



# MACKILLOP NEWS

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## From the Principal

*Dear Members of MacKillop Catholic College Community,*

Students who wear their uniform well have pride in their school.



Though many may ask why we are always concerned with uniform, "Isn't it a little thing in the whole scheme of things?" The following words of Robert Brault are relevant: "Enjoy the little things. One day you may look back and realise that they were the big things." Yes, it's the "little things" in life that matter, and appreciating the "little things" involves focussing our attention to ensure that the pleasurable, nurturing and sustaining small things that make for happy

memories, do occur at regular intervals. At a seminar for prospective parents, the participants were asked to provide one impromptu recollection of their childhood; here are a few of the responses:

- "Making cubby houses out of chairs and sheets in our front room."
- "Finding \$5 in my jeans put there by my dad."
- "Playing monopoly on wet Sundays."
- "Bush walking and carrying our own lunch on our back."
- "Ice cream after Sunday Mass."
- Under the sprinkler in the back yard on really hot days."
- Being left for a morning at my grandmother's place. We'd play card games and eat fresh bread with chunks of hard butter on it."

Nothing too sophisticated there but, nevertheless, still fresh in the mind and cherished. Of course, non-event memories are just as important as those associated with events like the ones above. We remember how our parents loved us and showed us affection; how they listened to what we had to say; how they established clear rules and boundaries; how they were fair but firm; how they knew how to have fun together and with us; how they modelled respect to one another and to us; how our parents would lead us in a "Thank you, God" prayer together before our evening meal; how our parents praised us for our efforts rather than our results. And if our parents didn't do these things, then, we remember that instead. There is no doubt that we parents are a very important influence on the degree to which our children will have a healthy self-image. The memories we give our children to take forward in their lives, will be based, in great part, on the type of influence we provided. Coming to school well dressed and feeling part of this place is another fond memory and pride in their school that they will carry for decades in the future.

A wise person, probably a gardener, tells us that, "Some people grumble because roses have thorns; I am thankful that the thorns have roses." This wise person, still probably a gardener, might go on to point out to us that, if our attitude towards ourselves is negative, then, our capacity to love is greatly diminished. If we have a poor self-image, all our attention is directed to self-pity and leaves us little freedom to reach out to others with love and affection. If we have poor self-image, we are no longer able to recognise and appreciate the gifts that God has given us that enable us to be our unique self. And if we as parents have poor self-image, and as a consequence, grumble about how hard life is and blame our circumstance on the doings of others, then, how will this assist our children and their chances of having a positive self-image? Children are natural mimics; they learn much about life from watching their parents. So in the interest of building self-image and self-respect and helping our students grow as respectful people let home and school support our students to stand tall fully dressed in our uniform.

Blessings,

*Lauretta Graham*  
Principal

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

*"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"*

## Uniform Matters

### Uniform Expectations

All students are required to wear the regulation school uniform unless specifically notified that the uniform may not be worn. Students are to arrive at School and to leave properly dressed in full uniform. If uniform is worn in public places it must be worn complete and correctly.

All students out of uniform should have a note, dated and signed by their parent/guardian, which explains why the item of uniform is not being worn.

The only jewellery permissible is a watch, ear studs/sleepers (one stud/sleeper per ear) and a religious medal on a simple neck chain. Only with written permission of the Principal is a signet ring which has historical or sentimental value permitted.

All students must wear the regulation hat when travelling to or from school, participating in any school excursion or function, outdoor sporting activity or any other outdoor activity in daylight. The College hat is a compulsory part of the uniform. No hat no play policy is in place.

Generally, all uniform, with the exception of footwear, are available from MacKillop Catholic College Uniform Shop.

All belongings should be clearly marked with your son/daughter's name.

### Out of Uniform Procedure

Uniforms must be worn correctly. If a student is out of uniform we ask that parents send a note to the classroom teacher indicating the reason why their son/daughter is out of uniform.

### Casual Days

Casual days are held occasionally to raise funds for worthy causes such as CARITAS AUSTRALIA. No singlets, midriffs, or thongs are permitted on these days. Parents are reminded of the schools Sun safe policy and are asked to supervise the selection of clothing worn on these days. The regular blue uniform school hat is a compulsory item to be worn every day of the school year including casual clothes days.

### Hair policy

Short hair should be neat and tidy.  
Shoulder length hair should be neatly tied back with a blue, grey, ochre or navy hair tie.  
Extreme hairstyles or dying of hair is not permitted.

