



Newsletter - Term 1, Week 6 March 2015



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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,

"Jesus, our leader, with the guidance of the Spirit within us, may we bring a spirit of joy, generosity and enthusiasm to the leadership role we have as members of this community. May our students learn about You by the way we lead our lives. Amen."



MacKillop Catholic College Commissioning Ceremony celebrated the gift of leadership present in each and every one of us. It was a celebration of who we are and what we bring to this place. A celebration of the gifts students, parents and staff have to offer. We acknowledged that we all have different gifts giving rise to different expressions of leadership within our college community.

At this commissioning celebration our students heard that our individual call to leadership maybe in the form of being a good friend or an excellent role model to their peers, or a committee member working towards a cause or project. Those gathered were invited to leadership in our community. We acknowledged and celebrated all leadership bestowed on us by others. The commissioning celebration affirmed what each and every person is called to do; all the times we have in the past said yes to making good choices and it is a time to commit our selves to good choices in the future. We acknowledged that we don't need a badge to do this. We can all be leaders. All we need is our willingness and courage to make a difference.

Never the less, as a community we chose a number of of students to be commissioned exemplifying what the student body believes to be good leadership. Our 2015 College Captains, House Leaders and Student Representative Councillors assembled and pledged their commitment to the vision of MacKillop Catholic College and received a special blessing from Fr Tom.

Fr Tom acknowledged that all students when making the right choices and being the best they can be are our symbol of Christ present in this community. They are the light of the world being His messengers, empowered by His Spirit, enlivened by His word. Through celebrations such as these we acknowledge that the Holy Spirit continues to be present empowering us in this place as he came down upon the disciples and empowered them with love.

We pray that the Holy Spirit bless us all, with this same love, and bring us to the joy of what God has in store for us this year.

Yours sincerely

Laretta 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"

From the Principal's Desk Continued



2015 NAPLAN is a nation-wide series of tests and tasks that assess students' basic knowledge and skills in literacy and numeracy. The term NAPLAN actually stands for National Assessment Program: Literacy & Numeracy, which is administered by the [Australian Curriculum, Assessment & Reporting Authority](#) (ACARA).

The tests and tasks include a:

- Reading test
- Writing task
- Test of basic grammar, punctuation and spelling
- Numeracy test

NAPLAN 2015 will take a total of 3-4 hours, spread out over 3 days.

Every year since 2008, **all Australian students in Years 3,5,7 and 9 undertake these tests and tasks.** NAPLAN 2015 will be no different.

Dates for NAPLAN 2015 NAPLAN 2015 will occur **12 -14 May.**

Year	Tuesday 12 th May	Wednesday 13 th May	Thursday 14 th May	Friday 15 th May
7	Language Conventions 45minutes - 25 spelling question - 26 grammar and punctuation questions Writing 40 minutes - Max 3 pages	Reading 65 Minutes - 50 Comprehension questions Test Catch up	Numeracy (Calc) 40 minutes -32 numeracy questions Numeracy (Noncalc) 40 minutes - 32 numeracy questions Test Catch Up	Test Catch Up
9	Language Conventions 45 minutes -30 spelling questions - 28 grammar and punctuation questions Writing 40 minutes - Max 3 pages	Reading 65 Minutes -50 Comprehension questions Test Catch Up	Numeracy (Calc) 40 minutes -32 numeracy questions Numeracy (Noncalc) 40 minutes - 32 numeracy questions - Test Catch Up	Test Catch Up

Deputy Principal—Academic Studies



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

The assessment calendar for Term 1 is available for viewing on the College website, by looking at this you will be able to see when your children's assessments are due and any exams approaching.

A reminder also that unless there are extenuating circumstances students are only to wear sports uniforms on PE days, which are listed below.

If students have an elective that requires them to wear their sports uniform they must wear their formal uniform and change throughout the day.

7.1	Thursday	8.1	Tuesday	9.1	Thursday
7.2	Thursday	8.2	Friday	9.2	Tuesday
7.3	Thursday	8.3	Tuesday	9.3	Friday
7.4	Wednesday	8.4	Thursday	9.4	Thursday
7.5	Wednesday	8.5	Friday		
7.6	Tuesday				

Just a reminder that the Year 10 Information evening is planned for Thursday 12th August from 6.00 – 6.45. This evening will give parents the opportunity to learn more about the subjects our College offers, how the Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training works, our VET and flexible learning program as well as a chance for you to clarify any areas of concern.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can help in any way.

