northern Territory in the 17’s Netball team, she will compete in Perth in April. Best of Luck Alysha.

Also, please have a look at our college sports page on our website, at [www.mackillopnt.catholic.edu.au/school-sports](http://www.mackillopnt.catholic.edu.au/school-sports)

It has heaps of information on our sporting schedule and opportunities for students.

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2016 Cazalys Palmy 5 Fun Run/Walk
A family friendly all inclusive event on Sun 17th April. Proudly presented by the City of Palmerston and local businesses. We invite you to Run or Walk 5KM or 2.5KM around the streets of Palmerston taking in the sites as you do. A great morning of fun and activities. Events will start at 7:15am. Contact 08 8945 1979

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**PALMERSTON & RURAL MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

**CRICKET**

**WHEN:** Friday 18th March 2016
**WHERE:** Palmerston Indoor Cricket
**TIME:** 9.30 to 1.30pm
**COST:** $15 per student (depends on student numbers—will be added to school fees)
**TEAMS:** 8 per team

Departure time: 8.30am from the MacKillop Bus stop.
Return time: Students to depart the venue and return to school by 2.45pm by bus.

Bring:
- Wear school PE uniform, bring a hat, water bottle, sunscreen, food and a small amount of money if a canteen is available. (please bring a packed lunch in case there are no canteen facilities)

Return note by:
- Please return the attached permission note and return to your home room teacher or front office by Friday 4th March 2016. Late notes will not be accepted unless due to student absence. Notes can also be scanned and emailed directly to Rod Plummer at the email address below

Contact:
- Contact Rod Plummer on rod.plummer@parrs.catholic.edu.au or on 89305757 for more information.

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The Regional Middle School Netball Day

**When:** Friday 11th March, 2016
**Where:** Palmerston Netball Courts
**Time:** 9.30am—2.00pm
**Cost:** $15 (estimate depending on student numbers—will be added to school fees)

Bus leaving MacKillop bus stop at 8.45am and returning by 2.30pm.

Please wear school PE uniform, bring a hat, water bottle, sunscreen, food and a packed lunch.

Contact Brodie Boyd for more details on brodie.boyd@parrs.catholic.edu.au
Ph: 08 89305757

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“May your journey always be filled with blessings, and may the life of Saint Mary MacKillop ignite in you the flames of faith and service”
As we approach our first games of the season it is important our footballers are all ready to begin our school’s football season.

A list of things your child may need:
* Mouth guard
* Football boots
* Strapping tape (not provided by the college)
* Sunscreen

Please ensure your child has the items they need to play Rugby League safely. In 2016, the uniform will be provided in its entirety on game day. (Jersey, Shorts & Socks). These will need to be returned at the conclusion of each game. If there are any parents who are willing to help us wash jerseys after games please contact David Graham on 0439540865.

SIGN UP PROCESS
Students wishing to play rugby league for MCCRL this year are asked to sign up to our TEAM STUFF website, Parents may also join this website in a Parent capacity. Please familiarize yourself with this website, it is also a downloadable APP!

MALE TEAMS: teamstuff.com/join/mackillop-rugby-leag/b253fa9f
FEMALE TEAMS: teamstuff.com/join/mackillop-rugby-leag/2189975c

FACEBOOK DETAILS:
With the exception of this newsletter and Teamstuff, Facebook will be the primary platform for delivering information in 2016. Please like our page and sign up for updates at: fb.com/mackilloprugby

2016 Merchandise
There is various merchandise available for sale this year:
$50 MacKillop Rugby League Canterbury Polo Shirt
$40 MacKillop Rugby League Training Shirt (NEW design-to be released soon!)
$15 MacKillop Sharks Trucker Cap

New Competition & New Sponsorship
I am pleased to announce the introduction of the Palmerston Cup. The Palmerston cup will be played annually between MacKillop Catholic College & Palmerston Senior College. This is a fabulous opportunity to bond and compete with local Palmerston schools. Hopefully this will solidify Rugby League as a common interest in our community and serve as a wonderful warm up to the Eels & Knights Cups.

All the best,

David Graham
Rugby League Coordinator

MACKILLOP RUGBY LEAGUE DATES 2016
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Congratulations to our Year 12 student, Tihana Kearney on her sign up of her BSB30511 Certificate III in Business Traineeship with Northern Territory Government, with Host Employer; Department of Attorney General & Justice, and RTO; Charles Darwin University.

Tihana will be at work two days each week, and attending one day per week on CDU Casuarina Campus for her Business Course for the full year.

The photo to the right is of Jane; mother of Tihana, Tihana, and Tamara, from Australian Apprenticeship NT.

Senior Years Curriculum News

Getting Your Head around SACE
One of the hardest things for parents and students is getting their head around all the requirements for SACE. How can I make sure I get my NT CET? What do I need to do to get an AT AR? These can be really hard to get right if you aren’t familiar with how SACE CET works. This week our focus is on Compulsory SACE assessment.

