Dear MacKillop Catholic College Community,

We are now approaching the end of Lent on Holy Thursday, 24 March 2016. As the end of Lent approaches our students have been completing fund raising efforts to raise money for Project Compassion, the major fund raising activity for Caritas Australia, the charity we support in this season of the year. The theme for Project Compassion 2016 is “Learning more, creating change”, and in line with Pope Francis comments that “Education is an act of hope”, this year Project Compassion is concentrating on the power of learning to provide renewed hope to those children, women and men most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

We wish to warmly congratulate those students whose Homeforms have already completed major fund raising activities and offer our encouragement to those students whose Homeforms are still busily preparing for their activities to come to fruition. We would also like to offer our thanks to those many staff and family members who have assisted students with preparing for their activities. Any major fund raiser needs people who are generous and supportive whether through their donations of time, money or goods, or by purchasing the goods on offer, and our students and their families have certainly demonstrated their generosity in both forms!

Giving is important, but many of us concentrate on the help provided for others and overlook that giving is as important for us, the giver, as it is for those we are helping. Giving is a human thing to do. From birth our survival depends upon others giving to us everything we need, and this continues for many years. If our survival into adulthood is not possible without this giving by others, then, surely it is not possible to be happy without in turn having a habit of giving. In his second inaugural address as President of the USA and in the middle of a terrible civil war, Abraham Lincoln spoke of working “with malice towards none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right…” People of all faiths understand and share this common belief in the importance of charity.

People of the monotheistic faiths understand that our creator is the author and giver of all good things. In the Letter of St James we read, “every perfect gift is from above… (and) … “God’s gifts put man’s best gifts to shame.” St Matthew reminds us how fortunate we are to give, because “freely you have received, freely give”. Perhaps the hardest thing to do is to give without qualification or condition. In his two letters to the Corinthians, St Paul writes that “charity is kind” and “God loves a cheerful giver”. His familiar passage from 1 Corinthians 13 about ‘faith, hope and love’ was previously translated as ‘faith, hope and charity’, and declares that without charity/love “I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.” (1 Co 13:1) It is though, only human not to always feel like giving. Shakespeare wrote, “I am not in the giving vein today” (Richard III) and in Hamlet, “For the noble mind, rich gifts wax poor when givers prove unkind”.

“He gives twice who gives quickly” is an old saying that reminds us that the time to give is now! Our fulfilment in life results from generous giving rather than the corrosive desire for personal gain. About 160 years ago, the Christian thinker Etienne de Grelet reflected:

“I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do or any kindness I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it for I shall not pass this way again.”

We thank you, for your contribution to Project Compassion this Lent!

Chris Trevillion and Michael Graham
Deputy Principals

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YEAR 12 CARITAS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Once again, MacKillop Catholic College has been fundraising for Project Compassion. “Caritas, Australia’s annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal, brings thousands of Australians together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.” Year 12 students held a sausage sizzles to contribute to the College’s efforts. We would very much like to thank Ms Lia Finocchairo, our local member for the legislative assembly of the Northern Territory, for her kind and generous donation of the sausages. Lia shows a great interest in our College and has helped us bring light to some of the poorest people in the world.

Mark Wilson
Fundraiser Organiser

RCIA CANDIDATES

Good Friday Walk 2016

Palmerston to Darwin Cathedral - 25/03/2016

So much love Jesus showed us through that Cross, that he died for us and made us imperishable in Spirit.

2015 we had quite a few kids who walked, as you can see in the photo below.

Jesus invites you to do this little pilgrimage walk and to feel the glory of God through those times when its hurting and feels like it is not possible.

Starting from - OLNC Palmerston Parish Front Gate - 25/03/2016
Time: 3 am and hope to reach Darwin Cathedral at 8:30 am.

Please arrange transport for you to get picked up from Darwin. If anyone would like to volunteer in bringing back the walkers would be appreciated, as an option if needed. We will be carrying water and some snacks for the walkers.

We need a volunteer to drive the support vehicle as well, its a manual car.
For any information please contact: Harold: 0405217307, John: 0427027134
Or email: disciples@jesseldarwin@gmail.com

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NEW APPRENTICESHIP SIGN-UPS

Congratulations Riley Tucker and his family. Riley has been accepted to a full time light vehicle apprenticeship with Peter Coles at Coles Motors.

Congratulations Keanu Lee-Feeney and his family. Keanu has been accepted to a full time apprenticeship in electro-technology with employer, Sparks NT.

Visit from the Deputy Chief Minister

Last week we had a visit from the Hon Peter Styles MLA, Deputy Chief Minister of the NT. His visit coincided with an announcement that the NT Government was dedicating $10 million to non-government schools as part of the “Boosting the Economy” package.