Chris Trevillion

Deputy Principal—Pastoral Care



Dale Gleeson
Deputy Principal—
Pastoral Care

School Hat Policy

Rationale “..Two in three Australians will develop skin cancer..”

Common sites of skin damage and skin cancer are the neck, ears, temples, lips, face and nose. These areas are constantly exposed to the sun and generally receive more UV radiation than other body parts. Wearing an appropriate hat is one way to protect these sensitive areas.

Recommendation

Sun Smart recommends hats that provide good shade to the face, back of the neck, eyes and ears when in the sun.

Research shows that broad brimmed hats provide satisfactory UV radiation protection. Baseball caps offer little protection to the head and face and are therefore not recommended as school hats.

- Mackillop has a broad brim hat policy. Caps and visors will not be accepted as they offer little protection for the side of the face.
- The approved school broad-brimmed hat has a minimum brim of 6cm as recommended by the Cancer Council's 'Sun Smart Policy' in order to provide protection from the sun on the face and neck.
- Hats must be worn on all occasions when out in the sun i.e. “no hat, no play” and “no hat, no P.E./sport” policies.
- As a matter of courtesy hats are not to be worn in the classrooms.

The school approved broad brim hats are available at the office for purchase at a cost of \$12.

All students will be given the opportunity to acquire a hat this week. The cost will be added to school fees.

Overriding all of these rules is the need for common sense.

There are always activities where the conditions will not apply. We will endeavor to enforce these rules to protect your children from the life-long threat of sun damage and skin cancer.

Parental cooperation in this matter is paramount.

Beginning on Monday March 9 students without the approved school hat will be required to spend recess and lunch in the breeze-way outside the Yr 10 classrooms until such time as they have an approved school hat.

Dale Gleeson



Year 7 Welcome Dinner



YEAR 7 WELCOME DINNER



Kelly Sayer
Year 7 Coordinator

It was so nice to see so many families last Wednesday night for our welcome dinner for year 7 as part of our integrated project. There was a strong sense of community which is something we value here at Mackillop Catholic College. Every students' learning and growth is reliant on a team effort from themselves, teachers, parents and the community.

All of our core subjects were a part of this project; Religion looked at the importance of shared meals and coming together as a community, English considered the importance of language and helped with our invitations, SOSE researched different cultures and traditions, Science delved into where our food comes from and Mathematics explored the energy, kilojoules and serving sizes.

The night began with a beautiful Grace put together by each form class which led us into our amazing feast. Thank you to everyone for the wonderful food that you contributed and the wonderful company. Thank you also to Dan Yore who helped the night come together and to all of the teachers and students who worked hard in making the night such a huge success.

For those that were unable to make it this time, we are hoping to organise a similar project in semester two.

Kelly Sayer

Mack Night



Mack Night kicked off for 2015 on Friday February 27, with students from across the year levels coming along after school to 'chill-out' and enjoy some fun and laughs together.

Students had the chance to meet new friends while enjoying games, sharing some hot chips, dancing and learning a few new chords on the guitar.

Some of our teachers also dropped by to say g'day, strum a guitar tune and play some board games with us on the stormy arvo.

A special thanks to our brilliant helpers from year 10!

Our **next Mack Night** is on **Friday March 27** with a volunteering theme. Michael from *Young Vinnies* will be our guest and we'll help with sandwich making for the *Vinnies'* SOS food van. It should be a brilliant night and everyone is very welcome!

Feel free to email our Chaplain, Miss Lauren Hill, for more details: lauren.hill@nt.catholic.edu.au

God bless,

Lauren Hill, College Chaplain



College Captains, House Leaders, SRC Representatives

2015 House Leaders

Gold House

Boys

Captain-Rob Bull (Year 10)

Vice Captain-Jacob Butterworth (Year 10)

Girls

Captain-Zoe Carrier (Year 10)

Vice Captain-Olivia Harding (Year 10)

Blue House

Boys

Captain-Keanu Lee-Feeney (Year 11)

Vice Captain-Matthew Cox (Year 9)

Girls

Captain-Alysha Healy (Year 9)

Vice Captain-Brodie Watkinson (Year 10)

Green House

Boys

Captain-Dylan Collins (Year 9)

Vice Captain-Ethan Pilcher (Year 7)

Girls

Captain-Mickayla Perkins (Year 7)

Vice Captain-Ella Mulvahil (Year 8)

Red House

Boys

Captain-Campbell Smith (Year 8)

Vice Captain-Caiden Gardener (Year 7)

Girls

Captain-Mattea Breed (Year 8)

Vice Captain-Sarah Spence (year 10)

