

TERM 4 WEEK 2 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015

# From the Principal

Dear MacKillop Catholic College Community,

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"Never see a need without trying to do something about it." St. Mary MacKillop In a school play about the life of Jesus, several of the actors had to memorise a line or two from scripture. One of the actors got stage-fright and couldn't remember his line. He caught his mother's eye and she mouthed the line: "I am the light of the world." With a huge smile on his face the boy declared: "My mother is the light of the world."

In this month of October we pay particular tribute to our universal mother, the Mary the mother of Jesus who truly could claim to be, "the light of the world". Because Jesus had a human and a divine nature which cannot be divided, Mary holds the title of Mother of God.

Often Catholics are accused of praying to Mary as if she was a Goddess of sorts. But we have a saying, "To Jesus through Mary", which indicates that we pray through Mary as our intercessor who prays to God on our behalf. Because Mary was "favoured by God" Luke 1:30, when she was personally chosen to become the mother of Jesus, we believe that we have a greater chance of obtaining God's graces by asking Mary to intercede for us. When Mary told her cousin, Elizabeth, of her pregnancy, she stated, "My soul magnifies the Lord and my Spirit rejoices in God my Saviour" Luke 1:46. Mary is stating that Jesus is magnified by her soul. We still believe today, that Mary's soul "magnifies the Lord" and so we petition her.

From the earliest days of Christianity, Mary has been perhaps the principal figure depicted on Icons. The Greek and Russian Orthodox Churches are where most of the Icons had their origin and where they are still venerated. The Icon with which we are most familiar, is that of Our Lady of Perpetual Help which emerged from Crete in the last half of the 15th Century. Dr Margaret Ghosh in her work, "The Iconic Mary", gives an insight into the significance of the Mary image in Icons, when she writes: "Mary symbolises many images including maternal presence, affection, protector, guide, intercessor, holiness and above all the Mother of God. Mary is called 'blessed among women' Luke 11:27 because of her 'yes' in faith, 'let it be done to me according to your word' Luke 1:38, which brought Jesus into the world. Mary calls to mind the words of St Paul, 'It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me' Gal. 2:20. While Mary is the Saviour's Mother, it is as his faithful disciple that she serves as the primary model of a Christ-centred life. Like Mary, we uncover the secret of who we are on discovering Christ at the centre of our lives."

Mary's human life helps her to be a bridge between earth and heaven helping us all to see what is possible. We all know that like Mary it is possible to be born poor into a simple life, yet achieve mightily in life. It is possible to be uncertain about ourselves, experience fear when opportunities arise and then accept with courage what is offered to us. It is possible to persevere through times of sorrow and disappointment and to keep our trust in God. It is possible to live our lives in hope, trusting that God's spirit will be with us in all we do. These things we hope all our students at MacKillop will discover.

During this month of Mary students at MacKillop will fundraise for Australian Missions paying particular attention to those less fortunate then ourselves. Please support these fundraisers in particular on Friday 30th October.

Peace and best wishes,

Lauretta Graham

# From the Principal, Continued

# Which uniform on what day?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Whole College In full Formal Uniform No exceptions	Whole College In full Formal Uniform With the	Yr 7, 8 & 9 in full Formal Uniform with the following exceptions 7.4 & 7.5 in Sports Uniform	Yrs 7, 8 & 9 in Sports Uniform	Whole College in House Uniform No exceptions
	exceptions of 7.6, 8.1, 8.3 & 9.2	Yrs 10, 11 & 12	Yrs 10, 11 & 12 in full	
	25. 2	in	Formal Uniform	
		Sports Uniform		

### **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.

# From the Deputy Principal: Academic Studies



We are on the home run! There are 8 more weeks of school for the year and it is really important that we finish it off on a positive note. The College Assessment Planner will be on the website and emailed home next Friday, I strongly encourage all students and parents use this tool to effectively plan their time for term 4. On Saturday week 6 we will be holding a study day for any students who are behind on their work or late in submitting assessments so the Assessment Planner can help avoid attending this day, I am sure all students can think of a million things better to do than hanging out at school on a weekend! No electives will be changed from this point forward as classes are already well underway. Year 10 subject selections will be ready next week, all students will be given a login to complete their choices on the online site and they will also receive a handbook to help them with their choices. Please say a prayer for our Year 12 students, they commence their final exams shortly and would appreciate all the support that our MacKillop community can give.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with any questions you may have.

Chris Trevillion
Deputy Principal: Academic Studies

# RE News

# CATHOLIC MISSIONS SCHOOL APPEAL

This month is CATHOLIC MISSION MONTH and all homeforms at MacKillop Catholic College will be running an event to raise money for Catholic Missions on Friday 23rd October.