**The principal reserves the right to decide matters of interpretation of what is appropriate in such matters as grooming, hairstyles, casual clothes etc.**

Acceptable footwear



Unacceptable footwear



### GENERAL INFORMATION:

Regulation uniforms are embroidered with College crest.  
All uniforms are available from the MacKillop Catholic College Uniform Shop located in the College Office A Block. Opening times are per College Newsletter.  
If a student has chosen PE as an elective, it is advisable that 2 sports uniforms are purchased.  
**House shirts** are worn on House Days and for special events e.g. MacKillop Feast Day & Inter-House Sporting Carnivals etc.  
**School bag:** Must have a handle so as it can hang on a hook.  
**Dry Season/Winter wear:** Plain long sleeve NAVY poly/cotton fleecy v-neck pullover OR zip jacket.  
**Name tags:** Clothing and accessories must be clearly labelled with the student's name.

### Senior School Year 10-12 Uniform List

As endorsed by MacKillop Catholic College Board

| YEAR                 | BOYS   |   | GIRLS  |  |
|----------------------|--|---|--|--|
|                      | Everyday Dress   | Sport   | Everyday Dress   | Sport  |
| Senior Years 10 - 12 | <b>Shirt:</b> BLUE stripe poly/cotton boys tie collar shirt with front placket, contrasting inside collar stand, navy/brick trim on sleeve.<br><br><b>Shorts:</b> DARK NAVY poly/viscose drill, above knee rugger.<br><br><b>Belt:</b> BLACK Leather belt with silver buckle. Buckle adjusts on ladder at the back of the belt, and is removable so belt can be shortened where necessary.<br><br><b>Tie:</b> Standard Lounge tie with solid NAVY/OCHRE stripe.<br><br><b>Shoes:</b> Completely BLACK leather lace-up shoe or jogger. No colour trim allowed.<br><br><b>Socks:</b> NAVY fold-down ankle socks. <b>Must cover ankle.</b><br><br><b>Hats:</b> NAVY microfibre cricket style. | <b>Shirt:</b> DARK NAVY unisex polo shirt in breathable polyester fabric, 50+ UV rating, panelled design with striped collar and College logo.<br><br><b>Shorts:</b> NAVY microfibre short, with silver side panels, college name right hand side, and logo left leg.<br><br><b>Shoes:</b> Primarily BLACK OR WHITE joggers.<br><br><b>Socks:</b> WHITE fold-down socks. <b>Must cover ankle.</b><br><br><b>Hats:</b> NAVY microfibre cricket style | <b>Blouse:</b> WHITE poly/cotton panel style blouse with curved hem, peak color with navy piping trim, and navy/brick sleeve trim.<br><br><b>Skirts:</b> Navy pleat front skirt with straight back, wide yolk with brick piping detail and zip pocket in right side seam.<br><br><b>Tie:</b> Pre-Knotted Button on Tie in NAVY with Brick contrast behind.<br><br><b>Shoes:</b> Completely BLACK leather lace-up shoe or jogger. No colour trim allowed.<br><br><b>Socks:</b> WHITE fold-down ankle socks. <b>Must cover ankle.</b><br><br><b>Hats:</b> NAVY microfibre cricket style. | <b>Shirt:</b> DARK NAVY unisex polo shirt in breathable polyester fabric, 50+ UV rating, panelled design with striped collar and College logo.<br><br><b>Shorts:</b> NAVY microfibre short, with silver side panels, college name right hand side, and logo left leg.<br><br><b>Shoes:</b> Primarily BLACK OR WHITE joggers.<br><br><b>Socks:</b> WHITE fold-down socks. <b>Must cover ankle.</b><br><br><b>Hats:</b> NAVY microfibre cricket style. |