Upgrades, repairs and maintenance for Territory schools are the focus of this package, ensuring the widest possible community benefit from this spending. The $10 million of funding provided to non-government schools will see new facilities built, upgrades to existing infrastructure, painting contracts and upgrades to water and mechanical systems brought forward, creating jobs for local businesses.

Greg O’Mullane, Deputy Director of School Services for Catholic Education NT welcomed the funding, particularly to the Catholic schools across the Territory.

He says the Boosting Our Economy package will give schools an opportunity to get projects on the go immediately and in turn; we will see improved infrastructure and a better operating environment for our students.

Mr Styles enjoyed his time at our College as he was shown around by our student leaders, who did a fantastic job as hosts. Thank you to all our students for displaying such exemplary behaviour during this visit, and for keeping our College looking wonderful.

We look forward to the opportunities to improve your educational experience that will be opened to us through this much appreciated funding, and thank the minister for taking the time to come and see us here at MacKillop Catholic College.

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Year 7 News

Week Eight brings with it many assignments, exams and hard work from the Year 7s. For some students, homework and study is a new concept this year. Homework has many benefits, including teaching students the skills of:

1. Good study habits
2. Time management.
3. Prioritising
4. Problem solving.
5. Revision.
6. Responsibility for their part in the educational process.
7. Working independently.
8. Planning and organisation

Please do not hesitate to get in contact with your classroom teacher if you have any queries or concerns. The staff are more than happy to clarify and assist with strategies to make the process easier. The academic calendar can be found on our website and through the new School Stream App.

We offer a homework club in the library Monday – Thursday free of charge for all students.

A huge congratulations to all Year 7 students who are currently wearing their uniforms so perfectly. It will be a tight contest for the pizza lunch at the end of term.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

• Parent/Teacher/Student interviews – Week 10 (more information to follow)
• Year 7 Museum Excursion – postponed till Week 2 of Term 2 (more information to follow)
• Year 7 Retreat - Week 6 Term 2
  o Monday 16th May to Friday 20th May
    ▪ (7.1, 7.3, 7.5 – Monday to Wednesday)
    ▪ (7.2, 7.4, 7.6 – Wednesday to Friday)
    ▪ (to be confirmed)

Good luck to all students on their upcoming exams and assignments.

Kind Regards,

Kelly Sayer
Year 7 Coordinator

Year 7 Textiles

Making a great start in their design careers, Year 7 elective textile students have completed either a tote bag or drawstring bag in their first 6 weeks at MacKillop Catholic College. This is a selection of the finished bags. Congratulations on a great effort.

Lisa Johnson
Textiles Teacher

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**Year 7 News, Continued**

Year 7.5 doing their Mary MacKillop Biography Poster Assignments with Mrs G

Cupcake stall and Caritas Fundraising with Miss Cooper

**Arts News**

**DANCE NEWS**

Senior dancers have been busy learning new and exciting moves this term. Students will be performing what they have learnt thus far at the Harmony Day Assembly. What a great opportunity to share our MCC Dance community spirit and join together doing something we all enjoy.

Can't wait for everyone to get up and dance!

Year 10 Dance have had a fantastic time working with Aaron Lim over the past couple of weeks. Aaron is a Darwin born B-boy who has shared his knowledge and experience on Break Dance. These Year 10's had a couple of sessions working on breaking, threading, top rocks, cyphers and even learning a couple of sequences.

*Natalie Halsteins*  
Dance, Drama & PE Teacher

*“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”*
With the casting now finalised our leads are busy learning their parts in preparation for our performances in May. Currently we are seeking keen volunteers to help with costumes and set construction.

Please remember rehearsal times!!!

**LEADS ONLY: MONDAY LUNCH TIME**
**FULL CAST: WEDNESDAY 3:10pm – 5:00pm**

**COSTUME DONATIONS:**
Any old leather jackets, jeans, white T-shirts, colourful dresses we would love to have them!

**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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**PHOTOS FROM PARRS NETBALL**

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

Brodie Boyd
Sports Coordinator

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RECENT RESULTS

PALMERSTON CUP
Inaugural Palmerston Cup champions!!!
Mackillop Catholic College 28 def. Palmerston Senior College 0.
This was a tremendous win as this was an OPEN AGE GROUP Cup. (Pictures below)

JUNIOR, SENIOR AND GIRLS 9's - ST JOHNS
Good hard fought games.
Girls tag: MCC 2 (draw) SJCC 2
Junior Boys: MCC 4, def. SJCC 2
Senior Boys: MCC 2 (draw) SJCC 2
Well done all players. Next stop, Eels Cup!

