



**Newsletter - Term 1,**

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**"Never see a need without  
trying  
to do something about it"**

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



**Farewell and best wishes for your future journey.** We praise and thank you, God of the Journey, for the staff leaving MacKillop at the end of Term 1. We entrust Robyn Wright, Liam Flanagan and Kim Schofield into God's loving care; knowing that He is always the Faithful Traveller and Companion on our way especially as they set out on their new journeys and new adventures. May their futures be a source of many enriching and transforming moments. Thank you Robyn, Liam and Kim for your contribution to our College. We also pray for Catherine Pennington during her extended leave of absence during Term 2.

During this past week, I have been fortunate to be part of the Yr 10 Spiritual Retreat, listen to a teacher share his image of God, visit numerous classes where students enjoy learning, look closely at some frogs with a couple of students by a lake, comfort a mother, and help a Year 11 student with his assignment and a Year 10 student with his apology letter. For me this has been a good week doing many of the more important things. For me these experiences are journey experiences. Our College motto is "Lead with Courage". It calls us to be people who have the courage to value relationships and spend time restoring them when necessary.

As we prepare for the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, I invite you to look out for these journey experiences that capture the heart of Lent as a time of new beginnings.

**God of Journey:**

**You walk with us each day at MacKillop Catholic College:**

**May the presence of Jesus touch the sacred places, loving people and valued memories of our own life journey.**

**God of Journey:**

**You are always there to welcome us:**

**May we have the courage to return home and restore relationship with you, our family and loved ones and the MacKillop community. Amen.**

May God continue to inspire and bless all who travel this MacKillop Journey. Happy Easter.

Lauretta Graham  
Principal



**"May your journey always be filled with blessings, and may the life of Saint Mary MacKillop ignite in you the flames of faith and service"**

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CEREMONIES



All Welcome...

### THE CHRISM MASS

(Blessing of the Holy Oils)

St Mary's Star of the Sea Cathedral, Darwin City

7pm Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

*We ask that all students attending attend in school uniform*

#### This week is Holy Week the last week of Lent.

Let us make a concerted effort to be mindful and fully present to events and people. Practice 'Lenten patience' when waiting in shops or in traffic delays. Pay special attention when you are listening to others. Listen with empathy and understanding. Check to make sure you are not interrupting the other person. Bring their needs and anxieties to your personal prayer. When listening to the news, focus on issues of injustice. Is there some action you, or your parish community, can take about one of these issues.

## COLLEGE CAPTAINS



#### Senior College Captains:

Shane Buttfeld

Maleena Norris

Allanah Hogan

#### Middle School Captains:

Ben MacDonald

Jordana Jack



A lot has been happening throughout our school community, especially in the dance and drama department. All dance and drama students have been hard at work completing all our dance and drama assessments especially myself. In dance year 8/9 dance we have all completed and presented our dance routines to the song single ladies by Beyoncé, we have also all completed our film analyse exam. In year 8/9 drama we have finished writing our very own monologue, and our now working on our chosen monologues. This term however has been great and our new dance and drama teacher Miss H is having a great impact on our school, and all of her classes especially our home form 9.4.

## Deputy Principal—Academic Studies



**Chris Trevillion,**  
Deputy Principal – Academic  
Studies

'What a great term it has been! Thank you to all parents that came to our Parent/Teacher/Student conferences. I say it so often, but the support from parents and families at MacKillop Catholic College is second to none.

If you missed the night and want to talk to any of our wonderful teachers please get in touch and we will be happy to discuss your child's progress. In Term Two we are offering some great new electives, subjects such as Outdoor Education, Nutrition, Recycled Fashion, Smart Food and Competition Art proving most popular.

As elective choices have been confirmed, all student timetables will be ready to go for day one. If you have any questions regarding your child's timetable please do not hesitate to contact me.

Have a happy and safe Easter.'



Yr 11 students preparing for their tree day cycling adventure

**Chris Trevillion**

**Deputy Principal — Academic Studies**

## Flexible Learning Department

### Flexible Learning



**Rod Plummer—Head of  
Flexible Pathways**

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce some of what Flexible Learning is all about. I think the best way to sum it up is that we would like to give your children the skills and knowledge to become the "*dictators of their own destiny*". Today's world is ever changing, long gone are the days when students had a selected pathway and that was the thing they did forever. Did you know that many of your children will have up to a dozen jobs over their working life. Many will have a couple of part time jobs making the equivalent of one full time position. Think of your child's career pathway as a 4WD journey, some of the trip may be conducted on the highway (mainstream/traditional positions and pathways) and some may take them off road! An example of this is taking a non-traditional route through VET into University.