### Middle School Year 7-9 Uniform List

As endorsed by MacKillop Catholic College Board

| YEAR               | BOYS   |  | GIRLS  |  |
|--------------------|--|--|--|--|
|                    | Everyday Dress   | Sport  | Everyday Dress   | Sport  |
| Middle Years 7 - 9 | <b>Shirt:</b> Chambray poly/cotton, button through, short sleeve shirt with open lined neck, double back yoke, edge stitched left hand chest pocket, 3mm dark navy flat piping on cuff of sleeve and left hand chest pocket, side split with 2.5cm top stitching around splits, large machined hem. Embroidery on left hand chest pocket, side vents, worn out.<br><br><b>Shorts:</b> DARK NAVY poly/viscose drill, above knee rugger.<br><br><b>Shoes:</b> Completely BLACK leather lace-up shoe or jogger. No colour trim allowed<br><br><b>Socks:</b> NAVY fold-down ankle socks. <b>Must cover ankle.</b><br><br><b>Hats:</b> NAVY microfibre cricket style. | <b>Shirt:</b> DARK NAVY unisex polo shirt in breathable polyester fabric, 50+ UV rating, panelled design with striped collar and College logo.<br><br><b>Shorts:</b> NAVY microfibre short, with silver side panels, college name right hand side, and logo left leg.<br><br><b>Shoes:</b> Primarily BLACK OR WHITE joggers.<br><br><b>Socks:</b> WHITE fold-down socks. <b>Must cover ankle.</b><br><br><b>Hats:</b> NAVY microfibre cricket style. | <b>Blouse:</b> Chambray poly/cotton, short sleeve button through blouse with two way lined collar with 5mm top stitching, with double back yoke, left hand chest edge stitched pocket. 3mm dark navy flat piping on cuff of sleeve and left hand chest pocket, pleated back, shaped 5.5 cm waistband. Embroidery on left hand chest pocket.<br><br><b>Shorts:</b> DARK NAVY poly/viscose drill, above knee shorts.<br><br><b>Shoes:</b> Completely BLACK leather lace-up shoe or jogger. No colour trim allowed.<br><br><b>Socks:</b> WHITE fold-down ankle socks. <b>Must cover ankle.</b><br><br><b>Hats:</b> NAVY microfibre cricket style. | <b>Shirt:</b> DARK NAVY unisex polo shirt in breathable polyester fabric, 50+ UV rating, panelled design with striped collar and College logo.<br><br><b>Shorts:</b> NAVY microfibre short, with silver side panels, college name right hand side, and logo left leg.<br><br><b>Shoes:</b> Primarily BLACK OR WHITE joggers.<br><br><b>Socks:</b> WHITE fold-down socks. <b>Must cover ankle.</b><br><br><b>Hats:</b> NAVY microfibre cricket style. |



## From the Deputy Principal: Pastoral Care



As school teachers we witness, every year, the growth through adolescence as each new cohort of students advances their journey by another year of growth and maturation. This experience over a long period of time allows teachers a degree of insight into the range of ways students cope with the adjustments that this process demands.

At MacKillop we attempt to 'smooth out the bumps' as best we can, endeavouring to allow each adolescent to learn from the experiences that this period of time presents offering a strong set of core values and moral guidance. Relationships, sense of self and body image are important factors that impact on behaviours at this time.

Because we often speak of a reciprocal relationship in the undertaking of your child's education, it becomes important that we share the load, given the amount of time and the importance of an adolescent's time at school.

Dr Sarah Whittle believes, that as parents, there are 5 'must do's' to best prepare your child for their journey through the pitted road of adolescence.

1. Provide a supportive and warm home environment. We know that the way parents interact with their adolescent children (and with other family members) is crucial for the onset of depressive problems during adolescence.
2. Seek help if adolescents display depressive or anxiety symptoms. Symptoms often precede clinical disorder in later adolescence or adulthood.
3. Be aware that adolescents may perceive environmental "events" as more stressful than the average person. Promote adaptive ways of coping (for example, help the adolescent to reinterpret perceived stressors in a positive way).
4. Promote good sleep, eating, and exercise habits.
5. Be aware that early and late pubertal development can be problematic in terms of future mental health problems. Late development may be particularly problematic for boys.  
(parentingideas.com.au/)

*Dale Gleeson*

Deputy Principal: Pastoral Care

## Some photos from Year 11 Food Tech Preserves Tasting

As part of their assessment, Year 11 Food Technology students were required to invent, present, and market their own uniquely created preserves. On the 17th of September they hosted a tasting session, where staff and students could try a wide variety of jams, chutneys and pickles, differing in adventurousness but all equal in deliciousness.





Term 3 has been a very busy and exciting time in Performing Arts. I would like to publically thank the entire team for their efforts in continuing to provide quality performing arts education to the MacKillop Catholic College community. I firmly believe we are creating a department unlike anything in the Territory and believe that we have the correct team to do so.

Recent events in the Performing Arts department included the Darwin Symphony Orchestra Master Class, MacKillop's Got Talent, Electronic Music showcase and the String Department concert. We have received wonderful feedback for all including kind words from the DSO expressing how "knowledgeable and well behaved" our students were.

**In Dance news**, our students under the direction of Ms Natalie Hafsteins will be performing for Showcase NT, the competition is held on Saturday 3rd Oct. at Double Tree Hilton, Darwin Esplanade. The performance is scheduled for 5:25pm. Please come support our students. We wish them luck!

Finally I ask for your continued support into term 4. Term 4 is again, a very busy term for Performing Arts with events such as Presentation Night taking precedence. The musical rehearsals will also kick into gear with formal auditions taking place in week 2.

