



# MACKILLOP NEWS

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## From the Principal

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*"Never see a need without trying to do something about it."*  
St. Mary MacKillop



**Dear Members of MacKillop Catholic College Community,**

**Thank you to the many parents who attended the Year 9 into 10 evening held last week.** It was wonderful to see you all at our gathering, speaking with staff and excited about the years ahead at MacKillop. As I stood and listened to the numerous presentations from our wonderful Leadership Team and Heads of Department, my mind drifted to the words of Archbishop Mark Coleridge from Brisbane, shared with me by a colleague. He told me of Bishop Coleridge's two questions raised at a recent conference:

- ***"Are we educating young people only for a set of qualifications at the end of their journey, or are we educating young people to provide them with an education that makes them valuable contributors to the society in which we live?"***
- ***"Do we want to be the best school in the town, or do we want to be the best school for the town?"***

On nights like these my hope is that parents can clearly see we are doing our best to help educate their children to be valuable and contributing members of the world in which they live by offering them a range of experiences that help them develop in all aspects of life.

And as far as the second question is concerned, our partnerships with our local community continue to grow and many families around Palmerston realise that MacKillop is here for them. If we have not been here for you in the best way we can please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be willing to discuss any of your concerns. If you are happy with the school, our staff and the efforts they are making let them know as well.

**Thank you to the Year 8 staff who ran the week long Year 8 camps.** What an overwhelming success story and enjoyed by all. Thank you to all parents who continue to support the Retreats and Camps Program across the College. It is wonderful to be part of a school where parents understand that the Retreats and Camps Program is not an "add on" and they see that the year level camp or the retreat is an integral part of the students course of study. Thank you for this.

*May the spirit and passion of Mary MacKillop continue to inspire and empower us to choose life in its fullness, not only for ourselves but for others – especially those in need.*

**Blessings of faith, love and joy to all,**

**Lauretta Graham**  
Principal

*"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"*

## From the School Captains



### What is the origin and purpose of the processional cross?

The Processional Cross, also known as the "Processional Crucifix," is a well known religious object to most Catholics. While its design and style may vary, the crucifix is large enough for the faithful to see during a procession because it is usually mounted on a long handle. The Processional Cross is used in most liturgical processions within the Catholic Church. It is carried at the front of the procession, with the figure of the crucified Christ facing the direction towards which the procession is moving. This is symbolic of the Christians being followers of Christ. Once the cross is carried to the altar, it may be placed on or near the altar or, if a fixed altar cross is already in place, it may be taken to the sacristy. The usage of the Processional Cross in the Liturgy dates back several centuries. The origin of this tradition is commonly credited to St. Augustine of England who died in 604. In the 8th century, St. Bede wrote *Historia Ecclesiastica Gentis Anglorum* (Ecclesiastical History of the English People), and in this document he included a description of Augustine of England, the first Archbishop of Canterbury, carrying a processional cross.

Our present Year 12 students have decided to present the College with a Processional Cross that will be used throughout the history of the College. As our first student leaders of the College, they will pass this cross down through the generations of student leaders symbolising their contribution to the establishment of this school.



*Shane, Maleena and Alannah*  
School Captains



BISHOP EUGENE HURLEY  
Bishop of Darwin

INVITES

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESAN FAMILY

TO ATTEND MASS IN ST. MARY'S STAR OF THE SEA  
WAR MEMORIAL CATHEDRAL, DARWIN

CELEBRATED BY

HIS EXCELLENCY, MOST REV. ADOLFO YLLANA,  
APOSTOLIC NUNCIO

ON

TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015  
AT 6.00 P.M.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL FOLLOW IN MACKILLOP HALL  
(Next to the Cathedral)

## Confirmation

Confirmation will take place  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm.

Confirmation Classes start Sunday  
30<sup>th</sup> August at 5pm.

At Our Lady Help of Christians Parish  
Office, Palmerston



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## From the Deputy Principal: Academic Studies



A big thank you to all the Parents and Guardians of our Year 9 students who attended the Subject Information Evening last Wednesday. We had roughly 100 attendees who benefitted from the opportunity to speak to our teachers and VET providers. If you missed the evening please feel free to contact me via email via [chris.trevillion@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:chris.trevillion@nt.catholic.edu.au) and I will send you the information booklets that were discussed.

The next information evening will be for our Year 10 students as they enter Year 11. This is an immensely important evening as they will be making subject choices that will affect them in their life post schooling. This Subject Selection Evening will take place Tuesday 8/9 at 6pm.

Week 9 is our Parent / Teacher / Student conferences. We will again be using the PTO (Parent Teacher Online) system to book interviews and parents will have plenty of time to learn and refresh themselves on how to use this system. By booking interviews online it allows parents greater flexibility and control, we all know that sometimes the interview booking sheets of the past would get left in the bottom of students bags. Stay tuned for more information.

Elective choices are being reviewed for Term 4. Students in Year 7 – 9 selected their Term 4 electives at the end of Term 2, but we are giving the students a chance to review these choices and make changes (within reason). For these changes to occur, parents are required to sign off on a change of elective form that students will be issued.

Again thank you for your ongoing support, the community feel of MacKillop Catholic College is truly unique and one which we can all be proud.

*Chris Trevillion*

Deputy Principal: Academic Studies

## From the Deputy Principal: Pastoral Care



Can I take this opportunity to congratulate the student body in their acceptance and work towards the restatement of expectations with 'In Class, On Time, On Task', and the adjustment of the times to start of the school day.