Compulsory SACE Assessment Requirements: Stage 1 School Assessment
SACE subjects are 100% school assessed at Stage 1. School assessments are ‘assessments that are set by the school, in accordance with subject outlines, and carried out by the school’ (www.sace.sa.edu.au) At Stage 1 assessments are internally graded; however, compulsory subjects (English, Mathematics and PLP) have confirming moderation processes which are carried out each semester.

Compulsory Subjects
At Stage 1, English, Mathematics, and the Personal Learning Plan (PLP) are compulsory. This means that students must receive a minimum grade of C in order to pass these subjects and graduate with their NT CET. If students do not receive a minimum of C then they are required to repeat the subject until they are able to reach the minimum standard if they fail to do this they will not complete their NT CET successfully.

• Personal Learning Plan (PLP): Students MUST complete 1 semester of PLP in year 10 with a minimum grading of C.
• English: Students MUST complete semester 1 and semester 2 of Stage 1 (year 11) English (any level offered) with a minimum grading of C.
• Mathematics: Students MUST complete 1 semester of Stage 1 (year 11) Mathematics (any level offered) with a minimum grading of C.

Moderation
At Stage 1, English, Mathematics, and the Personal Learning Plan (PLP) are moderated. This means that samples of student work are sent to SACE in order to confirm that teachers are marking fairly and grading accurately.

Elective Subjects
At MacKillop Catholic College all other subjects which are not compulsory are classed as electives. Students choose 3 electives from a wide range of subject offerings which include Design and Technology, the Arts, Health and Physical Education, Humanities, Sciences, Languages, Business and Enterprise and cross-disciplinary subjects. It is an expectation that students choose subjects based upon the pre-requisites set for their post-schooling university course or areas of interest. These subjects will gain the students 10 credit points per semester per subject towards their NT CET at Stage 1.

Stage 1 Points
At Stage 1 it is expected that students will attain a minimum of 130 credits towards their NT CET.

Making Wise Choices
It is imperative that students undertaking Stage 1 courses make well planned and wise decisions. Stage 1 subjects undertaken are the pre-requisite study options for Stage 2 subjects. Students studying at Stage 2 are required to have the suitable prior knowledge of the subject at a Stage 1 level.

“May your journey always be filled with blessings, and may the life of Saint Mary MacKillop ignite in you the flames of faith and service”
**SCHOOL SPORT NT DEVELOPMENT/SELECTION CAMPS**

These events are for students 13yrs and older (as per below for each sport) who are interested in possible selection into the School Sport NT team to participate at School Sport Australia Championships. Nomination forms are available from the School Sport NT website. All development/selection camps are conducted in Darwin and are self-nominating.

### AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL

**Boys 15 years & under only**

**NO AGE DISPENSATION THIS YEAR**

**Camp Date:** April 29th to May 1st  
**Where:** TIO Stadium Darwin  
**Nominations & Full Payment Due:** Friday April 1st 2016

### NETBALL

**Girls 16 years & under**

**Camp Date:** May 14th to May 16th  
**Where:** Marrara Indoor Stadium, Darwin  
**Nominations & Full Payment Due:** Friday April 15th 2016

### TOUCH FOOTBALL

**Boys & Girls 15 years & under**

**Camp Date:** June 24th to June 26th  
**Where:** Fannie Bay Touch Grounds, Darwin  
**Nominations & Full Payment Due:** Monday May 23rd 2016

### CRICKET

**Boys 16 Years & under**

*Students nominating for the camp must be under the age of 17 at midnight on 31st August 2017. School Sport NT can have only 6 players turning 16 at midnight on 31st August 2017 – the rest of the team must be 13/14/15 yrs of age for attendance at the School Sport Australia Championship. Students can't participate in both the development camp and 12yrs championship in the same year.*

**Camp Date:** September 23rd to September 25th  
**Where:** Mararra Cricket Ground, Darwin  
**Nominations & Full Payment Due:** Friday August 26th 2016

More Information can be found at [www.mackillopnt.catholic.edu.au/school-sports](http://www.mackillopnt.catholic.edu.au/school-sports)
FamFit Families, Fun-Fit, Tween-Fit, Kids Yoga, and Tween Yoga...

**FAMFIT FAMILIES**
For Parents / Carers with unlimited children (age 3 years and up)
Saturdays @ 8.30am
Starts 20th February 2016
$159 for 6 week block

**FUN-FIT (4-7yrs)**
Mondays @ 3.30pm
Starts 15th February 2016
$90 for 6 week block

**TWEEN-FIT (8-12yrs)**
Mondays @ 4.15pm
Starts 15th February 2016
$90 for 6 week block

**KIDS YOGA (4-7yrs)**
Tuesdays @ 3.45pm
Starts 16th February 2016
$90 for 6 week block

**TWEEN YOGA (8-12yrs)**
Thursdays @ 4.15pm
Starts 18th February 2016
$90 for 6 week block

**HOW TO BOOK:**
PLACES ARE LIMITED - Please email Leah at famfitnt@gmail.com to secure your spot.

Classes are held at Rosebery Middle School, Rosebery.