*David Graham*  
Arts Coordinator

### 88 Keys, 4 Strings, One Voice Concert REVIEW

The Piano, Voice and Strings students of Mr Alphonsus Tan performed in the '88 Keys, 4 Strings, One Voice' Concert on 9 September 2015. The concert was initiated and organised by Mr Alphonsus Tan for his students to showcase their individual progress in learning the piano, violin, cello, and even singing to their parents, peers and the school community.

A wide variety of music was performed by students, including Popular Children Classics such as 'Hot Cross Buns', 'Mary Had A Little Lamb' to Classical Tunes such as Beethoven's famous Ode to Joy theme and the theme from 'Jupiter' by Holst. The voice students performed famous songs such as 'Castle on the Cloud' from the musical, 'Les Miserables' and 'My Favourite Things' from 'The Sound of Music'.

Congratulations to all the performers on the evening for sharing their music with their parents, friends and the community beautifully on this concert.

### AMEB Music Examinations

The College Music Department would like to wish the following staff and students success in the upcoming Music Examinations by the Australian Music Examination Board (AMEB) this October:

Katelyn Ligteringen (Flute, Grade 4)  
Mr. Alphonsus Tan (Cello, Grade 4 and Voice, Grade 4)  
Tanisha Kamarudin (Violin, Grade 2)  
Maria Stoddard (Violin, Grade 2)  
Rhiannon Sayer (Violin, Grade 1)

### SARAH HUSBAND SINGS NATIONAL ANTHEM AT NRL NT GRAND FINAL

Congratulations to Sarah Husband for her rousing rendition of the National Anthem. She conducted herself with the utmost professionalism and was a fine advocate for our College. Sarah was specifically asked to sing after her fantastic performance at the NRL Combined Affiliated States competition earlier this year.

John Mitchell and Nigel Roy from the NRL NT praised Sarah's and MacKillop Catholic College's valuable contributions to Territory Rugby League.

Well Done!

### DSO MEETS MACKILLOP

On Saturday the 19th of September the Darwin Symphony Orchestra opened its doors to the MacKillop Catholic College Music Department. The Orchestra, a not-for-profit organization is a treasured community icon throughout Darwin and the Northern Territory. Comprising of 65 volunteer musicians and a small professional core, the DSO lived up to its reputation as an orchestra of and for the community.

The workshop included a 'sit in' with the ensemble where students were invited to watch and interact with the rehearsal. Students witnessed the authentic workings of a large ensemble and the hard work that goes into a professional production. Explanations of the works and the ensemble instruments were carried out and a lucky James Delosa also had the opportunity to conduct the Orchestra!

Well done and congratulations to all who attended and a special thanks to Mr. Tan for organising this wonderful event.



### PERFORMING ARTS UPCOMING EVENTS

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|----------------------|--|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> OCT  | Dance Showcase NT                          |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> OCT | Formal Musical Auditions 3-5pm             |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> OCT | Strings Master Class with Veronique Serret |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> OCT | AMEB Examinations at MacKillop             |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> NOV  | Junior Music Night                         |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> NOV | Young Musician of the Year 2015            |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> NOV | Presentation Night                         |



## The Arts

### MACKILLOP'S GOT TALENT

As an invited judge on a beautiful day at Mackillop's got talent event, the students were all winners and displayed talent beyond their years. Making a choice to award a winner was extremely difficult and would have liked to pick them all. Parents, teachers and Jonny must be so proud as I am that we can have these wonderful students show us who they are. Winners and heroes in their own right

*Peter Wallis*  
President P&F



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## The Arts

### ELECTRONIC MUSIC NIGHT

The Electronic Music Showcase evening was a great success with many parents and students attending. The evening showcased the talents and accomplishments of the year seven students who partook in the electronic music elective and was an opportunity for parents and students to explore the compositions of the students involved. Congratulations to Mr. Jonathan Grant and his Electronic Music elective class on a fine evening of musical excellence.



Former Student, Catherine Keys, returned to play Cello at Mrs. G's wedding at St. Mary's Cathedral



### MR TAN'S CONCERT



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# Kokoda Trip

### Twelve Northern Territory Teenagers Recipients of Unique Sponsorship Completed Kokoda Track as their 'Adventurous Journey' in August 2015



Twelve students were recently selected from MacKillop Catholic College to complete the Kokoda Trek from 28 August – 6 September, 2015. This was part of The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Scheme.

