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

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***Honouring the Past
Living the Present
Imagining the Future***

100th Anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli

As a College we will gather on Friday 24th April, to remember brave and courageous ANZAC soldiers and again on Saturday morning the 25th April we will march in the Palmerston parade. We look forward to as many students alongside many parents and teachers representing our College and commemorating 100 years. These make for proud moments.

Through these services we remember the brave ANZAC people who not only gave their lives for our country, but showed us how to live our lives. The courage of these ordinary men and women was proven at Gallipoli and this same courage continues to guide us in our lives today. Courage to: be the best we can be; persevere; remain positive and hopeful in tough times; serve others; and, stand up for what we believe. It seems to me that our responsibility to the ANZACs is twofold: firstly, to remember them; and, secondly to honour their memory by emulating their strength and courage and to approach life's challenges with restraint, good humour and courage.



Prayer of Remembrance

We remember with thanksgiving those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war. We pray that the offering of their lives, not have been in vain. Today we dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace; and for the wisdom and strength to build a better world.

May God continue to protect and bless your families.

***Lauretta Graham,
Principal***



In Palmerston:

Friday 24th April

9am MCC ANZAC Service
6:30pm Youth Vigil, Memorial Park

Saturday 25th April

4:30am Gunfire Breakfast, Palmerston Sports Club
6:00am Dawn Service, Memorial Park
6:30am Breakfast, Palmerston Sports Club
10:00am Main Service and March, including military flyover, Goyder Square

"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"

Deputy Principal—Academic Studies



Chris Trevillion:
Deputy Principal – Academic
Studies

Welcome to Term 2!

All our students have timetables and elective subjects are now finalised. All staff have been busy planning the lessons and as such the assessment planner for Years 7 – 12 will be placed on the website and posted home shortly. The assessment planner is a great tool to help your children plan for assignments and study for exams, I encourage all families to use this resource.

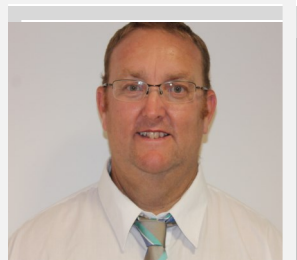
A reminder to families of students in Years 7 and 9 that NAPLAN is in week 5. Our teachers have been working very hard to equip students with all the skills need so they can achieve to the best of their ability.

Term 2 is a very exciting term, our Year 7 students have another project planned, a community garden. Our Year 7 teachers are very enthusiastic and this enthusiasm is reflected by the work our students are producing. Our Year 12 students are edging closer and closer to the end of their formal education, they are extremely busy with their studies and working towards their future goals. Our middle years students are starting their electives for term 2, MacKillop is buzzing at the moment!

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kindest Regards
Christopher Trevillion

Flexible Learning Department



Rod Plummer:
Head of Flexible Pathways

Giving your children the skills and knowledge to be the “dictators of their own destiny”.

In the last edition of the newsletter I promised to unpack some of the resources Flexible Learning has to offer. I hope to make these items as informative as possible for both students and parents. But if I should miss something or if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me here at the College.

Vocational Education & Training (VET) is a great tool for students wishing to explore adult learning and industry while still at school. MacKillop Catholic College predominantly uses CDU as our Registered Training Organisation (RTO) to deliver courses in Automotive, Business, Conservation & Land Management, Construction, Hairdressing, Horticulture, ICT and Nail Technology. These courses are offered free of charge to students and are funded by the NT Government. The make-up of these courses will change from year to year.

VET gives students a chance of developing employability skills and knowledge while receiving their secondary schooling. Not only can VET support students in becoming “work ready”, it allows them to taste what it is like to be in the chosen industry. The lecturers all work or have experience in the industry. Often the skill sets learnt in one course can be transferred to another if the student finds that the course they have chosen is not for them.

Second Semester offerings should be out soon, so please keep your eyes open or visit myself or Mrs Scullen to find out more.