David Graham
Rugby League Coordinator

MACKILLOP RUGBY LEAGUE DATES 2016
13th APR 16 & Under Eels Cup Mackillop vs Palmerston 1:00pm
28th – 29th APR 15 & Under Katherine Trip + Eels Cup + NT Shield
25th MAY 16 & Under Eels Cup Quarter Final
1st JUN 16 & Under Eels Cup Semi Final
11th JUN 16 & Under Eels Cup Final
13th - 21st JUN Rugby League Trip
21st SEP 15 & Under Catholic Cup
22nd SEP 15 & Under NTRL Top End Shield
28th OCT Presentation Night

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Canteen Corner

Leanne Pope  
Canteen Manager

The canteen would like feedback from parents regarding the canteen menu and how they feel about the online app.

Are you happy with the app?

Is our menu easy to use and to understand?

Is there anything else you would like to see on the menu?

Do you have any suggestions or any ideas you would like share?

Please forward any comments or feedback you have to Mr Roy Anderson, at roy.anderson@nt.catholic.edu.au.

Thank you!

Leanne Pope  
Canteen Manager

Chaplain’s Chat

Mass times at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish:

Saturday: 6pm,  
Sunday: 8.30am and 6pm

Holy Week:

Palm Sunday: 8.30am and 6pm  
Holy Thursday: 7pm  
Good Friday: 9am Stations of the Cross  
3pm Passion of Our Lord  
Holy Saturday: 7pm  
Easter Sunday 8:30am and 6pm

Kathryn Pettersen  
College Chaplain

Coming Events

TERM 1

WEEK 9

Sun 20/3  
Palm Sunday

From Mon 21/3  
Holy Week

Mon 21/3  
Harmony Day

Tue 22/3  
Litchfield Primary Cluster  
- Rugby League Foot Focus  
Chrm Mass 7pm

Wed 23/3  
P&F Canteen Mtg 5pm

Thu 24/3  
HOLY THURSDAY LITURGY 9am  
Palmerston Primary Cluster  
- Rugby League Footy Focus

Fri 25/3  
Good Friday  
Good Friday Walk 3am at OLHC Church

WEEK 10

From Sun 27/3  
Structured Work Placement  
Easter Monday - Public Holiday

Mon 28/3  
Parent/Teacher/ Student Conferences 3:30 - 6:30pm

Tue 29/3  
MONDAY’S TIMETABLE  
- Due to public Holiday

Thu 31/3  
Last day of Term 1

Fri 1/4

TERM 2

WEEK 1

Mon 11/4  
7.00pm- P&F Mtg  
Yr 12 Trial Exams

Tue 12/4  
Yr 12 Trial Exams  
Fri 15/4  
Last day for elective changes

WEEK 2

18/4 - 20/4  
Year 12 Retreat

Mon 18/4  
7.00pm-Board Mtg

19/4 - 25/4  
- 2nd Quarterly Mtg

Fri 22/4  
Netball Trip to Gold Coast  
Term 1 Elective reports due to CT

WEEK 3 -

Net Ministries Week

WEEK 4 -

Music Camp  
6/5 - 7/5  
Musical Performance

WEEK 5

Mon 9/5  
7.00pm- P&F Mtg  
10/5 - 12/5  
NAPLAN Tests

WEEK 6

Mon 16/5  
6.00pm- Board AGM Mtg

Yr 7 Retreat

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HOLIDAY LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAMS
Goldfishbowl Swim School Palmerston

School holiday programs will be available over the school holiday break (5 half hour classes). The one week intensive blocks are a fast paced learning process, "5 weeks work in one week"

One week blocks: (cost $75 per week)

Week: Monday 4th April – Friday 8th April

www.learn2swimdarwin.com.au

PLEASE CALL ALANNA ON 89311000 FOR MORE INFORMATION

NFL FLAG COMES TO DARWIN!

Bring it on Sports run NFL Flag School Holiday Camps for boys & girls aged 7-17 Years. Every participant receives their own official reversible NFL Flag Jersey

DATE: Thursday 7 and Friday 8 April 2016
TIME: 9am – 4pm
VENUE: Rugby Park (Field 1), 71 Abala Road, Marrara
COST: $199.00 includes 2 day clinic, NFL Flag Jersey & Insurance

REGISTER YOUR PLACE ONLINE

HARMONY DAY
21 MARCH

Year 7 to 9
Poster Competition!

Design a Poster that promotes Cultural Inclusiveness. Don't forget to put your name on the back of it!

Prizes for 1st, 2nd and Runner-Up
Winner gets a Canteen Voucher and a Principal's Award!

Submit Entries to Mrs. G or the front office before Thursday week 9

STUDY IN THE LIBRARY
UNTIL 6PM
MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY
ALL YEAR LEVELS WELCOME

BARUNGA FESTIVAL
10 - 12 JUNE 2016
For entry forms and competition guidelines, visit www.barungafestival.com.au

YO! GOT A MATURE IDEA FOR A FILM THAT'S 4 MINUTES LONG OR LESS?
THEN YOU SHOULD ENTER THE ROAD SAFETY SHORT FILM COMPETITION!