Made possible by the major funding and support of The Flight Centre Foundation, the twelve participants and teachers Brodie Boyd (award leader), Jade Timmins and David Graham were one of only four Duke of Edinburgh's International Award groups from around Australia that were funded to undertake the Kokoda Track during 2015. The trek met the requirements for the Adventurous Journey component of The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award. The sponsorship included funding of airfares, accommodation, travel insurance and a cash allowance to assist with the purchase of equipment for the expedition.

The vision for the MacKillop Catholic College community involves a strong community participation in vibrant, caring and compassionate activities. It is without a doubt that the College is a place where each individual student is cared for and valued, and the wider community is enriched by the presence of our College here in the city of Palmerston. The teaching of Christ permeates all aspects of life at the College. It goes beyond the classroom – staff know their students and are willing to work with them in all settings.

The twelve students were selected based on their commitment to the Duke of Edinburgh programme and on MacKillop Catholic College values.

- Angus Bryan
- Callum Flanagan
- Dustin Carter
- Dylan Collins
- Jasper Pfau
- Keanu Lee Feeney
- Liam Mulvihil
- Olivia Harding
- Rob Bull
- Sarah Spence
- Sarah Grant
- Zoe Carrier

The following staff volunteers joined the trek:

- Brodie Boyd is The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Leader at MacKillop Catholic College Darwin and began the program at the school in 2013. She enjoys engaging the students in The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award and seeing the skills as well as opportunities they receive by participating in the program.
- Jade Timmins is MacKillop Catholic College's Outdoor Education Coordinator. She started the program last year and has had much success with her outdoor activities. With a great passion for the outdoors, she loves new adventures that empower students to achieve their personal best. She was is very appreciative of the opportunity.
- David Graham's family has a long tradition of military service which he is proud to continue the tradition with service in the Australian Army Reserve. He enjoyed the challenge and considers it a life-long achievement.

The group departed on 28 August and completed the Trek in seven days through the mountains, completing memorial services at "Brigade Hill" and a dawn service at the Isurava Memorial. Each day involved hiking 7-10 hours per day, camping in local villages, visiting the small schools, and enjoying the company of the locals. Two nights were spent in Port Moresby and the students had the opportunity to visit the Bomara War Cemetery, where 3,000 servicemen were buried to conclude the trip.

It was a fantastic once in a lifetime opportunity that all staff and students were extremely grateful for to learn more about the history of Australia and Kokoda during WWII.

The Flight Centre Foundation is fostering Flight Centre Limited's long standing relationship with The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award – Australia. The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is a leading youth development program that empowers all young Australians to explore their full potential, regardless of their location or circumstance. Every young person aged 14-25 who takes part learns a skill, improves their fitness, volunteers in their community and completes an adventure. They are supported by a network of adult mentors.

Through this challenging journey of self-discovery, participants were equipped and empowered to achieve their personal best, to take ownership of their goals and life choices and become actively engaged within the community and workforce.

Run through schools, universities, indigenous communities, new refugee support programs, defence cadets, uniformed youth organisations, prisons, youth development centres and community organisations, The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award participation is available in cities, rural and remote areas. With three progressively more challenging levels (Bronze, Silver and Gold) The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award celebrates and recognises each Award as the improvement of an individual through persistence and achievement.

Today over 143 countries have adopted The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award program and more than 8 million young people have participated worldwide. Locally over 700,000 young people have completed the Award in Australia in the past 50 years, with on average 40,000 very diverse participants annually working towards achieving an Award and in the process discovering the personal and community benefits of volunteering.

## Brodie Boyd

Duke of Edinburgh Award Programme Leader,  
MacKillop Catholic College



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## Sports & Physical Education News

### SPORTING HEROS

We would like to acknowledge students who have represented the NT in their chosen sport during 2015 at our College Presentation Night on Thursday 26th November 2015! If your child/children have participated in any NT Sporting Teams and you would like them to celebrate their success with us, please submit a photo and a written explanation to:

**Brodie Boyd, Head of PE,**  
email: [brodie.boyd@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:brodie.boyd@nt.catholic.edu.au)  
as soon as possible.

### MITCHELL STREET MILE

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).**

#### UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS - TERM 4

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| <b>Week 1:</b><br><b>Thu 8<sup>th</sup> OCT</b>                                    | <b>WHOLE SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL</b>              |
| <b>Week 4:</b><br><b>Fri 30<sup>th</sup> OCT</b>                                   | <b>Badminton</b>                                   |
| <b>Week 5:</b><br><b>Fri 6<sup>th</sup> NOV</b>                                    | <b>PARRS Interschool Swimming Carnival</b>         |
| <b>Week 6:</b><br><b>Wed 11<sup>th</sup> NOV</b><br><b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup> NOV</b> | <b>Rugby League Tag</b><br><b>Beach Volleyball</b> |

#### ANZ NetSetGO - Palmerston Netball Association

Are your kids keen on netball?  
Why not get them involved with ANZ NetSetGO?  
ANZ NetSetGO is the sole junior netball program in Australia and is a great way to introduce kids to netball, encourage them to be active, and make friends, all in a safe environment.

