



# MACKILLOP NEWS

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



Lauretta Graham  
Principal

### Mrs Graham's Graduation Speech to the Class of 2017

Good evening, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, and in particular our very special graduation class of 2017, MacKillop's first Graduates who have travelled the full journey from Year 7 through to Year 12.

As you sit before me looking absolutely beautiful, I can remember clearly when each of you arrived at MacKillop. For many, in fact 27, it was 1st Feb 2012, at Charles Darwin University. Some of you will remember that day very clearly no buildings, classrooms, playground or equipment to call our own. We only had each other.

This beautiful scene before me is the loveliest and the saddest of landscapes; the culmination of our efforts and the end of our years together, yet a time of great joy and celebration. Here you are ready to enter life beyond our school gates.

You have travelled a very human journey, juggling study, work, sporting and family commitments. You have won your place here tonight by burning the midnight oil, attending class, suffering the fear of deadlines and due dates, word counts, and tests. You deserve my very best congratulations; I salute you, your families, your Teachers/Support Staff and the many who have helped you to this moment.

"Graduation", the word that strikes fear in the hearts of some and evokes pure joy in others. "Graduation" is synonymous with freedom, with moving on, with the idea of starting a new part in life's journey. But it is also an end: an end to the security of school, and an end to a place where teachers know you by name. In quiet times to come, you may think you might not be ready to step out from school, we have at some point thought this.

Your graduation pays full and public credit to your intellectual, social and emotional achievements. It recognises your dedication to some of the most important personal goals of your life so far; and it is the first step to many others. Congratulations on successfully completing Yr 12. I urge you to treasure your achievements and use them wisely so that what you have learnt may reward you many times over.

Pope Francis said: "Education is an act of Love.. It is like giving life". Jules Chevalier says: Love sums up the whole person; it is the whole person concentrated at any one point. All the rays converge on this one centre; everything harmonises: attraction, feeling, instinct, intelligence, will; and all of it echoes together at the same time in the heart.

Graduates, thank your families for this gift of life. Remember, even when you doubt yourselves they believe in you.

Another group equally as proud of you - are the staff. Amongst the buffing, training, teaching and sometimes nagging you are our stars.

Your parents and teachers have told you many times that the world cannot do without you and that you can do anything you set your minds to do. Thank them once again tonight.

Education is also about finding the meaning in life. "Meaning is not something you stumble across, like the answer to a riddle or the prize in a treasure hunt. It is something you build into your life. You build it out of your own past, out of your affections, and loyalties, out of the experience of humankind as it

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*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*

is passed on to you, out of your own talent and understanding, out of the things you believe in, out of the things and people you love, out of the values for which you are willing to sacrifice something. The ingredients are there. You are the only one who can put them together into that unique pattern that will be your life. The journey of life is a maiden voyage for each one of us. Each day at MacKillop you set the course and made your way in a new College. (As the year level often with classrooms with make shift walls). This journey required much courage as was required by explorers of the past who ventured into lands unknown. Though the road was tough you showed courage, love, patience, generosity, loyalty and gentleness. Well done. Graduates. As you take many roads in many different directions, spread to those around you the light which has been lit here at MacKillop. Take the challenges that life offers you and always strive to do your best. Keep in mind the answer a famous Danish sculptor gave to an admirer when he was asked which of his works he considered the best. He smiled and said "the next one".

Graduates, on behalf of the staff let me say, Thank you. "To know you is to know people who are kind, considerate and thoughtful". For everything you have done, for being the special people that you are, thank you very much. Thank you for sharing your lives with us and reminding us of how to play, laugh and see things through young eyes.

Ladies and Gentlemen before you are young people who are ready to embark on the next season of their lives. These young people embody the very best of God's creation. On this your day of graduation. May God's blessing rest upon you. May his love light up your life. May hope spring from your hearts as you look towards tomorrow. May your days be filled with great adventures and discoveries, and may you live, love, and give of your best to your God. May God bless your journey and lighten your load. It has been our privilege to walk part of the way with you..

*Thank you,*

*Lauretta Graham*

Principal

## CLASS OF 2017 GRADUATION MASS



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## CLASS OF 2017 GRADUATION ASSEMBLY



## FINANCE NEWS



Amos Wachira  
Business Manager

### FEES

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 fee statements are sent regularly and 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.

School fees for this year are Overdue and families should be finalising the payments unless a payment arrangement with the college is in effect. If your payment arrangement form has been submitted or if you are making the payments on time, there is no action required from your end.

