



Newsletter - Term 3, Week 8 August 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.

Presently, students across year levels are very busy completing assessment tasks before the end of term. Generally, I have been very happy with the progress and behaviour of students, though there are a few students who resist and hope that they will fall under the radar. If, as parents, you have any concerns regarding assignment completion please contact your son/daughter's class teacher. The upcoming Parent / Teacher / Student Interview Evening next Tuesday will be an excellent opportunity to catch up with teachers.

During a recent visit to one classroom, I was explaining to the class the importance of homework and study. As they found my reasoning interesting, I thought I'd share a basic version of it in this newsletter. A lot of research has been done into brain function and learning.

Any new information or skill is stored in the short memory immediately. However, if this information is not accessed or this skill practised within about 24 hours, it is not transferred into our long term memory. If information or a skill is accessed once within 24 hours, again within 7 days, and again within a month, then it will be transferred to our long term memory; and can be more readily accessed at a much later date. Hence, the purpose of homework is to ensure the information or skills are accessed within 24 hours, also within a week; and for assessment tasks, accessed within a month. As teachers, we always begin a lesson by reviewing the previous few lessons, again consolidating the new information or skill. Therefore to our students' surprise, teachers give homework for a sound educational purpose and not just to make students' evenings boring!

Throughout the history of this College, we have met new challenges and stages of development head on, and managed each beautifully, with the help of a very generous and committed College Community. Recently, our successes include: Book Week Parade, Cross Country, Swimming Carnival, Information Evenings, Rugby and Ski Trips and the Bridge Building Competition to name a few.

Recently, I read that the most important thing we need to do each day is pray and reflect. My Year 11 Religious Education Class and Year 9 Mathematics Class is testament to this, as they look forward to our prayer or meditation and reflection times. For this reason, let us take a moment out and sit quietly with this powerful story:

Water the Sage

A great teacher was renowned for his wisdom and insight. People would travel great distances to meet and talk with him. He was most generous in sharing what he had discerned from his many years of prayer and learning. One of his students asked him who had been his greatest teacher.

The old Sage's surprising response: WATER

Water he explained is yielding but all conquering. Water extinguishes fire, or, finding itself defeated by flame, escapes as steam and re-forms as Water. Water washes away soft Earth, or, when confronted by Rock, seeks a way around it. Water corrodes Iron till it crumbles to dust; it saturates the atmosphere so that Wind dies. Water gives way to obstacles with deceptive humility, for no power can prevent it following its destined course to the sea. Water conquers by yielding; it never attacks but always wins the last battle. The Sage said to the students that whoever makes himself like Water is distinguished for his humility; the student of Water embraces the power of righteousness and the way of peace; the disciple of Water acts from a place of thoughtful stillness and conquers the world. Water is an excellent parable for us at MacKillop with our charism of discipleship. Like Saint Mary MacKillop, we choose to be a disciple of Jesus; humble in service to others and giving one's self totally and completely to nurture and sustain life in all its fullest.

As you go about your busy end of term activities, allow enough space in your lives for beauty, creativity, imagination and prayer. May your journey be blessed with a prayerful and a peaceful spirit. Pope John Paul reminded us that: "your life may be the only gospel some people will ever read". And, I trust that all of our fathers had a very Happy Father's Day last week.

Sincerely,
Lauretta Graham

"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"



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

Deputy Principal, Academic Studies

NELSON MANDELA'S LIFE LESSONS

Many will be aware of quotes from Mandela so we thought we would share some of these with you over the next few newsletters

Here are the first two:



1. "We owe our children, the most vulnerable citizens in our society, a life free of violence and fear."

As parents it is our responsibility to create an environment that is calm and peaceful, where children can be the unique individuals they are.



2. "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

Interestingly, Mahatma Gandhi had a very similar message - "***There is no school equal to a decent home and no teacher equal to a virtuous parent.***"

As you know, education begins at home. You are your child's most significant teacher and through your example your children will learn their most valuable lessons in life.

WELCOME

MacKillop Catholic College welcomes Mr Jonathon Grant, full time Music Teacher and Mrs Kaye White full time Maintenance and Cleaning Supervisor.

We are very excited to welcome these two new members of staff to the College and hope that their time with us is fruitful and enjoyable.

REMINDER

Parent / Teacher / Student Conferences will take place next Tuesday , September 16. Interviews will commence at 3.30.pm. If you are unable to make this event and would like the opportunity to catch up with your children's teachers, please contact their homeform teacher to arrange a day and time of your choosing.