The Home Form time is now more defined and the cooperation of the Home Form teachers and students, particularly within the Year 10 and 11 groups has noticeably changed for the better.

The clarity around the expectations already has the work of Home Form and Classroom teachers managing to reinforce positive learning behaviours for our students. Whilst we clearly want the students to understand the need for such behaviours the clarity around the expectations also enables us to work with those few students who continue to struggle with what the school expects of them.

Can I ask parents to have a look at the 'In Class, On Time, On Task' document on the following page and have a discussion with your child about what it means for their time at school. Constant reflection on these expectations by all of us will ensure a level of understanding that can continue to improve the quality of the learning undertaken at MacKillop.

*Dale Gleeson*

Deputy Principal: Pastoral Care



# PURSUING SUCCESS

## AT MACKILLOP



### STEP 1: IN CLASS

Get to class at every opportunity. No excuses!

#### TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Mark attendance
- Use diary to allow students to leave classroom
- Don't give students the opportunity to leave the classroom

#### STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Get to every class, NO excuses
- Stay in the classroom
- Use diary to remove yourself from the classroom



### STEP 2: ON TIME

Make punctuality a priority!

#### TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Be on time
- Meet and greet students
- Apologise for lateness

#### STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Move quickly to each class
- Apologise for lateness
- Meet and greet teacher



### STEP 3: ON TASK

Learning is the priority. Peers, computers and phones need to be recognised as resources to support learning and accessed as directed by the classroom teacher.

#### TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Create engaging lessons considering individual learning needs
- Monitor student progress
- Have high expectations
- Offer plenty of positive feedback on student achievement

#### STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Come to class ready to learn (attitude and materials!)
- Use computer to support learning
- Aim to complete required work
- Seek assistance when required
- Actively engage in your learning
- Turn off phone

Drawn from MacKillop Catholic College's Code of Behaviour, School Diary pp 23-24



## Religious Education & Catholic Identity News



### CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Classes for those preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation commence this Sunday at 5pm (prior to the 6pm Sunday Mass) in the meeting room at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Church, Emery Avenue. If you require more information please contact either MRS Marie Butt at school or call Father Tom English at the Parish Office 89323922.

### WELCOME FATHER CHAD

We would like to welcome Father Chad who has been assigned as Assistant Priest in the Parish. Father Chad has previously relieved father Tom working in our school and attending our Year 7 Retreat this year. We look forward to his continued presence in our College.

### MITIOG

In Weeks 6 to 10 the Human Sexuality unit of the MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD program is being delivered to all classes in Years 7 to 10. This program looks closely at building respectful and loving relationships. If you wish to know more about these programs please contact your child's teacher.

### YEAR 8 CAMP

In Week 4 the Year 8 classes attended Camp at Adventure Bound on the Arnhem Highway. Students met many personal physical challenges and enjoyed the opportunity to build positive relationships with both staff and students. The flying fox, rock climbing, high rope course, team games and bush walk were at times scary but always fun.



Above: Father Tom celebrates Mass at Year 8 Camp.

Father Tom visited Camp on the Tuesday and again on the Thursday to celebrate Mass with the students and staff. We often think of "church" as the building but our celebration of the Eucharist at Camp truly showed that "Church" is the gathering of the faithful. Celebrating Mass under the shade of the trees beside the lagoon was indeed very special.

I would like to acknowledge the commitment of our staff who attended Camp to ensure students have these wonderful opportunities.

*Marie Butt*

Assistant Principal - Religious Education

Left: Father Tom "hanging out" with the students at camp



# Religious Education & Catholic Identity News

## MORE YEAR 8 CAMP PHOTOS



*"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"*



## Parents & Friends Association News

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

### Fundraising events coming up:

**Friday 4th September** - Father's Day Breakfast! Dads (& other Father figures) come along early and have a lovely cooked breakfast to start your day.

**Friday 18th September** - We still have some spaces available for our Family Portrait Fundraiser! Are you looking for a Father's Day gift with a difference? Or thinking ahead to Christmas already?....

We are running a Family Portrait Fundraiser at school starting at 3pm (bookings required). For \$20 you will receive a 10"x13" photo and a keyring, plus the chance to purchase more photos afterwards. This is a fantastic way to get a beautiful family photo and a great way for the P&F to raise funds for the school. Please contact Janine Gunn on 0498 253 035 or email [Janine.Gunn@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Janine.Gunn@nt.catholic.edu.au) to book and pay for your sitting at your preferred time. (payments required ASAP to secure booking).

**Friday 4th December** - Save the Date! This will be the night of our annual MacKillop Family Christmas Fair, from 5:30pm.

### Ongoing -

2015-2016 Darwin Entertainment Books available now!

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

Our committee meets on the 2nd Monday of every month - our next meeting is Monday 14th September.

All are welcome and invited to come along to our meetings at any time.

Another way to support the P&F Assoc. and the school is to with the school Canteen. Did you know that you can register and place canteen orders online?! - [www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au)

And don't forget, 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.

*Janine Gunn*

Communications Officer: Parents and Friends Association



## A GREAT FATHERS' DAY GIFT IDEA!



invites you to a

# Professional Family Portrait Fundraiser Day

Please join us for a professionally posed family  
portrait shoot to raise funds for the school.

**FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, from 3pm**

**MacKillop Catholic College  
Farrar Blvd, Johnston**

**FOR \$20 YOU GET:**



**PLUS** get the chance to purchase extra poses, a variety of sizes, black and white prints  
and the digital copies to use on canvases and gifts!