Palmerston Netball Association will be running a NetSetGO school holiday program from Tuesday 29th September to Saturday 3rd October!

Location: Palmerston Netball Courts

Time: 8:30-9:45 am

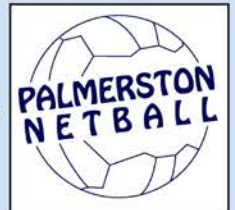
Register Online Today: [netsetgo.asn.au](http://netsetgo.asn.au)

Cost: \$100 (sports vouchers accepted)

Contact: [palmerstonnetball@hotmail.com](mailto:palmerstonnetball@hotmail.com)

or (08) 89 311 311

**Register online today!**



#### Palmerston Magpies Junior Football training 2015/16

Tuesdays and Thursdays  
5pm-6pm @ Northline Oval, Durack

Teams for both boys and girls in:  
Under 12 (must be 10 years old)  
Under 14 Under 16 Under 18

Contact [secretary@palmerstonmagpies.com.au](mailto:secretary@palmerstonmagpies.com.au)  
for any enquiries.



**20 YEARS**  
IN PALMERSTON

#### FOOTBALL - the fun game for all!

BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 4-11



Club: Greater Palmerston United Football Club  
Venue: Good Shepherd Lutheran College-Howard Springs  
Start date: 28 September to 2 October 2015  
Time: 9am to 11am  
Contact: Salim Mohamed - 0431 288 967



Register at [minirooms.com.au](http://minirooms.com.au)





# Rugby League News



From Jarrod Perry, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2015:

Last night I went to the Frank Johnson Medal presentation night and found out I am the 2nd best player in the under 14s for the whole year in the NT.

In 2 weeks I am going across to Cairns to represent the NT under 14s team playing as Hooker/Dummie Half in the Tassil Cup Competition.

**Jarrod Perry**

MacKillop Rugby League Team Member

## MACKILLOP ARE 2015 CHAMPIONS OF NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS CUP

The MacKillop Catholic College Rugby League Team have taken home the Newcastle Knights Cup, for the first time ever.

This is a major achievement for the boys, as this was the first year that MacKillop participated in this competition, which was traditionally between St. John's and O'Loughlin.

The final score was 28-24, MacKillop over St. Johns, with Jeremy Baden being named man of the match.

It was a hard-fought journey getting to the finals and the dedication of the team paid off. Congratulations boys!



Students Refereeing the 2015 Eels Cup Primary School Grand Final



**PRESENTATION NIGHT AND FUNDRAISER**  
**16th OCTOBER 2015, 6pm**

**TICKETS:**  
**\$35 FAMILY (4 Persons)**  
**\$10 INDIVIDUAL**  
Includes Food & Drink Package

**Prizes, Trivia, Auctions and much more!**

**Contact:**  
**david.graham@nt.catholic.edu.au**  
**or 0439540865**

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**WOULD YOU LIKE TO ORDER TEAM PHOTOS?**  
**ALL PAST YEARS AND AGE GROUPS ARE AVAILABLE.**  
**PLEASE OBTAIN AN ORDER FORM FROM MR GRAHAM OR MS MILLS IN PERF. ARTS**

**\$20 EACH.**  
**ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARD 2016 TRIP.**  
**PHOTOS AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT PRESENTATION NIGHT**  
**16th OCTOBER 2015.**





# From our Wider Community



## Woolworths Earn and Learn

We did it!

Thank you to all students, families and staff who brought in earn and learn stickers.

Mackillop Catholic College exceeded their target of 10 000.

Grand total was 12 720 Stickers!

Well done everybody!

## GEOCACHING INFORMATION WORKSHOP

FINDOUT ABOUT  
GEOCACHINGINPALMERSTON

MONDAY  
28 SEPT 2015  
4PM - 5.30PM

PALMERSTON  
LIBRARY  
COMMUNITY ROOM

FOR 8-15  
YEAROLDS

REGISTER AT  
PALMERSTON@PALMERSTON.NT.GOV.AU  
OR 8935 9922  
WWW.PALMERSTON.NT.GOV.AU

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PALMERSTON

## Feeling Creative?

Enter the  
Palmerston Children's Week

## ART COMPETITION

Over \$500  
of awesome prizes to be WON!

including the opportunity to light  
the Palmerston Christmas tree,  
CMAX vouchers and more

Theme: 'Making NT communities child friendly'

Entry: FREE

Entry Categories:



Entries close Friday 9 October 2015.