The aim of Flexible Learning is give students the skills and knowledge to be able to make informed decisions about the many changes in their career pathway. Being able to use the internet to look up jobs, writing a resume, interview skills, making phone calls and being able to have the confidence to sell yourself to an employer. This list only scratches the surface.

We have a number of programs and tools to be able to service these needs. We are currently designing the College Careers program for instance, where a number of the skills mentioned above will be explored. We already support students in VETiS (VET in Schools) and their Structured Work Placements, School Based Apprenticeships/Traineeships and Work Experience programs. Our current Year 12's have access to White card, RSA/RSG and Barista training. And our Year 11's will conduct 50 hours of Community Service over their senior years. All of these programs are designed to enhance the employability of students, shape them into better members of the community and promote self-dependence.

I will un-pack these programs a little more in the coming weeks. Thanks for reading.

## Assistant Principal— Religious Education



**Marie Butt**

Assistant to the Principal  
Religious Education

### Lent and Holy Week

During these days of Lent we are asked to slow down. With our hectic pace, we miss much in life. Fasting slows us down, it makes us humble and helps us realize how dependent we are on food, and we begin to remember all our blessings. Instead of feeling entitled to our wealth, we get a sense of our limitations. We experience a bit more solidarity with the poor – with those who have only a bowl of rice and a tiny swallow of water each day. Though fasting or even giving up meat on days like Ash Wednesday and Good Friday we allow God to come into our lives in a deeper way and remind us of who we are ... we feel less arrogant. Fasting has all these benefits.

The theme for CARITAS Project Compassion this year is FOOD FOR LIFE. We are all asked to reflect on how fortunate we are in Australia to have access to quality food which sustains us. Through our fasting we can come to understand in some small measure the plight of many people throughout the world who do not have access to sustainable food sources. Through our giving to Project Compassion we can assist the

work of CARITAS Australia in their work with the poorest people of the world to develop farming practices which will provide them with long term, quality and reliable food.

This week as we commemorate the events leading to the death and resurrection of the Lord we can reflect on the life of Jesus and the example he set for us all. Jesus extended the hand of friendship to the poor, the abused, the neglected and the disenfranchised. Let us use this time of Lenten prayer and reflection to determine ways in which we can be more like Jesus in our daily lives.

### Chrism Mass

Last week's Chrism Mass at Saint Mary's Star of the Sea Cathedral, Darwin was a time for me to pause and think on the vocation of the Priesthood. Each year at this Mass all the priests of the Diocese join the Bishop to reaffirm their commitment to serving God through their ministry work. It was a reminder to all present of the selfless dedication these men give to the many Parishes they serve.

We at MacKillop Catholic College are thankful to be blessed with the presence of Father Tom English as our local Parish Priest. His ministry throughout the Parish, but in particular within our school, is truly a reflection of his commitment to the service of the church, to living his life as Jesus Christ did as a shepherd of his flock, caring for others and putting their needs before his own.

At this Chrism Mass the sacred oils used in the church throughout the coming year were blessed and distributed to the Parishes. There are three kinds of sacred oils, all of which signify the work of the Holy Spirit and symbolize it in that oil "serves to sweeten, to strengthen, to render supple" (Catholic Encyclopedia).



The three holy oils are:

**The Oil of Catechumens** used in Baptism along with water, in the consecration of churches, in the blessing of Altars, in the ordination of priests, and, sometimes, in the crowning of Catholic kings and queens.

**The Holy Chrism** or "Oil of Gladness," which is olive oil mixed with a small amount of balm or balsam. It is used in Confirmation, Baptism, in the consecration of a Bishop, the consecration of a various things such as churches, chalices, patens, and bells.

**The Oil of the Sick**, which is used in anointing of the sick and dying.

This Year our College Captain, Alannah Hogan, and Mr Dan Yore accepted the Holy Oils on behalf of the Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians, Palmerston.

Happy Easter

Marie Butt



## Assistant Principal—Religious Education



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Assistant to the Principal  
Religious Education

### CARITAS



### PROJECT COMPASSION

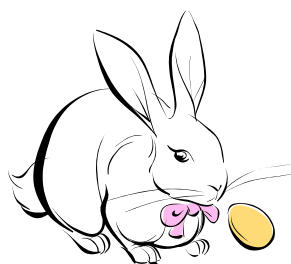
#### *Food For Life*

The theme of this year's CARITAS Project Compassion is  
Help the world's poorest people access and develop sustainable food sources for  
life.

Please support the fundraisers that all classes are organising during Lent.