### TO BOOK:

Contact JANINE GUNN  
0498 253 035

[Janine.Gunn@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Janine.Gunn@nt.catholic.edu.au)

- Minimum of two generations in the Family Portrait
- No person may appear in two separate fundraising Family Portraits (exception of separated couples)
- An adult family member appearing in the fundraising Family Portrait must be present to collect & view their family portraits (or able to make alternative arrangements)
- Families must sit for a minimum of three separate poses on the day.

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STUDIOS**

We are Australia's leading family portrait photographers, with over 30 years experience. Our photographers are experts trained to provide the best family photo experience for you.



## Flexible Learning



### Giving your children the skills and knowledge to be the “dictators of their own destiny”.

As promised I want to unpack some of the resources Flexible Learning has to offer. I hope to make these items as informative as possible for both students and parents. But if I should miss something or if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me here at the College.



Vocational Education & Training (VET) is a great tool for students wishing to explore adult learning and industry while still at school. CDU have recently released their draft offerings for 2016. I am not allowed to put these to print as yet, but should your son/daughter be interested in VET for 2016, please direct them to come and see me in my office next to the canteen. I have the list there and can give them an Intention to Join Flexible Learning form to complete.

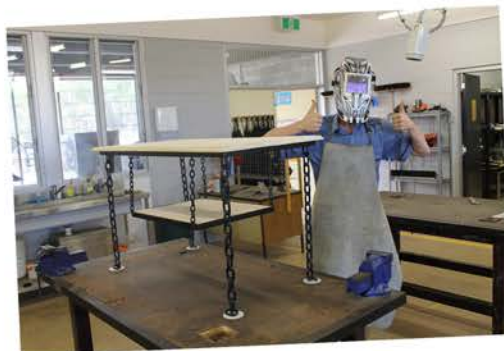
Now is the time that Year 10 students interested in School Based Apprenticeships or Traineeships should be starting to take their Résumé and Cover Letter to employers. At this time, I would also like to ask these students to approach Mrs Scullen or myself and let us know that you intend on doing this. A couple of things to remember, dress appropriately, shake hands in a firm manner, and use your manners. Do some research into the company and industry before you approach to ask for a position.

The rest of the Year 10s have been involved in Mock interviews this week. GTNT have kindly come to our College to run these. We see this as an integral part of the Work Experience program. Students should be approaching businesses for work experience which will be conducted in Week 2 of Term 4. Completed forms should be returned to the College by no later than 7<sup>th</sup> September.

**Rod Plummer**  
Head of Flexible Learning

**Rhonda Scullen**  
VET Co-ordinator

## Technology



## Careers and VET News

### James Cook University Experience: Thabi Nhlapo

We had an opportunity to visit James Cook University during the school holidays. We were joined by other school students from all over Cairns. This visit helped us to learn and understand school subject selection, course selection, possible careers, university entry requirements and much more. This exposure helped me to have an insight into what happens at the university and I now know how much effort I should put into my studies in order to succeed in obtaining good grades that will enable me to have a brighter future post school.

The campus location is spectacular and surrounded on three sides by rainforest covered mountains. They have great facilities, including the library, information technology building, health science and science laboratories, student refectory, café, licensed bar, gym, sporting oval and basketball court.

Alannah, Joel, Tahlia, Shane, and I, as well as the teachers who came with us, lived at the lodge apartments of the university. The apartments were a three bedroom apartment and it was fully furnished. Everything we needed was provided for us.

We all got to pick four courses we wanted to look into as part of the experience. We visited the University for two days and attended two of the course we selected a day, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. I chose to look more into engineering, dentistry, nursing/midwifery and law. All of these courses were great despite the fact that they are so different from each other. I mostly enjoyed law mainly because of the variety of interesting facts that were presented to us. The course I liked the least was dentistry and engineering. This is because in dentistry myself and other students attended had a tour in a lab with bodies of donors. Although it was extremely interesting, I certainly did not feel well after 5 minutes within being in the lab. Not to mention that we had lunch (pizza) straight after that tour. I didn't feel like doing much after the dentistry tour. The engineering course was after lunch and I wasn't necessarily excited for that given what had happened earlier.

I really enjoyed the opportunity; they create lasting memories for me, my classmates and the other students that attended. They provided hands-on learning opportunities that cannot be duplicated in the classroom. I also appreciate the involvement of Mr Plummer, Mrs Scullen and Mrs Tui Adams (JCU tour Guide); this would not have been possible without your assistance.

So on behalf of the students, thank you so much for giving your valuable time and sharing this important experience with us.

One the last day of our week we had a chance to also visit Mrs Graham's first school she built and it was like being at James Cook University all over again. The surroundings of the school were magnificent, seeing her vision for our school through her eyes was amazing gift and personally helps me to try and help her achieve her goal. We also thank you for helping make the week a success.

**Thabi Nhlapo**  
Student Attendee



**We thank the following people for their support of this trip:**

**Tui Adams** - Bus Driver

**Melissa Tresidder** - Project Officer

**Mr David Harris** - Principal, Saint Mary's

**Mrs Carol Wilkinson**

**Mr Lee MacMaster** - Principal, St Andrew's

**Mr Kevin Collins** - VET Coordinator, St Andrew's

**Steven Tresidder** - Funded Sponsorship

Careers & Pathways Outreach Project Leader

**Cairns Student Lodge** - Accommodation & all meals

**Rev Fr Neil Muir** - Saint Andrew's Parish Priest

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## *A Lovely Story Written by a Parent*

### **A Humble Gift...**

I stand empty-handed with no gift for you.

