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**"Never see a need without
trying
to do something about it"**

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Dear Members of MacKillop Catholic College Community



Inspiration is not the exclusive privilege of poets and artists generally. "There is, as been and always will be a certain group of people whom inspiration visits. It's made up of all those who have consciously chosen their calling and do their job with love and imagination." May we be open to the Spirit of God and its promptings of holy inspiration, finding ourselves able to accomplish good and great works of kindness, compassion and reconciliation in whatever medium we work, in whatever place we dwell, in whatever time we live.

Some of these inspirational people I have met this last fortnight include:

- Marea Moulton, Natalie Hafsteins, Rebekah Lloyd, Jessica Hanson who catered for Our Lady Help of Christians' Parish Silver Jubilee celebration; serving up in excess of 600 meals;
- Those who helped with the Jubilee Mass: Lindsay Luck, Marie Butt, David Graham, Stella Wallis, Johnny Grant
- Michelle Gordon who baked the Jubilee cake;
- The many others who helped all weekend to make the event a success: Michelle Mills, Peter Salestine, Peter Wallis, Abbie & Michaela Morgan Doherty, Michelle Rafferty, Caoimhe & Shae Rafferty, Jayden Grant
- Our music staff for the successful music camp
- Our Rugby League team and staff who organised a successful Katherine trip;
- Brodie Boyd and staff who organised a wonderful Athletics Carnival; and,
- Our Try Day Touch Football Mix team

Let us pray together...

Loving God, send into our hearts and lives your fire of love, the Holy Spirit. In the wisdom of the Spirit may we love our family, friends and community, as Jesus would love them. We ask this in his name confident that you will hear us. ...Amen

Yours Sincerely

**With Blessings
Lauretta Graham
Principal**

Deputy Principal - Pastoral Care



Dale Gleeson
Deputy Principal – Pastoral
Care

The extract from the article by Michael Grose outlines the nature of some of the problems associated with 'Bullying' experienced in the contemporary school setting. I would like to use it to open a conversation about where our school is at:

'Bullying is a word that's wrapped in emotion. For many people bullying is associated with bad childhood memories. It's been estimated that around 40% of people has experienced some type of bullying in the past.

The ghosts from the past are never far away for parents and can sometimes influence the way we react to current circumstances, including when our own children experience difficulties in their relationships inside or outside school.

Bullying is an insidious behaviour that transgresses children's natural right to feel safe and secure. It can adversely affect their learning, emotional well-being, further peer relations and their sense of self.

Types of Bullying

Bullying takes many forms and guises including physical and emotional abuse, intimidation, harassment and exclusion.

It now has a well-publicised cyber-dimension which has moved the goalposts for many kids. In the past children could escape bullying behaviours they may have experienced by being at home. Cyber-bullying now means that kids can't escape the bully like they once could.

Bullying is not the domain of one gender. Girls bully just as much as boys but they do it in less physical ways. While boys use physical intimidation or verbal abuse to wield power, girls are more likely to use exclusion or verbal sarcasm to assert themselves.

Bullying should not be confused with teasing, rejection, random acts of violence or physicality and conflict. While children will often tease or fight, this bickering should not be confused with bullying.

Bullying is about lack of power as one person is powerless to stop the teasing or physical abuse. Bullying is the selective, uninvited, repetitive oppression of one person by another person or group. It should not be tolerated or practised by the adults who inhabit their world.' <http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Parents/Bullying>

Like all schools we are not immune to issues relating to 'bullying' and, of course, this means that there are both victims and students responsible for unacceptable behaviour. This behaviour sometimes stems from a student's inability to respond appropriately to a range of 'real-life' challenges.

Through our pastoral care program students can develop a range of skills and strategies to help deal with such situations and most then use these skills to manage challenging circumstances.

Whilst we can offer up these learning opportunities and have a range of policies, procedures and consequences to deal with issues around bullying, the challenge of social media remains one to grapple with.

A simple answer has avoided most schools because of the very limited control schools can have over the use of this medium of communication. Whilst we do educate around safe use and cyber-bullying the ubiquitous nature of this technology means that only a combined effort on the part of parents and schools can bring students to an understanding of responsible use.

At MacKillop students are encouraged to seek the support of teachers when they feel they feel threatened or unsafe. This is the appropriate option for all students and I would ask parents to encourage the children to utilise the support our school can offer.

I would also encourage parents to communicate with their children and with the school when they begin to notice behaviours that might suggest something at school is becoming uncomfortable for their children.

This will give all involved the best possible chance for a positive resolution.

Performing Arts Department



David Graham
Performing Arts & Rugby
League Coordinator

Music Camp 2015

The Music Department music camp was held on 18th and 19th of May, at Mackillop Catholic College. The camp involved students from the String and Guitar Ensemble and also the Concert Band, in preparation for our college's Music Night.