Winners announced during Children's Week.

Visit [www.palmerston.nt.gov.au](http://www.palmerston.nt.gov.au) for more details,  
entry forms and terms and conditions

city of  
PALMERSTON



# HOMEWORK CLUB

3.15pm to 5pm  
Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

Afternoon Snack Provided

Teaching Staff/Tutors available to assist you with your homework.

\$7.50 per day

Fee to be paid in advance, either per term or per week.

Payable at the school office after 8am each morning

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS REPLY SLIP AND RETURN IT TO THE COLLEGE OFFICE  
TO BOOK YOUR PLACE AT HOMEWORK CLUB

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

Will be attending HOMEWORK CLUB on: MONDAY ☐ WEDNESDAY ☐ THURSDAY ☐ (please tick)

I UNDERSTAND HOMEWORK CLUB WILL BE \$7.50 PER DAY I will make the Payment required in advance per term / per week at the College Office after 8am each morning, prior to afternoon of attendance.

Payment Attached. ☐

**\*Once registered—fees are payable regardless of attendance\***

PARENT NAME (PLEASE PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT EMERGENCY CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary requirements (please tick) Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, please state \_\_\_\_\_

You can contact the College on the numbers and email listed below or speak directly with the Homework Club supervisor Violet on Violet.Morgan-Doherty@nt.catholic.edu.au or 0475 456 219



Dear Parents/Guardians

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> of October 2015 is the MacKillop Catholic College Whole School Swimming Carnival. The event will be held at the Palmerston Pool which will begin at 9.15am and end at 2.00pm with the presentation of the winning house trophy. **Buses will depart MacKillop College at 8:45am and return at 2:30pm from the Palmerston Pool.**

Students will compete in the age group that they are turning this year between 01/01/15 and 31/12/15. For example if your child has their 13th birthday this year, but it is not until December 22nd, they will compete in the 13yr old category. Students who gain an overall 1st and 2nd place in any event, will qualify to represent MacKillop Catholic College in the Top End Schools Swimming Event on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at the Palmerston Pool- Swimming NT will be running free training session prior. Students taking out the third overall place in events will be named as reserves for the Top End Swimming Event.

All students are expected to attend the carnival and take part in events, as this is a regular school day. If they are not competing in an event they need to be at their house tent from where they will be able to cheer on their peers. If your son or daughter is unable to participate due to injury, parents must provide me with a note in advance and I will have them assist teachers on events however we encourage full participation in all events as it is a compulsory College activity. Programmed events include fun events for students with limited swimming skills.

**Students will need to wear their House Sports uniform and runners and bring their school hats, a drink bottle, lunch and snacks for the day.**

Please feel free to come along and support our students, parents and families are most welcome at this event.

Kind regards,

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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"*





# Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School



## Transition 2016

**Information Evening & Orientation Mornings**

### *Transition Information Evening*

14th of October, School Library, 5:30pm - 6:30pm

### *Transition Orientation Morning*

- 6th of November, 8:30am-10:30am
- 19th of November, 8:30am - 10:30am



# BE CROCWISE

## When Fishing and Boating in the Top End



### BE CROCWISE on the Water

The opportunity to hook a Barramundi, navigate dramatic tidal rivers and view a diverse range of tropical wildlife makes it easy to see why recreational fishing and boating in the Top End is so popular.

When it comes to crocodiles, the Northern Territory Government, the Amateur Fishermen's Association of the NT and Parks Australia (Kakadu) takes your safety seriously. We share our waters with crocodiles and ultimately how you behave around crocodile habitats is your responsibility.