### GOOD FRIDAY WALK

You are invited to join in the GOOD FRIDAY WALK. Please  
meet at OLHC church at 3am. The group will walk to the city to join the morning  
services at St Mary's Star of the Sea Cathedral.



### LENT and HOLY WEEK SERVICES OURLADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH CHURCH EMERY AVENUE

#### BE PART OF OUR PARISH THIS EASTER

##### PALM SUNDAY

YOUTH MASS 6PM SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

##### RECONCILIATION

THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 7PM

##### HOLY THURSDAY

THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL

THE LORDS SUPPER 7.00 PM

##### GOOD FRIDAY

FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 9.00 AM

THE LORD'S PASSION 3.00 PM

##### EASTER SATURDAY VIGIL

SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 7.00 PM

##### EASTER SUNDAY

SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 8.30 AM AND 6.00 PM

## Parents & Friends Association

### MacKillop Parents & Friends (P&F) Committee

We had a wonderful turnout to our first meeting of the year, with some new faces around the table which was great to see! Our AGM was on Monday 9th of March, where we welcomed both new and returning members.



#### Our Committee for 2015 is:

**President:** Peter Wallis

**Vice-President:** Michelle Gordon

**Secretary:** Elizabeth Laughton

**Secretary-Minutes:** Fiona Dunbar-Smith

**Treasurer:** Trudy Perry

**Communication Officer:** Janine Gunn

**Tuckshop Committee:** Leanne Pope, Angela Hovland, Violet Doherty, Magdalene Mahomet, Peter Wallis, Trudy Perry

**General Committee:** Kristy Millar, Wendy Brookhouse, Magdalene Mahomet, Katrina Hayward, Lisa Burkenhagen, Janine Gunn, Wayne Maslin

Our committee meets on the 2nd Monday of every month - **our next meeting is Monday 13th April.**

Please come along and see what goes on as part of the P&F. You are all either parents or friends of MacKillop so you're already a part of what we do. Help us to fundraise for your students, help us to run the school canteen, be a voice and be part of our plans for MacKillop for this year and beyond. The P&F is elected from parents and staff at the Annual General Meeting which is held in March each year. Parents (& Friends) are welcome to attend any of the meetings during the year.

Did you know that 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.

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## Year 10 Retreat

### Lake Bennett

In Week 9 the Year 10 Home forms attended the annual Retreat at beautiful Lake Bennett Resort.

The Retreat was a time of self-reflection for students as well as a time to build friendships while having fun with friends.



Tired!!!! Ready for home but still smiling!



Quiet reflection



Can you do the ostrich?



Or the Snake?



More Games, this time with concentration



Games and giggles.



Fun with Friends.



### Retreat

Theme:

Who Am I?

The theme "Who Am I?" has been chosen because Year 10 students are at a stage where they are finding out a lot more about themselves, others and God. This question "Who am I?" can be asked in relation to each of these. Who am I as an individual? Who am I in relation to others and who are they? Who am I in relation to God and who is God? It is important to realise we can learn a lot about ourselves from those around us. Also, because we are created in God's image we can learn about God through reflecting on ourselves and developing relationships with others.

ME-US-GOD

## Around the Campus



### MARCH MACK NIGHT at Mackillop

Our 'Mack Night' on 27th March was a lot of fun as we shared some snacks, enjoyed crazy games and helped to make sandwiches for St Vinnies' Food Van.

Our next Mack Night will be held in Term 2 and all students are very welcome. Come along for some laughs with friends and meet new people in our school community.

If you'd like more information or have any questions, feel free to email our school Chaplain, Miss Hill at: [lauren.hill@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lauren.hill@nt.catholic.edu.au)

God bless!

Miss Hill—Chaplaini



## Community Notices



**PETER CHANDLER** MLA Member for Brennan

Easter 2015

Dear Lauretta,

Easter has approached us quickly and I hope you enjoy my latest newsletter in preparation for either a fun weekend away or quality time at home, hopefully with lots of chocolate! Whatever you get up too please stay safe and I look forward to catching up in due course.

As always please feel free to contact me at my Electorate Office on 088999 5587 or [electorate.brennan@nt.gov.au](mailto:electorate.brennan@nt.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,

PETER CHANDLER MLA

*Take Care*

## From the Sports Department

### What's coming up with Sport ...



**Brodie Boyd**

PE & Sports Coordinator

### PARCS INTERSCHOOL SPORTS EVENTS

**Basketball - Week 10 Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April (Mrs. Boyd)**

Please see Mrs Brodie Boyd for more Information



### NORTHERN TERRITORY TITANS U15'S TRIALS

*(Boys turning 13, 14, 15 yrs by 31 Dec 2015)*

**WHERE:** Warren Park Marrara

**WHEN:** Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> of April 2015

**WHAT TIME:** 2pm till 4:30pm

**NOMINATIONS:** Simply turn up on the day with your boots socks and shorts ready to play. Strapping will not be provided.