It isn't that I haven't tried to think of something thoughtful and kind – quite the contrary. For months, I have combed catalogues, browsed specialty shops and department stores, inquired in novelty shops, and even searched the Internet, only to realise that no bauble or trinket or card could express the feelings of a mother's grateful heart for a teacher's loving dedication.

How I wish a colourful bundle of fresh wildflowers could reflect the beauty of your way with children: the constant patience and nurturing, the gentle encouragement. A keepsake basket laden with soothing soaps and bath oils would eventually serve only as a common gift with its sturdy, woven walls not filled to overflowing with examples of the individual ways you have touched the lives of your students.

Jewellery would be nice, but what can I afford that would not soon tarnish or fall quickly out of style? You deserve the gems of royalty for your perseverance and creativity, your devotion and talent.

During the past year, I have given you many gifts, mostly intangible ones.

My first gift arrived at the moment the first school bell rang in January, when I placed in your trust, believing you would teach my child and respect me as a parent. I added to that my constant and fervent prayers that you would be objective and fair, with the ability to set limitations while offering my child a chance to learn self-control and to soar a bit in the process. I sincerely petitioned that your classroom would be a safe haven for my child to grow and learn, lending itself to a crazy, yet somehow perfect, mixture of self-discipline and controlled instruction. I prayed for your health and your happiness and for your ability to be supplied with the tools necessary to complete your task as teacher, educator and mentor. I offered you my time as often as I could, and my support for your endeavours. Occasionally, I even offered you a challenge when I spoke my mind, sometimes standing firm, sometimes backing down with a renewed assurance or a 'wait and see' attitude.

I wish with all my heart that I could put a delicate ribbon on a gaily wrapped package and give you a 'special something' to express my appreciation and affection. But I have nothing to give you that would surpass the most precious gift I have ever had to offer and which you already so graciously accepted months ago – the one you have held close to your heart, laughed with and probably cried with, applauded and scolded, lifted and encouraged, moulded and shaped – my child.

And today, the gift I humbly give to you is found deep within my heart ... I give you my thanks.

***Thank you parents for the gift of your children; choosing and trusting us to be in partnership with you in educating your child is very much appreciated.***



## Senior Years Curriculum



### BREACH OF RULES

It is really important that students know their rights when it comes to SACE assessment. A breach of rules is the most common form of unsuccessful completion of courses so knowing the rules is really important to making sure you make the most of your learning.

A breach of rules is when a student has not followed SACE rules for assessments, or when a teacher is unable to verify that the work submitted is the student's own.

### RULES FOR SACE ASSESSMENTS

These rules apply to school assessments and external assessments at both Stage 1 (Year 11) and Stage 2 (Year 12).

During tests, examinations, experiments or other **supervised tasks** students must not:

- submit work that is not theirs
- have in their possession any books or notes (except for materials approved by the teacher)
- have in their possession any electronic device (mobile phones and other electronic devices) apart from approved calculators (when permitted)
- help any other student
- permit any other student to copy from or use their work
- accept help from any other student
- use any work of any other student

Teachers will inform students if any materials are permitted for an assessment and if any special conditions apply prior to the supervised task.

During **unsupervised tasks** such as independent essays, projects, research tasks etc. Students must:

- submit work that is theirs
- hand work directly to their teacher by the due date (extensions may be negotiated using the Application for Extension Form)
- submit one draft to the teacher for editing and SACE verification
- clearly reference the ideas or words that are from another person's work, including information from the Internet, books, pamphlets, etc.
- not fabricate, falsify, or plagiarise, evidence, data, findings, or conclusions
- not allow any other student to copy their work
- not allow other students, to use any of their work (unless the assessment is a group task or involves class components)
- not allow other students, parents, tutors or family members to provide any work for assessment on their behalf.

### WHAT HAPPENS IF I BREAK THE RULES?

If you break any of the rules for assessment then a penalty may be applied. Penalties may include resubmission of assessment work, alternative assessment or a recorded result of 'I' (no result) which is equivalent to a mark of zero. At MacKillop Catholic College there will also be behavioural penalties if a breach of rules is detected. Every breach of rules needs to be clearly outlined to SACE and may affect your overall grade and ability to successfully complete your NTCET.

*Pauline Watron*  
Head of Senior Years



# Gallipoli 2015 - 100 Years On

## 100th Anniversary of The August Offensive

Mr David Graham, our head of Performing Arts, recently returned from attending the 100th Anniversary Commemorative Service at Lone Pine in Gallipoli, Turkey in a defence role.

Mr Graham was selected from the entire Australian Army Band Corps to represent Defence and play music at the event. Mr Graham's Great Grandfather served at Gallipoli, and he was blessed to have his own father, former Army Reserve Leuitantant, Mike Graham, with him on this occasion, making the event quite special.

The service commemorated one of the two most well-known Australian battles of the Gallipoli campaign. The battle was fought from the 6th to the 10th August 1915 and was intended to be a diversion to draw Turkish soldiers into battle with the Australians to help NZ soldiers achieve another objective, Chanuk Bair. The Memorial in the photo is the centre of an area of land a bit smaller than the College basketball court. In this area, about 2250 Australian and 7000 Turkish soldiers were killed over the 5 days of the battle. Most of these soldiers were killed in hand to hand combat with bayonets, shovels and grenades. The battle was regarded as a success for the Australians but was actually too successful as it attracted too many Turkish reinforcements who were then available to repulse the NZ soldiers' efforts to achieve their objective.