WINNERS ANNOUNCED AND FILMS SHOWN AT
THERE'S OVER $5000 IN PRIZE MONEY TO BE WON!

PRIZE CATEGORIES
- Best Film
- Best Actor
- Best School Film
- Encouragement Award

GET STARTED QUICK!
ENTRIES CLOSE 22nd APRIL 2016.
Expression of Interest

GIRLS IN TRADES

HIA is offering a Certificate I in Construction commencing semester 2 2016, over a period of approximately 12 months. We are gathering EOs to determine the demand for this program. It is open to girls in Year 10 and above, and is aimed at those considering a career in the building and construction industry. With girls/women very under-represented in the sector, our focus is to generate interest so that girls see the trades as a viable post-school option.

Further details:

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If you require further information, please don’t hesitate to get in touch on the details below:

Ms Kim Hawkins
Skills Centre Manager

Housing Industry Association Ltd
651 Stuart Highway
Business Park, Berrimah NT 0820
p 08 8995 6302
f 08 8995 6333
m 0417 948 865
hia.com.au
INVITATION TO ATTEND TRIALS – RUGBY LEAGUE 12 & UNDER

Ages 10-12 Primary & Middle School Students
Players must be a minimum of 10 years – i.e. born no later than 2006, and a maximum of 12 yrs. – i.e. born no earlier than 2004.)

You are invited to attend the trials for the 2016 PARRS Rugby League team. PARRS will field one Rugby League team. At the end of the 3 trial sessions, selectors will identify the students that will make up the PARRS Team. PARRS will be selecting 17 students per team plus reserves. PARRS team members will compete at the School Sport NT 12 & under Rugby League Championships being held in Alice Springs from 15th-19th May (travelling days included). Students will be selected based on their ability to participate as a team member, attending training, meet game specific criteria and agree to meet cost. Please remember it is your responsibility to get to and from training, if are unable to attend training, you must notify your coach or the PARRS office.

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If you are selected on the PARRS team, you will be notified by your coach of training dates and venues. More details will be provided by team managers after team selections have been made. This will include information on permission notes, codes of behavior, levy payments and uniforms.

SCHOOL SPORT EVENT DETAILS

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<td>Mon 18th – Wed 20th May TRAVEL days either side</td>
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ALL LEVIES MUST BE PAID BY Monday 2nd May 2016 Total $1115

C/- Moulden Park Primary School Tel: 89305 919, 60 Bonson Terrace, Moulden NT 0830 (PO Box 80 Palmerston NT 0830)

CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE AT AFL 12 & UNDER TRIALS – GIVE TO MANAGER

Given Name:                              Family Name:
Date of Birth: Age on 31st Dec 2016 Male Female School

CONTACT DETAILS

Parent/Guardian Given Name: Parent/Guardian Family Name:
Residential Address: Postal Address:
Mobile Phone: Phone (AH) Email
Does your child suffer from any medical condition? If yes, please list

Signed: (Parent/Guardian) Date: / /
10/03/16

Ride to School Day

1st of April

Students, teachers, parents, principals, and friends keep your calendars free for Ride to School Day, held on the last Friday of Term 1.

We encourage parents and their children to walk and ride to school. Choosing the active way of getting to school provides benefits to students, parents, schools and the broader community.

Why should you get involved?

- Achieve improved learning outcomes (exercise stimulates brain activity so students who walk or ride to school arrive at class ready to learn)
- Physical activity lifestyle habits - habits that will help us to stay healthy throughout our life;
- Keep roads around schools safe - families who walk and ride to school don't bring their car to the school.

Communication regarding the Ride to School Day will be made via email and school stream (schoolstream.com.au/download). Please make every effort to read the college newsletter, website, emails, follow school stream or make contact with myself if you have any enquiries about the day.

Please look out for registration packs as they will be available in the front office over the next couple of weeks.

Let’s leave the car at home as much as possible!!

Miss Timmins
Outdoor Education Coordinator

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P 08 8930 5757 | F 08 8930 5700 | E mackillopcollege@nt.catholic.edu.au
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PRESENTS THE MUSICAL

Cruisin*

Book, Music & Lyrics by
Rod Christian & Peter Waterman

Fri 6th MAY 12pm, 6pm
Sat 7th MAY 6pm

@ the MacKillop Catholic College Dance and Drama Theatre, D Block

The vibrant, energetic and engaging musical story that follows Vinnie Russo, a young Italian kid as he struggles to escape from his Papa’s expectations, to take his place in the modern 1950’s world of motorbikes, rock and roll — and girls!

INFO:
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Phone: 08 8930 5717