



MACKILLOP NEWS

TERM 3 WEEK 9 20TH SEPTEMBER 2017

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*"Never see a need without trying
to do something about it"*
St. Mary MacKillop



Lauretta Graham
Principal

Dear Members of MacKillop Catholic College Community,

With Year 12 students finishing assignments and preparing for exams, there is without doubt a considerable amount of healthy stress mounting around this campus.

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, I read an article that emphasised the most important thing we need to do each day is pray and reflect. My Year 9 Mathematics Class sometimes struggle with the seven minutes of silent meditation and this confirms the need for more practice. Let us take a moment out and sit quietly with this powerful story, just for the sake of it:

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 Mary MacKillop and other great saints we choose to be a disciple of Jesus; humble in service to others and giving one's self totally and completely to nurture the young people in our care.

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"

See you at the Trivia Night on Saturday 23rd Sept. Tickets available at the office.

Sincerely,

Lauretta Graham
Principal



- *First Annual* -
WHOLE-COLLEGE
TRIVIA NIGHT

FUNDS RAISED WILL SUPPORT OUR NEW CHAPEL

SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2017

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT LAURETTA.GRAHAM@NT.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU

FINANCE NEWS



Amos Wachira
Business Manager

The finance team wishes to convey our gratitude to parents and guardians who are continuously making sure that their fees and levies are paid on time and payment arrangement honoured. This enables the college to provide high quality learning and proper environment for students. The Fees statements will be sent through post to all families this week. The statement serves as a record of all transactions that the family conducts with the school. Kindly review the statement and in case of any discrepancies, please refer it back to our finance team.

Payments of school fees can be made via BPay, Credit Card or cash payment at our front office reception. These payment options are provided for on your statement. You can also make a direct bank transfer to the below College bank account;

MacKillop Catholic College
National Australia Bank
BSB: 085933
Account: 396042505

Please include your family reference when making payment so we can allocate all monies to correct account. For all queries pertaining to school fees, please call 8930 5716 or email finance.mackillop@nt.catholic.edu.au

Kind regards,

Amos Wachira
Business Manager

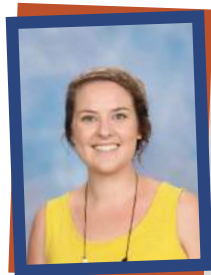
VISIT FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE NT



MBAKEAH AFRICAN DRUM PERFORMANCE



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Kate Brady
English Coordinator

The value of reading can't be calculated by a standardised test

Reading rewrites the world. It also makes it more likely you can shape that world — not only via the basic benefits of literacy, but also through compassion, imagination, creativity and knowledge.

The research is in, and it shows that reading has an impact on learning across all areas, as well as on cognitive ability, and that it is valued for its social and cultural functions.

Reading allows insight, analysis, history, story. It's often equated with escape, but I'm not sure I buy that. The right book opens up possibility, knowledge, experience and empathy, rather than removal from it.

Perhaps it's an escape towards something, rather than an escape from it — an experience familiar to the Pakistani English writer Kamila Shamsie, who was longlisted for the Man Booker prize this year for her harsh and beautiful novel *Home Fire*.

She said that growing up in Karachi under a military dictatorship, reading brought her the world.

"I was learning the world and being in different places," she said.

Making Time to Read

Of course, having a life in which reading can have a central place is still a privilege — you need access to libraries, bookshops, bookshelves. The latest survey of Australia's reading habits, undertaken by Macquarie University, shows that reading is both highly valued and one of the most highly rated of all "leisure activities".

Leisure? Let's say instead that reading is an activity that requires time, because it's not necessarily "relaxing" or a "hobby".

It can be urgent, necessary, central to the processing of information and acquisition of knowledge. It can be painful and confronting and lead to tears or unbecoming snorts of laughter on the bus.

And given that the most popular fiction genre in Australia is crime and thrillers, it can also increase your heartrate and anxiety levels considerably. Reading can also shape and make bearable — or productive — the in-between places.

On public transport; backstage; at the side of a sports game; next to a broken-down car; at a hospital bedside; or in the hospital bed yourself, when you're at risk of being entirely subsumed by the drama and pain of the place: aaargh, a book.

Benefits Beyond the Exam Hall

I know I'm not the only one who panics if there's nothing to read.

And the evidence is in: when it comes to children, demonstrating that reading is valued has an impact on reading patterns.

Reading with children and reading to them is valuable long after the first acquisition stage, as researchers like Margaret Merga have demonstrated.