About 200 of the soldiers have graves and essentially the whole area of ground is one big grave for all the other 9000 soldiers, too little of each was left to put in a grave. While 7 Victoria Crosses were awarded to Australians in this battle it is noticeable that the battalions with the most casualties had no Victoria Crosses awarded. This is because there was no one left alive in these battalions to give witness to the actions which would have resulted in men being awarded the highest award for valour in the Australian Army. The service was moving and very sad. A poignant reminder of the gross waste of lives that comes about when people are unable to choose other methods to resolve their differences.

Lest we forget!

### Image 1:

Mr Graham and his father Mike at the memorial at Lone Pine.

### Image 2:

The service at Chanuk Bair.

### Image 3:

Mr Graham on the beach at Gallipoli.



## LOTE News - Japan Study Trip

In the last week of the July school holidays, a group of Year 9, 10 and 11 students, accompanied by Ms. Zoe Saliba, Mr. Roy Anderson and Mrs. Michelle Kamarudin, set off for the inaugural Japan Study Tour. Our 20 day adventure included nine days touring the main island of Japan, Honshu, six nights of homestay and a three day camp on Awaji Island.

Our journey began in Tokyo where we experienced the hustle and bustle of a large city and visited shopping districts of Shibuya and the trendy Harajuku. In contrast, our accommodation was traditional Japanese tatami rooms with futon bedding. The highlight was the trip to Disneyland where students managed to ride on nearly every attraction and Mr. Anderson won a 'Sheriff' badge for his sharp shooting in Westernland.



Meeting Maiko (trainee geisha)

Next we took the shinkansen (bullet train) to Kurashiki and then on to Hiroshima. The bullet train was more spacious than an aeroplane and passengers could buy obento (boxed lunch) to eat on their journey. Students commented that they liked the slower pace of Hiroshima city. We took a ferry across to Miyajima Island and were greeted by the local deer. The local sweet was a momiji manju (maple leaf shaped cake filled with red beans, chocolate or custard) and we munched on these while exploring the shrine, giant torii gate and then took the ropeway to Mt. Misen. Our day finished with Hiroshima style okonomiyaki (savoury pancakes) made to order.

At the Hiroshima Peace Park, Keiko Ogura, an atomic bomb survivor, talked about her experiences of war and her work for peace and friendship around the world. The Peace Museum illustrated the power and the horror of the atomic bomb and we also had the opportunity to visit Sadako's shrine, from the famous story of Sadako and the 1000 paper cranes.

The next few days were spent exploring the Kansai region. We made wax replicas of popular Osakan food takoyaki and experienced the bright lights and giant statues in Dotomobori. In Kyoto, we visited the Nijo Castle with the nightingale floor - floors that were made to squeak on purpose to alert the Shogun that intruders were approaching. We also were lucky enough to speak with a Maiko (trainee geisha) about her life and the musical and dance training she undertakes. Our last day was spent as a group in Nara, the city of deer. Before a person feeds a deer, the deer is expected to bow to you three times!

For the next stage of our journey, each of the travellers went to live with separate host families. Students and teachers experienced what it was like living in a Japanese home and experienced meal times, visited local festivals and castles, dressed in kimono and some even visited Universal Studios.

Our group was reunited again for a three day camp on Awaji Island. Eighty Japanese primary and junior secondary students introduced traditional Japanese culture and performances to us and we taught them about life in the Northern Territory. We shared our languages and made new friendships. On the beach, we played games such as Suikawari (watermelon smashing) and sat around a campfire.

After nearly three weeks of exploring the traditional and modern Japan, we flew back to Darwin having made new friends, learnt new language and with memories of delicious food and amazing sites which will last a lifetime. We are so grateful for the support of the local community and the school in their efforts fundraising for the trip.

**I look forward to sharing a similar Japanese cultural experience with the students that I teach in the future.**

*Ms. Zoe Saliba*  
Japanese Teacher



Students of Study Tour 2015

Tanisha Kamarudin, Georgia Falconer, Siobhan Tonks, Kayla Mullins, Aaliyah Stott, Jasmin Hazel



# LOTE News - Japan Study Trip



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## Book Week

It is book week this week. There is a book fair in the library for the duration of the week, so please go and have a look at the books on offer! Books are for sale and are able to be paid by cash or card in the library.

Book week will be celebrated today by students dressing up as their favourite literary characters.



## Visual Arts

Hi Everyone,

We are seeking any of the following if you are clearing up things:

- Jars with screw-on lids
- Rolling pins
- Old cutlery - spoons, butter knives, forks
- Towels
- Newspapers and Magazines

Thank you!!!

*Gisela Pineiro*  
Art Teacher



Some of our Kokoda trip students in the paper- Olivia, Zoe and Liam



## Sports & Physical Education News



### The Mitchell Street Mile is returning in 2015

Run, jog or walk the 1.6km (1 mile) course from the Parliament House end of Mitchell Street to the McLaughlin Street intersection and back.

**Date: 20 September 2015**

**Time: 3.30pm to 7.30pm**

#### Run categories:

- 12 years and under- mixed (primary schools run)
- 15 years and under- mixed (middle school run)
- 18 years and under- mixed (senior secondary run)
- Dress Up Run- mixed (celebrity judges) (prizes for best dressed, etc.)
- Open Run - mixed
- Defence and Services Run-mixed
- Masters Run- mixed (over 35)
- Elite Race - male
- Elite Race - female

Book before 6 September 2015 and take advantage of the early entry fee: 18 years and under \$10 per run, adults \$20 per run. Late entry fee: 18 years and under \$15 per run, adults \$25 per run.