The students rehearsed with their respective ensembles, which gave them the opportunity to explore creative techniques on their instruments. The camp also gave the students some social bonding time between members of the different ensembles. In addition the students were also given a fantastic opportunity to work with professional musicians in the Northern Territory, and Adelaide. Such as Veronique Serret, Concert Master of the Darwin Symphony Orchestra, Sergeant Anissa Hogbin from the Australian Army Band Crops and Richie Robinson, a session musician and guitarist from Adelaide through workshops and master classes. At the end of the two days, each ensemble preformed for each other, which highlighted the improvement from each player involved. This short concert highlighted the hard work of each group and

celebrated their success amongst their peers.

Overall the camp was a success and we look forward to making these camps a regular exciting fixture on the school calendar.



Do you wish to learn an instrument? Enrol now for Term 3!

If you are interested learning an instrument, then come and join our fantastic music department. We offer lessons for the following instruments.

Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Oboe, Bassoon, Trumpet, Trombone, Guitar, Drums, Orchestral Percussion, Piano and Voice.

For more information, check out our MacKillop Catholic College Music website: a <http://www.mackillopmusic.com> or enquire within.

MacKillop Catholic College Music Department.

Performing Arts Continued



Alphonsus Tan
Music Teacher -
Strings

Richard Narroway's Cello Workshop and Concert at CDU Darwin

It had been a busy week for the Mackillop College Music Department, especially for the Strings Faculty. Strings Teacher, Mr Alphonsus Tan and Student Cellist, Sarah Blackman (Year 7) participated in the Cello Ensemble Workshop and Concert conducted by Richard Narroway on Sunday, 24 May 2015.

Sydney-born Richard completed his Masters of Music in cello at the prestigious Juilliard School of Music in New York and is currently touring Australia to give workshops and performances for regional Australia.

Richard led the rehearsal of the cello ensemble, which consisted of all the cellists in Darwin and Palmerston in the afternoon. Exploration of performance techniques of Mendelssohn's Nocturne from the "Midsummer Night's Dream" and Palestrina's Madrigal were discussed and work shopped during the rehearsal.

The day ended with a concert in the evening, featuring the Advanced Chamber Ensemble from the Community Youth Centre of Music (CYCM), solo works by Richard and the Cello Ensemble. The audience was blown away by the excellent performance of Bach's Cello Suite No. 1 in G major by Richard. It was an enriching experience for both the audience and for all the cellists of Darwin and Palmerston.

Fun Facts about the Cello:

1. The word 'cello' comes from the Italian name 'violincello' which means 'Little Violin'. The violin is the lowest pitch instrument in the viol family that was commonly used before the 18th century.
2. The plural of cello is *celli* or *cellos*.
3. The cello has made several appearances in popular music in recent years. In the 1960s, it was featured in "Eleanor Rigby" and "Strawberry Fields Forever" by The Beatles. More recent bands that have used the cello include Aerosmith, Nirvana, Smashing Pumpkins and One Republic.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Sarah Grant for achieving an "A" (Honours) for her Australian Music Examinations (AMEB) Grade 4 Violin Examinations, held on 15th May 2015. what a fantastic achievement, well done Sarah!



From the Sports Department

MacKillop Catholic College Annual Cross Country Event 2015

House Results

Place	House	Points
1st	Blue	316
2nd	Gold	306
3rd	Green	246
4th	Red	214



Brodie Boyd
PE & Sports Coordinator

Age Champions

12 year old boys	Will Lasker
12 year old girls	Cailynn Noppen
13 year old boys	PhillipVo
13 year old girls	Charlie Symons
14 year old boys	Denzel Tulloch
14 year old girls	Micaella Desimito
15 year old boys	Jack Waddell
15 year old girls	Alysha Healy
16 year old boys	Rob Bull
16 year old girls	Erin Lidbetter
17 year old boys	Keanu Lee Feeney
17 year old girls	Jacintha Misob
18 year old boys	Aiden Cross
18 year old girls	Jassyka Hanson



The Sports Department Continues...



Sports Department Continued...

PARRS TOUCH FOOTBALL- TRIALS

Day	Date	Time	Venue
Thursday	11th June	4.00 – 5.00pm	MacKillop School Oval
Thursday	18th June	4.00 – 5.00pm	

PARRS CRICKET—TRIALS Players must be a minimum of 10 years – i.e. born no later than 2005, and a maximum of 12 yrs – i.e. born no earlier than 2003.)

Day	Date	Time	Venue
Thursday	30th July	4.00 – 5.00pm	Fred's Pass
Thursday	6th August	4.00 – 5.00pm	

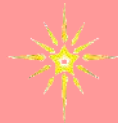
Mac Nights Term 2



Lauren Hill,
College Chaplain

The next Mac Night will be held next Friday 12th June 2015, details to follow!
All welcome!

