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

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Dear Members of MacKillop College Community,

Over the last two weeks we have seen first-hand how fortunate we are in living in this country and this territory. Our success on the sporting field, our buildings moving towards completion in May, and many wonderful staff working for our students with good and wonderful parents who support the school, and generally a community that is genuinely excited about the development of our College, clearly shows we have a lot for which to be thankful.



As we celebrate our good fortune it is important to bear in mind our College Charism of discipleship. To be truly a MacKillop person is to be a disciple, or follower, of Jesus Christ. When we do this we are emulating the life of our patron, Saint Mary MacKillop; we acknowledge that every person young or old is called to a specific way of life or vocation that will follow Jesus: in single life; in marriage; in consecrated religious life, such as sisters and brothers; or as ordained deacons and priests. Whatever vocation one follows, we are all called to imitate Jesus by taking care of those in need: people who are poor, sick, homeless, disadvantaged, marginalised or oppressed in any way.

For the next few weeks we ask that you support CARITAS Australia by supporting our Home form teachers and students with their fundraising events. Caritas Australia's work is focused in three areas:

- Supporting sustainable development programs so communities can help themselves out of poverty;
- Responding to emergencies by providing shelter, nutrition and healthcare; and,
- Working in Australia to change the structures that perpetuate poverty.

During Lent, Project Compassion is one way of reaching out to many people who have as their daily realities: distress; hardship; persecution; famine and violence. Through our contribution to Project Compassion we can bring dignity and hope to those who are suffering in our world. Project Compassion gives us the opportunity to bring new life to all those who suffer and struggle.

Please send your contribution through to your son/daughter's Home form teacher.

"Aspire not to have more, but to be more" ... Archbishop Oscar Romero

Over the next few weeks as we journey through the last of the rain for the year, let us remember that:

*Each day is blessed by God,
It is God's own and now let us go into it.
We walk in this day as God's messenger;
Whoever we meet,
We meet in God's own way.
We are there to be the presence of God,
The presence of Christ,
The presence of the Spirit,
The presence of the Gospel - This is our function
On each particular day. ...Anthony Bloom*

**May the peace of Christ be with your family,
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"



All Welcome...

THE CHRISM MASS

(Blessing of the Holy Oils)

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

7pm Tuesday 24th March.

We ask that all students attending attend in school uniform

You are invited

MacKillop College BOARD

AGM

Date: Monday 30th March, 2015

Time: 7pm

Venue: Board Room

And most welcome

Deputy Principal—Academic Studies



Chris Trevillion,
Deputy Principal – Academic
Studies

As we approach the end of the term there are several important dates on the horizon. Tuesday 31st March is our Parent/Teacher/Student conference night. This year we are introducing a new online booking system for the evening, the new system will allow parents greater flexibility in booking interviews and alleviate any problems with lost forms or missed opportunities to book time slots for teachers. We are also sending home hard copies of booking forms in case the College does not have updated email addresses or there are any computer problems at home. Further details will be sent home with students as well as by email.

Thank you to all families who have signed and returned elective pathways forms. Although this process was completed late last year, with the addition of new electives it meant greater choice for students and the chance experience new exciting subjects. If your child has not presented their subject selection form to you, please ask them for it and return it to their home form teacher as soon as possible.

Just a reminder to check your child's diary, it is a great means of communication between parents and teachers.

As always, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Chris Trevillion

Deputy Principal — Academic Studies

Flexible Learning Department



Rod Plummer—Head of
Flexible Pathways

Welcome to the first and hopefully not the last Newsletter Article from the Flexible Learning Department. We have a number of programs on the go and I would like to share the particulars of a couple with you.

This week I spoke with our Year 11 Cohort and rolled out the College's first undertaking of Community Service. Each student will participate in 50 hours of community service throughout Years 11 and 12. At MacKillop we believe in producing students that are well rounded and that can be Servant Leaders within the wider community. Students who complete this will receive 10 credit points towards their NTCET.

Rhonda Scullen and myself have spent the last three days at various seminars in regards to Employment Pathways and Careers. These days have been invaluable in regards to networking with people within higher education and industry.

Watch this space as the department is heading into exciting times for us and all students from Years 7-12.

Rod Plummer & Rhonda Scullen— VET & Careers Coordinator

Deputy Principal—Pastoral Care



Dale Gleeson

Deputy Principal —
Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care & Well Being

The emphasis of recent Pastoral Care lessons has focused in on Bullying and Harmony Day. Obviously the two go very much hand in hand and sit comfortably with us as a community at MacKillop Catholic College.