More information can be found at [www.mitchellstreetmile.com.au](http://www.mitchellstreetmile.com.au).

*Brodie Boyd*

Physical Education Coordinator

**Congratulations to Mrs Boyd on being recognised for her hard work in running the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Program at MacKillop!**



**COME & TRY NIGHT**  
**WEDNESDAY 26TH AUGUST, 5:40PM, TIO STADIUM**  
**REGISTER NOW: 8980 4880**

**FREE GIVEAWAYS & BBQ!**

THE GOOD GUYS THE CRICKET AND FOOTBALL UMPIRE AFL GET IN THE GAME

### Come & Try Hard Court Volleyball

Monday Nights  
 6:30pm to 8:30pm  
 Mararra Indoor Stadium  
 \$10 per session (\$5 for juniors)

There will be four sessions on the following dates:  
 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st August 2015

Everyone is welcome. For more information phone 0414 993 165





## RUGBY LEAGUE CALENDAR

**24<sup>th</sup> AUG** NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS CUP: MacKillop v O'Loughlin (OPEN AGE) 4pm @ STJCC  
**27<sup>th</sup> AUG** GIRLS RL TAG Warren Park 9am  
**2<sup>nd</sup> SEP** NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS CUP: St Johns v MacKillop (OPEN AGE) 4pm @ STJCC  
**9<sup>th</sup> SEP** NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS CUP: MacKillop v O'Loughlin (OPEN AGE) 4pm @ STJCC  
**16<sup>th</sup> SEP** FRIENDLY MATCH: MacKillop Vs TBA (under 13)  
**19<sup>th</sup> SEP** NRL NT GRAND FINAL DAY  
**23<sup>rd</sup> SEP** NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS CUP FINAL 4pm @ STJCC  
**23<sup>rd</sup> SEP** FRIENDLY MATCH: MacKillop Vs TBA (under 13)  
**7<sup>th</sup> OCT** TRAINING RUN (13s and 15s Team)  
**14<sup>th</sup> OCT** CATHOLIC CUP & TOP END SHIELD  
**16<sup>th</sup> OCT** RUGBY LEAGUE PRESENTATION NIGHT



As competition for the Knights cup fires up this month there is plenty of Rugby League action for the College community to sink their teeth into! Games this month all commence outside of school hours so it would be hugely appreciated if all of our families could come support our team.

As we head toward the end of the year we are excited to inform families that our Fundraiser/Presentation night will be held on the 16th of October. This is a wonderful event with many exciting events, auctions and prizes to be won. It is important to us that we recognise the achievements of our young men and your attendance is appreciated!

*David Graham*  
Rugby League Coordinator



**St John's Catholic College Senior Rugby League Team**

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2015, St John's senior Rugby League team played a friendly training game against MacKillop Catholic College for both teams to prepare for the upcoming Knight's Cup Competition. The purpose was to try out team combinations prior to the actual games. MacKillop took the honours on the day but Coach Mr Hughes was satisfied that team preparation was on track for the Knight's Cup Competition. All players from both Colleges had an enjoyable time with great friendly rivalry and a good spirit evident between all players and spectators.

*Michael Graham*  
St. John's Catholic College

## MERCHANDISE

There is still plenty of 2015/16 MacKillop Catholic College Rugby League & MacKillop Sharks Merchandise available!

MacKillop Catholic College Rugby League  
 Official Canterbury Team polo -\$50  
 BLK Socks - \$15  
 Shorts - \$40







**MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE  
RUGBY LEAGUE PRESENTATION NIGHT  
& FUNDRAISER**

16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2015  
6pm

**TICKETS:**  
\$35 FAMILY (4 Persons)  
\$10 PER PERSON

Includes Food & Drink Package

Prizes, Trivia, Auctions and much more!

contact: david.graham@nt.catholic.edu.au  
or 0439540865



**Congratulations Mr Graham on making it to the final four contestants for the Australian Rugby League Teacher of the Year. Good luck in Sydney!**



## SHARP SHOOTER COMPETITION

**Congratulations to Michael Sack - Winner of the \$50**





# The Arts

## PERFORMING ARTS NEWS



It is with much excitement that I announce that "Cruisin'" will be the 2016 College Musical. This will be a monumental effort from the staff and students and I would like to personally appeal to all of our College community to get involved. Whilst the handout dates have already passed, students can get all of the audition material and plot outlines from the Performing Arts noticeboard from now until the 10<sup>th</sup> of September. To help those auditioning, a number of CDs have been produced containing some of the musical audition songs. This service is available to students on a two day hire policy and is available from Mrs Mills in Performing Arts. Please remember that there are many ways students and families can get involved, and there is so much more than what just goes on stage. We are currently looking for stage crew, artists, set builders, lighting crew, and many more!



In other news Mr Grant is spearheading our annual talent quest, **Mackillop's Got Talent**. The competition will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of September and is a fantastic afternoon displaying some of our talented young people. **Nominations are to be submitted to Mr Grant in Performing Arts. Everyone is welcome, it is just for fun, and there are some REALLY good prizes!**

Instrumental Music & Extra Curricular Dance lessons have now commenced. If you have not yet received a lesson or have not joined one of our afternoon sessions please make contact with your respective teachers. As I mentioned previously it is the students' prerogative to check noticeboards for their timetables (Teachers will not chase students from class).



In another exciting first, on the 19<sup>th</sup> October MacKillop Catholic College will, for the first time, host AMEB Practical Music Exams. This is a big coup for the college and should make music examinations very accessible for both the MacKillop and wider Palmerston community.