Email: lauren.hill@nt.catholic.edu.au



Around the Campus

Congratulations!

To Ms Kim Schofield, Skye Gutte and family on the birth of **Baylee May Robson** recently! isn't she pretty?!

**AWESOME JOB LIAM FLEMING!**

Liam played 9 games over 3 days for the PARRS Power Team, he scored 10 goals, the team won 7 games! Liam has been selected to represent the NT at the Pacific School Games in Adelaide in November!

Around the Campus



Congratulations!

TO ALYSHA HEALY WHO HAS BEEN SELECTED TO PLAY IN THE U15 NT SCHOOLS NETBALL TEAM AND WILL BE GOING INTERSTATE IN SEPTEMBER!



What a Superstar!

Mickayla Perkins

recently competed in the 2015 National BMX Championships in Brisbane.

Mickayla raced extremely well managing to progress to the finals for the two events she raced in, Mickayla placed 3rd in Australia for 12 year old girls and 1st in Australia for 11-12 Girls Cruiser Division.

Mickayla will represent Australia and head to Belgium in July for the BMX World Championships!



Sheree Bryers
Head of Visual Arts

A BIG THANK YOU!

The Food Technology Department this month hosted a fundraiser. A huge thank you to all that supported the cause with orders. The Department is now in possession of sturdy, life-time warranty storage containers. Another big thank you to Karita McCarthy, our Tupperware demonstrator for donating her commission back into the College.

If would like to purchase any Tupperware please feel free to contact her.

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Parents & Friends Page

Thank you to all those who helped to support the Mother's Day stall held at school on Friday 8th May. We hope there were some happy mums on the Sunday with their gifts. We raised approximately \$300!

The P&F is currently focusing on raising funds to pay for the new Shade Sail which had been installed above the playground.

Ongoing - The MacKillop P&F are raising funds for the school, order your [Darwin Entertainment Books](https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/91h5549) here! Available now to order for the 2015-2016 books.

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/91h5549>

Friday 29th May - Sausage sizzle & drinks stall at the MacKillop Athletics Carnival (being held this year at Marrara).

Saturday 13th June - We are running the Hot Drinks, Popcorn & Cakes stall at the FlicNics free monthly 'movie under the stars' at Sanctuary Lakes (Gunn). See you there from 6:30pm.

Sunday 20th June - We are doing the rubbish cleanup again at the V8 Super Cars at Hidden Valley. Start time is 8am. All help is appreciated, this is a busy day and earns us a lot of money for the school.

We are always happy to have helping hands at these events. Please contact the school to register your interest, if you would like to assist us.

Our committee meets on the 2nd Monday of every month - **our next meeting is Tuesday 9th June.**

Please come along and see what goes on as part of the P&F. You are all either parents or friends of MacKillop so you're already a part of what we do. Help us to fundraise for your students, help us to run the school canteen, be a voice and be part of our plans for MacKillop for this year and beyond. Parents (& Friends) are welcome to attend any of the meetings during the year.

Did you know that there is a MacKillop Facebook page?! Find it on Facebook - [MacKillop Catholic College Palmerston NT](#) - and click 'Like' to keep up with what is happening in the MacKillop community.

Parents & Friends Committee

A letter from the P&F President to MacKillop Catholic College Head of Rugby League

Good morning David Graham,

Thank you for the opportunity to be involved with the Katherine Rugby Trip, the students displayed great comradie with each other over the two days especially with the bus trip down and back. I feel they showed the true values of MacKillop in their representation of the College. The highlight was the opportunity to play a basketball game with the disadvantaged students of Katherine High, these by were asked by the coordinators for the after school program if they would like to participate and the answer was yes. Feedback from the coordinators was the resounding thanks for allowing their indigenous boys to gain experience working and conversing with other cultural dynamics. This I believe, is due to the wonderful program you and the school have developed with these boys. Secondly, our students helped St Joseph's boys fill numbers to play against Katherine High, which they jumped at.

While our outcome was not a major win, the boys achieved a great milestone against the other schools, and next year with more experience they could come out on top, they have a great companionship that has developed with the playing group, setting up future groups to come through.

You are undertaking a great achievement with this group and the Rugby Program at MacKillop. Well done!

**Peter Wallis
President P&F Association
MacKillop Catholic College
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Get all Revved up!

The MacKillop P&F are looking for parent help with our V8 Supercars clean up on Sunday 21st June!

This is a fantastic fundraising opportunity for the College and is a fun (but busy!) day!

It involves cleaning up the rubbish, mostly cans, around the grounds and of course free entry to the V8's! start time is approximately 8am and it is all day! If you can offer your time for the day, please contact the College with your name and phone number and we will get back to you to confirm details.

All help will be much appreciated!