Whilst our college values are powerful reminders of the influence of Mary MacKillop in our work together, they become even more potent when we underpin the messages of anti-bullying and harmony with combinations of these values.

Students being 'courageously inclusive' can arrest opportunities for bullying to occur, and 'respectful compassion' goes a long way towards the harmonious relationships that must exist between members of our school community in order for us to succeed in the best possible education for our students.

The students showed off their 'respectful compassion' at our recent Harmony Day assembly. Miss Gagliardo organised a wonderful assembly, rich on the meaning of 'Harmony' and students, performers and audience alike, were absolutely fantastic throughout the assembly.

School Counsellor

Parents should be aware of the services of our School Counsellor, Vikas Pawar. Vikas, who works for Catholic Care NT, is available to students on Mondays and Tuesdays here at the College. A referral system operates to ensure appointment times can be confirmed. Requests for referral can be made by teachers, parents and students at times of need.

Please do not hesitate to contact me to avail your child of this valuable service the school has on offer.

Dale Gleeson—Deputy Principal Pastoral Care

Assistant Principal—Religious Education



Marie Butt

Assistant to the Principal
Religious Education

STUDENT BUS TRAVEL

A reminder that it is a condition of travel on all school buses that students stay seated at all times when the bus is in motion. Also no food or drink (other than water bottles) is to be consumed on the buses. Students need to behave in a way that allows for a safe and enjoyable journey for all and that allows the driver to fully concentrate on the road. Students who fail to follow these rules can be either issued with a written warning or be issued a letter from Buslink banning them from travel for a period of time. In this instance parent will need to arrange alternate transport to and from school.

SAFETY IN THE COLLEGE CARPARKS / DROP OFF ZONES

Parents are reminded that the safest place to pick up / drop of students is in the short term zone. Please do not park longer than the sign posted 2 MINUTES in these zones,, rather drive through when your child is ready to be picked up.

Parents are reminded not to stop and drop off or pick up students in the staff car park. This practice is not only unsafe but hinders the flow of traffic out of the drop off / pick up zone.

We thank you for your help in keeping all students safe.

Marie Butt—Assistant to the Principal Religious Education

Assistant Principal— Religious Education



CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION



The theme of this year's CARITAS Project Compassion is

Food For Life

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.



EASTER CHOCOLATE RAFFLE



Support Project Compassion.

Win over \$100 dollars worth of chocolates and Easter goodies.

TICKETS \$1 Available at the Front Office.

Tickets will be on sale at the Parent Teacher Conference Night.

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.



YEAR 10 RETREAT

The Year 10 students will be attending their RETREAT at Lake Bennett next week from Wednesday 25th March to Friday 27th March. The theme of the Retreat is "Who am I" and students will be guided by the Retreat Team in exploring where they are on their personal and spiritual journey.



Assistant Principal—Religious Education



Marie Butt—

Assistant to the Principal
Religious Education

LENT and HOLY WEEK SERVICES

OURLADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISH CHURCH

BE PART OF OUR PARISH THIS EASTER

PALM SUNDAY

YOUTH MASS 6PM SUNDAY 29TH MARCH

RECONCILIATION

THURSDAY 26TH MARCH 7PM

HOLY THURSDAY

THURSDAY 2ND APRIL

THE LORDS SUPPER 7.00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY

FRIDAY 3RD APRIL

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 9.00 AM

THE LORD'S PASSION 3.00 PM

EASTER SATURDAY VIGIL

SATURDAY 4TH APRIL 7.00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY

SUNDAY 5TH APRIL 8.30 AM AND 6.00 PM



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Our Catholic Identity



LáFhéilePádraig- Aifreannigaelach

You are invited to celebrate

St Patrick's Day, Tues 17th March,

with a Mass in Gaelic at The Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Gsell St,
Casuarina at 5.30pm.

Mass will be concelebrated by Fr Jimmy O'Gara and Bishop Eugene Hurley.

Please bring a plate to share with light refreshments
afterwards.



Palmerston to Darwin Cathedral

03-04-2015

Each one of us is chosen for his kingdom and Jesus would love to see us walk this journey thinking of our families, failures and allow him into those areas.

This is the 6th year and we the people from all over Darwin would like to continue this Good Friday walk, supporting each one of you in making this tiniest penance possible. *Below is the picture taken after the walk at St Mary's Cathedral in the city 2014.*

All our kids and Staff from Sacred Heart, Mackillop, St John's, Oloughlin College and adults have great stories and experiences to share when you come along, on the walk.