Please note as per the expectations and code of conduct signed upon joining Performing Arts, attendance at afterschool ensembles such as Concert Band, String Ensemble, Guitar Ensemble and Extra Curricular Dance is compulsory. No exceptions. Please contact respective teachers for further information.

I invite all families to update their calendars as some new dates have been added and there have been some minor adjustments.

*David Graham*  
Head of Performing Arts



## The Arts

### PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

#### Year 8 and 9 Drama Excursion



On Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> August my Year 8 and 9 students had the opportunity to attend a live Theatre Performance from the Darwin Festival-‘The Ballad of Pondlife McGurk’. This production was a cast of one-actor in which he performed a variety of characters exemplifying his ability to connect with character and his audience. After the production we participated in a question and answer session. Students asked about his production process. They confirmed their understandings of theatre techniques and processes studied in class this term. Overall we had an enjoyable excursion experiencing the Darwin Festival.

*Natalie Hafsteins*  
Dance and Drama Teacher



#### PERFORMING ARTS UPCOMING EVENTS

|  |                                    |
|--|------------------------------------|
| <b>24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> AUG</b> | 1pm: “Cruisin” Info Session        |
| <b>9<sup>th</sup> SEP</b>                  | String Department Concert          |
| <b>9<sup>th</sup> SEP</b>                  | Dance and Drama Excellence Evening |
| <b>10<sup>th</sup> SEP</b>                 | “Cruisin” Auditions                |
| <b>16<sup>th</sup> SEP</b>                 | Electronic Music Showcase          |
| <b>19<sup>th</sup> SEP</b>                 | Darwin Symphony Orchestra Workshop |
| <b>17<sup>th</sup> SEP</b>                 | MacKillop’s Got Talent             |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> OCT</b> | Dance Showcase NT                  |
| <b>19<sup>th</sup> OCT</b>                 | AMEB Examinations at MacKillop     |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> NOV</b>                  | Junior Music Night                 |
| <b>24<sup>th</sup> NOV</b>                 | Young Musician of the Year 2015    |
| <b>26<sup>th</sup> NOV</b>                 | Presentation Night                 |



**PRESENTS**

# *Cruisin'* **AUDITIONS!**

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

**24<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 1PM: HANDOUT / INFORMATION SESSION**

**10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 1PM - 4PM: AUDITIONS**

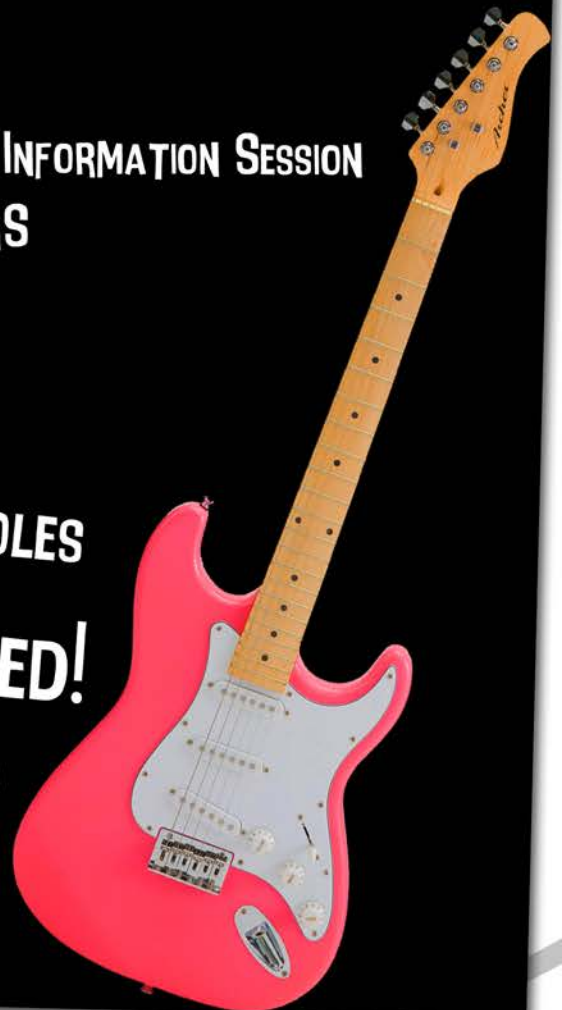
## **SEEKING:**

**PRINCIPAL, MINOR AND CHORUS ROLES**

**No EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!**

**EMAIL: DAVID.GRAHAM@NT.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU**

**PHONE: 08 8930 5717**







MACKILLOP  
CATHOLIC  
COLLEGE  
MUSIC

**PRESENTS**

# ELECTRONIC MUSIC SHOWCASE

**16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 6PM**

COME AND HEAR THE SOUNDS  
THAT STUDENTS HAVE CREATED!

**GOLD COIN DONATION**

CONTACT THE MACKILLOP  
MUSIC DEPT. FOR MORE DETAILS





## From our Wider Community

### Want any photos from the newsletter?

If any teachers, students or parents would like copies of any of the photos from the newsletter, please email me at [oren.tyler@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:oren.tyler@nt.catholic.edu.au) and I would be happy to send them to you.

### Woolworths Earn and Learn

From Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July, when any staff, parents or friends from our school community shop at Woolworths, you can collect stickers to place on sticker sheets you have been provided. You'll get one sticker for every \$10 you spend. Once you complete your sheets you can place them in a collection box either here or at Woolworths. Woolworths are partnering with Modern Teaching Aids; Australia's largest supplier of educational resources. This means we can choose resources based on our specific needs, across all learning areas, including Maths, English, Science, Art and Craft, Outdoor and Active, Music and more.

