



MACKILLOP NEWS

TERM 4 WEEK 4 28TH OCTOBER 2015

From the Principal

Dear MacKillop Catholic College Community,



In her book, *The Black Dress*, Pamela Freeman has this rather delightful image to put into our minds: "Poor little sad soul! Sister Aloysius sent him to me that first week. I was standing in the playground, looking down at the mangroves and the bay, relishing the fresh salt air. Mick, his name was, came sidling up to me reluctantly, eyes down, terror in every movement. 'Sister says I have to tell you,' he said in a quavering voice. He gulped. 'I stole a bun in the kitchen.' God love him! I almost laughed. But I put my arm around him. 'Were you hungry?'"

He nodded. He was twisting his hands together in a combination of misery and fright. That movement alone told of months of abuse and fear. 'Well, you go back to Sister and tell her I said to give you another bun.' His head came up, astonished, and he met my eyes for the first time. I smiled. He grinned and hugged me hard and raced off to Sister Aloysius, leaping as he went. Then, I did laugh."

Mary MacKillop's action towards little Mick was one of total kindness. A century later, Mother Teresa made a statement so relevant to Mary MacKillop's action when she said, "Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness, kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile." This was also something my grandmother often said to us when growing up next door to her.

If we are to take too much notice of the sensational side of media reporting, we might begin to doubt our personal safety in a ruthless society where kindness is, seemingly, becoming such a rare commodity. Perhaps media reports could include a few words from St Paul such as, "Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another." **Eph. 4:31, 32.**

As parents and teachers, we all know how self-absorbed young people can be. It's part of their development, discovering their own identity and deciding who they want to be. It's quite possible that they might think that because they are "family or a member of this community", they are entitled to get what they want, when they want it, even if it means that their selfishness is to the disadvantage of other family and school community members. They will need strong parent and staff models from whom they can learn by observation and influence that they need to be more aware of other people and their needs, their feelings and their concerns. They will need to be lead from self-absorption to sensitivity for others, so that kindness becomes part of their nature as they mature towards adulthood. Here's a thought to keep at the back of your mind: "You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late." Putting all this aside our whole school community of students showed that they are kind and considerate and can think of others when they collectively raised almost \$2000 for Missions last Friday. We are certainly proud of our young people and how they are willing to work for the benefit of others.

Thank you parents for allowing us as staff to share the wonderful developmental journey of these kind and generous young people; there is no doubt they are following in the footsteps of Mary MacKillop.

As we travel through this week please keep our first Year 12 students in your prayers as they prepare for their final exams.

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

As the end of year rapidly approaches, MacKillop Catholic College would like to thank all parents and carers for their support of the College dress code throughout 2015.

MacKillop Catholic College is growing, and this year we farewell our first Year 12 cohort and will also welcome four home forms of year 9 students into senior school in 2016, and over 100 new year 7 students to the College.

Pre Loved Uniforms

With middle years moving into senior years, and senior students moving on, the college now looks towards starting a pre-loved section in our uniform shop.

If your child is changing uniform or has grown ...growngrown...., and you have pre-loved uniform articles in good condition, MacKillop would appreciate your donation of them to the uniform shop to assist other families.

Articles can be delivered to the Administration Office at your convenience.
Please contact Vanda on 89305708 if you have any queries.

Orientation Day

The uniform shop will be open between 3:00pm and 6:00 pm on Year 7 Orientation Day to assist with fittings and queries.

Congratulations Joel Robinson

MacKillop Student Joel Robinson has signed up for a school-based apprenticeship doing a UEE32211 Certificate III in Airconditioning and Refrigeration. Congratulations Joel and good luck!



From the Deputy Principal: Pastoral Care



MacKillop's Christmas Fair

One of MacKillop's significant community-building celebrations is the annual Family Christmas Fair. This year the event will be held on Friday, 4th December. Between 6.00-10.00pm on this evening the MacKillop community will come together and celebrate our successes as a school community with a very pleasant evening of food, games, carols and, of course, Santa.

Currently all the Homeforms are considering what contributions they will make to the evening. This task asks the students and teachers to collaborate and plan for their contribution and then take responsibility for the successful management of their stall on the evening. Already we have some interesting and exciting ideas as students stretch their imaginations to consider how they can add to the celebrations.

Parents could you please consider how you might contribute to the evening. Any donations, expertise or experience would be greatly appreciated by the school and the P&F. If you can contribute in any way please contact the school.

The night is one for all the family to enjoy so please set aside this date in your calendar. The next P&F meeting is scheduled to discuss preparations for this event on Monday, 9th November beginning at 6.00pm. All would be most welcome.

