



Newsletter - Term 3, Week 2 July 2014

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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,

MacKillop Catholic College

You are invited...

MacKillop's Feast Day Celebrations.

Friday August 8th

Mass Commencing 10.00 am

followed by

Morning Tea and Activities



**PLEASE, JOIN WITH US
IN CELEBRATING THIS
OUR FEAST DAY!**

Welcome back to Term 3.

New terms or new years always remind me of our commitment to be inclusive and welcoming people. People of community and discipleship. Jesus constantly challenges us to welcome all people. Let us start this term by committing to valuing each interaction and each relationship whether it be with colleagues, students or parents. As Mary MacKillop's prayer states: "Create in us, O God, a new heart and renew a fresh spirit within us. Let us pray:

Albert Einstein once wrote: "the most beautiful and profound emotion we can experience is the sensation of the mystical". We are on a mystical mysterious journey. Catholic schools especially ours is a place where the mystical is nurtured. The mystical image may seem a long way from the chaos sometimes experienced on the ground at school. Catholic human service provide the space in society for the "things of the world" to connect with the mystical or God centred world. This mystical voice calls us to freedom, dignity, respect, love and concern. It is about making the ordinary things of life sacred by the way we do them.

Please find the calendar attached and the invitation to MacKillop Feast Day on Friday 8th August. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Kindest regards

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"

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

DARWIN CONVENTION CENTRE JULY 15TH , 2014

By Bishop Vincent Lon Van Nguyen OFM Conv

CONCLUSION:

In summary, I believe we are living a time of grace and hope precisely because this fallow time allows us to rid ourselves of what is unworthy of Christ and to grow more deeply in our identity and mission as his disciples. Hence, it is the time to reclaim for the Church:

- Less a role of power, dominance and privilege but more a position of vulnerability and powerlessness
- Less an enclosure for the virtuous but more an oasis for the weary and downtrodden
- Less an experience of exclusion and elitism but more an encounter of radical love, inclusiveness and solidarity
- Less a leadership of control and clericalism but more a diakonia of a humble servant exemplified by Christ at the Last Supper
- Less a language of condemnation but more a language of affirmation and compassion
- Less a preoccupation for its own maintenance but more a concern for the kingdom of God

Despite all appearances to the contrary, I firmly believe that we are on the threshold of renewal and transformation. The Vatican Council set in motion a new paradigm that cannot be thwarted by fear and paralysis. That new paradigm is one that is based on mutuality not exclusion, love not fear, service not clericalism, engagement with the world not flight from or hostility against it, incarnate grace not dualism. The Holy Spirit is at work even at a time of great anguish.

The spirit is leading us on and we are not afraid of the future. In fact, we have every reason to believe that the future will be even better than the past. Our task is to keep the amber burning bright and to pass it on to the next generation. May we be open to the guidance of the spirit as we journey with each other and together meet the challenge of delivering new life for the world.

Lauretta Graham

Principal

Please let us know if you would prefer paper copies of newsletters and calendars sent home





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

Deputy Principal, Academic Studies

Due to our growing numbers in Year 7 this term, we have introduced a 5th stream for the Year 7 cohort. Mrs Kelly Sayer will be 7.5 Home Form teacher. To ensure that there is an even spread in home forms we have relocated some students. These changes have been done in consultation with all year 7 Home Form Teachers and the Year Level Coordinator, Mrs Megan Fordham. Our aim is to ensure that all students are accommodated and settled as soon as possible. Please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Megan if you or your child have any concerns regarding the latest class movements. I thank you in advance for your understanding of the demands of a growing school.



Religious Education Department



An Invitation:

Dear Parents and Students,
Peace be with you.

I am inviting you to come to a series of meetings in the meeting room on the way into Our Lady Help of Christians Church on Sunday and Thursday nights at 7.30pm.

Perhaps you have missed out on the sacraments of initiation, Confirmation, First Communion or Baptism. This could be for you.

You might be looking for a meaning in the events of your life.

You might need to hear the good news

Everyone is Welcome

Fr. Tom

Calendar of Events

Week 2 & 3	Years 7, 8 and 9 Swimming program—Palmerston Pool
4 August	Public Holiday—Picnic / Darwin Cup Day
6 August	Cross Country—P1 to P3
6 August	6.30pm—ICT Information Night for Parents
8 August	MacKillop Feast day—Mass at 10.00 followed by MacKillop Dash, activities and fun
10 August	8.00—10.00 Cleaning/Gardening Working Bee
Week 4	Year 8 Camp—Adventure Bound—Base Camp Wallaroo

Arrivals and Departures

MacKillop Catholic Colleges welcomes the following new staff members—more details will follow in the coming newsletters.

Mrs Kelly Sayer: Year 7 Home Form Teacher, Home Form 7.5

Mr Jozef Fychowski: Science and Math teacher and Head of Science

Mrs Kate Robertson: English and SOSE teacher

Mrs Sonya Kasper: Violin teacher

Mrs Angie Gretton: Finance Assistant,

Miss Kim Schofield: Administration Assistant, responsible for the Visitor's reception area

Mrs Michelle Mills: Administration assistant and Classroom Support.