Rod Plummer
Head of Flexible Learning

and

Rhonda Scullen
VET Coordinator

Deputy Principal - Pastoral Care



Dale Gleeson:
Deputy Principal – Pastoral
Care

After a very busy Term 1 I hope all students are refreshed and ready for the rigours of a term that includes an episode of formal reporting of student achievement.

This of course means that teachers will be making demands of completed classwork and assessments in all subjects and the pressures of these demands can sometimes be the cause of real stress for some students (and parents and teachers!)

Can I assure students and parents that there are a range of supports in these circumstances to assist in minimising stresses associated with work deadlines.

Subject teachers are the first point of contact. Clarification of work, requests for extensions, time spent working alongside the teacher out of class are all ways which students can best utilise their classroom teachers. Parents should feel very comfortable corresponding with subject teachers when they become aware of issues in particular subjects.

HomeForm teachers are another support. The daily contact with one particular teacher is aimed at fostering a relationship that can allow comfortable conversation around student learning. All HomeForm teachers have their own experience and

expertise and can assist student learning in many ways. The 30 minute period that begins each day is a great opportunity to get assistance, catch up or even get in ahead in classwork and assessment.

Year Coordinators are important people in assisting students with the demands of school. These teachers spend a lot of time dealing with a range of issues that has them well prepared for most circumstances that arise. The importance of balancing the demands of school and life outside of school is an area that this group work hard to allow students to better understand.

The School Leaders are another significant group who can assist. These people can direct students and parents to supports within the school and supports that exist outside of the school.

In order to be informed and up-to-date with current thinking, teachers are regularly involved in Professional Learning opportunities. One such opportunity that has taken place at the beginning of this term is a short course on supporting student mental health. Presenters from 'headspace', the National Youth Mental Health Foundation offered Year Coordinators and other interested teachers greater insight into identifying warning signs and risk factors relating to diminishing mental health.

In light of the information shared above this group are now better equipped to support the learning and well-being of students at MacKillop.

Another support on offer to students is our School-based Counsellor, Vikas Pawar. Vikas is employed by Catholic Care NT and is available to students, by appointment, on Mondays and Tuesdays at school.

An introduction to Vikas and what he offers our students follows this article.

Introducing Vikas:



Vikas is a qualified Social worker, working as a Counsellor in the Family and Children's program with Catholic Care NT. Vikas has 5 years experience as a Counsellor and is competent in providing Counselling to; young people, couples, adults, and families in relation to personal, relationship and family problems.

Vikas is at MacKillop Catholic College on Mondays and Tuesdays 8.30 am – 5.00 pm during the school term.

If you would like to make an appointment with Vikas phone 89305702.

Assistant Principal—Religious Education



Marie Butt

Assistant to the Principal
Religious Education

THE CROSS

The Year 7 Religious Education classes produced 3-Dimensional Crosses as the culminating assessment task after studying the significance of the Cross as a symbol in the Christian story of Lent and Easter. Students reflected on the cross upon which Jesus was crucified on Good Friday.

Below are some images of the very creative crosses the students made to share with their families.



Bishop Hurley recently wrote on the reason why we use the term “GOOD FRIDAY” when it commemorates the day on which Jesus suffered and died on the cross. For us as Catholics it is a day to recall the sacrifice made for us. This was the ultimate gift given to us by Jesus.

Bishop Hurley wrote “The cross has been a symbol worldwide of everything that is noble and good, where people have sacrificed themselves for others.

As we approach ANZAC Day we again reflect on the sacrifice made by many. This year ANZAC DAY is a particularly poignant time when we mark the 100 year anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli. The sacrifice of these young men made for others in many ways parallels the suffering and death of Jesus. A sacrifice made so that others who followed could enjoy the peace, freedom and joy of a life lived to the full.