Dale Gleeson

Deputy Principal: Pastoral Care

RE News



CATHOLIC MISSION DAY

On Friday 23rd October the MacKillop Catholic College community conducted the annual CATHOLIC MISSION DAY. Homeform classes organised and ran fundraising activities at recess and lunch. The students and staff did an amazing job with a total of \$2399.75 raised this year.

The totals for each year level is listed below (a combination of Free Dress money and the money from the stalls).

Year 7	\$617.80
Year 8	\$854.50
Year 9	\$307.60
Year 10	\$212.00
Year 11	\$222.00
TOTAL	\$2399.75

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF CATHOLIC MISSIONS.

Marie Butt

Assistant Principal - Religious Education



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.

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

Sports & Physical Education



Year 8 and 9 students participating in the surf life saving course

UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS - TERM 4

Fri 6 th NOV	PARRS Interschool Swimming Carnival
Wed 11 th NOV	Rugby League Tag
Fri 13 th NOV	Beach Volleyball



Dear families,
As a department there is no more important time of year than term 4.

This term will see the crowning of our top musician for 2015 in our annual Young Musician of the Year competition as well as big performances in our Junior Music Night, Dance Night, Drama Night and Presentation Night. For the first time, our music ensembles will be required to wear our formal performance uniform and I ask that our families make the necessary arrangements so our musicians look sharp on Presentation Night. Please see our calendar below for our upcoming important dates.

*******Junior Music Night Now MOVED TO 12 NOVEMBER*******

FORMAL MUSIC PERFORMANCE UNIFORM

Please see our new performance uniform policy. You will be required to purchase the items you do not currently have.

JEWELLERY

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 allowed.

HAIR

Short hair should be neat and tidy. Shoulder length hair should be neatly tied back with a navy blue hair tie. Extreme hairstyles or dying of hair out of the normal colour spectrum is not permitted.

FORMAL UNIFORM

MALE

White business button up shirt (no pocket)
Male Formal school ochre/navy blue tie
Black dress trousers
Black belt
Black leather shoes
Navy blue socks

FEMALE

Female cut ¾ sleeve white business shirt (no pocket)
Female formal school tie
Black dress trousers/full length skirt
Black leather shoes
Navy blue socks

DANCE AND DRAMA

Dance night will be held on the 10th of November at 6pm, and Drama night on the 11th at 6pm. See attached flyers for more details.

MUSICAL NEWS - "CRUISIN"

The College is proud to announce we have locked in the dates **4th & 5th of MAY 2016** (2 Nights & 1 Matinee Performance) for our first College Musical. Auditions for lead roles are now completed and students will be notified of the results shortly!

VISUAL ART

As part of the celebration of the opening of our Visual Arts space, you are invited to the Inaugural MacKillop Catholic College Art Exhibition. The evening begins at 6pm on the 6th of November and will showcase the expertise of our Arts students. Those wishing to attend are asked to RSVP by the 30th of October to Gisela.pinerio@nt.catholic.edu.au. See attached flyer for more details.

David Graham
Arts Coordinator



Darwin Symphony Orchestra Concert Master Series 4- Night and Now

Congratulations to Mr Alphonsus Tan, who recently played in the Darwin Symphony Orchestra's Concert "Night and Now". The concert was the premier performance of "Night and Now", A new Flute Concerto by Australian composer, Elena Kats-Cherin.

STRINGS MASTERCLASS WITH VERONIQUE SERRET

Last Thursday, 16th of October, our orchestral strings students participated in the Strings Masterclass conducted by the Darwin Symphony Orchestra's Concert Master, Veronique Serret. This masterclass gave students an opportunity to perform for and learn from one of the Territory's best violinists. This masterclass played a crucial role in the preparation of students sitting AMEB exams and we would like to warmly thank Veronique for this opportunity.

ARTS UPCOMING EVENTS

6th NOV	Mackillop Art Exhibition
10th NOV	Dance Night
11th NOV	Drama Night
12th NOV	Junior Music Night
24th NOV	Young Musician of the Year 2015
26th 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"



What a wonderful year! Presentation Night was a huge success and things are looking very positive as we head toward the end of our school football season. Thank you to all our generous sponsors, also our parents and friends who came and supported the event.



BOYS' RUGBY LEAGUE

Our final games for the year are very important ones. The Top End Shield and Catholic Cup are both being contested on Wednesday 28th of October. The Carnival will be an all-day event with games scheduled from 9am – 1:30pm.

GIRLS' RUGBY LEAGUE

We are extremely pleased to announce the rebirth of our Girls' Rugby League Tag team. Our College has not had representation in League Tag since our ladies won the inaugural competition in 2012 and we are pleased that our young ladies team is back!