16 September	Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences—Commencing 3.30am
17 September	Music Curriculum Evening—Commencing 6.00pm
18 September	MacKillop has talent—Commencing 12.00pm
19 September	Catholic Identity Day—Student Free Day
Week 10	Dance Trip—Brisbane
Week 10	Year 9 Camp—Katherine
26 September	Last day of Term 3
6 October	First day of Term 4—Student Free Day

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Please note in an effort to maintain security around the lockers, we are requesting that each student who has a locker, please provide a padlock (key or combination access). Students are required to provide a padlock by Monday 15th September. For those students who do not provide a padlock, they will be asked to remove their belongings and the locker will be secured. We ask for your support in this to ensure that all valuables can be stored securely. Thank you.



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Instrumental & Liturgical Music
Coordinator
To find out more about MacKillop
Music go to www.mackillopmusic.com

Hey guys,
It's that time of year again!
I was wondering if you could help me promote the Talent quest this year.
Remember it is any kind of act. Music, Dancing, Acting, Yodelling, Juggling, etc..
There is a signup sheet I was hoping you could help me out with and return to my pigeon hole.
I will create a master copy from the various ones I receive.

(The competition is open to teachers so I wanna see your best act!)
Thanks,

**Kind Regards,
David Graham**

MUSIC NEWS

As we head toward the business end of 2014 the Music department will have a very busy schedule.
I ask for your support in our children's personal practice schedule as well as making sure they attend orchestra rehearsal. There is a lot of material to learn before Presentation Night and any support in this venture will definitely show when the students take the stage!

REHEARSAL TIMES: **THURSDAY 3:10 – 4:10pm**

GOOD NEWS WE HAVE A NEW TEACHER!

We welcome Mr Jonathan Grant to our Music Department. Johnathan joins us from Melbourne and comes to us from a background of Guitar specialty. Jonathan grew up in London, however has lived in Victoria for much of his life where he has been a session musician and teacher for the last 10 years. Jonathan will help us both restart the Strings department and facilitate new and exciting classroom music electives. He has extensive studio knowledge is excited to share his love of music with our students.

FORMAL & INFORMAL PERFORMANCE UNIFORMS:

The final touches to the new music uniforms are currently being made and will be ready for integration in 2015. A Music Department Uniform letter will go home with music students toward the end of 2014 so that all students are ready with the correct attire for the commencement of the new school year.

NEW MUSIC BLOCK:

We are very excited to be relocating to our new permanent home. It has been a long 2 ½ years of teaching under trees, in cupboards and temporary rooms. However I can safely say it has been worth the wait. The new building and its facilities are fantastic and the first of its kind in the Northern Territory. I cannot wait to hear music fill the hallways of our new block and provide a good foundation for excellence.

NEW SMS SERVICE:

The Music department will soon be sending courtesy SMS messages to help parents and students organize for their music lessons. This has been a long time coming and something which we are very excited about. Families will receive a courtesy SMS the day before the student's lesson is take place allowing parents to help correctly organize their children for their music lesson.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MacKillop's Got Talent: THURSDAY 18th SEPTEMBER (APPLICATION FORM IN COLLEGE OFFICE)

Presentation Night Performances: THURSDAY 20th NOVEMBER

Young Musician of the Year: FRIDAY 28th NOVEMBER

MacKillop Catholic College Christmas Fair: FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER



Mr David Graham
Rugby League Coordinator



Congratulations to all of our students who attended the inaugural trip away for our program. Our boys were competitive against some very strong Sydney outfits. Behaviour for the most part was very good and our boys were a credit to themselves and our college.



LOST PROPERTY FROM SYDNEY TRIP

There is quite a bit of lost property from the Sydney Trip. This clothing will be kept until Tuesday the 30th of SEPTEMBER. Lost Property box located in the College Office.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our U16s MacKillop Sharks Girls team who are the only MacKillop team to play finals football in 2014!

MACKILLOP RUGBY LEAGUE GALA FUNDRAISER/ PRESENTATION NIGHT

The 2nd annual fundraiser/Presentation night is scheduled for the 31st OCTOBER. This event is a large contributor for funds for our program and promises to be more exciting than last year! From trivia to games, raffles, auctions and awards the Rugby League Fund-raiser promises to be an exciting night out for the family! Tickets available from the front office \$10 Single \$30 Family (2 Adults, 3 (MAX) Children).

Rugby League Support Committee:

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 9th OCTOBER

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MACKILLOP SHARKS RLFC PRESENTATION NIGHT:

On FRIDAY 19th September 2014

NTRL TOP END SHIELD & CATHOLIC CUP

30th- 31st OCTOBER 2014

MACKILLOP RUGBY LEAGUE FUNDRAISER/PRESENTATION NIGHT – Tickets available from the college office.