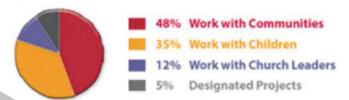
The 2015 schools appeal has the theme 'I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink' (Gospel of Matthew), and focuses on providing physical water and spiritual support to the children throughout the world where access to clean water and proper sanitation is scarce, and sadly results in thousands of children dying from preventable diseases like diarrhoea each and every year.

Catholic Mission operates in over 160 countries to support initiatives in 1100 Dioceses, including remote Australia.

# Marie Butt Assistant Principal - Religious Education



"If we see someone who needs help, do we stop? There is so much suffering and poverty, and a great need for good Samaritans." Pope Francis via Twitter, 10 December 2013



FREE DRESS DAY for CATHOLIC MSSIONS WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER. GOLD COIN DONATION.

# Parents and Friends 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.

### **FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER**

Our recent Family Portrait Fundraiser raised almost \$400. Thank you to the families who booked a portrait session. We're sure you're looking forward to viewing your photos on Wednesday 28th October.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

The main Fundraising event we have coming up for Term 4 is the MacKillop Family Christmas Fair - Friday 4th December - Save the Date! This will be the night of our annual MacKillop Family Christmas Fair, from 5:30pm.

### **OTHER NEWS**

Our committee meets on the 2nd Monday of every month - our next meeting is Monday 13th October. All are welcome and invited to come along to our meetings at any time.

Another way to support the P&F and the school is with the school Canteen. Did you know that you can register and place canteen orders online?! - https://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



# The Arts



### **MUSIC**

As term 4 begins to get quite busy I would like to wish all of those attempting AMEB exams this month the best of luck. These exams are quite difficult and are in no way a small undertaking.

Music lessons are recommencing this week and any issues regarding billing should be raised with myself or Mrs. Michelle Mills. Timetables are available on the Performing Arts noticeboard in D block and it is the student's responsibility to know when and where these lessons will be happening.

Please be sure to mark our events in your own personal calendar including our exciting strings master class scheduled for this Thursday. Finally I am pleased to open nominations for the 2015 Young Musician of the Year competition and I ask you encourage your children to join in this wonderful venture.

### David Graham Arts Coordinator



### **DANCE**

Our MacKillop Dance Girls performed at the Regional Darwin Showcase Dance Competition. They did so well that **MacKillop Catholic College received 4 awards**:

Gold Award - Choreography Junior Dance Troup

**High Silver Award -** Jazz Senior Dance Troup **High Silver Award -** Acro Duo (Tayla and Kailah)

High Silver Award - Broadway Jazz Duo (Tayla and Ashleigh).

# Natalie Hafsteins Dance and Drama Area Leader





### **VISUAL ARTS**





Showcasing the work of Art, Drama, Music, Hospitality and InTad students

MacKillop
Catholic College
invites you to the
Inaugural Art
Exhibition
6pm
6th of November
2015



### **ARTS UPCOMING EVENTS**

3rd OCT
Dance Showcase NT
13th OCT
Formal Musical Auditions 3-5pm
15th OCT
Strings Master Class wtih Veronique Serret
19th OCT
AMEB Examinations at MacKillop
Junior Music Night
6th NOV
MacKillop Art Exhibition
Dance Night

**10<sup>th</sup> NOV** Dance Night **11<sup>th</sup> NOV** Drama Night

**24**th **NOV** Young Musician of the Year 2015

**26<sup>th</sup> NOV** Presentation Night

"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"

# Sports & Physical Education News

## **SWIMMING CARNIVAL - WELL DONE GREEN HOUSE!**







# **Age Champions 2015**

12 year old Boy- James Delosa (Blue House)

12 year old Girl- Lucy Mayo (Red House)

13 year old Boy- Campbell Smith (Red House)

13 year old Girl- Sarah Blackman (Blue House)

14 year old Boy- Ash Riedel (Gold House)

14 year old Girl- Alex Delosa (Blue House)

15 year old Boy- Dylan Collins (Green House)

15 year old Girl- Alysha Pope (Green House)

16 year old Boy- Liam Mulvahil (Green House)

16 year old Girl- Sarah Spence (Red House)

17/18 year old Boy- Matthew Murphy (Green House)





### **House Results 2015**

House:	Points:
Green	694
Blue	634
Red	614
Gold	508
	Green Blue Red











### **UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS - TERM 4**

Week 4: Fri 30th OCT Badminton

Week 5:

Fri 6th NOV PARRS Interschool Swimming Carnival

Week 6:

Wed 11th NOV Fri 13th NOV

Rubgy League Tag Beach Volleyball

Congratulations to Vasa Gray, who placed second in the sub-junior girls category of the 2015 Srixon International Junior Golf Tournament.