The girls are playing on the 25th of November at Warren Park.

Any girls wishing to join this team are to contact Mrs Michelle Mills in Performing Arts: michelle.mills@nt.catholic.edu.au or 89305717.

LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE GEAR THIS YEAR! REDUCED PRICES!

MACKILLOP SHARKS CAPS - \$10 POLOSHIRTS - \$50 (sizes S – XL)



Please contact David Graham or Michelle Mills on 89305717 to reserve your memorabilia. A further range of gear can be viewed at www.mackilloprugbyleague/store

CALENDAR:

28th OCT Top End Shield & Catholic Cup (BOYS)

25th NOV Rugby League Tag (GIRLS)

David Graham
Rugby League Coordinator

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From our Wider Community

YEAR 10 BUSINESS CERTIFICATE COURSE



Children's Week Celebrations

Kentish will be hosting a Family Fun Day with loads of amazing activities including a Rock climbing wall, Face painting, Games, jumping castle, water slide and....



a **FREE BBQ!**


Come and join in the fun at Lake Alexander
Saturday October 31
from 9am to 12pm

NT Family Day Care Service of the year 2013, 2014, 2015

CONTACT: PALMERSTON 8932 2457 - 3/5 MCCOURT RD, YARRAWONGA


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TOP END LINK UP SERVICE




ARE YOU OR YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE STOLEN GENERATIONS?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONNECT WITH YOUR FAMILY?
WE CAN HELP YOU WITH FAMILY TRACING, RESEARCH AND FAMILY REUNIONS



NT Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation

Contact Details
Phone: 08 8947 9171
Fax: 08 8947 9173 • Email: linkup@ntsgac.org • www.ntsgac.org



MACKILLOP
Catholic College

Date Claimer:


Presentation Night

26th November 2015, 6:30PM

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

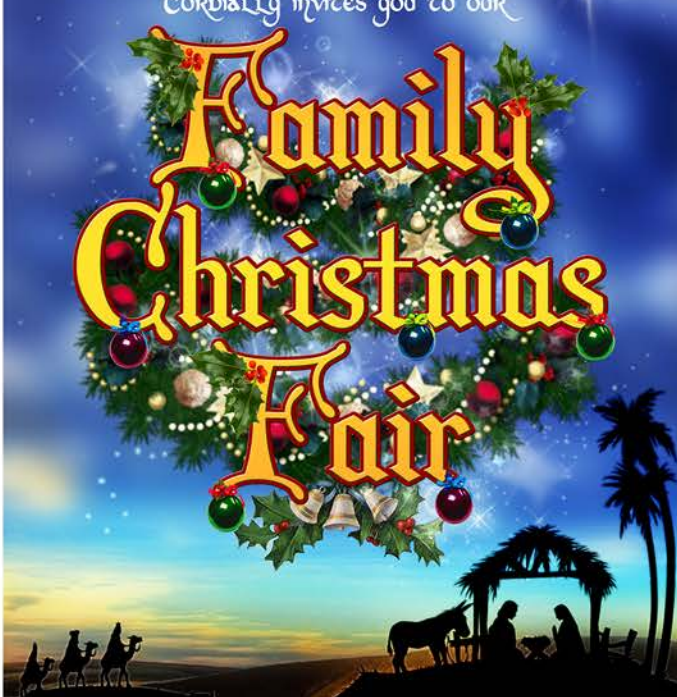
R.S.V.P kate.middleton@nt.catholic.edu.au
by 13th November 2015

Please join with us in celebrating
our 2015 Academic Year!



CORDIALLY invites you to our

Family Christmas Fair



4th DECEMBER 2015 6PM - 10PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT US ON 08 8930 5757

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

JOIN IN WITH SOME SERIOUSLY SPOOKY DANCING
PRIZE FOR BEST SPOOKY DRESS



HALLOWEEN

Disco

BLOODY FINGERS IN A BANDAGE (MINI HOT DOGS WITH SAUCE)
WORMS IN SLIME (JELLY AND SNAKES) EYEBALLS (CUPCAKES)
CHIPS AND DRINKS AND OTHER SPOOKY FOOD

TICKETS \$4

INCLUDES YOUR FIRST CUP OF BLOOD OR MUD
ON SALE OUTSIDE THE FRONT OFFICE AT LUNCHTIME WEEK 4



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

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

285 Farrar Boulevard
Johnston, NT 0832

For more information:
08 8930 5757
mackillopcollege@nt.catholic.edu.au

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



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 -