

Newsletter - Term 4, Week 5 October 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.

Have you noticed how talkative we all are nowadays? Never before have we talked so much nor had the opportunities to do so: mobile phones, radio, television and its reality shows, home audio and video recording, etc. All these means have increased our opportunities for speaking to one another, not only when we are together, but across great distances. We are, unfortunately, sometimes so caught up in speaking and texting on our phones we miss the real conversation opportunities sitting right next to us.

Much of our everyday communication is idle chatter about nothing; its real purpose is not to relay information but to develop and maintain relationships. Generally, idle chatter and other light conversation can be value neutral and mostly conducive to feeling at ease with yourself and others and in a workplace can be beneficial to productivity: "It might look like idle chatter but when employees find friends at work, they feel connected to their jobs." (*Time Magazine*). Likewise, when our children are engaged in light conversation, it enables them to bond more strongly with other family members and adds to their sense of belonging. It is without doubt, this is best done person to person and not on line or through text, Facebook or other social media.

So, how does idle chatter differ from gossip? Well, gossip is mostly negative and embarrassing to the person being spoken about, it can rejoice in the misfortune of others, it can perpetuate conflict or negative images and it can be hurtful and damaging. Gossip can break down the trust level within a group or even a community, because individuals start to second-guess each other and a once cohesive group or community can be fragmented and lose some of its effectiveness. This was instanced when, "Four town employees with 46 years of experience among them were fired, in part for gossiping and discussing rumours of an improper relationship between the town administrator and another employee; the town's residents now agree the rumours were not true. The administrator complained and after an investigation, the town council fired the women, finding, 'Gossip, whispering and an unfriendly environment are causing poor morale and interfering with the efficient performance of town business'" (*Diana Sawyer, World News*). There is wisdom in the saying that, "A rumour goes in one ear and out many mouths" Author unknown as there is in the statement that, "Gossip is so tasty, how we like to swallow it" (*Proverbs 18*).

Schools are communities where staff, parents and students come together for the common good, which encompasses the welfare of all and the educational progress of each individual student. For our community to offer an environment of harmony, goodwill, opportunity for individual development and the exercise of Christian values, we all need to think before we speak, to think about what we are saying and how we go about saying it. There can be a problem if we just talk for the sake of talking and become indiscreet with what we say about others; sometimes, "A silent mouth is melodious" (*Author unknown*). This week on assembly I have spoken to our students about gossip and interfering in others' business. We also covered the phone policy once again and I have attached this for your attention. It is important that all students have their phones turned off and away in lockers or bags between 8:15am and 3:05pm. With any emergency please call the office and we reassure you that your message will be delivered. Let us support each other by aligning with our school staff to put into effect the expectations of this policy, thank you.

With blessings of joy, hope and peace for the term ahead.

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Chris Trevillion,
Deputy Principal,
Academic Studies

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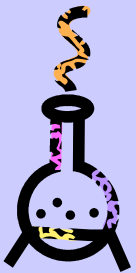
It will be a busy time between now and the end of Term. Please save the dates below. REMINDER: we have now put the Assessment Planners for Year 7-11 on our website under curriculum - follow the links

MacKillop Catholic College Invites you to the **Year 6 into 7 Parent's Information Evening**

Tuesday 18th November 2014: 6.30pm to 8.00pm

Please RSVP if you cannot attend and we will forward information to you.
Call Michelle Mills on 89305757

Shake, Make & Bake at your New School



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Year 6 into 7 2015 Orientation Day!

Tuesday 18th November 2014

All Year 6 students **enrolled** at MacKillop Catholic College for 2015 are welcome to attend this informative and action filled day at their College with their fellow students for 2015.

Year 6 students are requested to wear their complete Primary School uniform and to assemble in the undercover area under Block A West (following the main path) by 8.30am. Students will be dismissed at 3.05pm.

Students must bring a water bottle and some morning tea, lunch will be provided. They are welcome to purchase food at our canteen.

Parents/guardians need to arrange transport to and from the College.



We look forward to seeing you all here

If you have any queries please contact the Front Office on 89305702

7th November	Free Dress Day - St Vincent de Paul Fundraising Year 10 PARCS Swimming Carnival 5-8pm
11th November	Remembrance Day & Service 10.15am
14th November	Mack Night
18th November	Year 6 into 7 Orientation Day & Information for Parents Year 8 at Home Study Day
20th November	Presentation Night 6.30pm at Palmerston Recreation Centre
26th November	Young Musician of the Year (all day) & End of Day Band Performance 2.30pm
28th November	Defence Force Students Christmas Breakup
1st December	All Library books returned and Library closed
3rd December	Dance & Drama Night 7pm
5th December	6pm Carols & Christmas Fair
11th December	Last Day of School for all students for 2014 - students finish at 12 noon

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Presentation Night

Invitation - All welcome!