Don't miss out on this great event and experience. You need to endure it to feel the overwhelming Joy and Peace of Christ.

Starting from here **OLHC Palmerston Parish front Gate** on 03-4-2015

Time: 3 am and hope to reach Darwin Cathedral at 8:30 am.

Please arrange transport for you to get picked up from Darwin.

If anyone would like to volunteer in bringing back the walkers, would be appreciated as an option if needed.

For any information please contact: Harold: 0405217307;

John: 0427027134

Or email: disciplesofjesusdarwin@gmail.com



Mackillop Catholic College



Vanaja Arakkal
Director Information
Technology Teaching
& Learning

1:1 Laptop Program Information Evening Invitation



Mandatory: Year 7s

Mandatory for all New Students across all year levels if using a College laptop. Come and find out about: laptop rules, warranties and College laptop policies

23th and 25th March

7 PM

Rooms B201 and B202

Please come and attend this information evening :

great opportunity to listen, discuss and ask questions about our:

Laptop initiative

Collective responsibility

IT Facilities and IT Support

IT support

Laptop Management: hardware and software

Concerns/queries: cyber safety,

Our High Expectations

Questions



FAREWELL Constable Linda Sayers

Hi everyone at MacKillop Catholic College

I am about to embark on a new chapter in my life, but before I go, I would like to the opportunity to say something to you all.

Firstly, it has been an honour to serve you as the Youth Engagement Police Officer for the past 7 months. I have enjoyed my time with you and have appreciated the way you have embraced me into your community.

You have taught me that, a large community can still find time to support one another and to show respect to a fellow human being.

At times I was asked to come and speak with individual students about their behaviours, but even these students showed respect and made an effort to learn from the experience and grow. To these students I say, "Well done, for trying"; that is all any of us can do.

Some students and teachers have even given me to opportunity to just talk and have a laugh and to you I say, "Thanks for the memories".

I go now to a new adventures and to be closer to my family as I feel nothing is more important than family. Your family are the people who will love you unconditionally even when you don't act very lovingly yourself. They will be your support for all your life and I want to be near my family so I too can receive and give support when needed.

I would like to leave you with this thought. We are all on a journey that at many times will bring challenges that will knock us down, but you will get back up. God promises that he will help us and give us a way to overcome the challenges in our lives.

1 Corinthians 10:13 says:-

13. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

MacKillop Catholic College, there is no such thing as a weak person, just a person becoming stronger:-

Isaiah 40 29-31 says:-

9. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness". Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weakness, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

10. that is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weakness, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

All my love, Constable 1st Class Linda Sayers NT Police #2669

5th March 2015

Community Notices



Year 11 Health students are hosting Australia's Biggest Morning tea on the 28th May 2015 from 9:00am until 11pm. We would love to see our parents and friends come along to support this great cause, please bring a plate of food to share and a gold coin donation. There will be face

painting, food, tea and coffee, hair coloring and music on the day, as well as merchandise to buy. All proceeds will go to the cancer council.

ALL WELCOME!



MacKillop Catholic College will be involved in an upcoming national census for students. The National Consistent Collection of Data is a collection of data from all schools across Australia about the number of students with a disability and additional support needs. It includes information about the type and level of support provided to them. This collection of data aims to inform the Commonwealth Department of Education about the additional support our school provides for students with disabilities and additional support needs so that they have the same opportunities for a high quality education as those students who do not require additional support. A detailed note will go home to all families in the coming weeks. Parents can choose to have their child exempt from this process.



Music Department



We are currently looking for Woodwind and Strings players!

Clarinet, Flute, Saxophone, Bassoon, Trumpet, Trombone, Euphonium, Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass!

Come down and try out today!

Visit our webpage www.mackillopmusic.com



MacKillop College BOARD AGM

Date: Monday 30th March, 2015

Time: 7pm

Venue: Board Room



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

LAMBRICK AVENUE / FARRAR BOULEVARD INTERSECTION TRAFFIC LIGHTS

The traffic lights at the intersection of Lambrick Avenue and Farrar Boulevard are nearing completion and will be finished ahead of schedule.

It is anticipated on Friday 20 March 2015, the newly installed traffic lights will become operational. Variable message boards are in place and motorists are urged to drive with care and be aware of the change in traffic conditions.

The traffic lights will improve road safety and traffic flow.