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;

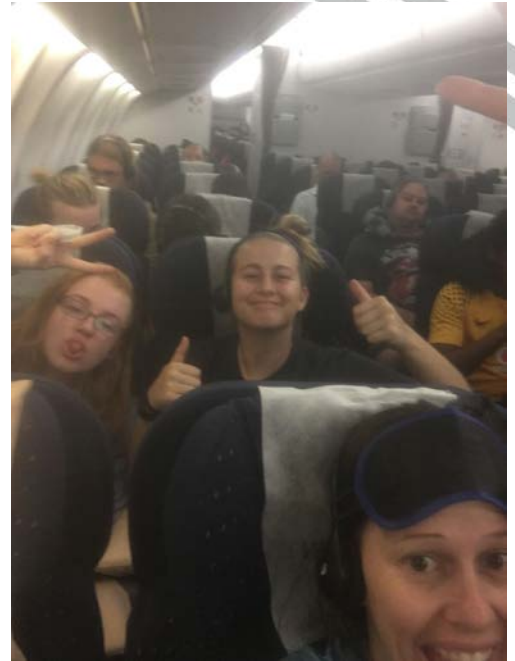
**MacKillop Catholic College**  
**National Australia Bank**  
**BSB: 085933**  
**Account: 396042505**

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](mailto:finance.mackillop@nt.catholic.edu.au)

*Thank you,*

*Amos Wachira*  
Business Manager

## WORLD CHALLENGE AFRICA DEPARTURE



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD NEWS



**Jade Cole**  
DOE Award Leader

### CONGRATULATIONS MEAGAN AND ALICIA!

On Thursday night, 16th November at Parliament House, Meagan Hardy and Alicia Carpenter were presented with Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awards. This was the second Duke of Edinburgh Awards presentation for the year.

Congratulations to our students on this excellent achievement. We look forward to seeing them progress to Silver and Gold Awards in the future.

*Mrs Cole*

### What is the Duke of Edinburgh Award?

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is an internationally recognised program for young people, building their skills to equip them for life and work. By creating opportunities for young people to develop skills, get physically active, give service and experience adventure, the Award can play a critical role in their development.

It is a very personal program that offers young people a structure to fulfill their passions and ambitions in a way that suits them. Apart from the requirements for each Section, and the safety training requirements for the Adventurous Journey Section, the activities a Participant chooses to undertake is entirely up to them. They have the freedom to progress through The Duke of Ed according to their personal needs and abilities.

For further information, contact Mrs. Cole or visit the awards page at <http://www.dukeofed.com.au>

*Thank you,*

**Jade Cole**  
Duke of Edinburgh Award Leader





**Tomiko Popp**  
International Coordinator

## Host Families Wanted for Student from Italy

Dear Parents and Guardians

My name is Tomiko Popp and I'm the International Student Coordinator at MacKillop Catholic College.

I'm looking for host families for an Italian student from Milan, Italy

The will arrive in Darwin on Saturday 3rd of February 2018 (end of Week 1, Term 1) will stay until Saturday, 31st of March (end of Week 9, Term 1)

As his family requested, I need 2 host families to allocate for his eight weeks stay.

(Note: He will stay for 4 weeks at one family and 4 weeks at another host family.)

### The requirements of a Host Family are:

- 1) Every member who is 18 years old has or can obtain an Ochre Card.
- 2) Can provide 3 meals a day. (Including weekends, however, you don't have to cook lunch on weekends as long as food is provided.)
- 3) Can give students a lift to school or they have easy access to MacKillop on public transport
- 4) Can provide a single room with a bed, and a desk to study. (Note: a desk can be allocated in a different room.)
- 5) Can provide internet access.

Note: Host family members don't need to be able to speak Italian as he is coming to Australia to learn English.

A small payment is available to support cost of food and electricity.

If you're interested in or know someone interested in, please contact me ASAP.

Best regards,

*Tomiko Popp*  
International Coordinator



## INCLUSION SUPPORT TRANSITION PROGRAMME



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Week 8</b>	<b>Year 11 Exams</b>
<b>Thu 30/11/17</b>	<b>Presentation Night 6:30pm</b>
<b>Fri 1/12/17</b>	<b>MACK NIGHT</b>
<b>Thu 7 - Fri 8 Dec</b>	<b>IT Info Sessions 5:30pm</b>
<b>Fri 8/12/17</b>	<b>Last day for Year 11 students - Year 11 half-day retreat</b>
<b>Thu 14/12/17</b>	<b>Final Day for Students</b>
<b>Fri 15 Dec - Tue 30 Jan</b>	<b>Christmas Break</b>
<b>Fri 29th Dec</b>	<b>Indonesia Study Tour Bunnings BBQ</b>
<b>Thu 11th Jan</b>	<b>Office and Uniform Shop re-open</b>
<b>Wed 31 Jan</b>	<b>School resumes for students</b>

## P&F ASSOCIATION NEWS

Graduation Week has come and gone but the memories will last forever and the hopes and dreams now begin to blossom.