And yet this (important) focus on the early stage of reading — learning to do it — has meant that reading as an adult activity is often not scrutinised or studied in the same way. Why do some people remain "avid readers" (as we're called in the literature)? And why does it matter?

There are many ways to approach reading that go beyond making sense of how words fit together on a page or screen.

Culturally, as Reading Hour ambassadors and authors Mem Fox and Tom Keneally argue, reading can tell us something about who we are and why certain stories matter to us.

But more importantly, Fox says, reading is a great pleasure.

"It is heaven. That's the message that I want to get across. It is just heaven ... Remember what it was like when you last read — it was divine. Do it again."

For Keneally, reading is an activity he simply cannot do without.

"I like to read just about anywhere ... there's nowhere I don't read," he said.

Elevating The Status of Reading

Reading also encourages creativity and the imagination.

As a practice, it's flexible — and I don't just mean the divisive question of whether it's ever OK to fold over the edge of a page.

It gives space for solitude, but can also be a force for cohesion and collaboration, for discussion and book clubs and shared reading.

And if you want someone else to read your words one day? Listen to other writers. Read, they say.

"Read and read and read," is Colum McCann's advice. "Adventurously. Promiscuously. Unfailingly."

We need to ensure that reading isn't a precarious pastime, as the educational researcher Dr Merga argues. It needs to be supported properly, whether by making sure libraries are properly resourced or by giving reading a status beyond standardised tests.

Critical reading, too, is a defence against "fake news" and the many electronic scams that come our way, along with the torrent of words that is the online world.

Today writers, publishers and libraries are encouraging Australians to stop for an hour and read. Just read. It's called the Australian Reading Hour.

What will you pick up?

Article by Kate Evans, ABC News Online 14th September 2017

www.abc.net.au/news/2017-09-14/australian-reading-hour-value-beyond-standardised-test/8940260

Kind regards,

Kate Brady
English Coordinator

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WELL DONE DAVIDA!



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NEW FLAG



Dr Tom Lewis OAM
Humanities Teacher

Recently the College was presented with a new Australian National Flag by Luke Gosling MHR OAM.

As visitors and parents may have noticed, we fly the flag proudly outside the Administration block. However, being used five days a week, rain and tropical sun combined, our flag takes a beating. As one of our Federal Members of Parliament, Luke was keen to see the flag looking good, and so presented us with a new one at a recent assembly. Luke has a background in the Armed Forces, and gave us a few words about how important our flag is to the ADF and all Australia. Much appreciated!



Regards,

Dr Tom Lewis OAM
Humanities Teacher

HPE NEWS



Roxy Claire
HPE Coordinator

It has been a busy and exciting week in HPE, here are some of our highlights:

National HPE Day / Global Outdoor Classrooms Day

Wednesday 6th September was the official day to recognise and promote HPE and Outdoor activities. We celebrated throughout the week with the following activities on offer:

- Wii fit competitions
- Whole College Assembly involved recognising our staff and students in HPE through a video presentation and an African drumming performance.
- Yopalates for staff and students during lunch time
- NT Touch Football Representatives visited and offered various skill and game development activities for years 7, 9 and 10 students learning about football codes
- Zumba/Strong Dance to the Beat session during lunch
- Pilates for year 7 elective class
- Anti-Drink Driving Video presentation by year 12 Health students to year 11s

These sessions were run in conjunction with various community professional instructors and offered an insight to many ways to gain employment, enjoyment and an escape from the stresses of study. We thank NT ACHPER for their kind \$500 Grant towards these events and the continual efforts of our ten HPE teachers who continually strive to build healthy and physically active young people.

Uniform in HPE

"Sun cancer causes more deaths than transport accidents in Australia each year" Cancer Council, 2017. We are concerned with the high number of students who continue to come unprepared to outdoor HPE classes and don't wear hats during break times in the sun. We've come together to offer the following strategies, to have a more consistent and strong message delivered on the need for sun safety to be a priority:

Occurrence of non-compliance with uniform policy	Consequences	Recognition	Strategies to offer sun safety (when students don't self-manage)
1 st	Lunch detention	Praise	Loan hat / sunscreen is offered from teacher where possible each lesson (if unreturned, parents will be notified and requested to pay for it)
2 nd	Parent notification	Parent notification	
3 rd and thereafter	Outside School Detention/s	Publicly Rewarded (eg. presented on assembly with Saints hat, Saints rugby ball, sports item)	

Swimming Term 4

We are very keen to be well organised for the term 4 HPE program of swimming for years 7-9 and ask for prompt return of the attached permission form. These swimming lessons will run for weeks 1-8 of term 4, during the double lessons of HPE and are a compulsory part of their assessable elements of HPE. Much feedback has been positive about our decision to bring swimming into our HPE curriculum, and most appreciate it as being an overall worthwhile learning experience.