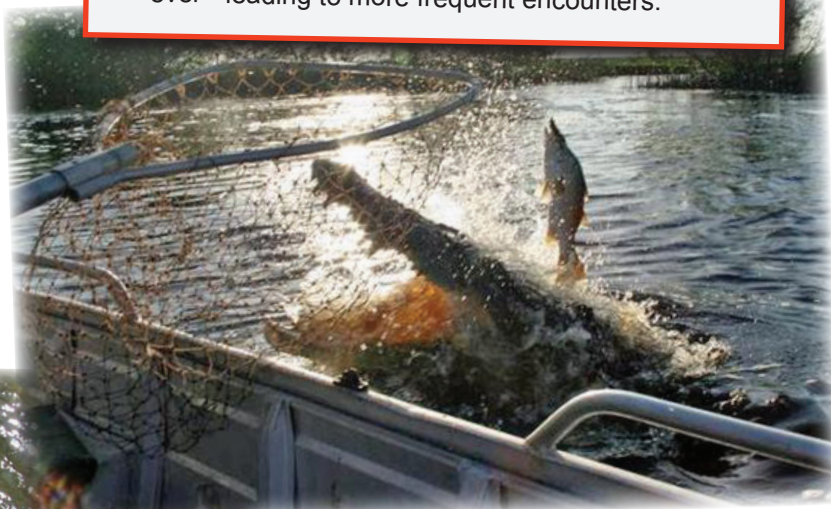
- **Don't become complacent - crocodile and human interactions can be risky when fishing and boating.**
- **BE CROCWISE - crocodiles can be found in any Top End waters (fresh or salt).**
- **Only swim in areas signposted as managed for swimming.**

Want to know more about 'Living with Crocodiles' in the Northern Territory?

[www.nt.gov.au/becrocwise](http://www.nt.gov.au/becrocwise)

### BE CROCWISE FACTS

- Crocodiles are **common** in Top End waters - you are in 'Croc Country'.
- Crocodiles are **dangerous** and attacks can be **fatal**.
- Crocodiles **move around** throughout the year.
- Crocodiles can move with great **stealth** and **camouflage** - you won't always see them.
- Crocodiles can **attack** and **take people** from boats.
- They can and will **lunge** at and may follow fish into your boat.
- The **smaller** your boat the **greater** the risk!
- Populations of humans and crocs are higher than ever - leading to more frequent encounters.



### BE CROCWISE

Report problem crocodiles to the Crocodile Management Team (24 hr), please call:  
**8999 4691 or 0419 822 859 (Darwin)**  
**8973 8888 or 0407 958 405 (Katherine)**



# ADVICE FROM LOCAL FISHERS!

## DON'T

- ☒ Swim in the water, **EVER** - when fishing or boating!
- ☒ **EVER** stand in waters near a crocodile warning sign or in areas crocodiles are known to inhabit. Assume crocodiles are present in all waterways!
- ☒ **EVER** provoke or harass crocodiles - it's extremely dangerous and against the law.
- ☒ **EVER** feed crocodiles - this includes cleaning fish boatside!
- ☒ Squat or sit on your heels near the water's edge - a crocodile would rather a good mouthful, something the size of a small pig. Standing tall presents a large profile and may discourage a possible attack. Children are therefore at much greater risk than adults.
- ☒ Paddle, clean fish, prepare food or wash at the water's edge - avoid repetitive activities.
- ☒ Stand too close to the water's edge when fishing - or have obstacles behind you preventing ease of escape.
- ☒ Stand on logs overhanging water while fishing or attempting to retrieve lures.
- ☒ Use or sleep in boats with low sides.
- ☒ **EVER** lean over the edge of a boat or enter the water to retrieve snagged lures.
- ☒ **EVER** dangle arms, legs or any part of your body over the side of the boat.
- ☒ Illuminate the inside of your boat while night fishing - effectively limiting your night vision and attracting crocs - they can see you but you can't see them.
- ☒ Take dogs with you while fishing - they are a favourite prey of crocodiles and their presence may attract them.

## DO

- ☒ **ALWAYS** heed all crocodile warning signage.
- ☒ Assume **ALL** water bodies contain dangerous crocodiles.
- ☒ Fish with an obstacle such as rock in front of you if you can when fishing from a bank.
- ☒ **ALWAYS** report problem / aggressive crocodiles.
- ☒ Use wire crab traps instead of mesh - making it more difficult for crocodiles to access your crab bait and catch - don't allow crocs to associate crab traps and fishermen with a food source.
- ☒ **ALWAYS** remain vigilant and aware of your surroundings - especially when fishing alone or at night, or where a croc can approach you from behind. You may not see them at all!
- ☒ Illuminate the outside of your boat while night fishing - then you can see what is around you.
- ☒ Wear polarized sunglasses to help spot crocodiles near the surface of the water.
- ☒ When fishing from the bank - fish where there is an area of clear shallow water in front of you and at least 5 metres from the water's edge.
- ☒ If you suspect a crocodile is observing you or if it approaches you, retreat.
- ☒ **ALWAYS** use landing nets when landing fish.
- ☒ Avoid areas of activity - look for slide marks, drag marks, flattened vegetation, and other signs that a crocodile may regularly use a particular area, because there's a good chance that the croc is not far away and you may not spot it!



Feeding time at Shady Camp Barrage  
- would you risk it?