### **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.comau for any enquiries.







start date: 28 September to 2 October 2015 e: 9am to 11am



# Rugby League News



It is with great excitement that I write to you in regard to our final events for the year.

After our recent success in the open division it is now time for our 15 and under students to fly the MacKillop flag. The biannual NRL NT Top End Shield and Catholic Cup carnival are fast approaching and will be held this year on Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of October. We have already had a lot of interest from surrounding schools and this carnival promises to be a wonderful conclusion to another great year in Rugby League.

Also, as a final reminder, I would like to warmly invite everyone to attend our Annual Fundraiser and Presentation Evening. The evening begins at 6pm on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October and will be a celebration of our many achievements in 2015. There are games, prizes, raffles and auctions on the night, so be prepared to take home some great NRL fan gear.

### **CALENDAR:**

16<sup>th</sup> OCT: PRESENTATION NIGHT/FUNDRAISER
28<sup>th</sup> OCT: NRL NT TOP END SHIELD (15 and Under)

David Graham Rugby League Coordinator

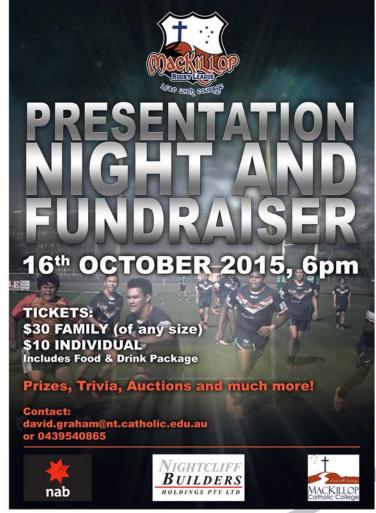
### CONGRATULATIONS MR GRAHAM

We are proud to announce that Mr Graham, our Rugby League Coordinator, has been named the **NRL National Teacher of the Year** at an event in Sydney Coinciding with the NRL Grand Final.

This award is presented "in honour of the extraordinary contributions made by a teacher who has championed Rugby League within their school and community and integrated league related teaching material into their program."

Mr Graham was one of four finalists from around the country, but proved triumphant against the best from the big Rugby League States. The accolade has been hard earned through Mr Graham's work in helping pave the way for the growth of Rugby League in the Territory.







# Year 9 News

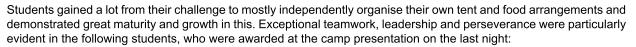


### YEAR 9 PASTORAL CARE CAMP

Seventy-one Year 9 students and six teachers enjoyed a week in Katherine for their PC Camp in the last week of Term 3. The week was jam-packed with activities that provided physical, mental and social developmental opportunities.

Activities included:

- Rollerblading, Rollerskating (YMCA Katherine)
- TopDidj Cultural Tour
- Mataranka Springs swim
- ToadBust (Parks and Wildlife)
- Katherine Research Station visit (DPIF)
- Canoeing down Katherine Gorge (Nitmuluk)
- Bushwalking to Butterfly Gorge and Burrawei Lookout (Nitmuluk)
- Swimming pool
- Camp cooking



- Most Valuable Team Player Award: Aaragon Proser, Sarah Husband
- Happy Camper Award: Alysha, Matt Cox
- Masterchef Award: Aaragon Proser, Jack Black
- Clean Machine Award: Sarah Walker, Sophie Port
- Crazy Camper Award: Kevin Mayo-Austral, Jack Black
- Biggest Whinger Award: Francesca De Souza

Much praise and gratitude must go to the many families who supported this camp and helped make it happen. And further thanks to the following list of senior students and staff which brought continual enthusiasm and effort in making it such as success:

### Year 11 students helpers:

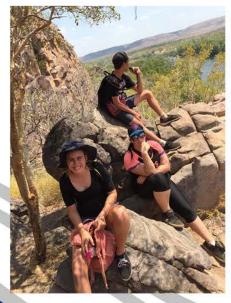
Liam Brown, Jack Hockey, Landon Fotheringham, Georgia Falconer, Zoey Pattiselanno, Prynzes Dalistan

### MCC Staff:

Mr Middleton, Mrs Woodward, Miss Hafsteins, Mr Thorbjornson, Mrs Forsyth, Miss McCutcheon

We are already talking about next years' camp and can't wait!