Enquiries can be directed to Aftab Abro, Department of Transport on telephone 8924 7121.

www.transport.nt.gov.au

Around the Campus



Roy Anderson
Design Technologies Coordinator

On Tuesday 10th March 2015 I finally managed to get my Australian Citizenship. Born in England, raised in Kenya, East Africa, high school teacher training and a total of 30 years in New Zealand, and now 10 years in Australia you can only imagine who I support when it comes to international sports! And especially when it comes to Rugby (Union of course!) and cricket!

So all ya Ozzies got a new chant now, ok? Ozzie, Ozzie, Ozzie, Roy, Roy, Roy!!!

Cheers!

MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION – AGM 2015

Parents and friends was held on this **DATE:** 09/03/2015

PRESIDENT: Peter Wallis elected.

VICE PRESIDENT: Michelle Gordon

SECRETARY: Elizabeth Laughton

SECRETARY – Fiona Dunbar-Smith

TREASURER: Trudy Perry

TUCKSHOP COMMITTEE: Leanne Pope, Angela Houland, Violet Doherty, Magdalene Mahomet, Peter Wallis, Trudy Perry

GENERAL COMMITTEE: Kristy Millar, Wendy Brookhouse, Magdalene Mahomet, Katrina Haywood, Lisa Burkenhagen, Janine Gunn, Wayne Maslin.

COMMUNICATION OFFICER: Janine Gunn

HAPPY ST PATRICKS DAY!

17th
MARCH



From the Sports Department

What's coming up with Sport in Term 1 ...



Brodie Boyd

PE & Sports Coordinator

PARCS INTERSCHOOL SPORTS EVENTS

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



David Graham

Performing Arts & Rugby
League Coordinator

Another good outing for MacKillop's Rugby League teams. Both teams coming away with convincing results against tough and fast Rosebery outfits.

Great effort from all the boys. Special mention must go to Dale White, Jarrod Haywood and Brendon Martins.

A team will now be selected to compete for MacKillop in the Territory U15 trials. More information available on the Rugby League noticeboard in C block.



RESULTS:

Under13

MacKillop 20 - Rosebery 20

Under 15

MacKillop 36 – Rosebery 16

U15s TITANS Trials 27th MARCH – Team has been posted on the Rugby League Noticeboard

Hi All,

Just wanted to touch base to say thank you for allowing your students the opportunity to act as mentors and role models for the primary students at the recent PARRS Rugby League days.

I had some exceptional feedback from primary teachers regarding students who have supported PARRS days recently.

This year I have seen the PARRS program improve with the use of Middle and Senior students acting as referees. Each of the students have shown maturity,

initiative, while providing great role modelling opportunities and encouraging student lifelong learning.

These classrooms without walls have great potential to allow benefits for all students involved.

I encourage any future opportunities for students to be involved in PARRS and School Sport NT pathways events. Many thanks

Rowan Barrow

PARRS School Sport Coordinator
0427828597

From the Sports Department



PARRS NETBALL

On Friday 13th of March we had 30 students who participated in the PARRS interschool netball day. It was a very successful day and the girls represented our College in an excellent manner displaying excellent teamwork and sportsmanship.

Our year 8/9 team were the overall winners of the whole competition and did not lose any of their games.

They played against Kormilda in the grand final and won the game by 2 goals. It was a tough game but our shooters did very well under the pressure.

Thank you to Jess O'Garey and Chloe Dawes for coaching our year 7 team and Mrs Sharon Forsyth for coaching our 7/8 team they did a great job!

Brodie Boyd



Jessyka Hanson: went to the recent Australasian Karate Championships, and won a silver medal in the brown belt women's Katate event! which means she is presently 2nd in Australia at this level!

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



From the Sports Department

Under 12 Trial Days

NETBALL—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
Thursday	12th March	4.00 – 5.00pm	Palmerston Netball Association
Friday	13 th March	4.00 – 5.00pm	

AFL—TRIALS

Day	Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday	11th March	4.00 – 5.00pm	Driver Primary School Oval
Thursday	12 th March	4.00 – 5.00pm	

TENNIS—TRIALS

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

TOUCH FOOTBALL- TRIALS

Day	Date	Time	Venue
Thursday	11th June	4.00 – 5.00pm	MacKillop School Oval
Thursday	18 th 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 st 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 th July	4.00 – 5.00pm	Fred's Pass
Thursday	6 th 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 th April	4.00 – 5.00pm	Fred's Pass
Wednesday	22 nd 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 th March	4.00 – 5.00pm	MacKillop School (Palmerston)
Tuesday	31 st March	4.00 – 5.00pm	