### Graduation Mass

A beautiful start to Graduation Week. It was lovely to see the entire College celebrate Mass in the Church. Thank you to all the families and friends that attended to share their love and faith with our students. Some of our students have travelled the education journey together since the early days of Transition at Sacred Heart Primary School and here they were graduating from Year 12 together. What a journey!

Well done to everybody associated with organizing and participating in the Mass. I'm sure it will be a much cherished memory.

### Graduation Dinner

What a wonderful, wonderful occasion. So many gorgeous young ladies who had obviously taken so much time and effort for their special evening accompanied by some extremely handsome, dapper young gentleman. There were tears from parents who were absolutely proud of their child's achievements, smiles galore from our, 'We did it!', graduating class and a few stunned, 'So it's really over!', expressions as well. Looking around the room it was easy to see that the photo montage was the cause of many tears as we couldn't believe just how far our babies had come.

A massive thank you to the organizing Committee and everyone involved in the evening. You did a magnificent job of everything. Most of all, Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2017. Remember to always be, 'MacKillop Proud!'

### Next P&F Meeting

There are no more P&F meetings scheduled for this year. Please come along and join us in 2018.

### Term 4 Dates

<b>Term 4</b>	<b>Tuesday 10 October – Thursday 14 December</b>
<b>Term Break</b>	<b>Monday 18</b>
<b>December – Friday 26 January</b>	
<b>2018</b>	

*Elizabeth Laughton*  
President, MCC P&F Assoc.

*Congratulations!*

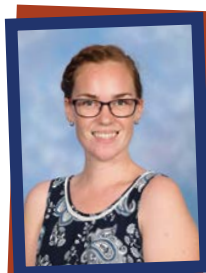
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## MACKILLOP NEWS

### CANTEEN CORNER

The online ordering will be closed in Week 10 from the 11th to the 15th. Also stock will be limited as we are coming to the end of year  
*Thankyou, Leanne*

### CHAPLAIN'S CHAT



Kathryn Pettersen  
College Chaplain

Final Mack Night for the Year is Friday December 1st!

It's a Smoothie N' Movie night, where YOU choose the flavour, then peddle on the Smoothie bike to mix and make your smoothie.

Back by Popular Demand is the Chocolate game! A movie and other games will also be played during the afternoon.

Mack Night runs straight after school on December 1st until 6pm. Come one, Come All! The more the Merrier! (Mack Nights are a free event)

*Many blessings,*

*Kathryn Pettersen*  
College Chaplain

**MACK NIGHT**

**SMOOTHIE N' MOVIE**

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 1**

**3:00-6:00PM**

See Miss Kathryn for more Info!  
Make your own smoothie on the Smoothie Bike then Chill out and watch a movie!