MacKillop Catholic College would like to acknowledge the work and effort of the follow staff members who have left us this term.

Mrs Vicki Dorgelo: Head of Science,

Mrs Sonja Elsegood: Part time teacher,

Miss Erin McCann: Music teacher and Classroom Music Coordinator,

Ms Alison Litchfield: Part time teacher, and

Mr George Mundy: Administration Officer.

We wish all our departing staff members the very best and hope your chosen paths are all they can be.



**April Yeo, Dance & Drama
Coordinator**

Performing Arts Department



Dance Study Trip Quiz Night

\$10 per person

6-8 people per table

**Pre booked tickets will go into
the raffle to win a sunset buffet
dinner at Skycity Casino**

**Cazalyz,
Temple Terrace, Palmerston**

From 7pm till late.

**To book please see April Yeo or
email: aprillea.yeo@nt.catholic.edu.au**

Age Group Champions 2014

12 year old Boy-Phillip Vo

12 year old Girl-Shinaid Hintz Staunton and Haven Hohipa-Wilson

13 year old Boy-Adrian Lawrence

13 year old Girl-Mattea Breed

14 year old Boy-DeAngelo Canuto

14 year old Girl-Alysha Healy

15 year old Boy-Jet Lorenz

15 year old Girl-Erin Lidbetter

16 year old Boy-Keanu Lee-Feeney

16 year old Girl-Chloe Dawes

17 year old Boy-Aiden Cross

MacKillop Catholic College Annual Cross Country Run

Wednesday, August
6th. Periods 1—3

The winning house for the Athletics Carnival is the **GOLD** house





Payment and forms for the Sydney Rugby League Trip are now overdue.

RUGBY LEAGUE TRIP

Depart DARWIN on MONDAY 18th AUGUST 2014

Return to DARWIN on WEDNESDAY 27th AUGUST 2014

Day One – MONDAY 18th August 2014	Depart Darwin Arrive in Sydney Travel to Accommodation - TBC
Day Two – TUESDAY 19th August 2014	Training with Penrith Panthers + Tour of Facilities
Day Three – WEDNESDAY 20th August 2014	GAME: MacKillop RL Vs Parramatta Jnr Eels JRLFC
Day Four – THURSDAY 21st August 2014	Training with Parramatta Eels + Tour of Facilities
Day Five – FRIDAY 22nd August 2014	GAME: MacKillop RL Vs Kellyville Bushranger JRLFC + Parramatta Eels Vs Manly Sea Eagles @ Pirtek Stadium
Day Six – SATURDAY 23rd August 2014	NQ Cowboys Vs Sth Sydney Rabbitohs
Day Seven – SUNDAY 24th August 2014	Free/Fun day in Sydney
Day Eight – MONDAY 25th August 2014	Beach Day + Penrith Panthers Vs Melbourne Storm
Day Nine – TUESDAY 26th August 2014	GAME: MacKillop RL vs Blacktown PCYC JRLFC Arrive Darwin
Day Ten – WEDNESDAY 27th August 2014	Depart Sydney Arrive Darwin

MACKILLOP SHARKS NEWS

Junior training attendance has been poor since the end of the holidays. With the season rapidly coming to a close make sure you put your side in the best possible position to make the finals by attending your training! www.mackillopsharks.com for details.

MACKILLOP RUGBY LEAGUE & MACKILLOP SHARKS SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Do you have a business you wish to promote? Why not join our rugby league community. 2015 Jersey promotion opportunities for the College, Senior & Junior NTRL Teams available now!

David Graham

Rugby League Coordinator &
MacKillop Sharks JRLFC President

MacKillop Catholic College





WOMEN'S RUGBY LEAGUE



In School Skills and Drills for Girls



NTRL are looking to run skills and drills within schools for girls between 13-16 years of age. These sessions are free and aim to promote the sport and to encourage young girls to get active. The session will include: how to hold and pass the ball, running drills, information on rules and tackling drills.

Note: Tackling drills are taught in a controlled and safe environment, the drill is optional.

Teachers get the girls involved and active by booking a session now

Emi-lee Minerds

NTRL

Development Officer -Girls 13-16 Rugby League,

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Dear Parents of Strings students,

I write to inform you that unfortunately Miss Erin McCann has left our college and after some searching we have engaged a strings teacher to take your son/daughter through to the end of this year.

Her name is Sonya Kasper and she comes to us with an excellent reputation and ready to bring the best to her students. For any concerns or additional information please contact me.

Best Regards, David Graham

Music Coordinator

MacKillop Catholic College



TERM 3 UPCOMING EVENTS





ANTZ

Holy Spirit School – Movie Night

Friday 15th of August 2014

6:00pm Gates Open, Dinner and Drinks Available

7:00pm Film Screening

Holy Spirit School– Strele St. entrance only

Tickets available for purchase at the Front Office (PRE-ORDER ONLY)

Family (2 adults & 2 children) - \$30

Adult -\$15

Child (5—15 Years) - \$7

Concession -\$11

Seniors Card - \$9

Call: 89 273 411



Duke of Edinburgh



Bronze



Silver



Gold

Interested in joining the Duke of Edinburgh program, please contact Miss McCutcheon at the College. Taking new enrolments for Bronze Medal NOW!