### Roxy Claire Year 9 Coordinator















# From our Wider Community

### **VISITORS FROM EAST TIMOR**





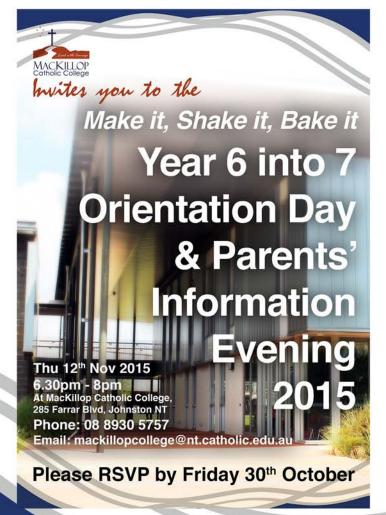


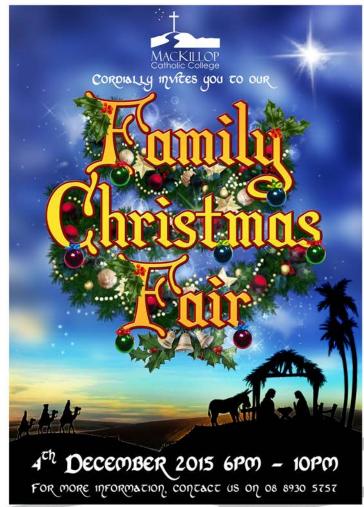
### PETER CHANDLER VISIT













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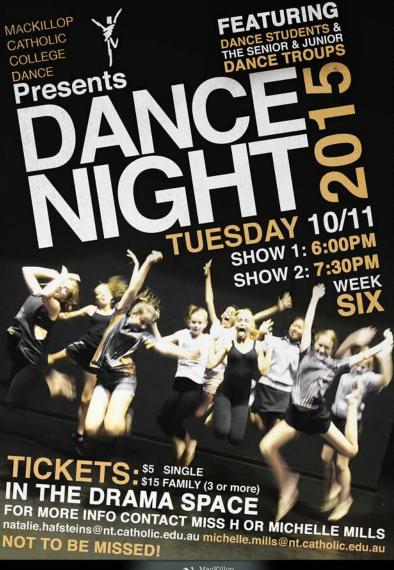
# Presentation Night

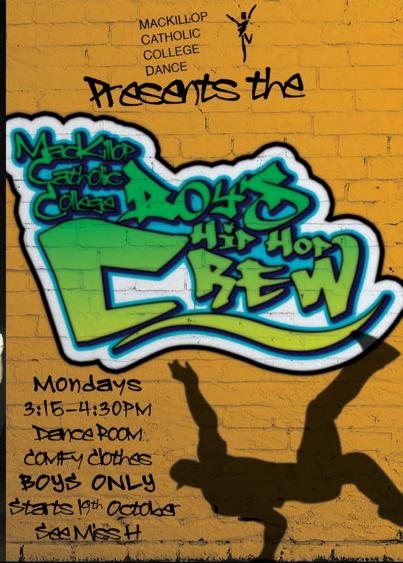
26th November 2015, 6:30PM

To be held at the Palmerston YMCA, 11 The Boulevard, Palmerston, NT

R.S.V.P kate.middleton@nt.catholic.edu.au by 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015

Please join with us in celebrating our 2015 Academic Year!





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# DAMA NIGHT DANCE

# 6PM, WEDNESDAY II/II

(Week 6)

- In the Drama Space -

Starring the Year 7, 8 & 9 Drama Students Tickets: \$5 Single, \$15 Family (3 or more)

### For more information:

Miss H natalie.hafsteins@nt.catholic.edu.au Mrs. Mills: michelle.mills@nt.catholic.edu.au



# CLASSES

### JUNIOR DANCE

Wednesdays 3.15 - 4.30PM Junior Dance Students (Little to no experience required.)

### **SENIOR DANCE**

Thursdays 3.15 - 4.30PM Senior Dance Students (Some experience required.)

\$25 / Term (enrolment is Term based). Covers costs of competitions, costumes and performances.

INTHE DANCE ROOM



**FUN FITNESS** 

DIFFERENT DANCE **STYLES** EACH TERM

> PERFORMANCE **OPPORTUNITIES**



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 Or Bank Transfer: Commonwealth Bank - BSB 065-911 - Occount 1002 8255

> 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. L \*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 Your 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

# Get Involved





# **TOUCH FOOTBALL COME AND TRY DAYS**

Wednesday 7th October

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October** 

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Wednesday 28th October

Age: All ages welcome

Time: 5pm-6pm

Where: Northline Oval

Cost: FREE, no pre-registration

required

Bring: A drink bottle

**Wear:** Exercise attire

anthony.jennings@touchfootball.com.au

for more info!

PLAYNRL.COM