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access your  
**SACE results**View your results in  
Students Online  
from 8.30 am  
Tuesday 19 December 2017**Forgotten your PIN?**Go to [Students Online](#)  
to request a PIN reset.Get in early, as PIN  
resets may be delayed  
on results release day.**Before December:****Check your Students Online access**Go to [sace.sa.edu.au](http://sace.sa.edu.au)Follow the link to [Results](#)Log in to [Students Online](#) using your SACE registration number  
(6 digits followed by a letter) and PIN (4 digits).**Check your postal address so you can receive your official documentation**In [Students Online](#), go to personal informationIf you need to update your postal address, contact the SACE coordinator  
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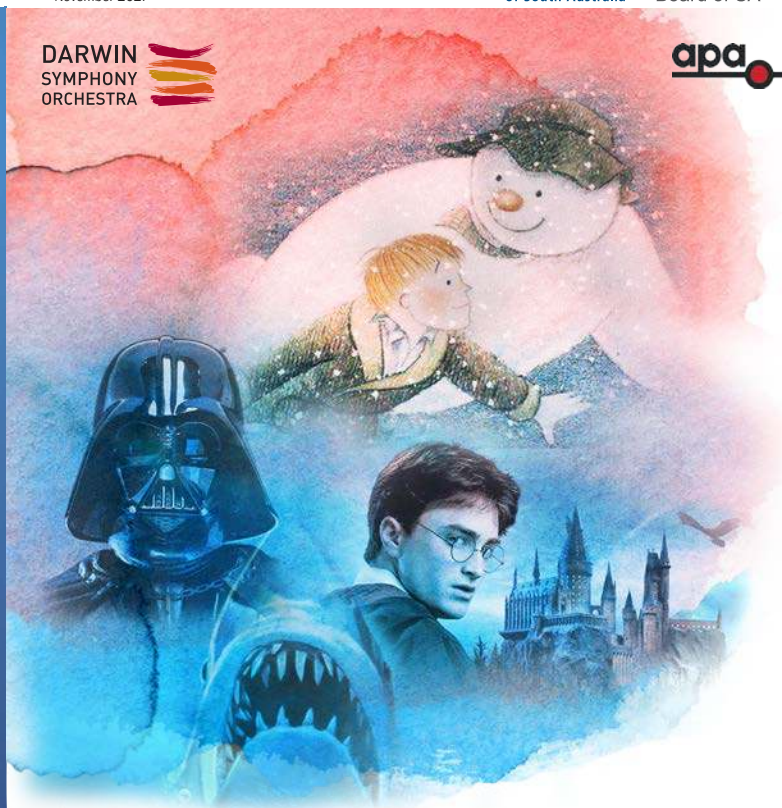
November 2017

**SACE**  
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*Australia*  
Day AWARDSDO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO  
GOES 'ABOVE & BEYOND' FOR THE  
PALMERSTON COMMUNITY?Nominate them NOW for the 2018  
Palmerston Australia Day Awards**CITIZEN OF THE YEAR****YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR****COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR**NOMINATIONS CLOSE 5PM,  
FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER 2017

Collect your nomination forms at:

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ORCHESTRA*Master*  
**Series 3**  
**DSO at the Movies****Sat 9 Dec, 2pm**  
**Darwin Convention Centre****Conductor:** Matthew Wood  
**Soloists:** Monica Naselow (violin),  
Karen Fitz-Gibbon (soprano)**Repertoire:** Featuring Howard Blake's  
*The Snowman* and music by John Williams**Bookings:** Can be made through Darwin Entertainment Centre  
[NTix.com.au](http://NTix.com.au) | 8980 3333 | 93 Mitchell St, Darwin

# Malak Family Hub

where every child matters

80 Malak Crescent, Malak

Monday 6th November -  
Friday 2nd February



## Monday

### 10am - 12pm Parenting drop in

Come and speak with our qualified parenting workers around any issues you may be facing

### 1pm - 3pm Advice Drop In

Support and advice around housing, debt, financial support and other issues

## Tuesday

### 10am - 12pm Circle of Security

The Circle of Security is a relationship-based early intervention program designed to enhance attachment security between parents and children.

### 1pm-3pm Internet Cafe

Come along to the centre and use our computer to get online we can offer support and advice to anyone that needs it!

## Wednesday

### 9am - 11am Healthy At Home At Millner Primary

Come and take part in our practical cooking course, learn new recipes and take food home to share with your family

### COMING SOON!! BABY AND ME

A new 7 week group for parents with babies aged 0-12months. including baby massage and sensory play, call the centre to book your place!

## Thursday

### 10am - 12pm parent's & Bubs "stay and play"

For children and parents aged 0-5 come and enjoy a fun and interactive session with your children.

### 1pm - 3pm internet Cafe

Come along to the centre and use our computer to get online we can offer support and advice to anyone that needs it!

## Friday

### 10am - 12pm Chill out!

For parents with children of all ages come and learn ways to relax and de-stress (or just enjoy a cup of tea!!) come and enjoy 2 hours of YOU time (younger children welcome, childcare provided)

**Due to school holidays from 18.12.17 - 29.01.18 provision in the centre may vary, please contact 89442088**

**TRUST  
ENCOURAGEMENT  
EMPOWER  
NURTURE**

TUESDAY'S FROM 17TH OCT TO 5TH DEC, 4:00-5:00PM  
PALMERSTON CHILD AND FAMILY CENTRE  
2 BRENNAN COURT, FARRAR

\$5-00 a class  
Contact Nic - nicole@nicsyoga.com.au

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**Harvey Norman PRESENTS THE GREAT SCHOOL BYOD CASH BACK**