\$10 Single \$30 Family (2 Adults, 3(MAX) Children)

31st OCTOBER 2014



**Parramatta National Rugby
League Club Pty Ltd**
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Tuesday 2nd September 2014

Attn: Laurretta Graham

Re: MacKillop Catholic College Students

Dear Laurretta,

On behalf of the Parramatta Eels Football Club I would like to thank you for your support in allowing students from MacKillop Catholic College to attend Sydney recently as part of the MacKillop Sharks JRLFC trip away.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate you on the behaviour of your students. I spent considerable time with the team during their tour and the feedback from opposition teams, hosting clubs and Parramatta Eels staff has been very complimentary. One club in particular has started to investigate the cost of going to Darwin for their annual trip away due to the interaction between the teams.

Secondly, I would like to mention the efforts of staff member David Graham. I know David had been working tirelessly in preparation for the tour and I hope his efforts can be recognised amongst his peers. In my time working in Game Development (7 years), I have not seen a more passionate and professional operator. He genuinely cares about his player's and I have no doubt the team will thrive under his guidance.

In summary, we are very pleased to have an affiliation with the Northern Territory and I look forward to working with your school in the future.

Regards,

Michael Basan

Game Development Manager

Parramatta National Rugby League Club

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Brodie McCutcheon,
Sports Coordinator



Denzel Tulloch #8, Captain of the NTSS Boys Basketball.

2014 Bronze Medal Winner in the School Sport Australia Basketball Championships held in Townsville 17th August to 22nd August 2014.

The Northern Territory Boys Squad have only medalled in 1989 and 2003 so this is an amazing feat by the team.

*Mackillop Catholic College – Swimming Squad Training 4:15 pm every Tuesday afternoon. Open to all...
Please let student reception know if you are interested.*

The PARCS touch footy boys team won the NTSS Touch Footy tournament held in Palmerston this week, which Denzel Tulloch (captain) and Josh Walkington are a part of.

Some very exciting news - Josh Walkington made the NTSS Touch Footy team travelling to Victoria in October to compete.

Ella Mulvahill, Josh Walkington and Denzel Tulloch.



2014-Swimming Age Championships

Swimming Carnival 2014

12 year old Boy-Brodie Minter

12 year old Girl- Holly Kutija

13 year old Boy- Dechlan Richards

13 year old Girl- Alex Delosa

14 year old Boy- Liam Walsh

14 year old Girl- Chelsea Probyn

15 year old Boy- Liam Mulvahil

15 year old Girl-Teegan Wattam

16 year old Boy-Jeff Woodroff and Matthew Murphy

16 year old Girl- Sharlene Nicoll

17 year old Girl- Jess Hansen

It was another great year for our whole school swimming Carnival to show off some of our talented swimmers here at MacKillop.

We held events of Freestyle, Backstroke, Breast stroke, Butterfly as well as a range of novelty events.

Our staff even joined in the fun on the day in a staff 50m race which was won by Mr David Graham.

There was lots of cheering, great sportsmanship and community spirit demonstrated on the day which was a pleasure to see.

Thankyou to all parents and families who came to support our students and the teachers who helped out on the day-it was much appreciated. The PARCS swimming carnival will be held in term 4 with results being finalised.

House Results

1st place-Green House 874 Points

2nd place-Gold House 766 points

3rd place-Blue House 738 points

4th place-Red house 452 points





Mrs Pauline Watson
English Coordinator

MacKillop was given the great honour of providing student judges for the annual Catholic Schools Speaking Competition hosted by St Francis of Assisi Primary School. All the Catholic primary schools in the Darwin region provide student speakers from year 5 and 6 to compete in prepared and impromptu speaking. The MacKillop judges had the challenging job of selecting winners from both of these categories. The primary school students performed at a very high level making the judge's job very difficult. MacKillop's student judges were Tai Terupo, Dustin Carter and Angus Bryan who did an amazing job. They demonstrated great maturity in making the challenging decision of which primary school would win the competition.



MacKillop Magic is a team of MacKillop Catholic College staff and students who are participating in the Relay for Life from 5pm Sat 21st to 9am Sun 22nd of September.

We will walk laps throughout the night to raise money for the NT Cancer Council.

Every dollar raised goes to:

- Investigating new ways to prevent, detect and treat cancers
- Educating people in community about ways they can reduce their cancer risk
- Supporting people during their times of greatest need

We are aiming to raise over \$1000 and have so far managed to raise \$750.

We would love your support. To make a tax deductible donation please follow the link below and press **DONATE NOW**.

<http://nt.cancercouncilfundraising.org.au/mackillopmagic>

Every dollar raised goes to Cancer Council NT to:

If you have any questions or can help support our team at the event with donations of food or would like to participate in the Survivors and Carers walk at the start of the event please contact Ms. Zoe Saliba.