NET TEAM



This week the NET (National Evangelization Team) has delivered one day Retreat programs to the Year 8, 9 and 11 students. This team of ten energetic, passionate young Catholics have shared messages about managing life challenges and decision making with our students.

From the Sports Department

What's coming up with Sport in Term 2...

PARCS INTERSCHOOL SPORTS EVENTS



Brodie Boyd
PE & Sports Coordinator

Friday 17 th April Week 1	FOOTBALL (SOCCER) (Brodie Boyd)
Thurs 30 th Apr Week 3	GOLF (Paul Dimmick)
Thurs 21 st May Week 6	TOUCH FOOTBALL (David Graham)
Thurs 4 th June Week 8	CROSS COUNTRY (Tammy Woodward)



**The MacKillop Catholic College
victorious Basketball Team!**

Please see Mrs Boyd
for further
information.

Whole School Cross Country

Week 4

Thursday 7th May 2015



Whole College Athletics Carnival

Week 7

Friday 29th May 2015



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 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	

Keep these important Sports Dates for Term 2:

- MCC Athletics Carnival
- Cross Country 7th May
- 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 Continued

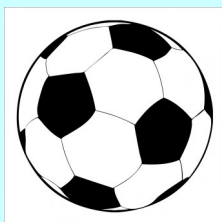
MacKillop Catholic College Soccer

(Years 7, 8 and 9)

Training Thursdays at 3.15pm-4.15pm

On the College Oval

Commencing Thursday 23rd April
2015



Come along on a Thursday for a kick!
See Mr George or Mr Kingston if you have any
questions!



Community Notices



EELS CUP INVITATION 2015

Wednesday 22nd April:	4pm Webber Park
Wednesday 29th April:	4pm Webber Park
Wednesday 6th May:	4pm Webber Park
Wednesday 27th May:	4pm Webber Park
Wednesday 3rd June:	4pm Webber Park
Wednesday 10th June:	4pm Webber Park

David Graham

Performing Arts & Rugby
League Coordinator

All players on the list on the rugby Noticeboard need to see Mrs Mills in the Music Department to advise their availability.



Around the Campus

We welcome the following students and families this Term:



Makenzie McCallum
Thabe (Rethabile) Nhlapo
MacKenzie Hornby
Sarah Fitzgerald

Senior College Captain Report



Dan Yore:
Middle Years Coordinator

The student leaders have this past week been working on ways to improve our College. The main areas of focus currently are working on the school hat policy, our participation in this year's ANZAC Day celebration and a community consultation process for House names.

Student leaders remain committed to represent the voice of students, so if you have any suggestion or queries don't hesitate to contact a member of the student leadership.

Have a great week!

Shane Buttfield, Maleena Norris and Alannah Hogan



Year 7 Retreats Next Week

A Reminder: the Year 7 Retreats are next week. Week 3:

Monday 27th April - 29th April: 7.1; 7.3; 7.5;

Wednesday 29th April - 1st May: 7.2; 7.4; 7.6

Please check your "Items Required" Lists.

Thank you



From the Languages Department



Ms Zoe Saliba

Head of LOTE Department

Konnichiwa Parents & Guardians,

This year a group of six students from Year 9-11 will travel to Japan for MacKillop's first Japan Study Tour in mid-July.

The 20 day program includes visits to historically significant sites such as Hiroshima, Kyoto and Nara, while also experiencing the technology and fast pace of Tokyo.

Students also spend five days with a Japanese host family and participate in a Summer Camp in Osaka with students in Japan who are learning English.

I hope in the future that more students who continue to study Japanese will be able to join this program as it offers a chance to use their language learning and experience modern and traditional culture first hand.

To help our students get to Japan we are holding some fundraising events this term. Our first event is a Trivia Night at Cazalys on the Saturday 16th

May.

We'd love you to join us for this fun night that includes various games and prizes. If you are unable to attend the event, we are also looking for support for donations of prizes for the Trivia Night.