**MACKILLOP Catholic College**

Our school is participating in the 2018 Harvey Norman **BYOD GREAT SCHOOL CASH BACK!**

To participate, present this voucher to Harvey Norman Darwin Computer staff when purchasing your child's BYOD device and you will receive bonus phone support &

**IMPORTANTLY \$30 FOR EVERY DEVICE WILL COME BACK TO THE SCHOOL**

To purchase much needed resources for the school

**6 WEEK FAMILY-FIT CHALLENGE**

Palmerston Challenge kicks off 9 November  
Darwin Challenge kicks off 11 November

- 6 classes (Register for Palmerston OR Darwin Challenge)
- Daily Recipe Recommendations, Tips and Motivations to help your family stay on track
- Private Facebook Group connecting you to other families doing the same Challenge
- Weekly Challenges
- Just \$129 per family for full challenge
- Sports Vouchers accepted

Register at [kidsfitaustralia.com](http://kidsfitaustralia.com)

BOOKINGS DUE BY TUESDAY, 7th NOV!

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The Salvation Army invites you to...

## PALMERSTON CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Sat 9th December  
9.30am-1.30pm

Join us and local market holders in celebrating Christmas. As well as some awesome stalls there will be facepainting, a jumping castle and a special appearance from Santa!

Money raised on the day will go to helping Territorians doing it tough this Christmas

HOSTED AT PALMERSTON CORPS, CNR OF WOODROFFE AVE AND TEMPLE TERRACE



Date Claimer:  
The Mackillop Catholic College

## Presentation Night

will be held on

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017, 6:30pm

at Mackillop Catholic College

RSVP to [kate.middleton@nt.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kate.middleton@nt.catholic.edu.au)  
by 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Please join with us in celebrating  
our 2017 Academic Year!

Tickets available from the  
College Office.



Top End Orienteers  
invite you to come and  
'Explore the Urban Bush'

Top End Orienteers are holding a series of orienteering events on Thursday evenings.

Where/When:

26<sup>th</sup> October: Darwin Esplanade-Bicentennial Park playground

2<sup>nd</sup> November: Casuarina Reserve- Dripstone Cliffs

9<sup>th</sup> November: Holmes Jungle- Hilltop picnic area

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November - Night Event, Kruckeys Lagoon Scout Hall (6.45 pm start, Score event, and end of year social.

23<sup>rd</sup> November - Gunn Escarpment - Reggies Park

Time: Starts available between 5:15 pm and 5.45 pm Courses close 7:00 pm

Cost: \$5 per entry

Courses: Each Thursday there will be four options:

□ Easy course - suitable for novices; approx. 2.5 km

□ Scatter 12\* - 12 checkpoints; approx. 3.0km

□ Scatter 15 - 15 checkpoints; approx. 4.0km

□ Scatter 18 - 18 checkpoints; approx. 5.0km

\*What is a scatter course?

Scatter maps will have 20 checkpoints marked on them. At the start, competitors will nominate the number of checkpoints they will try to visit based on their ability and fitness. Competitors visit these checkpoints as quickly as possible and be back to the finish by course closure at 7 pm

You can participate individually or in groups, beginners and experienced orienteers welcome.

For more information contact

Email: [topendorienteersNT@gmail.com](mailto:topendorienteersNT@gmail.com) [www.teo.asn.au](http://www.teo.asn.au) or Facebook



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PALMERSTON

## Christmas Tree LIGHTING

FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
GOYDER SQUARE | 6.30PM

SEE THE CITY'S CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHT UP!

PERFORMANCE BY WICKED SMILE  
FREE MOVIE ELF AT 7.30PM  
PACK A PICNIC, RUG OR CHAIR

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City of PALMERSTON

25 NOV

## Palmerston CAROLS

6.00-7.30 PM

PALMERSTON RECREATION CENTRE

ENTRY TO STADIUM VIA NELSON STREET

Performances by  
ARAFURA WIND ENSEMBLE, PHOEBE WEAR, LILLA WELLINGTON, LINDY LOU  
AND LOCAL SCHOOL CHOIRS, WITH MC AMY HETHERINGTON.  
SPECIAL GUEST, SANTA!

COMMUNITY BBQ, COFFEE & SWEETS AVAILABLE. DON'T FORGET A CHAIR, RUG OR CUSHION.

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## Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017

George Brown Botanic Gardens  
Amphitheatre

Gates open 4.30pm

"Concert" starts 6.30pm

Finishes with a Spectacular firework display

Food and drink by Kiwanis Clubs



Willoughby & Assoc