**COMPETITION:** 2 games consisting of 4 quarters with each quarter lasting 10 minutes depending on numbers on the day.

**NT TITAN SELECTION:** At the competitions end a selection of 20 players including 5 shadows will be selected to join the NT U15's NT Titans Squad.



**David Graham**

Performing Arts & Rugby  
League Coordinator



## From the Sports Department

Adi will be participating in the School sports Cricket National championship in June.

**CONGRATULATIONS ADI!!**

**We wish you all the best**

Last Sunday Adi had an honour to meet the former Australian cricketer Ashley Mallett (only 2 boys were selected from Darwin).



Brandon King, 12, and Aditya Dave were both part of a coaching event held by former Australian off-spin bowler Ashley Mallett.

## Mallett lends advice

DOUG BORTH

### SPIN DOCTOR

Forty years ago Ashley Mallett made his one and only visit to Darwin. Until yesterday Mallett was in the Top End in 1975 to play an exhibition match at the Waratahs ground with Terry Jenner and the Chappell brothers. Greg and Ian were the best cricketers in Darwin.

Little did the Test off-spinner know that later that year, at the MCG, he would watch the destruction of Cyclone Tracy unfold on television as Australia played England in the Boxing Day Test.

But the memory of watching the devastation of Tracy came flooding back for the legend yesterday as he cast his eyes over possible Test cricket Mallett, Kerry O'Keefe or Shane Warne.

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Smith welcome 'Ashley is a very spin bowler and a very good cricketer'.

"The match could be a very good one for a spin bowler."



Mickayla Perkins was nominated for the Sport person of the Year Awards!

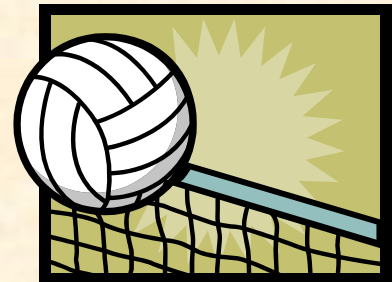
Even though Mickayla was not selected, her great achievement being in the top 16 is something to celebrate!

**WELL DONE!!**

**Congratulations to all students who participated in sports during Term 2. Thank you to parents who supported them and encouraged their participation. The sports department look forward to 100% involvement during the cooler terms of come.**

## Keep these important Dates for Term 2:

- MCC Athletics Carnival
- Swimming Squad each Tuesday afternoon
- Top End Shield Katherine 21st—23rd May
- Netball Training Every Tuesday afternoon
- MCC rugby League Training Weds afternoons
- NRL Game Development Saturdays 10—12 noon



## From the Sports Department

Under 12 Trial Days**TENNIS—TRIALS**

Day	Date	Time	Venue
Thursday	23rd April	4.00 – 5.00pm	Palmerston Tennis
Thursday	30 <sup>th</sup> April	4.00 – 5.00pm	

**TOUCH FOOTBALL- TRIALS**

Day	Date	Time	Venue
Thursday	11th June	4.00 – 5.00pm	MacKillop School Oval
Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup> June	4.00 – 5.00pm	

**BASKETBALL—TRIALS** Players must be a minimum of 10 years – i.e. born no later than 2005, and a maximum of 13 yrs – i.e. born no earlier than 2002.)

Day	Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday	14th April	4.00 – 5.00pm	Palmerston Senior College
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup> April	4.00 – 5.00pm	

**CRICKET—TRIALS** Players must be a minimum of 10 years – i.e. born no later than 2005, and a maximum of 12 yrs – i.e. born no earlier than 2003.)

Day	Date	Time	Venue
Thursday	30 <sup>th</sup> July	4.00 – 5.00pm	Fred's Pass
Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup> August	4.00 – 5.00pm	

**SOCCER—TRIALS** - Players must be a minimum of 10 years – i.e. born no later than 2005, and a maximum of 13 yrs – i.e. born no earlier than 2002.)

Day	Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup> April	4.00 – 5.00pm	Fred's Pass
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> April	4.00 – 5.00pm	

**TRIALS** - Players must be a minimum of 10 years – i.e. born no later than 2005, and a maximum of 12 yrs – i.e. born no earlier than 2003.)

Day	Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup> March	4.00 – 5.00pm	MacKillop School (Palmerston)
Tuesday	31 <sup>st</sup> March	4.00 – 5.00pm	