Any business or organisation that makes a donation would be recognised at our Trivia Night for their support.

You can book your tickets at the Front Office in person or on the phone and also by contacted me, Zoe Saliba at zoe.saliba@nt.catholic.edu.au

Hope to see you there.

Arigato Gozaimasu! (Thank You)

Mackillop Catholic College Japan Study Tour Fundraiser

Trivia Night

**Saturday 16th May, 6.30pm at Cazalys,
Palmerston**

- ♦ *games throughout the night*
- ♦ *Prizes to be won*
- ♦ *Great night out for the whole family*
- ♦ *Help to raise funds for MacKillop's first Study Tour to Japan*



Tickets \$15 per person - table of up to 10 people: tickets/table bookings at the Front Office or by calling 89305757 or email Ms Zoe Saliba at zoe.saliba@nt.catholic.edu.au

Around the Campus

Schedule of Terms and Holidays for MacKillop Catholic College

Term Two:	(Monday 13 th April – Friday 19 th Jun)
Monday 4 th May	May Day Public Holiday
Monday 8 th Jun	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Holidays:	Monday 22nd Jun – Friday 17th Jul
Term Three:	(Monday 20 th Jul – Friday 25 th Sep)
Monday 20 th Jul	Student Free Day
Tuesday 21 st Jul	All Students Resume
Friday 24 th Jul	Darwin Show Day Public Holiday
Monday 3 rd Aug	Picnic Day/Darwin Cup Public Holiday
Holidays:	Monday 28th Sep – Friday 2nd Oct
Term Four:	(Monday 5 th Oct – Friday 11 th Dec)
Thursday 10 th Dec	Last Day for Students
Friday 11 th Dec	Student Free Day – Last Day for Teachers
Friday 18 th Dec	Last Day for Office Staff

Well done Jarrod Perry



Jarrod has been selected to represent the NT in the Under 15's Titans Squad. He is only 13 years and has worked extremely hard to reach this very significant personal goal. He needs to raise \$1950 to cover travel and uniforms and asks that we visit the link below and read his story!

Congratulations Jarrod

<https://www.mycase.com.au/page/92404/jarrod4titans>

Mac Nights Term 2



Lauren Hill,
College Chaplain

Friday 29th May 2015 Nursing Home Visit (3.15pm-6.00pm)

Come to visit, sing and talk with elderly residents at nearby Terrace Gardens Nursing Home to brighten their day!

Please get a permission form from the front office and return/email to Miss Hill (by Wednesday 27th May)



Community Notices

PARENTS AND FRIENDS MOTHERS DAY STALL FUNDRAISER

Looking for donations! Drop
them off to the front office!

FRIDAY 8TH MAY 2015

Will be open for business at lunchtime

Come & buy your mother a special gift!



PARENTS AND FRIENDS PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE BIGGEST MORNING TEA

FUNDRAISER

THURSDAY, MAY 28TH

4:00 UNTIL 5:30

BREEZEWAY AND CANTEEN AREA

Please Bring a dollar coin donation and a plate of food to support the cancer council

This event has been organized by year 11 health students.



RSVP: 89305757

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Get into Nippers this Year!



Sign on Day: Sunday May 10th

Time: 9am – 1pm

Location: LAKE ALEXANDER – swim proficiencies and BBQ lunch on the day

Nippers is a junior program that introduces children aged 5 to 13 to surf lifesaving. After Nippers we conduct SRC surf rescue certificate and bronze medallion courses for 14 and 15 year olds, a good way to stay fit and give back to the community. In the NT, Nippers is a fun outdoors activity that grows a child's confidence and teaches valuable life skills and knowledge, especially in the water. Surf Lifesaving is an accredited agency to use your NT Sport Vouchers for. Find more about Darwin Surf Lifesaving Club by contacting: Nipper Co-ordinator DSLSC Heather Standley at: heather.standley@iinet.net.au or 0431744 532