On 20th November 2014

**Commencing 6.30pm to be held at Palmerston
Recreation Centre,**

11 the Blvd, Palmerston

R.S.V.P kate.middleton@nt.catholic.edu.au

**Please join with us in celebrating our 2014
Academic Year!**

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Vocational Education & Training (VET) News

Thank you to the following Employers for hosting our MacKillop Catholic College

Year 10 Work Experience Students from 13th-17th October 2014

Rhonda Scullen, VET Coordinator

Host Name

Casuarina Nextra Newsagency
C & R Constructions
Airnorth
Alex G Plumbing
Attorney General & Justice Department Solicitors for the Northern Territory
Aussie Signs
Automotive Solutions t/a Bosch Car Service
Bakewell Primary School
Banda Tech Pty Ltd t/a Hallmark Computers
Blitz Hair & Beauty
Charles Darwin University
Coles Motor
Crocobay Cove Darwin
Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecution
Driver Primary School
Durack Primary School
GNR Diesel
Humpty Doo Fitness Centre
Katherine Hospital - Department of Health
NEC
Nightcliff Builder Holding Pty Ltd
Palmerston Camera House
Palmerston Christian School
Parks and Wildlife Commission of the Northern Territory
Prompt Auto Repairs
Rosebery Primary School
Rusca Brothers Pty Ltd
Scallywags Childcare Centre Palmerston
Sacred Heart Primary School
Somerville Community Services
System Homes
The Shearing Shed
Total Glass Solutions
WBC Construction Pty Ltd
YMCA of The Top End - Palmerston Gym
Northern Territory Cricket



**Pauline Watson,
Head of
Humunaties &
English**

Department of Humanities

Write4Fun Competition

This year several of our students were selected by the College to enter into the Write4fun competition. This competition is a creative writing competition where students can enter poems and short stories. The students who are selected not only receive monetary prizes but have the honour of having their work published. This year Aimy Scott, Tanisha Kaniarudin, Sarah Spence and Alison Stewart were selected in the first rounds to have their poems published in the write4fun upcoming publication called 'The Text Generation' which is due to be released in March 2015.



Finance Department



**Michelle Chambers,
Business Manager**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents who have paid their school fees or who have made arrangements via a payment plan to ensure their accounts are cleared by the end of term. Please contact us any time if you require an updated statement or wish to know your balance.

Mackillop Catholic College does have a new bank account. The new bank account details are with NAB – BSB 085933, Account number 39 604 2505. All future payments should be made into this bank account. If your payments are made direct from salaries, Centrelink or any other institution, could you make them aware of the new banking details.

We have received a few unidentified deposits. If on checking your statements you feel you are missing receipts, please let us know and we will investigate further.

The voluntary building fund account is now fully operational and if anyone wishes to make a donation (which is fully tax deductible), please contact us.



David Graham
Instrumental & Liturgical
Music Coordinator

Music Department News

MacKillop Catholic College Choir will be recommencing on Monday 10th November 2014! All welcome to come along and join us! Teachers and Students all!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Presentation Night Performances: Thursday 20th November 2014 Young Musician of the Year:

Wednesday 26th November

MacKillop Catholic College Christmas Fair: FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER



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Around the Campus

Uniform Shop

Opening Times 2014 & 2015

November - 19th December 2014:

Opening Times: 9am-4pm

Monday 22nd December-
Friday 9th January 2015

**Office & Uniform Shop
CLOSED**

Monday 12th January
2015 onwards:

Opening Times: 9am-4pm



Congratulations!

**To the
Griffen Family!** On
the birth of Lakota
Griffen!

Aren't they cute!



**2nd Hand
Uniforms for
sale**

Contact Deanne on
0419740314



Tuckshop

End Term 4 Arrangements

The Tuckshop will be closed for
end of year cleaning on Thursday 11th
December 2014 from 10.30am until next year!
No food will be available after this time.

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DANCE & DRAMA NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2014

7PM

\$5 PER TICKET

\$10 FOR A FAMILY OF 4

**A CELEBRATION OF DANCE AND
DRAMA IN 2014**





Join our Celebrations!

TUESDAY 11TH – SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

Half price Everyday!!

ADULTS \$20

CHILDREN \$10



To Finish off we have our big birthday bash on Sunday 16th

Were we have special shows going all day

CROC FEEDING!!!


BIG CATS FEEDING

MEET THE MONKEYS!!!

HUG A SNAKE & TURTLE

CUDDLE A BABY CROC

& MEET THE ZOO KEEPERS



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Support Officers International Day Morning Tea!

We celebrated Support Officers International Day with a morning tea to thank everyone for their wonderful work around the College Campus!

A special thank you to Leanne Pope, our Tuckshop Coordinator, who organised the food!