Zoe.saliba@nt.catholic.edu.au



Japanese Animation



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When: Wednesdays, from 1.05pm

Where: Library (A201)

Who: All welcome



Anime is played in Japanese with English subtitles.

See Saliba Sensei (Ms. Saliba) for more information

. THIS WEEK'S ANIME IS....



It was a pleasure to have staff and students from Mackillop Catholic College in Canberra at the weekend for a look around Parliament House.

Mackillop is a top-shelf school in the Top End and the enthusiasm and interest shown by students in the political process tells me that we have a lot of young leaders out there.

The students will now head off to the New South Wales snow-fields. Hopefully they stay dry and warm while the rest of south east Australia is shivering.



“The Best Week of the School Year”

The MacKillop Catholic College Ski Trip departed at 2:50 pm on Saturday, 30th of August. Students from Year 7 to 11 headed for Perisher with Miss Timmins, Miss McCutcheon and Mr Farrell. Skiing conditions were the best they had been for years with snow falling most days. Ski lessons early each morning meant that, within a few days, all students were successful in skiing and boarding. A snowman was created on the last day with students and teachers taking part in a snow ball fight. Overall, this was a fantastic trip and I am really proud of their achievements, behaviour and organisation. Great week guys, with lots of life long memories made!!!

Jade Timmins



Cazalys Palmerston – Thank you for hosting our Ski Trip Trivia night.
Thank you to the following businesses for donating gifts and vouchers.

- McDonald's
- Sportsco
- GO SUSHI GRAND CENTRAL
- The Jetty
- The Rock
- Territory Wildlife Park
- Darwin Sunset Cruises
- Vibe, The Waterfront
- Area9
- Atom Supply

Aurecon Bridge Building Competition 2014

Oh so close! - Aurecon Bridge Building Competition 2014

That was the overwhelming sentiment from the three, fabulous MacKillop teams that entered this year's Aurecon Bridge Building Competition. The national competition is run annually for Year 8 and Year 9 students. Teams of three students enter a bridge using a set of supplied materials that include balsa wood, strong, cardboard and glue.



Due to great success at last year's competition and the competition's increasing popularity amongst students, this year MacKillop Catholic College held an internal competition late in Semester Two to determine the teams that would represent us in 2014.

The three successful teams from our internal competition then spent a number of weeks constructing bridges for the Territory finals. Some significant nerves accompanied a number of very high quality bridges for all three teams. The structural engineers judging the competition were most impressed with the sound theory that underpinned each of the MacKillop designs.

The big moment arrived for each team with each bridge performing admirably. While each bridge started off very strongly, a minor structural flaw in each - a poorly stuck joint here, a lack of a cross member there - meant that the bridges structurally failed under a lower load than they could probably have held. However, this only further demonstrated each team's impeccable structural design as we still filled third, fifth and sixth place in a hotly contested field. A fantastic effort.

A massive congratulations to Emma Forsyth, Courtney Austerberry, Rebecca Thorne, Jasper Pfau, Alysha Pope, Liam Mulvahil, Jarrod Hovland, Zac Russ and Joseph Chin for there amazing work, innovation and inspiration!



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It was fantastic to see the many volunteers who offered their time to make and sell the food for our Annual Breakfast on the Go event. Thank you to Flanno's Eggs for their welcome donation of eggs. In recognition of their support and efforts I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following parents and friends of MacKillop for their tireless efforts, Violet Morgan Doherty, Chief cook and bottle washer, Alison Riedel, Lynne Alyward, Kathryn Harding, Leanne Pope, Rod Plummer, Jo Flanagan and Chris Trevillion, assistant cooks and bottle washers. I want to thank also the many students who assisted with preparation, advertising and selling of the bacon and egg/sausage and egg sandwiches. They are: Lance Tamiano, Arragon Prosser, Braydn Ladd, Olivia Harding, Jarrod Perry, Mackinlay Maslin and Darcy Barnes.

Thanks again for all your support and efforts.



Term 4 Swimming Lessons

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Sacred Heart P & F 100 Club Raffle

1st Prize

SIGNED WALLABIES GUERNSEY C2007 approx (Guernsey on display in Sacred Heart school office for viewing)



2nd Prize: Dinner for two at Pee Wee's at the Point

\$20 per Ticket available for purchase at the Sacred Heart school office



McDonald's restaurants invite you to join in the fun in the biggest annual fundraising event for Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) – McHappy Day.

This year McHappy Day is taking place on Saturday, 18th October, 2014. The event raises valuable funds to support seriously ill children and their families at a time when they need it most through programs including Ronald McDonald House, the Ronald McDonald Learning Program, Ronald McDonald Family Rooms and Ronald McDonald Family Retreats.

Come in and buy a Big Mac from any McDonalds on the day, \$2 from every Big Mac goes to RMHC.