



MACKILLOP NEWS

TERM 4 WEEK 2 15TH OCTOBER 2015

From the Principal

Dear MacKillop Catholic College Community,



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 than ourselves. Please support these fundraisers in particular on Friday 30th October.

Peace and best wishes,

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"

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 exceptions of 7.6, 8.1, 8.3 & 9.2	Yr 7, 8 & 9 in full Formal Uniform with the following exceptions 7.4 & 7.5 in Sports Uniform Yrs 10, 11 & 12 in Sports Uniform	Yrs 7, 8 & 9 in Sports Uniform Yrs 10, 11 & 12 in full Formal Uniform	Whole College in House Uniform No exceptions

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



48% Work with Communities
35% Work with Children
12% Work with Church Leaders
5% Designated Projects

**FREE DRESS DAY
for CATHOLIC MISSIONS WILL BE
HELD ON FRIDAY 23rd 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





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

RSVP 30th October to
gisela.pineiro@nt.catholic.edu.au

ARTS UPCOMING EVENTS

3rd OCT	Dance Showcase NT
13th OCT	Formal Musical Auditions 3-5pm
15th OCT	Strings Master Class with Veronique Serret
19th OCT	AMEB Examinations at MacKillop
4th NOV	Junior Music Night
6th NOV	MacKillop Art Exhibition
10th NOV	Dance Night
11th NOV	Drama Night
24th NOV	Young Musician of the Year 2015
26th NOV	Presentation Night



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

Place:	House:	Points:
1st place-	Green	694
2nd place-	Blue	634
3rd place-	Red	614
4th place-	Gold	508



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 Rugby League Tag
Fri 13th NOV 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.com.au
for any enquiries.



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



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 28th 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 16th 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:

16th OCT: PRESENTATION NIGHT/FUNDRAISER

28th 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.



PRESENTATION NIGHT AND FUNDRAISER

16th OCTOBER 2015, 6pm

TICKETS:
\$30 FAMILY (of any size)
\$10 INDIVIDUAL
Includes Food & Drink Package

Prizes, Trivia, Auctions and much more!

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



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 Burrawai Lookout (Nitmuluk)
- Swimming pool
- Camp cooking



Students gained a lot from their challenge to mostly independently organise their own tent and food arrangements and demonstrated great maturity and growth in this. Exceptional teamwork, leadership and perseverance were particularly evident in the following students, who were awarded at the camp presentation on the last night:

- 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 a 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




MACKILLOP Catholic College
Invites you to the
Make it, Shake it, Bake it
Year 6 into 7
Orientation Day
& Parents' Information Evening
2015
Thu 12th Nov 2015
6.30pm - 8pm
At MacKillop Catholic College,
285 Farrar Blvd, Johnston NT
Phone: 08 8930 5757
Email: mackillopcollege@nt.catholic.edu.au
Please RSVP by Friday 30th October


MACKILLOP Catholic College
CORDIALLY invites you to our
Family Christmas Fair

4th DECEMBER 2015 6PM - 10PM
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT US ON 08 8930 5757



Date Claimer:

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 13th November 2015*

*Please join with us in celebrating
our 2015 Academic Year!*

MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE DANCE

Presenting


DANCE NIGHT 2015

FEATURING DANCE STUDENTS & THE SENIOR & JUNIOR DANCE TROUPS

TUESDAY 10/11

SHOW 1: 6:00PM
SHOW 2: 7:30PM

WEEK SIX



TICKETS: \$5 SINGLE \$15 FAMILY (3 or more)

IN THE DRAMA SPACE

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT MISS H OR MICHELLE MILLS
natalie.hafsteins@nt.catholic.edu.au michelle.mills@nt.catholic.edu.au



NOT TO BE MISSED!

MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE DANCE

Presenting the

BOYS' HIP HOP CREW

Mondays
3:15-4:30PM
Dance Room
COMFY clothes
BOYS ONLY
Starts 19th October
See Miss H

Mackillop Catholic College Drama

PRESENTS

DRAMA NIGHT 2015

6PM, WEDNESDAY 11/11
(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



MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE DANCE

AFTER SCHOOL

DANCE 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.

IN THE DANCE ROOM

LEARN DANCE TECHNIQUE

FUN FITNESS

DIFFERENT DANCE STYLES EACH TERM

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES



- SEE MISS H OR MRS MILLS FOR DETAILS -

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

Or Bank Transfer: Commonwealth Bank - BSB 065-911 - Account 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. ☐

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

Get Involved



TOUCH FOOTBALL COME AND TRY DAYS

Wednesday 7th October

Wednesday 14th October

Wednesday 21st 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**