We do understand, that as per all things new, there may be some resistance with accepting this change and are keen to assist parents and students with this transition. Please contact the College should your child need further support with being involved.

Regards,

Roxy Claire

HPE Coordinator



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Candice Slingerland
Indonesian Teacher

Indonesian News - Michael J Concert

On 6th September, our Indonesian students were privileged to have the opportunity of being visited by the exhilarating sounds of Michael J and his band. Michael Jakarimilena (also known in Indonesia as Michael Idol) gained the Indonesian public's attention as a finalist on the first season of Indonesian Idol. Born in Papua, Michael's voice very much reflects the vocal talents of this largest and easternmost province of Indonesia.

The Indonesian concert was compiled of a mix of pop, rock, reggae and hip-hop styles, sung by Michael in soulful Indonesian. Students were encouraged to join in if they wished as the lyrics of the Indonesian songs were shown on the big screen.

Our students were surrounded by Indonesian sounds and had an all-round fun experience. Sangat Menyenangkan!

Kind regards,

Candice Slingerland

Indonesian Teacher



Japan Study Tour Departs

Our Japan Study Tour crew have left this week and are now in Japan, we look forward to the many stories of their adventures they will share with us when they return!

Japanese Language Speech Competition

MacKillop recently hosted the NT Japanese Language Speech competition. All competitors did a fantastic job which impressed the judges and Japanese people among the audience. 3 MacKillop students participated in the competition: Jasper Pfau, Tenisha Kamarudin and Kayla Mullins.



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Dance News - "Echo" Performance

Last week our senior dancers, supported by younger dancers, put on 3 shows to the public of their performance "Echo". This consisted of a series of dances based around the theme of origin stories and how they reverberate through our lives into the present time. Themes included home, heritage, relocation, refugees, tradition, and identity.





WORLD CHALLENGE



Roxy Claire
HPE Coordinator

As a team, the eight students going to Africa in November have fundraised a total of \$15,397 this year! This is an amazing effort and result of extensive team work, dedication and perseverance. Amelia, Ash, Ethan, Rory, Ike, Olivia, Joseph, and Jasper are most appreciative of the extensive community support offered. They've gained valuable skills for leading their international expedition, through fundraising events including three Bunnings BBQs, a Trivia Night, cleaning up after the Fred's Pass Show and Darwin Show, and much more.

They look forward to spreading their passion to make the world a better place as they build homes for those less fortunate in Mwandi. With less than 70 days to go, they can now focus on the physical, mental and emotional preparation needed for the student-led expedition to an undeveloped country.

The Whole College Assembly African drumming session and talk after with Mbackeah was a great opportunity to share culture and encourage excitement of a trip they've worked hard towards.

Regards,

Roxy Claire

World Challenge Coordinator

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SWIMMING CARNIVAL



P&F ASSOCIATION NEWS

Dear Parents and Friends,
We're getting closer to our Trivia Night.
Don't forget to mark Saturday 23 September in your diary.

Trivia Night

Purchase your tickets now!
\$10/ person, tables of 8. Don't worry if you don't have a table, we'll find you one.
Platters to order and FREE baby-sitting available.
Come along to the College's Premier Fundraising event.
Fun guaranteed!

Darwin and Bali Entertainment Books

A big thank you to everyone who supported this endeavour.
There are still a few books available.

Earn and Learn Stickers

The program is ending soon.
Keep those stickers rolling in so we can order much needed equipment for our students.
We appreciate your support.

Next P&F Meeting

Monday 16 October, 7pm, College Board Room.
See you there!

Term 3 Dates

Term 3 Tuesday 25 July – Friday 29 September
Term Break Monday 2 October – Friday 6 October

Keeping Informed

This week we've included an article on 7 Ways Parents Can Manage Web Connected Devices In The Home . Happy reading! (<https://esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent/7-ways-infographic>)

Enjoy the break!

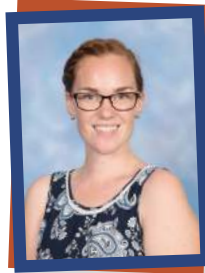
Elizabeth Laughton

President, MacKillop Catholic College P&F Association



MACKILLOP NEWS

CHAPLAIN'S CHAT



Kathryn Pettersen
College Chaplain

Mack Nights:

Thursday was our last MacK Night for term 3. We played table tennis and then attended ECHO, the MacKillop dance performance.