*DOWNLOAD OUR FREE FAMFIT NT APP FROM THE PLAYSTORE OR APPLESTORE!*
Restaurant times
Dinner: 6.30pm - 9.30pm
Lunch 12pm - 2pm

Reservations
Phone: 8946 7847
Fax: 8946 7833
Email: karawa@cdu.edu.au

Table maximum is 10, larger bookings will be accommodated on two or more tables.

Please advise of any dietary requirements in advance

Food total must be paid in full when making a reservation.

Bookings may be moved to another date depending on availability if advised 48 hours prior to original booking.

Karawa Training Restaurant

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and patronage of the Karawa Training Restaurant.

Karawa Restaurant is a training facility for hospitality and cookery students. As such food and beverage may take longer to be served and the lecturing staff may feel the need to correct students during service. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

Please take the time to complete the feedback forms provided on the night. We welcome your constructive feedback as it will help to improve the standard of training provided to our students.

Restaurant Dates

March 2016 - Buffet
- Thursday 10th March
- Thursday 17th March

March 2016 - Lunch
- Tuesday 22nd March
- Wednesday 23rd March

March 2016 - A’la Carte
- Wednesday 30th March
- Thursday 31st March

May 2016 - A’la Carte
- Thursday 5th May
- Thursday 12th May
- Thursday 26th May

June 2016 - Buffet
- Wednesday 1st June
- Thursday 2nd June

June 2016 - A’la Carte
- Tuesday 7th June
- Tuesday 14th June

June 2016 - Sunset Dinner
- Wednesday 15th June
- Thursday 16th June

Restaurant Prices

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To book, please contact Kim Inglis on 8946 7833
Year 7 Welcome Dinner
Thursday 25th February, 6pm
@ MacKillop Catholic College

You are most welcome to join us and the rest of our Year 7 Community for a shared meal that will celebrate the beginning of your child’s journey at our College.

**Please bring a dish to share that is of special significance to your family.**

If at all possible please bring picnic chairs and your own plates/utensils to minimise the impact on our environment.

Year 7 students will be exploring the theme of ‘sharing a meal’ as their first integrated project for 2015. The integrated project is a key component of the MacKillop Middle Years Program and will be run at least once a term. The integrated project brings together learning across all core disciplines (Maths, Science, English, SOSE and Religious Education) and culminates in a piece of work that demonstrates how multiple perspectives are needed when engaging with the issues of our local and global communities.

Any questions about this event, contact Mr. Yore: daniel.yore@nt.catholic.edu.au
STUDY IN THE LIBRARY UNTIL 6PM MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY ALL YEAR LEVELS WELCOME
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Notes to Parents:

Please find above the College Term 1 Planner for 2016.

You will receive our College Newsletter each fortnight, via email, wherein you will find additional information regarding the above events.


MASH Netball Competition: 13 & Under, 15 & Under & 17 & Under, Starts 12th April at PNA

Approved School Holidays for 2016

| Term 1, 2016: Mon 25th Jan to Fri 1st April | Thursday 28th Jan – All yr 7, 11 & 12 & all new students Commence
| Holidays: Mon 4th April to Fri 8th April | Friday 25th Mar – Good Friday
| | Monday 28th Mar – Easter Monday
| Term 2, 2016: Mon 11th April to Fri 24th June | Monday 25th April – ANZAC Day
| Holidays: Mon 27th June to Fri 22nd July | Monday 2nd May – May Day
| | Monday 13th June – Queen’s Birthday
| Term 3, 2016: Mon 25th July to Fri 30th Sept | Friday 22nd July – Darwin Show
| Holidays: Mon 3rd Oct to Fri 7th Oct | Monday 1st August – NT Picnic Day
| Term 4, 2016: Mon 10th Oct to Thu 15th Dec | Friday 16th Dec – Student Free Day
| Holidays: Mon 16th Dec to Thu 26th Jan | Friday 16th Dec – Student Free Day (Catholic Identity Day)
| | Friday 16th Dec – Teaching staff last day

Student Free Days for 2016

| Term 1: | Student Free Day
| Monday 25th January | Student Free Day
| Wednesday 26th January | All new Students start and Yr 11 & 12 students
| Thursday 28th January |
| Term 2: | Nil |
| Term 3: | Student Free Day |
| Monday 25th July |
| Term 4: | Student Free Day (Catholic Identity Day) |
| Monday 19th Oct |
| Friday 16th December | Student Free Day |