Senior Captains

Shane Butfield
Maleena Norris
Allanah Hogan



Middle School Captains

Ben MacDonald
Jordana Jack
Louise Jones



SRC year level reps

Year 7: Allanah Leslie, Jackson Chisolm

Year 8: Shea Rafferty, Amelia Cole

Year 9: Justin Hockey, Thomas Habets (no female nomination)

Year 10: Madison Nothrop, Patrick Rose

Year 11: Zoey Pattiselanno, Rhys Buik

Year 12: Joel Sobieralski, Jessyka Hanson



Community Notices

SPORTS Voucher Scheme 2014/15

NTG Department of Sport, Recreation and Racing

You can use your child's Sport Voucher, present it to any registered sport, recreation or cultural organization before 31 May 2015. If your child is new student within the Northern Territory, has transitioned to a new school or you have not received your Sport Voucher through your school, you may request a \$100 Sport Voucher online or visit **www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au** or call 1800 817 860



LENTEN MESSAGE FROM HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis says that "Lent is a time of renewal for the whole Church, for each community and every believer." In particular his message alerts us to the danger of becoming indifferent to others who are worse off than we are.

He says "Usually, when we are healthy and comfortable, we forget about others (something God the Father never does): we are unconcerned with their problems, their sufferings and the injustices they endure....every Christian community is called to go out of itself and to be engaged in the life of the greater society of which it is a part, especially with the poor and those who are far away."



Lent began on Ash Wednesday (18 February 2015) and finishes on Holy Thursday (2 April).

Student Immunisations for Years 7 and 8 – 13th March 2015 – forms have been sent out, please ensure these are filled out and RETURNED to the front office, ready for the nurses. Thank you!

Around the Campus



**Sara Gagliardo— HF/EALD
Coordinator**

Week 8 Harmony Day events at Mackillop:



1. There will be a Harmony Day poster competition starting Thursday 5th March. Only years 8 and 7 will be involved in this.

Year 8 and 7 Home Form teachers will receive the flyer advertising this competition.

It would be great if the college captains and SRC students judged the posters.

A prize will be given to the winner.

2. Friday lunch flag face painting stall.

We need lots of flag face painters, so if you would like to help out on the day it would be much appreciated.

Perhaps the college captains can be of assistance here as well.

3. Friday lunch rainbow ribbon making stall. 7.3 Home Form will be organising this.

If you would like to involve your class in a stall dedicated to Harmony Day, please do and let me know!

4. Wednesday assembly will be dedicated to Harmony day celebrations.

Assembly items so far include; a cultural dance feature from our dance students and an Indigenous elder coming in as a guest speaker.

If you would like to include a performance feature in the assembly such as a song, please contact me and we will happily place you in the program!

Thank you,

Sara Gagliardo

From the Sports Department

What's coming up with Sport in Term



Brodie McCutcheon
PE & Sports
Coordinator

PARCS INTERSCHOOL SPORTS EVENTS

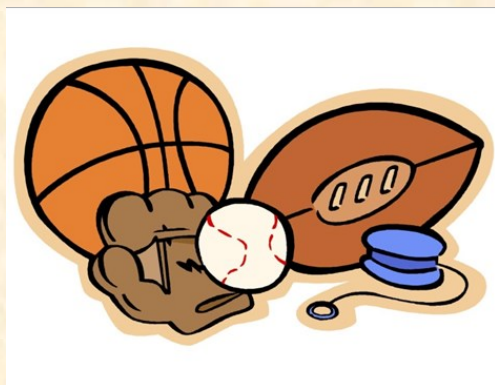
**Indoor Cricket- Week 5 Thurs 26th Feb
(Mr. Plumber)**

**Hockey -Week 5 Friday 27th February
(Mr. Dimmick)**

**Netball - Week 7 Friday 13th March
(Mrs. Boyd)**

**Australian Rules Football - Week 8 Tuesday 17th
March (Mr. Francis)**

**Rugby League -Week 9 Friday 27th March
(Mr. Graham)**



**Basketball - Week 10
Wednesday 1st April (Mrs. Boyd)**

Please see Mrs Boyd for more
Information

From the Sports Department

RUGBY LEAGUE NEWS

UNDER 14 MATCH – MACKILLOP VS KORMILDA

FULL TIME SCORE:

MACKILLOP 42

KORMILDA 12

TRY: J.Butterworth , J.Chiplen 3, Oscar Ruru, B. Martins 3, Alex Miller.

CONVERSIONS: J. Croydon 2, J.Chiplen.

MAN OF THE MATCH: *Brendon Martins.*



David Graham Performing Arts Coordinator