Parents & Friends Association

The next MacKillop Catholic College Parents & Friends Association meeting will be held on Monday, August 11. The meeting will commence at 7.00pm in the College Board room.

Please come along and join us in creating a vibrant and active College community.

If you are looking for ways to support the College, but don't want to take on the responsibility of being part of the Parents and Friend Association, you are most welcome to come and volunteer your time at the College. Ways you can support us are by participating in the Working Bee, on Sunday August 10th from 8.00—10.00am, assisting in the Canteen, in the library or at College events like the Swimming Carnival held Friday, August 29th at the Palmerston Pool.



Winner, winner, chicken dinner

The winner for the Darwin Show “Steeden” rugby ball was **Fiona Mitchell**. Congratulations Fiona.



Territory mob represent at National Conference

Every year Teach for Australia (TFA) runs TransformED; a national conference that brings together teachers, principals, policy makers, academics and social entrepreneurs from around the nation to discuss education. This year's event in Melbourne was attended by Louise Jones, a student from MacKillop Catholic College in Palmerston and her mother Mary Madden. They travelled down with Louise's teacher Daniel Yore, a TFA Associate and teacher at MacKillop.

The following are Louise's reflections from her time in Melbourne:

During the holidays I went to Melbourne, but I didn't go to Melbourne to have a holiday. I went to Melbourne for a great opportunity that one of my teachers gave me. Mr. Yore was that teacher. Two weeks before the school holidays, Mr. Yore asked me if I would like to go to Melbourne for free and talk to a group of politicians, teachers, and students. I, of course, willingly accepted.

After the two last weeks of school my Mum and I were ready to go to Melbourne, but not everything went as smoothly as we hoped. A delayed trip via Sydney, four and a half hours sleep and a few pieces of toast it was finally time to tackle the Melbourne transport system. After a few long conversations with Mr. Yore and Mum and a short 10 minutes to calm myself down and arrange my thoughts, it was time to get back off the train and outside into the freezing Melbourne weather.

Mr. Yore, Mum, and I still had to walk to the NAB building where the conference was being held. This was the coldest and windiest part of the trip. So after nearly being blown off our feet and almost freezing to death we all reached the NAB building. But of course Mum wanted to remember the trip with a photo and asked Mr. Yore to take a photo. I didn't argue, despite being freezing cold, I also wanted to remember the trip and arguing would mean staying outside longer. Mr. Yore then took the photo and we went inside to warm up and sign in.

After signing in we went in and picked our seats. I looked at the timetable, I was speaking at 3 o'clock and I still had the whole day to 'prepare' or as I thought, see the other students and professionals talk as get so nervous that I am scared out of my mind and realize a few people means 100 people.

It was finally my time to shine, and I was ready, I had the five topics I was going to talk about. So why was I so nervous? Was it because I had only thought about my topics and not my word for word speech? Or was it because I was 12 and everyone else was older than me? I had no time to answer these questions as I stepped into the middle of the room and presented my thoughts on what made a good teacher. I talked about learning the student's strengths, weaknesses, and what motivates them but the most important thing of all is the student-teacher relationship.

After an eventful Friday I had the weekend off to relax and prepare for Mondays one-hour session at Melbourne University. On the day of the Monday session I woke-up having had enough sleep and ready for the 1-hour Q and A session. I was not as nervous about today, I just had to talk about my background and what my learning experience was like.

In the end the Melbourne trip was a great learning opportunity for my Mum and I, I received more chocolate in the one trip than what I had in my entire life and I had the one experience I know not many students will be able to have, I got to tell teachers what they were doing wrong.



The following are some reflections from Louise's mother, Mary Madden:

Like any parent, when Louise was given the opportunity to speak at Transformed in Melbourne over the holidays, I felt proud, nervous, and confused. Proud, that of all the children Daniel Yore knows and teaches, he thought Louise deserved a nomination for her self-awareness regarding her learning. Nervous, that my 12 year old daughter who I first saw giggle on a stage, unable to deliver one line, when in Transition; would become tongue-tied in a room full of secondary teachers and policy-makers, wanting to know what she thinks makes a good teacher. Confused at what Transformed was about, and who Teach for Australia is.

Despite my mixed emotions, our experience in Melbourne was profoundly humbling and empowering. Humbling, because of the three students to present, Louise was the most composed, confident and concise. Empowering because many of the teachers present will be leaders in education tomorrow, and they desired to learn as much from Louise and I, as Louise and I learnt from them.

Issues like literacy promotion for the underprivileged and positive psychology, were explored on the Friday. On the Monday, Louise and I paneled a discussion for Masters of Education students about how to help students recognize their potential and ways they learn, especially through music and art. Even as a tertiary educator, the weekend revealed to me that there is still so much for me to learn about learning.

Thanks to MacKillop Catholic College and Teach for Australia for providing Louise and I with this inspiring and humbling opportunity.