If you have any ideas for themes or activities for term 4 MacK Nights, please send me an email on kathryn.pettersen@nt.catholic.edu.au

Brain teaser:

A woman and her daughter both walk into a restaurant. A man walked past and both the women said, "Hello Father." How was this possible?

Many blessings,

Kathryn Pettersen
College Chaplain



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Fri 22/9/17 Year 9 Excursion - The Merchant of Venice
- Sat 23/9/17 P&F TRIVIA NIGHT
- Week 10 Year 9 Camp - Katherine
- Fri 29/9/17 Last Day of Term 3
- 30/9 - 9/10 MID SEMESTER BREAK
- Tue 10/10/17 First Day of Term 4

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THE SAINTS ARE BIDDING FOR EXPANSION OF THE NT NRL IN 2018, TO INCLUDE A NEW TEAM IN SOUTH PALMERSTON.

The team will be based out of Mackillop Catholic College in Johnston, the NT's only official NRL school, offering facilities to the competition including a dedicated Rugby League field, an established development programme of student pathways into the sport, and plans for a new community stadium in the near future. Interest in Rugby League in the Territory is growing exponentially, and yet it has been over 40 years since the last expansion. We believe that Palmerston and the wider Darwin region has the population, corporate support, infrastructure and love of the game to justify another NRL NT team.

Expressions of interest in **membership, sponsorship, and coaching positions** are being sought! Please get in touch, show your support, and keep up with our latest news through our website and social media pages!

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Get Involved

Palmerston Juniors
Competition starts Wednesday 6th September 2017
8:30pm
B/G/Gender: U14, U16, U18
\$100 per family for the whole team playing in the first
Days and nights of 4-15
Register your team or register as an individual at
www.palmerstontouchfoot.com.au

ENQUIRIES: ph 89270532
info@palmerstontouchfoot.com.au

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Don't forget to put your earn and learn stickers in the MacKillop box if you shop at Bakewell woollies - These can win us great resources for our inclusion support department!

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AFL CLINIC AT TIO STADIUM!

9AM - 3PM WEDNESDAY, 4TH OCTOBER

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Darwin

HERE'S HOW

TERM 4 - 2017 NNT ACADEMY Dates - times - information

11-13 year olds
NNT Academy - Marrara Indoor Stadium
FOR:
Players born in '04, '05, '06
Monday 4-5.30pm & Fridays 4-5.30pm
Starting 9 Oct 2017

No selections: All players can register & attend.
6 weeks, 12 sessions Venue: M5 Cost: \$72

Registration is essential!
For all programs, head to:
<http://nt.netball.com.au/nt/development/>
(Sports voucher can be used)
Any queries: Pathway Manager
pathways@netballnt.org.au 0475 825 864

14-17 year olds - NNT Selections
Attend the pre-selection training for the
17U NT team:
Mon 7, 9 & 14 Oct, 5-7pm @ M5
Tues 1, 10, 17 Oct, 4-5.15pm @ M5 (Day changed)
Fri 6, 13 Oct, 5-6.30pm @ M5

Phase 1 Selections: Saturday 21 Oct,
9.11.30am @ M5 FREE

Registration for selections!
<http://nt.netball.com.au/nt/underage-competitions/>
Any queries: Pathway Manager
pathways@netballnt.org.au 0475 825 864

NNT Academy Yearly

Term 1 - 11-13 yrs & 14-17yrs, Mon 4-5pm & Fri 4-5.30pm, 6 weeks, 12 sessions
Term 2 - 11-13 yrs Fri 4-5.30pm, 14-17yrs Fri 5-6.30pm, 10 weeks, 10 sessions
Term 4 - 11-13 yrs, Mon 4-5pm & Fri 4-5.30pm, 6 weeks, 12 sessions
14-17yrs in Term 4 should be trying out for the 17U NNT team



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FECCA are pleased to present the first ever FECCA Youth Day as part of the main Conference Program. The Youth Day has been designed to address multicultural and community issues from a youth perspective. On the day you will hear from our youth as well as those working closely with young people in our society.

FECCA is keen to include as many young people as possible and have scholarship opportunities available to attend Youth Day. If you are interested in the Scholarships or wish to discuss other opportunities to attend please contact us.

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Youth Advisory Council 2018

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