If you'd like to know more, go to [Woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn](http://Woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn).

### UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

|           |                |
|-----------|----------------|
| Monday:   | 8:10am, 1:10pm |
| Tuesday:  | 1:10pm         |
| Wednesday | 8:10am, 1:10pm |
| Thursday  | 1:10pm         |
| Friday    | 8:10am, 1:10pm |

Last target achieved in Woolworths Earn and Learn by MacKillop Catholic College was 7500 Points!

The Earn and Learn Tally is now at 4320.....With only a few weeks left, let's make an effort to reach the 10,000! Please bring in your earn and learn stickers.

Please put your stickers in our box at Woolworths Palmerston or bring them into student reception.

### IMPORTANT DATES TERM 1 2016:

**Monday 25 January to Friday 01 April 2016**

**Staff Resume: Monday 25 January 2016**

**Public Holiday: Tuesday 26 January 2016**

**Staff Professional Learning: Monday 25 January and Wednesday 27 January 2016**

**IMPORTANT DATE!....Students Start: Thursday 28 January 2016**





## From our Wider Community

Team Palmerston are hosting a big cake bake sale at the Palmerston Shopping Centre on Monday 31 August from 9am-1pm, to raise money for Red Cross and the work they do to support the community.

**Palmerston's BIG cake BAKE**

Monday 31 August  
9am-1pm

Target end of the Palmerston Shopping Centre

NATASHA GRIGGS, Salesman, PETER CHANDLER, Treasurer, LIA FINOCCHIARO, Drusdale, NATHAN BARRETT, Flis



### Our first year 12 class graduates in 2015 **ENROL NOW FOR 2016!**



#### LET YOUR SON/DAUGHTER ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF:

- A school structure catering to middle years 7 to 9 and senior years 10 to 12
- Spiritual development in the Catholic tradition
- The latest information technology to enhance student learning
- Strong links between home and school
- A full instrumental music programme

#### **NEXT COLLEGE TOUR: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

For more information, contact Joanne Flanagan on 8930 5713 or email [lauretta.graham@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lauretta.graham@nt.catholic.edu.au)

### **Reminder statements are being sent out this week.**

We have received payments into our bank account with no narrative so if families are missing entries on their statements, please contact me on 0889305705 or email me on [michelle.chambers@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:michelle.chambers@nt.catholic.edu.au).

Also we will be closing the Commonwealth Bank Account very soon, so please ensure all future payments go into the National Australian Bank – account name Mackillop Catholic College (NT) – BSB 085933 – account number 396042505.

*Michelle Chambers*  
Business Manager

*An Invitation to...*



## **College Tour**

**Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5 PM**

Meet and chat with our College Staff, join a conducted tour of our College, appraise our facilities and surroundings. Students, Staff, College Board and Parents & Friends Association members will be in attendance to answer your questions.

## **Enrol Your Child Now**

Enrolments are currently being taken for

Years 7 to 12

For 2016

Please Joanne Flanagan on 08 8930 5713 to arrange your enrolment interview for:

**Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> September.**

*"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"*

## Overview of Upcoming Events

### WEEK 6

Children's Book Week  
 24/8: Year 12 Bonding Day  
 24/8: Year 12 Physics/Chemistry - Channel Island Power Station  
 26/8: 12.10pm Assembly: Book Character Dress up  
 27/8 Girls Rugby League Tag  
 28/8: Student Free Day- Catholic Identity Day

### WEEK 7

Kokoda Track Trip  
 2/9: 5pm: College Tour  
 4/9: Fathers Day Breakfast on the Go

### WEEK 8

SWOTVAC- Study week  
 6/9: Fathers Day  
 8/9: Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection Evening  
 9/9 10ODE Rock Climbing Doctors Gully  
 9/9 String Department Concert and Drama Excellence Evening  
 10/9 7PE Beach Volleyball- Palmerston Indoor Sports Centre  
 11/9: 10PE Beach Volleyball Palmerston Indoor Sports Centre  
 11/9: Student Immunisations  
 11/9: New Parents Morning Tea

### WEEK 9

Year 12 Trial Examinations  
 14/9 Swimming Carnival  
 15/9 Parent Teacher Conferences 3.30-6.30pm  
 16/9: 10ODE Rock Climbing Doctors Gully  
 16/9: 8/9ODE Canoeing Lake Bennett  
 16/9: Electronic Music Night 6pm  
 17/9: 7PE Beach Volleyball Palmerston Indoor Sports Centre  
 17/9: 12pm MacKillop has Talent with early lunch  
 18/9: 10PE Beach Volleyball  
 18/9: Family Photo Day  
 19/9: Year 9 Relay for Life  
 19/9 Darwin Symphony Orchestra Workshop

### WEEK 10

Year 9 Camp  
 23/9 10ODE Rock Climbing Doctors Gully  
 24/9 Year 12 Bonding Day  
 24/9 7PE Beach Volleyball PISC  
 25/9 Last day of term 3  
 25/9 10PE Volleyball PISC  
 25/9: 12.10pm end of term liturgy

### TERM 4

2-3/10 Dance Showcase NT - Junior and Senior Dance Teams  
 14/10 Rugby: Catholic Cup and Top End Shield  
 16/10 Rugby League Presentation Night  
 18/11: Year 12 Graduation Dinner 6pm, Double Tree by Hilton the Esplanade Darwin  
 24/11 Young Musician of the year 2015  
 26/11 Presentation Night 2015  
 4/12 MacKillop Family Christmas Fair from 5.30pm

